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February 26

Board Meeting: starting time is 6:45 p.m. All members are welcome to attend. Contact the Club President to RSVP and for meeting location.

February 28

Safety Gear Tech Session: from 10 a.m. to noon at Speedware Motorsports, 7509 159th Place NE, Redmond, WA 98052. RSVP to Jeff Butler at jeff@hauryscollision.com.

March 3

Deadline for the April 2009 Zündfolge issue: all submissions must be received by this date. Send to the *Zündfolge* Editor at lucettalightfoot@msn.com.

March 14

Griot's Garage Ultimate Garage Tour: Second annual Richard Griot's garage tour. (Event is full.)

March 26

Board Meeting: starting time is 6:45 p.m. All members are welcome to attend. Contact the Club President to RSVP and for meeting location.

March 28

Haury's Consumer rights/Collision Tech Session: 10 a.m. to noon at Haury's Collision, 11514 Lake City Way NE. To RSVP or ask questions contact Jeff at jeff@hauryscollision.com or 206-365-1565.

March 31

Deadline for the May 2009 Zündfolge issue: all submissions must be received by this date. Send to the *Zündfolge* Editor at lucettalightfoot@msn.com.

April 16

Driving Event: This is the beginning of our track days for the year. We'll be having both a Car Control Clinic and a High Performance Driving School at Pacific Raceways. You can sign up at www.MotorsportsReg.com. See more details on page five.

April 30

Board Meeting: starting time is 6:45 p.m. All members are welcome to attend. Contact the Club President to RSVP and for meeting location.

June 13

Dyno Event & BBQ: Begins at 10 a.m. at the Carb Connection, 13611 NE 126th Place, Suite 240 Kirkland, WA 98034. To RSVP or ask questions contact Jeff Butler at jeff@hauryscollision.com or call 206-365-1565.

July 26

BMW CCA Puget Sound Region Concours d'Elegance. Save the Date! More details in future issues of the *Zündfolge*.

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Safety Gear Tech Session/Racing

February 28

HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED TRYING YOUR HAND AT RACING? On February 28 we're holding an informational meeting at Speedware in Redmond to talk about local area road racing. Find out what it takes to get involved and actually go racing. We've held this type of event in the past and several of those in attendance have obtained their licenses and are going at it, fender to fender, in several different series locally and nationally.

We'll be holding this event in conjunction with the Safety Gear Tech Session, immediately following that event at the same location. The Safety Gear Tech starts at 10 a.m. and runs until noon. We'll be starting up as soon as that is finished and run until about 1 p.m. After that, I'll hang around the racecar and answer any lingering questions, as I don't want anybody leaving with something unanswered.

The format of the session will be a discussion of the different sanctioning bodies involved with Road Racing on the West Coast (ICSCC, SCCA, SOVREN and NASA) as well as what it takes to get a license. We'll go over

associated costs, the stack of forms that need to be filled out, as well as answer questions along the way. I'm also arranging for several different types of racecars to be present so that we can go over class types (production-based as well as purpose-built) and required safety gear (both for driver and equipment). Several licensed drivers will be on hand to describe why they race what they do as well as answer any questions you may have. Lastly, we'll cover renting versus buying versus building a competitive racecar and the associated costs.

Who should come to this event? I think ALL of our experienced lappers from this Club should attend. I'm a strong proponent of everyone pushing themselves to new heights, and if you've been driving at local HPDE for years, you need to try something new. Get a new perspective, and see what it is that separates driving fast from true racing. Even if you don't have a ton of experience, but you really enjoy your car and the challenges that come with controlling that car at the limits, this session is for you. I hope to see you all there!

Wes Hill

Central California Chapter to Host West Coast Concours

AFTER WEEKS OF PLANNING the Central California Chapter is announcing their intentions to host a major West coast regional concours event. The BMW CCA West Coast Summer Concours will be held on Friday, August 14, 2009 at Rancho Canada Golf Course in Carmel Valley, CA.

This event will kick-off the annual Monterey Festorics weekend, which is co-hosted by the Golden Gate Chapter. After much debate and with feedback from many BMW owners a decision was made to find a suitable 'patch of green' in the Monterey area and host our own event. We are fortunate to have acquired a wonderful location at Rancho Canada Golf Course.

The site will allow for a formal concours field as well as a BMW parking corral. We will have combined space for two hundred cars. We are also incorporating a vendor area and may include a silent auction for a local charity. The site will be perfect for a lunch-time picnic and attendees are encouraged to make plans to bring a picnic lunch, spread you blanket and enjoy the day. There are plans in the works to have box lunches available on site. We will be announcing news to that end via our chapter's website. Cost of the event will be \$50 per car. Plans are underway for registration through which you can sign up for the event and order lunches and event shirts.

Log on to the chapter website, www.cccbmwcca.org for additional information and updates. Registration will open soon.





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2009 Tour Schedule

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ONCE AGAIN, your Tour Coordinator finds himself staring at Google maps, charged with the spring ritual of where to go this year. It becomes increasingly difficult to decide. Mountain passes? Ocean beaches? Wine country? Great small towns? Local foothills? I know, let's do them all!

Below is a fairly solid plan for tours this year. Watch for changes or updates in future issues of the *Zündfolge*, or check the Club Message Board at bmwpugetsound.com and look under *Club Events*.

APRIL 5 Ocean Shores

We'll take the long way down to this drizzly little town on the Pacific Ocean. After living there for six years, and countless trips back and forth to Seattle, I've found a few twisty alternatives to the boring freeways.

Meet at 8 a.m. in the parking lot of the Seatac Mall, on 320th in Federal Way. To get there, take exit 143 off of I-5, and go west for a few blocks. The mall will be on your left. After a short drivers meeting, we will depart at 8:30 a.m. sharp, and should arrive around noon. We'll have lunch together in a restaurant (to be determined), and do a little sightseeing before heading back. Be sure to dress for coastal weather.

JUNE 28 North Cascades

We've had many requests to do this one again. Possibly back to Sun Mountain Lodge for lunch. Details to be announced.

JULY 10-12 Willamette Wine Tour

A three-day event, making for a more relaxed pace while seeking out the fantastic Pinot Noirs that this area is known for. Details to be announced.

SEPTEMBER 13 Foothills Tour to Pacific Raceways

One of our more popular tours last year, this one explores the twisty roads of southeast King County, and ends at a BMW CCA High Performance Driving School. You will get a chance during their lunch break to drive parade laps on the racetrack at a moderate pace. Details to be announced.

OCTOBER 3-4 Hood River Hops Fest

It couldn't possibly rain that hard two years in a row, could it? Attendees from last years event sloshed their way down twisty roads, donned Gore-tex, and stood in a downpour long enough to enjoy some great Fall microbrews. Details to be announced.

One needs to be a BMW CCA member in good standing to attend tours. If you are a newbie, you are allowed one run prior to joining the Club. Please RSVP with number of attendees to Scott Hieronymus at tour@bmwpugetsound.com.

Scott Hieronymus

Collision/Body Repair and Consumer Rights Tech Session

March 28

Haury's Lake City Collision is hosting a collision repair and consumer rights program again. Topics will focus on legal issues regarding consumer rights, how to insure that your car is properly repaired and paid for by an insurance company, negotiating with insurance companies, settling a total loss of your vehicle and diminished resale value. Guest speaker will be Attorney Rich Milham. Rich is an accident/injury attorney with twenty-five years experience who serves on the BMW CCA PSR Board of Directors as Risk Management for the Club. The program kicks off at 10 a.m. sharp with a tour of their modern, state-of-the-art collision repair shop located at 11514 Lake City Way NE, Seattle.

Come see the latest technology in collision repair and refinishing equipment. Once the tour of the repair facility is complete, we'll find out from Jeff how the insurance company and body shop interacts to repair our collision damaged vehicles and why we, the customer, should be well informed and involved in this process.

Join us at Haury's Lake City Collision Service, 11514 Lake City Way, Seattle. Coffee and snacks will be served so arrive early. Attendees will receive a \$10 dollar coupon to Lombardi's Italian restaurants. To ask for a specific question be addressed or find out more about Haury's, email jeff@haurycollision.com or www.haurycollision.com. RSVP to jeff@haurycollision.com.

See the February 2009 *Zündfolge* for more information.



ON THE COVER

This month's cover features a shot of the 335d Sedan and X5 xDrive35d Sports Activity Vehicle® which qualify for a tax credit.

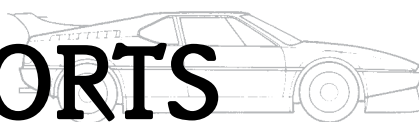
BMW of North America, LLC confirmed both of its BMW Advanced Diesel models with Blue-Performance technology have qualified for an Internal Revenue Service Advanced Lean Burn Technology Motor Vehicle Tax Credit. In choosing vehicles that will burn significantly less fuel and

produce significantly fewer greenhouse gas emissions, purchasers of the 335d Sedan will qualify for up to a \$900 tax credit while purchasers of the X5 xDrive35d Sports Activity Vehicle® will qualify for up to a \$1,800 tax credit.

Both BMW Advanced Diesel models keep the promise of the Ultimate Driving Machine® while delivering class leading fuel efficiency. With 265 horsepower and 425 lb-ft of torque available from the 3.0-liter sequential twin-turbo 3.0-liter inline six-cylinder diesel engine, the 335d is capable of accelerating from 0 to 60 mph in six seconds flat while the X5 xDrive35d will do it in just 6.9 seconds. In spite of this level of performance the 335d Sedan, the most fuel efficient BMW ever sold in the US, delivers 23 miles per gallon city and 36 miles per gallon on the highway according to the US EPA. The X5 xDrive35d is rated at 19 mpg city and 26 mpg highway. Both models are capable of traveling nearly 600 miles on a single tank of fuel.

Photo by BMW Press.

MOTOR SPORTS



LAST MONTH IN THIS COLUMN I discussed the benefits of why you should attend a Car Control Clinic (CCC) or High Performance Driving School (HPDS). This month I'd like to talk about the costs of these events and why they cost what they do. Like most hobbies, high performance driving is not inexpensive.

First of all, the chapter's philosophy is to try and make almost all events break even or make a little money. That doesn't always happen but that's our goal. Why? Because only a few members benefit from any given event. Contrast this with the *Zündfolge*, the chapter website or discounts at area businesses—which benefit all members. This means that the prices of CCC and HPDS are cost-based with a margin for unexpected expenses or to allow for an undersubscribed event.

What are the major costs of these events? The biggest one is track rental. This year, Pacific Raceway costs \$4,200 for each of the two Thursday events we have (April 16 and May 21), \$5,200 for our Friday (July 10) and a whopping \$10,400 for our Sunday event (September 13). Yep, and at those rates, the track is busy almost every day of the year. We pay an additional amount for the pad used for the CCC, typically about \$750 a day. We have two EMTs on standby which cost \$1,000 with their vehicle, security is \$200, restrooms are \$200, the track sweeper is \$250 and insurance is about \$1,500. All of these are mandatory and all but the insurance is through the track with no opportunity to look for a cheaper vendor. The insurance is through the national club and is a good deal.

Corner workers are \$1,000 a day, the water truck for the skid pad is about \$400 and supplies are about \$500. Lunches for the group are about \$2,000 for everyone involved. If you add all that up, (you don't have to; I've done it) a

Thursday's costs are over \$12,000 for the day. Sunday, with the higher track rental fee, has costs over \$18,000. We have the track for seven hours each day, so I figure about \$1,700 per hour on Thursdays and about \$2,600 per hour on Sunday.

The cost per person depends on event capacity and that financial cushion we build in for unforeseen items or an event not filling up. Each CCC can accommodate twenty people and each HPDS will accommodate up to sixty students comfortably.

Crunch those numbers and the entry fee for the Thursday CCC is expected to be \$125 while the HPDS will probably be \$225. The Friday CCC will probably also be \$125 and the HPDS will be \$250. The Sunday events are expected to be \$150 for the CCC and \$350 for the HPDS. Yeah, that's a lot, but now you can see what are the real costs of this sport.

If you've looked at professional schools, you know these prices are actually pretty low. And the reason for that is our volunteer instructor corps. These guys and gals are superb. But they are riding along with you folks and teaching you what they know just for the joy of it and for a little free track time. For most businesses, payroll is the biggest cost. Our payroll is zero.

So start saving your money for these four special days in 2009.

So start saving your money for these four special days in 2009. The first of them will be here before you know it. Once the events open, you may register by going to www.MotorsportsReg.com. You will need to set up an account and pay online. There is no registration by mail or check.

David Lightfoot
Driving Events Coordinator
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2009 Driving Events Calendar

BMW CCA PSR Events

April 16	Driving School & Car Control Clinic at PR
May 21	Driving School & Car Control Clinic at PR
July 10	Driving School & Car Control Clinic at PR
September 13	Driving School & Car Control Clinic at PR

Other Events Open to CCA Drivers

March 7	ALFA School at Bremerton
8	BMW CCBC Car Control Clinic at Pitt Meadows, BC
14	PCA School at Pacific Raceways
22	BMW CCBC Skills Day at Pitt Meadows, BC
29	ALFA School at Bremerton
April 10	PCA School at Pacific Raceways
23	ALFA School in Seattle
28	BMW ACA School at Portland
May 15	PCA School at Pacific Raceways
19	BMW ACA School at Portland
22	ALFA School at Bremerton
23	PCA Skills Day at Bremerton
30	BMW CCBC Car Control Clinic at Pitt Meadows, BC
June 10	PCA School at Pacific Raceways
12	BSCC Lapping Day at Bremerton
17	ALFA Evening School at Pacific Raceways

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Meet the Board



Banquet Coordinator de-Anna Martin

de-Anna was born in Montana and moved to Washington via Alaska at the age of eleven. She graduated from Newport High School and then Bellevue Community College. de-Anna resides in Bothell with her husband Dane and three cats. de-Anna and Dane joined the Club in 2001. After going on several Club tours in their '01 3.0 Z3 Silver Roadster, they were hooked and formed many long lasting friendships. During her eight years in the Club de-Anna has attended tours, coordinated four banquets, (now five with 2009) and worked at several events, always trying to include a little "social" with the cars. Along with all that, five years ago the Z3 was traded in for a '03 3.0 Z4 Silver Roadster. When not spending time on Club events, de-Anna works at Microsoft and enjoys music, running and spending time with family and friends.



Concours Coordinator Michelle Miller

I was born in Longview and raised in Mossyrock, WA where I met my high school sweetheart and husband Chris. We now reside in Federal Way with our cars and dog, Lady. I bought my first BMW in 2005, a 2000 540i (which I still miss) and joined the BMW Club. We fell in love with the Z3 Coupes at the Concours in 2006 and decided we couldn't live without one. So, we purchased a 2002 Z3 M-coupe in the fall of 2006, which has since become mine as we got Chris a Z4 MCoupe. Being part of this Club and participating in its many activities has really enhanced my ownership of these already great cars. I'm looking forward to playing a bigger role in the Club and getting to meet more BMW fans. I also serve as Secretary of the Bremerton Sports Car Club and enjoy autocrossing, knitting and running.



Membership Coordinator Scott Winn

Scott is new to the BMW brand, but his life-long love of driving has him hooked. He first experienced a BMW driving his younger brother's 2001 323i, and vowed he would someday have his own. It took him a few years, but in 2007 purchased his 335i coupe. Now he has his sights set on a second BMW. Scott grew up in Austin, Texas and graduated from Baylor University in 1985. He is an Underwriting Section Manager for State Farm Insurance, with responsibility for homeowner's underwriting in Alaska, Hawaii, and Washington. In his 22 years with State Farm, he has worked in Texas, Tennessee, Illinois, and Washington. Scott and his wife Amy live in Puyallup, and enjoy traveling, sports, and long drives in their BMW. They have a ten-year-old Labrador Retriever named Tex.



Past President Lynne Eskil

I was born in Bellevue and have lived in the Seattle area all my life. If I can find a way to combine the thrill and fun of racing with raising money for a needy cause, I'm all over it. I joined the SOVREN Guild for Seattle Children's Hospital a decade ago. Being around all those magnificent vintage cars and the roar of the engines was intoxicating. Then the Team Seattle Guild came-a-cal-lin'. I've had the privilege of participating in the Rolex 24 in Daytona, helping out the team half a dozen times. Both guilds have raised millions of dollars, assisting countless children in our community and beyond. The best part of all is the thoughtful and caring people I've met. Our Puget Sound Region Chapter of BMW CCA is very similar. Helping others to experience their vehicles to the fullest in a social setting is something our Club does best. We often combine these activities with raising money for our neighbors who need a helping hand. The PRO3 racing bunch carry on the tradition with charity racing and logos on cars. Heck, Wes Hill and I have Homeward Pet Adoption Center on the hood of our E30 racecar he drives and we still had to pay for the dang cat. I'm proud to be associated with such a fine group of people.

Our Club Supports Yet Another Worthwhile Agency

JUST A NOTE TO LET THE MEMBERS AT LARGE KNOW that in December your board donated \$1,500 to the Renton Lion's Club. The funds were a result of sponsorship from Seattle BMW and entry fees of the participants in the Concours d'Elegance event last summer. The Renton Lion's Club provides human services and recreation opportunities to those who live in or near Renton.



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Annual Banquet a Success

by de-Anna Martin

OUR ANNUAL BANQUET was a success and very social! One hundred sixteen Club members gathered at the Downtown Bellevue Courtyard Marriott, which I hope will be our venue for future events. Our dinner speaker was Chip Hanauer, a legend in Hydroplane racing. He kept us on the edge of our seats with his thrilling life stories.

The evening started with a cocktail hour-and-a-half along with a raffle auction. Anyone showing up at 5:30 p.m. could see that many people had been at work for hours beforehand.

There were over twenty items in the raffle auction, which was a new format from years past. I think it was well received. See the long list of generous Club donors in the sidebar. There were some really terrific items up for auction; those attendees with winning tickets picked out of the raffle bucket went home with some new treasures. A special mention goes to Kima Yandell of Katwall, Inc. for donating the most

popular raffle item of the night, an 8gb iPod Touch.

The real high-end items were reserved for the live auction after dinner. Dinner, by the way, was excellent. Both the steak and salmon were reported to be outstanding. The banquet logo was also on commemorative glasses which guests were able to take home. This is always a hot item that people look forward to.

The outgoing and incoming Boards of Directors were recognized for their service to the Club. Lynne Eskil was given special recognition for an outstanding job as Club President for 2007 and 2008. She was given a leather briefcase with the BMW logo. Mike Ellis, our new Club President, made the presentation.

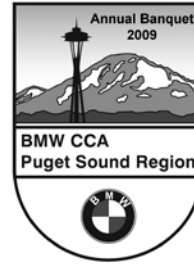
As many of you know, we partner with a different charity each year. The net proceeds from this year's auction is going to Wonderland Developmental

Center. To put a personal face on this organization, Randy Eastwood, an area BMW owner and Wonderland Developmental Board President, told us his personal stories and his experience with the Center. It was moving and certainly helped people get in the spirit to benefit this worthy cause.

The six items offered at live auction attracted some serious bidding. Dane Martin won the first two items: An Inspection I on any BMW

(donated by Strictly BMW) and the Ultimate Dining/Driving Experience (donated by Lombardi's Italian Restaurants). The Ultimate Dining/Driving Experience includes the opportunity to drive a 2008 M3 Sedan (Interlogos blue, 6-speed, 414 hp) for a weekend plus reservations for two to attend a winemaker's dinner.

The *Zündfolge* Wine Basket was won by Tom and Susan Susor, includ-



ing beautiful wine glasses, wine accessories and thirteen bottles of great wine donated by the *Zündfolge* staff. Tom and Susan also won the one-axle brake job donated by Auburn Foreign Car.

Once again this year we were graced with Nancy Spornitz's beautiful quilt, which went to lucky bidder Sherie Wahl. The quilt was made with ///M Colors and was large enough to cover a king bed.

The last live auction item had bidders jumping out of their seats to check out the table of car-care products donated by several manufactures and Aaron Klimpton of 3-Layers of Gloss (3LG). The auction also included personal training by Aaron on how to use the products and maintain a concours-quality clean car with minimal effort. I think the past winners of the Concours were hot on this one! The highest bidder "SOLD" went to Kima Yandell.

Lance Richert again graciously agreed to be the auctioneer. His commentary had the laughs coming while keeping us up to date with the last bid amount.

The amount donated to Wonderland Developmental Center will be announced in the April *Zündfolge*. Thank you generous Club members and supporters!

It was a long night but the highlight was hearing from our banquet speaker, Chip Hanauer, former hydroplane

driver and now mentor of a driver in the NASCAR Truck racing series. He told some great stories, culminating with video of the Pico American Dream hydroplane racing team win in Detroit for his unprecedented eleventh Gold Cup title.

As always, an event like this can only be accomplished with the help of a lot of volunteers. There was support from the Wonderland Developmental Center, plus many Club members who helped out. Special recognition should go to David Lightfoot who was responsible for the program, Lance Richert who was our amazing auctioneer, Chris Mason for photography, Larissa Hawkins for selling raffle tickets and last but not least my husband Dane Martin for audio-visual support plus supporting me through the planning and production of this event. I couldn't have done it without you, Dane!

Finally, I wouldn't be happy spending weeks and hours sweating the details of the event if it wasn't for the wonderful members we have in this Club. My hat goes off to you for attending, contributing your time and items for the auction. I look forward to being your event chair next year and having us return again to the Downtown Bellevue Courtyard Marriott. Stay tuned for details on the 2010 Annual Banquet. Over and out!

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de-Anna and Dane Martin announcing the winners of the Raffle Auction.



Banquet guest speaker, Chip Hanauer, was entertaining.

Banquet 2009



A beautiful handmade quilt by Nancy Spornitz, was a popular auction item.



President Mike Ellis introducing the current board members.



Aaron Klimpton of 3 Layers of Gloss Auto Detail giving bidders details of his donation.



Auctioneer Lance Richert is assisted by de-Anna Martin.



Walt Conley and Victoria Jones discuss bidding.



Doug Mill sharing a laugh with his wife Sherrie.



West Werks owners, Matt Lackey and Francis Stanbury.



Rich & Debi Milham (left) with Mary Hogan and Steve Libby.



The Zündfolge Staff, Wine Basket donation.



Vintage at the Vineyards May 22-24

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VINTAGE AT THE VINEYARDS is moving to beautiful and spacious Shelton Vineyards in Dobson, North Carolina. The display area is open to all BMWs older than 1985, E23 first generation 7-series up to 1987, E24 6-series up to 1989, E28 second generation 5-series up to 1988, all E30s and Z1s. All BMW motorcycles up to 1985 are also welcome.



Participants of Southeast Sharkfest will join in on Saturday rounding out the 6-series display area. As many as three hundred vintage BMWs are expected to show up. Don't think of it as a *car show*, think of it as a *car party*.

The event starts on Friday evening and concludes on Sunday at the Biltmore Estate in Ashville, North Carolina.

There will be scenic drives, live oompah music from the eleven-piece Sauerkraut Band, coloring contest for the kids, hay

rides, wine tasting and winery tours, vendor/swap meet area, drives, raffle and much more. The event is FREE but please register if you are a vintage BMW owner.

For info and registration go to www.vintageatthevineyards.com. Vintage BMW owners, book your room now. Phone the event hotel which is the Hampton Inn at Shelton Vineyards in Dobson at 336-353-9400.

Contact Scott Sturdy for sponsorship opportunities by email at scottsturdy@yahoo.com or by phone at 336-773-1809.

Thank You Turn Workers

ONCE AGAIN we had great participation by turn workers at our track events for the 2008 season. I want to thank everyone who stood out in the cool weather, all day long, just to make sure those who were involved in the driving schools experienced safe sessions. The professionalism gets better and better each year.

The BMW CCA Puget Sound Region donated \$4,400 to the Kami Renee Sutton Cardiac ICU Endowment at Seattle Children's Hospital through the Team Seattle Guild since we twelve to sixteen people work the turns at each event.

If you would like to participate in 2009, contact Marie Kirby at kirbyracin@gmail.com. Marie and her husband Keith are professional turn workers and will take the time to make sure everyone is comfortable understanding the rules, flagging at corners, and using the radios. This is your chance to learn the line on each corner so you will be a much better driver when it is your turn to get behind the wheel.

The BMW Club dates at Pacific Raceways in 2009 are: Thursday, April 16; Thursday, May 21; Friday, July 10 and Sunday, September 13. All events will run from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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2008 Financial Report

THE CLUB'S FINANCIAL STATEMENTS are published annually. The Club remains in robust financial health, which allows us to pursue a lot of activities which promote membership benefit.

BMW CCA Puget Sound Region is a chapter of BMW CCA but separately incorporated in Washington State. We are a non-profit. Our main purpose is to maximize member benefit. This is a fiduciary responsibility the Board of Directors takes very seriously. The chapter does raise a significant amount of money for local charities but this is a secondary purpose. This charitable giving generally comes from specific events rather than from the general treasury.

Members' dues go mostly to the Zündfolge magazine, the benefit that everyone enjoys. Events are budgeted to break even. Sometimes they make a little money and sometimes they lose a little money. For smaller events with no revenue source, the money comes out of the treasury. Usually this is limited to \$200 per event.

Since we are a non-profit, and we have a good reserve, a loss of \$5,350 for the year seems very reasonable. The healthy cash position allows us to prepay for track dates and insurance. It also provides a "rainy day fund" in case we have some financial problems, which most chapters have at one time or another.

Tom Olsson, Treasurer

Balance Sheet

At December 31, 2008

Cash	\$ 22,459
CD	53,700
Accounts Receivable	2,644
Prepays	21,248
Fixed Assets	6,155
Total	<u>\$ 106,206</u>
Current liabilities	\$ 293
Retained earnings	105,913
Total	<u>\$ 106,206</u>

Income Statement

For the Year Ended December 31, 2008

Membership dues	\$ 46,339
Driving event income	75,792
Zündfolge ads	48,454
Other event income	26,339
Interest	1,759
Total revenue	<u>198,683</u>
Zündfolge expenses	72,221
Driving event expenses	74,741
Other event expenses	49,367
Administrative expenses	7,704
Total expenses	<u>204,033</u>
Net Loss	<u>-\$ 5,350</u>

International Race Driver's Club Award

SEVERAL YEARS AGO there was a fellow named Robert "Bob" McDaniel who was active in the local racing community. Bob became well known for the energy and enthusiasm he brought to the sport, as well as his great sportsmanship and eagerness to help others get into and enjoy racing as a family activity. To this end, the International Race Driver's Club (IRDC) created a perpetual trophy in his honor, to help recognize those who have followed in his footsteps. This year IRDC has nominated and awarded the trophy to the BMW CCA Puget Sound Region for their efforts to help the motorsports community here in the NW. Whether helping out at race BBQs, helping set up the track on race weekends, supporting the turn workers and other volunteers, or their grassroots approach to promoting and encouraging new drivers to the sport, many members of the BMW CCA PSR have donated their time and energy, and have helped earn this prestigious award. It should be noted that this is the first time this award has EVER been given to an organization; it is usually reserved to reward the efforts of an individual. So many people help out in this Club, there isn't a single body that can be singled out.

To quote the trophy, "This Award honors those individual who, because of their own selfless generosity, have enriched the racing experience of a less experienced or less fortunate racer. Of particular favor are those individuals who have acted as enablers and mentors, creating opportunities for those with strong desire but modest means to realize their dreams of driving a racecar in wheel-to-wheel competition."

Congratulations BMW CCA PSR! With nearly fifty PRO3 cars and various other racing models, you've earned it!

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The PRO3 Line

“WHAT HAVE YOU DONE FOR PRO3 LATELY?”

REMEMBER that cheesy song from the eighties by what's-her-name? Even Eddy Murphy (back when he was funny) had a bit relating to that question, “What have you done for me lately?” As the 2009 PRO3 season is about to get underway, I'm left wondering if I am contributing enough to this great thing called PRO3 and Conference racing. Every race weekend, every track day, even our impromptu lunches require organization, coordination, and most of all, time. Yes, everyone is busy and has his or her own time challenges, but you know what? Somehow, the events we love to attend and the benefits enjoyed by all are the direct results of regular contributors and volunteers.

As PRO3 continues to grow in size and even fan base (believe it!) we are lucky as a group to know and associate with so many great people. PRO3 ranks are filled with people that will—quite literally—go out of their way to help out a fellow competitor. Here are some specific individuals who need special recognition and oft-neglected ‘kudos’.

Bill Spornitz (#04 Jagermeister Car) will be shouldering the responsibility of Assistant Steward this year. This is a two-year commitment as next year Bill will be the Race Steward for ICSCC. Although a tough job, Bill is ready to

take it on full-force. Bill will be the assistant to our own Mike Blaszcak, who did a heck of a job as assistant to Hal Hilton in 2008. We're looking forward to having these two keep us in line this year!

Randy Blaylock is taking over from Greg Miller as the ICSCC License Director. If you are thinking about driving competitively then Randy is one of the first people you will see at the track throughout your Novice racing process. Although technically not a PRO3 owner, Randy has had his hand in building more than a few PRO3 cars and has taken the wheel of one several times. (We believe Randy is simply in denial and that he's a PRO3 driver at heart...it's just the lack of horsepower that keeps him in other classes!)

Bob Mearns (PRO3 #161) is the ICSCC points keeper for the second year running (and was points proofreader prior to that). Thanks for the effort on such a tedious task!

And Now a Word from Our Sponsors

Once again, Lance Richert (whom I refer to as the Senior Vice President of Marketing for PRO3) has secured additional contingency and series sponsors to PRO3 for the 2009 season in addition to retaining previous years'

sponsors. Some exciting new names are added to the growing list, including:

Bimmerworld is one of the better-known aftermarket supply houses providing go-fast goodies and good-looking eye candy for all things BMW. Many PRO3 racers make a regular shopping trip to Bimmerworld prior to the start of each season...and a few more trips as things wear out mid-season. Thanks to James Clay, owner and spec racing fan, for seeing PRO3 for exactly what it is has become: the fastest growing race class in the Northwest. Bimmerworld will be providing \$1,500 in raffle gift certificates as well as a \$250 gift card for the end of season driver deemed “Sportsman of the Year” as voted on by fellow PRO3 drivers. (www.bimmerworld.com)

ProFormance Racing School You know the name and face of Mr. Don Kitch, Jr., President and founder of ProFormance Racing School in Kent. Don has been closely watching PRO3 grow and is very

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Jeff VanLierop (left), winner of the 2008 West Werks Automotive PRO3 Challenge, accepts his first place award from West Werks owners, Matt Lackey and Francis Stanbury at the conclusion of the 2008 racing season.

familiar with many of the drivers. If they don't work for Don, then they certainly have participated in one of his driving schools or coaching sessions. ProFormance will be providing PRO3 drivers with discounted testing days, and PRO3 will be the official driver development series of ProFormance Racing School. (www.proformanceracingschool.com)

WX Signs of Bellevue A fellow BMW CCA Club member, Robert Fleming, has graciously offered to provide every PRO3 car owner who requests it, with a new set of vinyl number panels. For anyone that has looked into having professional quality vinyl graphics made, you know this is pricey stuff! Thanks Robert for offering this up to the series. (www.wxsignworks.com)

And to Recap Our Existing Sponsors

Toyo Tires is once again the title sponsor for PRO3 and will be increasing its contribution to our class by sixty percent over 2008 dollars. Of significance here is that this last fall, PRO3 voted as a group to change the spec tire from the retired RA1 to its replacement tire, the Proxes R888.

Griot's Garage is on-board to provide \$1,500 in gift certificates to PRO3. (www.griotsgarage.com)

Speedware Motorsports is also a returning sponsor and will be contributing \$1,500 in gift certificates to the class. (www.speedwaremotorsports.com)

West Werks Certainly not to be outdone, Matt and Francis, co-owners of West Werks in Redmond are stepping forward with another "West Werks PRO3 Challenge." This is the third year for this points-based challenge where the driver who accrues the most points at the three Pacific Raceways races (May, August, September) will take home cold, hard cash (and a big novelty check) worth \$300; second place earns \$200; and third place earns \$100. (www.wwerks.com)

Be sure to thank our sponsors as much as we do by patronizing their businesses. So, ask yourself, "What can I contribute to the PRO3 effort, Conference, or BMW CCA PSR?" Chances are, you have something to contribute and those around you will appreciate it! Contact anyone associated with PRO3, Conference, or BMW CCA PSR and let them know you would like to help out.

See you at the track!

*Michael Olsen drives the Spirit Halloween Superstores PRO3 #130 in local ICSCC racing
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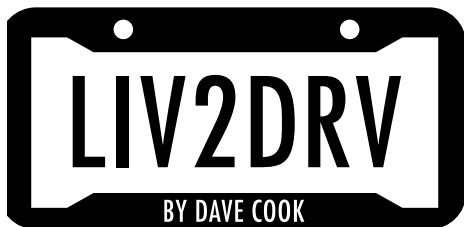
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The journey from the Corvette to the M3

His name is Bill Buchanan and he is passionate about cars. You may know him. He drove a 1966 Corvette when he was an Air Force pilot in the '70s. Bill answered the call to tell us why he drives BMWs.

Questions We Asked

- Tell us about your car: when did you buy it, why did you buy it?
- What modifications have you made and do you like the mods (we could all use each other's experience and wisdom).
- Is there an interesting story involving your car?
- What was your first car? Your first BMW?
- What car would you buy if there were no limitations?

His Story

"Back in the '70s, I owned a 1966 Corvette roadster. I was a hotshot Air Force pilot, and owning one seemed obligatory, but I loved that car! I used to get upset with it whenever it would develop a problem, and I'd put it up for sale at a high price I thought no one would pay. The ad would run its course, and I'd cool down, fix the problem and love my car again. My wife always got a kick out of that! Well, one day, during the course of running an ad "at a price no one would pay," a doctor came by,

test drove it and bought it on the spot! No negotiation—he just pulled out his checkbook and paid for it!

"As time went by, I drove more practical vehicles until I started getting the fever again a few years back. I began seriously looking for another roadster about two years ago; but ran into a problem. I couldn't find a roadster that fits someone 6 ft. 3 in. tall with a bad back!

"On a day when my back was feeling particularly good, I stopped at the local BMW dealership to see what they had. I found a 2004 3.0 Z4 roadster and bought it quite impulsively! What a blast to drive—and I was back in the roadster business! But after a short while I found it was killing my back. This was never going to work. Those cars are sprung so tight that after an hour of driving it I found I was sprung just as tight! I looked like a stud when I was in it, but I looked like an old man getting out of it.

"I was in a predicament: I'd made a mistake and had to correct it. My son told me, 'you should have bought an M3.' So a short four months after buying the Z4, I found my M3 at BMW Bellevue. We agreed on a price and I came home with my newest BMW.

"Anyway, the M3 is my fourth BMW. My first was a '97 328i, the car that made me fall in love with BMWs. I wish I still had it. We lost it because of a car shuffle when my son went away to college. We gave him the old Volvo family car and had to replace it. The only answer was to trade the BMW in for something larger (an Audi A6—I love German cars!).

My second BMW is the 325i pictured in the garage photo. My son purchased it from me a couple of years ago and still owns it. The Z4 and the M3 were my third and fourth BMWs.

I've never modified any of my cars—owning the Corvette convinced me of the value of keeping them absolutely original. That's my personal preference: if you're inclined to modify a car to suit your tastes, by all means, do so. I've always kept resale in mind, and to that end, I've always left my cars original.

"If I were to tell you today what car I'd buy if money were no object, I'd probably change my mind tomorrow. I'm fickle; I admit it! I would love to have the financial ability to own a twenty-five-car garage and fill it—or to have a different car every year, one at a time. Alas, money is an object, but I have no complaints. The M3 is fine place to limit oneself. For pure drivability, without getting into the 'super cars', there just isn't any comparison! "But I do need to go look at that new '09 roadster . . ."

Thanks for sharing your story, Bill, and it's nice to meet you. You can contact Bill at bill.buchanan3@gmail.com.

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BMW Rahal Letterman Racing Team M3 Debuts at Sebring Winter Test

Team is Fired Up and Ready to Go

A new era in North American motorsports begins on January 26th when the first BMW Rahal Letterman Racing Team M3 drives onto Sebring International Raceway for opening day of the American Le Mans Series Winter Test.

The official debut of BMW of North America's newest racing program comes less than one year after the announcement of BMW's return to ALMS competition was made at the Chicago Auto Show on February 11, 2008.

With final design changes made by BMW Motorsport following European and US testing, the new M3 race car was assembled by the BMW Rahal Letterman Racing Team crew over long days and late nights beginning in December. The M3 received its final homologation inspection on Wednesday, January 21.

The test will mark the first time drivers Bill Auberlen, Joey Hand, Tommy Milner and Dirk Müller will drive the ALMS M3 and the very first time the three Americans will be behind the wheel of a fourth-generation race car.

"The race to the race track has ended and we are pleased to start the 2009 season," said Martin Birkmann, BMW of North America's Motorsport Manager. "BMW is delighted to return to the track with the latest M3 bringing MPower back to ALMS competition. We are also pleased to introduce BMW EfficientDynamics to the North American motorsports community. Through BMW EfficientDynamics every part of every BMW is maximized for optimum performance and efficiency, whether maximizing mileage or MPower."

"The BMW Rahal Letterman Racing Team has worked extremely hard to get the new BMW M3 ready for the ALMS Winter Test and we expect to get a lot accomplished over the three days of testing," said team co-owner Bobby Rahal.

"We are excited not only to get the cars and drivers on track together, but also to give the BMW fans their much-anticipated first look at the M3 race car."

BMW EfficientDynamics is a philosophy adopted by the BMW Group that drives everything the company does. All BMW road cars are designed to maximize efficiency while remaining true to the promise of "the Ultimate Driving Machine." Applied to the latest M3 GT2 race car, BMW EfficientDynamics makes more engine power by reducing internal friction to increase horsepower and reduce the cooling load. It is what BMW engineers can do with those gains that are at the heart of EfficientDynamics. The new M3 race car looks quite different than previous generations because BMW Motorsport was able to reduce the size of cooling openings and channel the air more efficiently, making the new racing car more aerodynamic. This car goes a few steps further by sealing drag inducing openings in the cockpit and incorporating a new "on-demand" air conditioning system. When the proper temperature is reached the system disengages to reduce parasitic losses. The power steering system is "corner-sensing", supplying assist when required, but disengaging when the car is straight.

Birkmann continues, "We look forward to educating the public, as well as our GT2 class competition, on the benefits of BMW EfficientDynamics."

The Winter Test will be held January 26, 27 and 28 at Sebring International Raceway. The BMW Rahal Letterman Racing Team will host a media conference on Tuesday, January 27 at 10:45 a.m.

About Rahal Letterman Racing

Rahal Letterman Racing, based in Hilliard, Ohio and co-owned by three-time IndyCar Champion and 1986 Indianapolis 500 winner Bobby Rahal and CBS LATE SHOW host David Letterman, has been competing for more than a decade compiling 20 victories, 30 poles and one series championship (Bobby Rahal in 1992 in CART) and an Indianapolis 500 championship (Buddy Rice in 2004). In 2008 Rahal Letterman Racing again won Rookie-of-the-Year honors at the Indianapolis 500 and partnered with Andersen Racing to run two entries in the Indy Pro Series. In 2009 the team has joined BMW North America to campaign the new BMW M3 as BMW Rahal Letterman Racing Team in the American Le Mans Series and will also serve as the organizers of the Formula BMW Americas championship.

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2000 328i: WBAAM5348YFR17164 90,500 miles. Titanium silver. Black leather interior, steptronic five-speed automatic, sport package (suspension, steering wheel, dual power seats), cold weather package (includes heated seats), power auto moonroof, front and side airbags (front doors). Meticulously maintained, oil and filter changed every 7,000 miles, new brakes (front and rear at 85,000 miles), hand-washed every week. Always garaged, no smoke or track time, no accidents, all maintenance records, Bentley manual. Suspension upgrades: Eibach springs, Koni Sport struts, Dinan sway bars, front stressbar. Wheels: Bayern "Mesh" 18x8.5 wheels (no curb rash), four Toyo Proxes tires (10k miles). Engine upgrades: Dinan Stage 2 software (engine), Dinan Stage 2 software (transmission), Dinan cold air intake, Super-sprint exhaust (center and rear muffler). Sound System upgrades: JL Audio amps and Boston Acoustics speakers professionally installed by Benchmark Motoring of Bellevue. Ten inch custom installed JL Audio sub-woofer conceals in rear seat armrest. Lighting upgrades: OEM clear taillights and parking lights. \$13,500. Email Tim.nair@verizon.net or call 425-891-8668.

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Parts for Sale

1995 M3 Coupe Interior Parts: Many light gray interior parts for sale (no front seats). Please contact me directly with what you need. Interior pieces can be seen at the following URL: <http://steveosworld.com/Images/Automotive/M3/S%20Shows/10%2026%2007/index.htm>. Located in Portland. Pricing negotiable. Email steve@steveosworld.com or call 503-757-7453.

Vintage Recaro Sport Seats: A pair of early 1980s Recaro Sport seats finished in their original black corduroy material. They came out of my 1972 911S and include the Porsche mounting rails. They would be wonderful in a vintage BMW. *Note:* these are not factory Recaro sport seats. They are in excellent condition without any rips or tears. Huge side bolsters, high-back seats with headrests. They are incredibly comfortable and fully adjustable. Photos available via email or stop by Griot's Garage in Fife and I'll show them to you. \$1,200 for the pair. Call Mark Greene at Griot's Garage at 253-922-2400, ext. 102 or email him at mgreene@griotsgarage.com.

Wanted

Wheels for E36 M3 Wanted: Help! My car came with a set of 18" which look great but make for a rough ride on track days. Looking for 17" wheels to buy/trade for a set 4-5 wheels, BMW or other quality rim that would fit my car. I have a set of five Mille Miglia five spoke spider rims. Please call 425-591-4885 or email mishoer@yahoo.com.

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