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KALENDER

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: 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.

May 5

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

May 28

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 6-7

E30 Picnic Weekend: See www.E30Picnic.com for more information.

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 206-365-1565 or jeff@hauryscollision.com.

June 20

Car Care Tech Session: at Griot's Garage in Fife; 10 a.m. start time.

July 26

BMW CCA Puget Sound Region Concours d'Elegance: Save the Date! Cedar River Park, Renton. See article in this issue.

August 23

M-Car Day: at Griot's Garage in Fife.

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Ocean Shores Tour

April 5

OKAY, I'LL ADMIT IT. I really only planned this tour so I could return to two of my favorite roads. Not known at all for their curves or scenery, but for their names. Where else but Ocean Shores can you drive down Falls of Clyde Loop or Razor Clam Drive? Those with a good under-carriage cleaning plan may also opt for a drive on the sandy beach. You will need to remember that it is a state highway, complete with 25 MPH speed limit, so no donuts!

Ocean Shores was originally planned in the '60s: 110 miles of roads were built, 23 miles of fresh water canals were dug and "for sale" signs went up on hundreds of sandy lots, many of them less than \$1,000. Apparently, nobody checked the weather forecast. The relative lack of success of this grand 'Resort' has to be tied to the weather. It rains. A lot. Trust me. I lived there for seven years and couldn't get out soon enough.

As is the case with most tours, it's not the destination, but the roads we find along the way that will make this a great way to spend a Sunday. Just five minutes into this tour, we'll find curvy roads, and they will continue for the majority of the drive. We'll arrive in Ocean Shores in time for a group lunch at

As is the case with most tours, it's not the destination, but the roads we find along the way that will make this a great way to spend a Sunday.

a great little Irish pub, then split up to explore the shops, the beach, the cheesy go kart track, whatever.

Plan on meeting for donuts and coffee at 8 a.m. in the parking lot of the Seatac Mall, on South 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 sharp, and should arrive around noon. No matter what the Seattle weather that day, be sure to dress for coastal weather. Did I mention that it rains? A lot?

One must be a Club member in good standing to attend tours. Non-members are allowed one run before joining. Please review the Club Tour Governance Policy at www.bmwpugetsound.com in the *Tours* section. Please send RSVPs and questions to Scott Hieronymus at tour@bmwpugetsound.com.

Scott Hieronymus



Photo by Scott Hieronymus.

2009 Concours d'Elegance Featured Car: BMW E46

July 26



Photo by Jason Tang.

THE TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL BMW Club Concours d'Elegance will feature the BMW E46, 3 series BMWs produced from 1999–2005 and the E46 M3. E46 owners, we look forward to seeing your special BMWs on the lawn at the Concours on Sunday, July 26 at Cedar River Park in Renton. Of course, all other models are welcome. BMW Seattle and Griot's Garage will again be our gracious sponsors. More information will be in future issues of the *Zündfolge* and at www.bmwpugetsound.com.

Michelle Miller, Concours Coordinator
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ON THE COVER

This month features the BMW Concept X1. The First Sports Activity Vehicle In The Premium Compact Segment: The BMW Concept X1. Once again the successful history of BMW X models is opening up the door for further inspiration in the development of innovative vehicle concepts: The BMW Concept X1 offers all the thrill of agile and versatile mobility also beyond the beaten track in a new segment of vehicles. Proudly presenting this new Concept Car, BMW is offering an outlook at the world's first Sports Activity Vehicle in the premium compact segment. Through its design alone, this new concept model clearly expresses all the strengths and qualities of such a vehicle, the BMW Concept X1 exuding a strong touch of agility and versatility both in its driving qualities and practical use. And at the same time the Concept Car clearly reveals the stylish elegance of this five-door as well as its modern function.

Photo by BMW Press.

All Members Meeting and a Great Flick!

May 16

THIS YEAR we're having two fun activities in one day. The All Members Meeting (and that means all of YOU!), are invited to meet your Puget Sound Region BMW CCA Board Members to learn more about what our Club has to offer you and your family. After our thirty-minute meeting, a fabulous movie from the past is on queue.

Mark your calendar for May 16 at noon and set your GPS for the Admiral Theatre in West Seattle to enjoy one of the greatest automotive movies of all time. The Club is hosting a private showing of the 1966 classic film "Grand Prix" starring James Garner, Eva Marie Saint and Yves Montand. The venue is the cool retro Admiral Theater in zip 98116—the perfect place to experience such a great flick. FREE for families with a BMW CCA Membership. Great popcorn here—the concession stand will be open for business!

Come out for a good cause—the Club is raising money to support the West Seattle Food Bank. If you are able to make a monetary donation, please make your check out to "BMW CCA Puget Sound Region." If you would rather donate non-perishable food items, following is a list from their website of items needed to support the food bank clients in this area.

Donate Food

(No perishable items will be accepted.)

Donations of food are always needed and greatly appreciated. We can especially use:

- Canned protein items (tuna, peanut butter)
- Baby food, formula and diapers
- Nutritional supplements, such as Ensure

Wish List

You can also help us with office supplies or other items. Right now we need:

- Plastic and paper grocery bags
- Unused food-grade plastic bags
- Twist ties
- Pet food
- White copier paper

Monetary donations are preferred, as the Club can apply for ZF Award matching dollars to get additional funds for the charity. Last year, ZF donation matching came out to eighteen percent additional funds for each charity that the Club sponsored. This also allows the West Seattle Food Bank to get more for each donation by buying food and supplies in greater bulk and at greater discounts.

We will have a barrel at the movie theater for non-perishable donations that day. If you will not be able to make it to the movie but would still like to make a donation on behalf of the Club, call Stephen Hughes-Jelen at 206-280-5193 or email black30m3@gmail.com for additional arrangements.

For more information about the West Seattle Food Bank, please visit <http://www.westseattlefoodbank.org>.

For more information about the Admiral Theater, visit <http://www.farawayentertainment.com/admiral.html>.

The Admiral Theater

LOCATION

2343 California Ave SW
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PARKING

Available one block East in the parking garage off 42nd Ave SW.

DIRECTIONS

- From Interstate 5, take the West Seattle Bridge (Southbound exit 163A, North bound exit 163).
- Take the ramp for Admiral Way.
- Follow Admiral Way to 42nd Ave SW, and turn right.
- Turn left into the parking garage.
- On exiting the garage, walk one block west to California Ave SW. The Admiral Theater is across the street.

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

April 3-5	BMW CCA IE Car school in Spokane
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
July 6	BMW ACA School at Portland
9	Corvette Club School at Pacific Raceways
17	BSCC Lapping Day at Bremerton
18	PCA Skills day at Bremerton
22	ALFA School at Pacific Raceways
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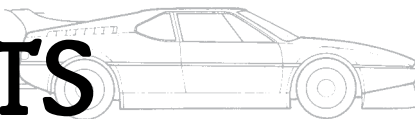
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MOTOR SPORTS



THE TIME HAS FINALLY COME to crawl out from the depths of the offseason winter. Track days are here again! Yes, our chapter's track season begins in April.

For those of you who have never been to a track event, here is a primer. Our track program has two types of events. The first is the Car Control Clinic (CCC). This is something every driver should do whether they plan to come to the racetrack or not. The second is the High Performance Driving School (HPDS). This is not for everyone; only the adventuresome enthusiasts.

Car Control Clinic

The CCC is held on a large piece of flat asphalt. Our extremely talented instructors lead the students through a series of drill stations. These are cumulative. We start with a slalom, which is driving through a row of cones, alternately passing cones on the left and right. Sounds easy but then we put someone with a flag at the end of the row to signal to you, so you have to be watching them while you slalom the cones.

We do a couple of braking exercises. One is a simulation of an emergency situation in a straight line. You get to use the ABS (Anti-lock Braking System), something most people have never done. You won't believe how fast your BMW can stop. Then you'll get to do another

emergency braking drill on a curve. Here you'll learn why we say ABS really means "the Ability to Brake and Steer." Yes, full-on emergency braking while steering around a curve. A variation on this theme is the collision avoidance drill where you'll have to react to a signal by braking and swerving to avoid a simulated collision.

Another fun exercise is the skid pad. A big water truck will wet down a big patch of the asphalt. Then you'll get the chance to slide and spin your car all over the place. It's fun because you can't hit anything. You will learn what understeer and oversteer are. The next time it rains or snows, you'll be much more comfortable in a low-traction situation.

The final drill is a small autocross. This is a course of left and right turns made of cones. You'll drive this as quickly as you can using all your new-found skills. It is a great chance to put it all together.

While all this has great street driving applicability, we are also teaching you advanced car control and vehicle dynamics. That is why attending a CCC is a prerequisite to attending a High Performance Driving School (HPDS), the second step in our chapter track program. At the CCC we'll even give you the opportunity to drive the Pacific Raceways full road racing course, at low speed. You'll get a glimpse of step two

and see whether you want to pursue this sport to the next level.

High Performance Driving School

The High Performance Driving School takes place on the road racing course. We start with your instructor taking you for a low speed tour of the track to show you the way around. Then you'll get to drive the course under the guidance of an experienced instructor. Gradually, you'll be able to increase your speed as you become more skilled. You will always have an instructor in the right seat. It isn't racing, but it is on a race track and it is high speed. Or it will be after you build up your skill level. It is a thrill that few people are lucky enough to experience.

During 2009, the chapter has four track days. At each track day, there will be a CCC and a HPDS occurring simultaneously. The CCC happens on the paved pad and the HPDS happens on the racetrack. Our four track days are: Thursday, April 16, Thursday, May 21, Friday, July 10 and Sunday, September 13.

Registration

Registration for all events is only online at www.MotorsportsReg.com. You will need to set up an account with MotorsportsReg. When you register, make sure it is for the right event because on each of the four dates there will be both a CCC and HPDS at Pacific Raceways listed on MotorsportsReg.

To participate, you must be at least eighteen years old, a Club member or a member of another Club with reciprocal rights. For the CCC, you will not need a helmet and convertibles are welcome. For the HPDS, you will need a helmet (we have some loaners) which is Snell 2000 or 2005 rated. Convertibles are not permitted at HPDS.

The cost of the weekday CCCs are \$125 per person. The Sunday CCC is \$150. The Thursday HPDS are \$225, Friday is \$250 and Sunday is \$350. If the weekdays are a problem with work, tell them that this is part of TARP—Temporarily Away at the Racetrack Program. And if the money is any issue, ask for a bailout. Everybody's doing it.

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Meet the Board



Risk Management Rich Milham

I have been an attorney in Washington since 1982 practicing accident/personal injury/insurance law. I also have served as a Pro Tem District Court Judge in Pierce County since 1988. I have lived and worked in Gig Harbor since 1986. I married my high school sweetheart Deb in 1983, and we have three children: Kelli-23, Alex-22, and Joseph-18.

My daily driver is a 2003 BMW Dinan 325Xi. However, I am a certifiable E30 nut, having six in the family at the present time. Everybody in my family drives one, and I have sold many of them to my friends and extended family. My two current favorites are the 1988 325iS that I restored and is my current track rat, and my wife's 1992 325iC (Laguna green cabrio) that we enjoy on sunny days.

I have served on the Board as Risk Management since 2005, providing various legal advice, with the primary goal to develop and implement proactive policies to keep us as a Club safe, and from being sued. I have been a driving instructor since 2006, and last year served as the steward for the track program. I enjoy the Club thoroughly! I was hooked after my first Bremerton Car Control Clinic! I continue to meet and associate with passionate members who have a wide diversity of backgrounds/professions. This is truly a great Club because of great people!



Roster Manager Louis Hesselt van Dinter

I am currently the Roster Manager. That's just a fancy term for manipulating the raw data sent to us by BMW CCA National and making it easier to use. I joined PSR in the spring of 2002. I had just purchased a 1997 E36 M3/4, which was kind of odd, because I had just spent most of the early spring looking at SUVs.

Besides being on the board, I'm an instructor with our High Performance Driving Program. For one year I was the registrar for the track events. Since I was particularly unwilling to bend the registration rules for anyone (and quite vocal about that fact), Tom Olsson dubbed me "Evil Louis."

I also participate in the Concours. Since I'm not big on car detailing, my first event as a volunteer was as an E30 judge. After the judging was over, I spent almost three hours helping tabulate the scores, with a calculator. That fall, I developed a computer scoring program for the Concours. No more calculators.

I'm very partial to the track events. My lovely wife Jane also drives her car at the high performance events. Unfortunately, I was not able to convince her to get a BMW. Although I'm pretty sure she'll be driving some type of German automobile.



SIG Coordinator Lance Richert

I joined the BMW Club in 1986 while at WSU because I was looking for a local car club to lap my 1980 320i with. I got more involved in the late 90s and have since served as Secretary, Vice President, President, Membership Chair, Concours Chair, Driving Instructor and SIG Coordinator (though not all at once). My term as President was fairly eventful and included in part overseeing the Club's switch from the independent BMW ACA to the BMW CCA in year 2000 which more than doubled our membership overnight. Got the Club logo T-shirts off the ground and dreamed up the E30 Picnic and M-Car day events which cover my two passions... E30s and M-Cars. With some prodding I found myself in an E30 for a novice race in 2001 and what do you know, a future PRO3 car ended up with the family. When I met my future wife Stephanie in the mid-90s, I mentioned to her that there was a legal place to zip around in her street car, i.e. our HPDEs. She took to the track also like a fish to water and now holds her own competition license and races the PRO3 car too. My son Devin has grown up around the Club and early on assumed everyone's mommy and daddy drove on a race track. So all's well in our BMW-centric family.



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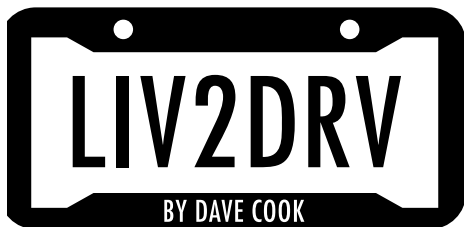

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Once Was Lost

Many of us travel different roads; some get lost more than others. Sometimes when we're lost we find things we didn't expect and sometimes we're, umm, found. This is the story of Mr. Ackermann or Jon, as we'll call him. He was found by a BMW.

Jon was searching for a 1940/41 Ford half-ton pickup or a short-hood Porsche 911 when he stumbled across a 1987 BMW 635csi. As you can see, Jon got lost on his search but boy oh boy, he sure got found.

As Jon researched the 635, he came to appreciate how the E24 was well built and advanced for its time. He investigated, he probed, he pondered, he drove it and all of the sudden the lost became found. That was almost nine years ago. Jon has wisely used his time since then, as you'll see by the long list of love applied to his much-adored sixer.

Jon's 1987 E24 635csi is a beautiful Luxorbeige metallic with black Nappa leather interior. The bodywork features a complete paint restoration, restored or new exterior moldings, polished bumpers and tinted windows. The interior leather is restored to new condition. He replaced or restored all the electrical and cooling systems, and uses Redline oil exclusively.

The headlights are upgraded to a Hella H1/H4 combination, suspension is Ground Control coil-overs with Koni adjustable shocks and camber plates on all four corners. It has spherical bearings in the control/thrust arms, new tie rods, Dinan 25 mm front and 19 mm rear sway bars with polyurethane carrier bushings and a front strut tower brace.

The brakes feature Alcon racing calipers at the front with E31 front rotors, E34 M5 rear rotors and calipers and a 750i master cylinder. The wheels (all five) are BBS RK 18 x 8½ with polished lips and ZR-rated Yokohama tires (235 fronts and 265 rears).

The car's suspension has been laser aligned and corner balanced, and now sits approximately two inches lower than stock. Last winter, he converted it to a Getrag five-speed with a lightened flywheel (14.5 lbs). It runs an E34 M5 flex disc, UUC short shifter, a drive-shaft from Drivelines of Portland with greaseable u-joints, a 3.91 limited-slip differential and rebuilt drive axles. Dinan software manages the engine, in case you were wondering. After all that, Jon says, "I'm sure I have forgotten a few things."

Jon says he loves all of the modifications, but he is currently lowering the front spring rate by 60 lbs for a better ride quality and the ability to hug the road on rough surfaces. He has plans for a carbon fiber hood and Porsche 964 factory manual racing seats.

Jon's first car was a 1955 Chevrolet Belair convertible; the man has good taste. This is Jon's first BMW. He can see himself in a Porsche 997 GT3 someday

but he'll still keep the 635. I, for one, am very glad Jon found BMW. What an incredible enthusiast! Thanks for sharing, Jon.

If you would like to contact Jon, to ask a question or just to tell him how much you appreciate his BMW, you can find him at www.bigcoupe.com or www.myE28.com.

Be sure to tell me about your car, just drop me a line with the answers to the following questions:

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There were some surplus calendars, so the PRO3 group donated 75 calendars to the BMW Club, who will be giving the calendars away for free to Club members at upcoming Club events.

Thank you to all who bought a calendar and supported the cause. Tip-of-the-hat as well to Car Tender who bought a stack of calendars to help support the cause. If

you ask John McDermott at CT real nice, you might be able to get one for free from Car Tender. Thanks to Speed-

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Motorsport Garages Tour Event Recap

by Chris Mason

HELLO FELLOW CLUB MEMBERS. This was my first time organizing a social event for our Club and I am very happy with how it worked out. Based on the turnout, it was very popular indeed. We had 103 people sign-in with probably 125 participants over all.

Multiple times during the event, I received feedback from the different garage representatives about the size of our group and that we are very nice people. It is great to hear that our Club makes a good impression.

I want to thank the following people for helping make this a great event: From our Club, David Lightfoot for the advice and Steve Krom for volunteering to help at the event. Joe English along with Chris and Noah from Group 2 Motorsports for opening their shop to us and coordinating with the McBride

collection. Also thanks to Roger from Cotter Racing, Mark from Gerber Motorsports and Goodman Racing for hosting us at those facilities. I cannot even begin to list all of the interesting vehicles, memorabilia and collectables we saw. The cool thing is, that a lot of it will be new and different the next time we are fortunate enough to be invited to visit.

For those who did not make it, Curtis Creager has a number of nice photos on his web site: www.creagerimages.com under *Other > 2009 Motorsport Garage Tour*. There are some great fish eye shots.

For me, this event started at the airport in Orlando coming back from the Rolex 24 hours of Daytona race in January 2008. I was talking with Bill Cotter, one of the Team Seattle drivers that year, and he mentioned that he

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would like to have our Club come visit his garage. I have attended a number of Club events and been to a few board meetings and decided that I would not only suggest this as a future event but would actually be the organizer. When I started, I did not know about the other garages in close proximity to the Cotter garage or that our Club had done a tour of all of these locations in 2005. This was both good and bad. Good because there was information available from the previous event to help me organize the current one. Bad because it made my event larger in scope. I was the official organizer, but a lot of advice came from David Lightfoot who organized the event last time and Joe English at Group 2, who did a lot of coordination with the other garages. It does not normally take a whole year to organize an event like this. Our tour date was chosen to spread events and give us something to do in the early spring when there are not normally a lot of other things going on. I mention all of this so that other Club members have an idea of how something like this gets done.



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Mulberry Festival (Check Because of Mates)

SO WHAT DO YOU DO when you wake up one day and find that you are in love? Often times this is not a problem, unless you are already promised to two others! Relax; we're talking cars here. This is the quandary that River City Bimmers chapter member Greg Flint found himself when he spied a 1998 E36 M3 creampuff covered in Techno Violet with Mulberry Nappa leather filling for sale online.

This was a dream car for Greg, and it appeared to be attainable. He tried to fight it off, telling himself that he already had two nice BMW rides at home (a 1990 325iC and a 1995 525iT), and that his love triangle could not become a love square. Why not? Because there is no such thing as a love square for one thing...and he had no room for a third BMW in his two-car garage. The BMW cabrio and his wife's car already had the garage. He also could not justify having a second "spare" BMW taking up space on the driveway either so it seemed that he needed to pass.

But the M3 shattered the commonly adhered to thought of staying the course,



Photo by Greg Flint

settling for what you have, and loving the one you are with. This siren's song had tempted Greg to the point of the want becoming the undeniable quest for the have. I must admit that I was singing in concert with the sirens, telling Greg that after opening my email and viewing the specimen he had sent me, that this was in fact the car for him. Upon hearing my appraisal, Greg knew that I must have been taken aback because he

was aware of the fact that the E36 was my least favorite body style of the M3 machines (that is not to say undesirable by any means readers, relax!).

Looking at the car, with its unconventional color combo, sweet wheels and lack of rear wing felt like looking at a photo of family. You instantly loved it the way you love a three-legged dog, admiring and respecting the resiliency put before you. It boldly displayed

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that it had what it needed to do what you needed it to do and nothing more—unless you wanted that, too. In fact I was so sure that this car would be the one, that it was instantly dubbed the Mulberry Festival (named after a festival that takes place in Greg's city every year). This was done so we would not waste time calling it "that car" or "the car"...or worse, "Purple Rain" or "Purple People Eater" (read gross).

Aside from the obvious lust, there was also the fact that Greg had just been named the Driving Event Coordinator for the Tennessee River City Bimmers chapter, and he currently had no car that could help him take his evolving driving prowess to the next level. To get to the next rung on the ladder he would need a worthy steed he could take to a driving event or even become a certified driving instructor in.

Okay you say, I've seen this before... why waste my time publishing this?

This is an everyday thing—man meets car, man buys car, man sees other car, man needs his space from the first car (garage space that is), and man unloads one to get the other before repeating the process in a year or so. I feel your brow rising in anger, but hold on before you go thumbing past...this is where this tale gets its body.

The object of Greg's desire was on the other side of the country from Tennessee, in Oregon. This would mean a thirty-hour drive to Tennessee in a car he currently knew nothing about, in trade for a significant amount of cash that he was well acquainted with. The thought of putting both the distance and the capital behind him in exchange for the unknown seemed to put the theory of nothing ventured, nothing gained in a shadowy forest too dark to travel through. If only the car was closer so it could be viewed.

Enter the BMW CCA Puget Sound Region chapter. Greg asked around about the car on the Puget Sound Region Club site to see if it was known since it was said to have spent its whole life in the same area. Much to his chagrin the Mulberry Festival was not known, making a tough decision tougher. But just when the flame of desire was growing dim, a member from

the Puget Sound Region BMW Club came to Greg's aid, and suggested he post the same thread on the BMW ACA Portland chapter's site as the car was near their stomping grounds geographically.

Greg did so, and once again waited. Then the news came and Greg learned that this club did not know the car either. This surprised Greg, as the specialty car had been owned and serviced by four people in the same area since it was purchased new. Of course the silver lining in this cloud of anonymity was the high chance that the car had never been tracked, always a plus to a prospective buyer.

Just when Greg was about to turn and walk away with his head hung low, Aaron Hambleton, a holder of dual citizenship with the Puget Sound Region chapter of the BMW CCA and the Portland chapter of the BMW ACA contacted him and offered to go and personally take a look at the car for him. Picture the Coca-Cola commercial where the little kid offers Mean Joe Green his bottle of soda, and gets the game jersey in return!

Further chatting with this prospective assistant found that he possessed an E46 M3 that he tracked and he quickly proved his worth after a short online conversation. Not only was Aaron willing to scout out the car in person, but he also agreed to help dig up records for the car at the local shops and escort it to Rasmussen BMW for a detailed Pre-Purchase Inspection. It was also learned that Aaron had helped another person find his dream M5 the year before, and enjoyed paying it forward in the name of the marque. Obviously this unexpected resource gave Greg the backing that he needed to know if Mulberry Festival truly was the one for him.

Now that things started to feel as though they were firming up on the west coast, plans to retrieve the prize were put into place back at the ranch. Greg decided that he and his lovely wife Allison (also a dedicated member of the River City Bimmers chapter) would fly out to Oregon, make the purchase,

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Mulberry Festival

and leisurely drive the prize back to Tennessee. Their return trip would take them through the idyllic west coast, allowing them to see Seattle, meander down to San Francisco, drive the Pacific Coast Highway, spend the night in the Grand Canyon National Park and take advantage of whatever else grabs you when you are on the road. You know... odd things like alien-themed milkshake stands and fry bread sandwiches.

Yep, things were on track it seemed. That is until Allison learned that her work schedule would not permit her to make the trip. This left Greg in a quandary. What to do? Truck the car home? No, that would be too expensive, and he had to physically go to Oregon anyway to pay and sign for the car's title at the bank of the seller. It seemed that driving the car back was the only option in Greg's eyes. He would simply have to find a co-pilot or do the deed himself.

Now Greg, having more than average intelligence, decided that going alone would not be the safest option because

of the distance through uncharted territory involved in the return trip. He approached me, having more than average wanderlust, and asked if I would assist him in the transport of that which would complete him. I am pretty sure that I made Greg think he was putting me out, twisting my own arm to make him feel that his efforts were stronger than they were in reality. I mean really people, an all-expense-paid trip out west to meet other bimmerphiles and the chance to drive a car that I will never be in the market to own across some of the most majestic roads in the lower forty eight. Where is the downside?

Of course Greg tried to paint it up as an adventure, with photo ops abound and all that stuff. I knew that while this adventure would be fun, that it would also be taxing on both of us. I explained to Greg that the roads could be closed due to snow in the Rocky Mountain region causing multiple reroutes and that there would be a lot of sleep-deprived driving. The sleep deprivation would

come from the fact that I would not be sleeping during his driving shifts as we were passing through parts of the west I had not ventured to yet. Parts that I would not be missing the opportunity to see, if just through a window at speeds somewhere around the suggested limit (talking of speeds, especially in print, is always better done in ambiguity I have learned). But alas, I relented to his begging...sucker.

So with a Robin to his Batman, Greg continued with the investigation of the Mulberry Festival's constitution by dispatching his eyes on the ground to conduct the visual inspection of the specimen. Greg called me after this was done and I could hear that his excitement was making him frothy at the mouth. "Aside from Aaron saying that the car was beautiful, he said he drove the car and it pulled like a freight train, had great brakes, and was tighter than two dogs!" I had never heard the two dogs thing, but being a pet owner I got it. Obviously the next step was setting



up a detailed PPI at Rasmussen BMW in Oregon for a detailed physical.

While in the process of setting up the PPI to take place on a Friday, Greg told me to get ready to fly as he passed my doorway. Finding that Greg's excitement was contagious I told him to go ahead and make the call to set up the PPI right then in my office. Greg did so, and the inspection by a certified BMW Technician that had owned four E36's himself was set for the next day at Rasmussen BMW. After a few false starts, things were definitely looking up. Enter Mr. Murphy and his law.

Minutes after the PPI was set up, Greg received a call from the seller who informed him that there was a snag. It was learned that the title to the BMW had not yet made it to the bank, as the owner had not owned the car long enough to get the updated title mailed to him from the state of Oregon. This was not the main problem though. The main problem lied in the fact that the title was in the seller's brother's name. A brother who was a fashion model that was currently on location in Europe doing the Zoolander thing. I can't make this up people; it's true.

Instantly stressed by this latest bit of news, Greg explained that until there was a signed power of attorney at the bank smuggled up with the title that this PPI process would not begin. The seller



Photo by Greg Flint.

understood, and pledged his diligence in making this happen by the beginning of the next week.

The next week came, and found the title at the bank with the power of attorney in the works. This helped settle the choppy waters that come with the thought of the Mulberry Festival being lost to the storm like Wilson in the movie Castaway. Because of the setbacks, the PPI was rescheduled to the next Wednesday, meaning we would take flight on Thursday if the PPI checked out okay. To make matters

worse, I was denied my leave request for the target date due to a seniority issue with another person needing to take some vacation time so it would not be lost altogether. While inconvenient, the denial had merit so I got over it. Besides, at this point, setbacks seemed to be a staple in our diet. Instead of focusing on the negative, this was a time to use this stay of execution as a time to gather more data.

The most important data needing to be obtained was in the arena of proper

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fitment. The M3 in Greg's crosshairs was sold to the current owner by the third owner after it was discovered that it was just too confining for his 6' 7" frame. Greg stretches out to 6' 5" if you stack him end to end so this potential issue warranted further scrutiny. Greg posted a request to drive a member E36 M3 on the River City Bimmers site so he could make sure that the E36's furniture would house him. After all it was the test drive of a fellow River City Bimmers member's E30 that told Greg that he would have to scratch those off of his list of purchases. Well, either that or risk setting his legs on fire every time the steering wheel rubbed them due to their length.

Greg was contacted by River City Bimmers member (and RCB newsletter/website guru) James Parker and was told that he could use his 1996 E36 M3 as a lab rat. Greg knew the gorgeous black/magma car well as James was very active in the club, and Greg also knew the car even had the same style/size

seats as the Mulberry Festival, ensuring that the cars were the same size inside. Greg test drove the black beauty on Saturday and quickly reported back to me that he fit into the car fine, and felt that he would continue to do so for years to come. Hey, it's America... people grow in the middle here! After the test drive Greg stated that he also fully understood the description from Aaron that the E36 M3 does in fact pull like a freight train. Unfortunately this test drive pulled Greg's anticipation of the pending purchase past the recommended dosage so sleepless nights were surely to come.

On Wednesday, the PPI at Rasmussen BMW showed that the Mulberry Festival was copacetic inside. This was good, but the next bit of news was great. Aaron Huss, the Technician that inspected the Mulberry Festival's head handsomely discounted the rate for the time the car spent on his couch. How cool is that! This meant that it was time to sweep all negative variables aside and get a true

timetable going on departure. I must say the buzz of energy let loose could be felt miles away. It was time to ramble, and boy did we need it. Greg went about setting up the flight and I packed a quick backpack that I could simply carry on the plane, since we would be taking multiple flights in the name of thriftiness.

Once on the ground at the Portland Airport, the current owner of the Mulberry Festival picked us up. Our first view will be forever etched into my mind. We rounded the doorway of the airport to find that the car was perfect. Thank goodness, Greg had not been taken. I marveled at the condition of the Mulberry Festival, finding it to feel like a new car. Even cramming myself into the backseat, where my 6' 2" frame sat coiled across both seats like a jack-in-the-box waiting to ambush the sucker turning the crank, I was amazed by the beauty.

After a few minutes at the bank, Greg took control of his third BMW. Our first order of business was to meet

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up with those that made the acquisition possible. We drove to Rasmussen BMW and met our able scout Aaron Hambleton, service advisor Bryan Farley and technician Aaron Huss. It was obvious we were in the presence of die-hard BMW fanatics that were nothing but hospitable to us. It was no wonder that this was a top-notch dealership that was buzzing with activity. Due to the cold, we moved the party to a local eatery and enjoyed our time with the trio. A good time was had by all.

After a night of slumber that only air travel can produce, we started our journey home. I can only concur with the articles that have been published in *Roundel* and in other car magazines regarding traveling the open roads of the country. Screw the media's daily rendition of the blues, the economy clouds and the price of gas that often rises to staggering heights. Traveling by car will show you everything that is great about America. The beauty of the free spaces, the spirit of what

makes us...well, us, and the gargantuan privilege to see this on your own terms. If you need to get your focus back, take two days on the road and call me in the morning.

Needing an extra dose we took three days, traveling 900 miles in each one on the carpet that is I-40 back to Tennessee. We had to dip southward through California to the desert states as the thought of such a precious prize in inclement weather worried us. This proved to be the right decision as our trip was free of bad weather. Our chariot drove like a new car and had plenty of power to spare. Not only was the Mulberry Festival comfortable inside, we found that it only drank a gallon of gas every twenty-eight miles. That is crazy economy from an asphalt eater of any age.

Once back in Tennessee, the Mulberry Festival gained the approval of Greg's wife and took its place in the garage. I shuttled the former holder of that space (the E30 cabrio) to my house for safe keeping until its fate was decided.

So you see my friends in the end, this story is not about the quest. It is to point out that these quests are made possible because members of the BMW CCA and ACA will close the gap of distance to help another member attain their goal. It is kind acts such as these that help the BMW following grow and also gives the club members the chance to reclaim some of the special rides that have left the reservation. I think that the willingness to share is why the BMW marque flourishes in the states with such strength. The acts of kindness in this adventure even prompted me to join the River City Bimmers chapter sans a BMW in hopes that this would rub off on me. I am happy to say it worked! Since this writing I had the opportunity to lead a fellow River City Bimmers chapter member to a sweet BMW for his stable (green/black 2001 325ix Touring mated to a five-speed manual), paying it forward in the name of the marque like those before me. And you know what...it felt as good as I thought it would.

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In 2008, sponsorship by the Sunriver Resort and its affiliate, Caldera Springs, allowed the Festival to move to the Meadows Driving Range. Cars always look better on grass, and the backdrop of sweeping views of the central Oregon mountains didn't hurt one bit.

The featured display was Supercars—cars that are or were among the fastest production cars of their time. The display was anchored by the Festival's poster trio—a McLaren F1, a Ferrari Enzo and a Porsche Carrera GT. The rest of the Supercar display offered a wide range of about twenty cars, with everything from a Porsche 930 to a Lamborghini Murcielago.

Behind the Supercars were over 150 Porsches, BMWs, Ferraris, Jaguars, Mercedes, Corvettes, Lotus, Lamborghinis, and numerous others stretching all the way to a Smart For Two, were arranged by vintage from the '50s through current models so that the various marques would be interspersed. Once again, Porsche was the highest-represented marque.

Throughout the day, an engaging *pas de deux* transpired between Festival band Smudge and Festival announcer Keith Martin. Smudge leader Elaine Franklin said that they were very excited to perform at their first car show. They practiced a wide variety of jazz and other rhythms,

and juggled their sequence on the spot to play songs that would blend with the varying feel and activity as the day progressed. Keith roamed the field, and injected his stellar commentary and sponsor and participant interviews in between songs.

The beautiful sunny day brought several thousand spectators and 2,000 event programs, produced by sponsor Pamplin Media Group, were gone before lunch. The day ended with a program including the Festival Select Parade—examples of each of the car models were driven as Keith told the story of each model—and then the Parade of the Supercars, with each of the Supercars driving by for the same introduction. The Jay Audia People's Choice Award, named for my co-organizer who died earlier in the year, was the only traditional award given. It went to Ron Tonkin's Ferrari Enzo. Ron was very pleased, explaining that, in all his years of automotive events, the only award he had never previously won was a People's Choice.

The post-event banquet was very lively, and our sponsors were chosen to present a few "special" awards. Ron Tonkin, from Ron Tonkin Gran Turismo, selected the car he most wished he had sold—the BMW M1 owned by Tom Anderson from Carrera Motors. Tom gave an award for the car he wouldn't

want to be caught dead in, which was an easy choice—the green on green, modified 1975 Buick Le Sabre sporting the for sale sign. Bob Macherione, from Sports Car Shop, picked the car only an Italian could love, a 1965 Ferrari 330 GT. Erik Clover, from Lamborghini of Portland/Gran Prix Imports, selected the car his wife would most like for him to borrow for the day, which was the Enzo.

The Festival concluded with the Sunday Dash, a two-hour, 100-mile romp through the mountains and countryside to a lunch at Maragas Winery. It was probably a minor miracle, but none of the cars suffered any mechanical difficulty, and none of the drivers got a ticket.

The Sunriver Festival of Cars is all about having fun, and is part of a developing national trend in that direction. There are no rigid concours rules—with no judges, who needs rules?—and participants don't need to spend thousands of dollars and countless hours preparing their cars. It offers a relaxed setting where exceptional cars are on display and like-minded automotive enthusiasts can enjoy each other's company. A lot of beautiful cars, a beautiful setting, plenty of food and drink, sponsor displays to browse through and a bunch of friendly car addicts is all you need to create a perfect day. Mark your calendar for next year—September 19, 2009.

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BMW ACA PORTLAND CHAPTER invites the Puget Sound Region of BMW CCA to participate in their tours. Please contact Brian Cone at bcone@bmwacaportland.com, for more information and to sign up for their tours.

Saturday, April 18—Tour to Longbeach, WA

Ben Sherwood will lead us again through northwestern Oregon to Longbeach, recreating the popular tour from last year. We will ride the Columbia River Ferry from Westport, OR to Cathlamet, WA (the last ferry on the lower Columbia River). Many small restaurants and delis' in Longbeach will provide you with many choices for lunch. After looking through the many shops in Longbeach, we will cross over to Astoria, take the Nehalem Highway and stop at the Elderberry Inn to say goodbye.

Saturday, May 23—Willamette Valley Winery Tour

One of our most popular tours, you will have the opportunity to visit several wineries, taste a wide variety of wines, and purchase your favorites. After departing from Murrayhill, our first stop is the Erath Winery. Their specialties include Pinot Noir, Pinot Gris, Pinot Blanc, Chardonnay and Riesling. Next, we will arrive at the Ponzi Tasting Room in Dundee. They offer visitors an opportunity to taste many high profile wines from top Oregon vintners in addition to Ponzi wines. Across the street is the Dundee Bistro where we will enjoy a great lunch. Next door is the Argyle Winery Tasting Room. Then we will depart for our last winery, Willakenzie Estates. Located in a spectacular setting on rolling hillsides in the Chehalem Mountains, the winery specializes in the Pinot family of wines. This is a must-attend tour!

Saturday, June 20—Covered Bridges Tour

We will meet in Salem and then head off through the Willamette Valley to visit several historic covered bridges. Our final destination is The Home Place Restaurant in Silverton. We visited The Home Place after our 2005 Tulip Tour; it's a great restaurant with a separate room for us upstairs.

Saturday, July 18—Run to Dooger's in Cannon Beach

A very popular tour brought back from the past! Who could forget Dean Shindell and his spectacular red BMW M1 during our 2004 Dooger's tour? Our route takes us through Vernonia, Mist, and then to Cannon Beach. Dooger's is a great seafood restaurant with a sizable room for us to use. After lunch, you can go into town and visit the many shops and art galleries. A very enjoyable day, indeed!

Saturday, August 8—Columbia River Gorge Tour

Summer is the perfect time to retreat into the Columbia River Gorge. Spectacular waterfalls, historic highways, scenic woodland, and a stop at the Crown Point Vista House will ensure a very enjoyable day. Lunch is just a short drive to The View Point Inn, a historic hotel and restaurant that was built in 1924. The setting is on a bluff with a view of the entire Columbia River Gorge.

Saturday, October 17—LeMay Car Museum Tour

The LeMay Car Museum is the largest privately owned collection of automobiles in the world, once at over 3000 vehicles in the collection! We will drive to Tacoma, tour the museum, have pizza delivered to their banquet room for lunch, and, by special arrangement, a bus will take us to the home of Harold and Nancy Lemay for a tour of their private collection of 350 vehicles. Space on the bus will be limited, so sign up as soon as registration is announced.

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2001 M3: Six- speed, 71,000 miles, second owner (both BMW CCA members), superb condition in & out, CarFax certified, no accidents or paint work, fully loaded, 19" OEM M3 wheels with newer tires, heated Nappa leather seats, tint, xenon lights, HK CD/MP3 sound system though the speakers have been upgraded with Rainbow BSW Stage 1 speaker kit, SIRIUS, moonroof, clear corners, side markers and rear taillights, painted reflectors, Rogue upgraded tranny mounts (smoother shifts), Rouge clutch stop, all record since new, serious buyers only please. Buy a car like this ///M with a clean history that has no issues, problems or excuses. \$22,500 obo. More pics and CarFax available; email the owner at mahall75@hotmail.com or call 206-352-8630.

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 7k miles, new brakes (front and rear at 85000 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: Beyern "Mesh" 18X8.5 wheels (no curb rash), Toyo Proxes 4 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 this URL: <http://steveosworld.com/Images/Automotive/M3/S%20Shows/10%2026%2007/index.htm>. Located in Portland. Pricing negotiable. Please email Steve at 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. \$950 for the pair. Please call Mark Greene at Griot's Garage 253-922-2400, ext. 102 or send email to mgreene@griotsgarage.com.

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Some of the participating businesses may be part of a chain operation. The discount is only good at the location listed below.

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