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KALENDER

June 30

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

July 2-3

Historic Races at Pacific Raceways:

The BMW Club will be participating in the car corral at the Historics. See the article and registration form in the May or June Zündfolge issues. Club contact is Lucetta Lightfoot at lucettalightfoot@msn.com.

Deadline for the August 2011 Zündfolge

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

July 5-7

View many of the BMW Vintage Rally cars: at BMW Seattle. Stop by anytime to see these amazing rare BMWs.

July 10

Vintage BMW Rally: starting from the Fairmont Vancouver Hotel in Vancouver, B.C. If you want to see some rare BMWs be there for the start of the rally at 9 a.m.

July 24

Concours d'Elegance: Join us with family and friends for this year's show at Renton's Cedar River Park. BMW Seattle and Griot's Garage will once again be graciously sponsoring this event. Please contact Steve Questad for more information at snjq7@hotmail.com or 206-547-2025.

July 28

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

August 2

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Sunrise Tour: join Club members for a tour to the Sunrise area in beautiful Mount Rainier National Park. See article in this Zündfolge and check the Club Events section at www.bmwpugetsound.com for updates. Send RSVPs and any questions to Scott Hieronymus at tours@bmwpugetsound.com.

September 16-18

Sunriver Festival of Cars: for details see www.sunriverfestivalofcars.com. The Club contact is Lucetta Lightfoot at lucettalightfoot@msn.com

September 23-25

Lake Chelan Wine Tour: Join us in sunny Chelan this year for the annual wine tour on September 23-25. See registration details in this issue. For more details contact Dane Martin at bmw@pc-resource.com.

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August 20

Sunrise Tour

BEFORE YOU STOP READING, know that this tour goes to Sunrise (at Mt Rainer National Park). It does not start at sunrise, which on August 20 would be at 6:11 a.m. We will, however, need to get an early start in order to arrive ahead of the masses that crowd this popular Mount Rainier location. At an elevation of 6,400 feet, Sunrise is the highest point that can be reached by vehicle inside the Park. On clear days, Sunrise provides breathtaking views of Mount Rainier, Emmons Glacier, and other volcanoes in the Cascade Range. These views plus an excellent trail system make Sunrise the second most visited location in the park.

Upon arrival we will take time for a picnic lunch before turning everyone loose on the trails. Bring sturdy shoes, sunscreen, and water. There are numerous trails ranging from short one mile loop trails to more strenuous trails that offer close-up views of the glaciers. We will meet in the parking lot of the Issaquah QFC (1540 Gilman Blvd) at 7:30 a.m. for donuts and coffee. After a short driver's meeting, we will depart at 8:00 AM sharp! BRING A PICNIC LUNCH! If you prefer, box lunches can be pre-ordered for pick-up that morning at QFC by calling 425-392-4475. You will also need to bring \$15 per vehicle for admission to Mount Rainier National Park.

You will need to be a BMW CCA Club member to join us or if you're a newbie you are allowed one run with the Club prior to joining. RSVP and direct any questions to Scott Hieronymus at tours@bmwpugetsound.com. Check for updates in the Club Events section of our website at www.bmwpugetsound.com.

Vintage Rally Cars To Be Viewed in Seattle



If you want to see all the cars in the rally, you'll still need to head to Canada to see them take off. Start time for the Expedition 2011 Rally is 9 a.m. on July 10, Sunday, from the Fairmont Hotel Vancouver, 900 West Georgia St, Vancouver, BC.

David Lightfoot

July 5–7

This is the final call for the chance to view the fabulous BMWs which will participate in the two-week rally in British Columbia and Alberta. There is an opportunity to see many of the cars in Seattle after all! While some of the cars are being shipped directly to Vancouver, many are being shipped to BMW Seattle. These cars will be transported to Vancouver on Friday, July 8. But Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, July 5 through the 7 (the holiday is on Monday), many of the cars will be on display at BMW Seattle. Club members are encouraged and welcome to stop by BMW Seattle anytime during these three days to view the cars.

The cars will be transported to Fairmont Hotel in Vancouver. This is the starting and ending point for the rally, which will take place from July 10 through 23.

The participating cars will be pretty spectacular. Pre-war BMWs include a 327, two 327/28s and one 328. Newer cars include a 2002 Cabriolet, 2000CS, several 3.0CS and a 2002 Touring. Still newer cars include six Z1s, an 8 Series, four Z8s, a Z3 Coupe and a Z4. It should be quite a sight.



ON THE COVER

This month's cover features an E92. This year's BMW CCA Puget Sound Region Concours d'Elegance will feature E92s. See the event details starting on page eight.

Photo by Brad Bowen.











COME HAVE SOME FUN IN OUR GARAGE!

Need a great excuse to get in your favorite BMW and go for a drive? Please join us on the first Saturday of every month for Caffeine & Gasoline. Enthusiasts from all over the region have been enjoying this informal car show for months. It's a rain or shine event that starts at 8:00 and goes till... whenever. Skip the yard work, enjoy some coffee and donuts and come have some fun in our garage! For directions, go to www.griotsgarage.com/tacoma or call 253-922-2200. Our fantastic store is open Monday - Friday 9:00am - 6:00pm, Saturday 9:00am - 4:00pm and Sunday 10:00am - 2:00pm

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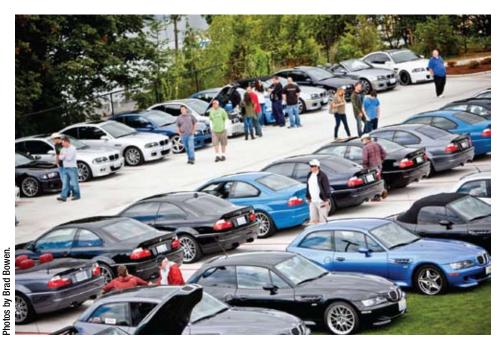
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August 21

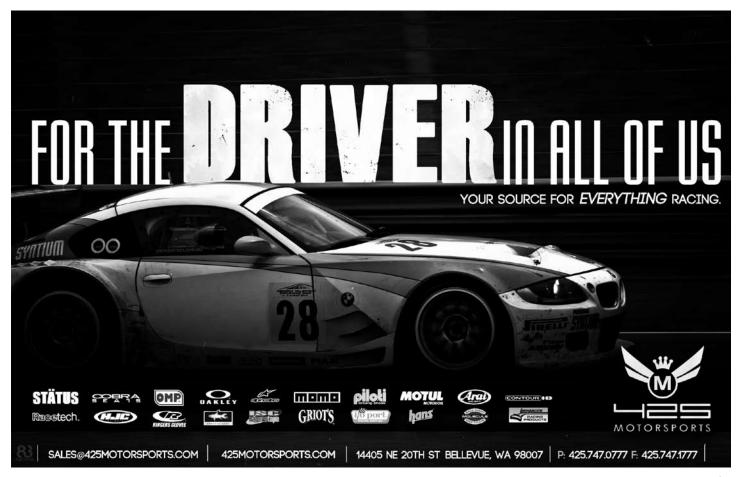
Sunday, August 21 Griot's Garage 3333 South 38th St, Tacoma 98409 www.GriotsGarage.com

PLEASE MARK SUNDAY, AUGUST 21 for a very special day of camaraderie to celebrate all things rated M. Our hosts will be Griot's Garage in Tacoma near the Tacoma Mall with additional support from Haury's Lake City Collision. Last year saw 170 M Cars in attendance. See full details in the August *Zündfolge*!

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Join us in Chelan this year for the annual wine tour on September 23-25. This will again be a three-day event from Friday to Sunday. The Lake Chelan AVA (American Viticultural Area) is a rising star in the Pacific Northwest wine industry and we will visit some of the leading wineries that are putting Chelan and the surrounding valley on the map.

Accommodations for the weekend will be two nights at Campbell's Resort on the sandy beaches of Lake Chelan. Campbell's is Chelan's premier downtown hotel and spa. Renovated in 2008, all rooms have a view of the lake, a private balcony or patio, a mini fridge, microwave and other comfortable amenities. Our room block this year will be a mix of studio, one-and two-bedroom units, some with full kitchens and elevator access.

The extended weekend will begin Friday morning with a drive over the mountains by way of the North Cascades Highway. For those who have not enjoyed this stretch of highway on road trips or on another BMW club drive, you will be in for a treat as we twist, climb and dive past dams, glacier-fed lakes, multiple mountain passes and quaint towns along the way. We will arrive in Chelan for a casual outdoor BBQ dinner overlooking the lake to wind down the day.

On Saturday we will trek through winding country roads to a number of wineries nestled in the hills on the east side of Lake Chelan, including a private tasting and catered lunch at Benson Vineyards in Manson. After our daytime adventures, the evening will



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end with a group dinner in Chelan for an Italian feast.

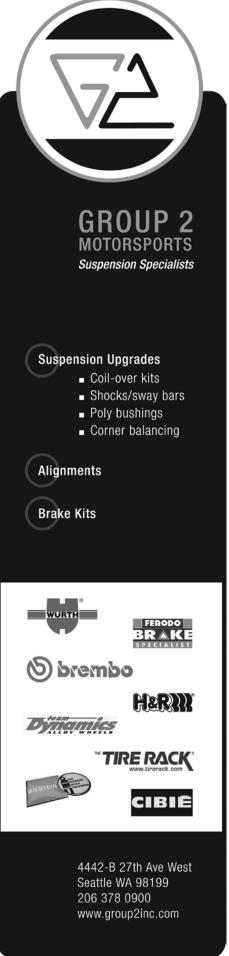
Sunday is a scheduled half-day to include wineries on the west side of the lake. The tour will officially end just after lunch time to give you the option to explore the area further or start a leisurely return home.

The agenda is structured to be groupfocused and the registration fee will include most meals and all winery fees for the weekend. The cost has not been

finalized yet, but expect it to be around the same \$150 per person fee as previous years. The registration fee is non-refundable but I will be accepting waitlist registrations if you need to give up your spot. Lodging will be reserved separately, and you will be able to select from the available rooms once your registration has been confirmed. Discounted rooms are available from \$122 to \$160 per night.

Registration will open Monday July 11th on http://www.motorsportreg.com and is limited to twenty cars and/or forty people. Be aware that the MotorsportReg page may be accessible earlier, but you will not be able to register until 8 a.m. on July 11. If you do not have a MotorsportReg account, I highly recommend setting one up before the 11th so you can associate your account with BMW CCA Puget Sound Region and select the wine tour as an upcoming event. In addition to the Zündfolge, links to the registration page will be distributed via our web site, Facebook and mailing list. Please contact Dane Martin at bmw@pc-resource.com if you have any questions.





2011 Concours d'Elegance and Display

Sunday, July 24, 2011 • Cedar River Park, Renton • Sponsored by BMW Seattle and Griot's Garage

Schedule

9:30 a.m. Begin check in and parking of Judged and Display BMWs

11 a.m. All Judged and Display BMWs checked in **11:30 a.m.** Judging begins, BMWs or cars all hands off

Activities for children

Griot's Garage detailing demonstrations

2–3 p.m. Awards and raffles (time approximate)

Join us for the 31st annual Concours d'Elegance and Display at Cedar River Park in Renton. The show, along with music, arts and crafts and other family activities will be part of the many activities for the public to enjoy during the Renton River Days Festival annual event. So mark your calendar for Sunday, July 24 and enjoy the fun.

Come out and be part of the history and beauty that makes up the heritage of BMW. This is a special day for all BMW owners to come together and enjoy each other's camaraderie while displaying our beautiful cars, or competing for the highly competitive Best in Show award.

Sponsored by BMW Seattle and Griot's Garage!

A Special Thanks goes to BMW Seattle for providing the beautiful glass trophies being awarded, along with providing fantastic raffle prizes and displaying some fine examples of the newest BMWs available. BMW Seattle will also be presenting The Best in Show Award to the most dazzling BMW of the day.

Griot's Garage will also be in attendance as the Official Car Care Sponsor of the event, while supplying each participant with a special gift. Griot's car care experts will be on hand demonstrating their latest products. Griot's Garage will also be presenting the special Preservation Award for the best preserved BMW on the lawn.

Sunday, July 24, 2011 — Cedar River Park, Renton BMW CCA#

2011 Annual BMW CCA Concours d'Elegance Registration

Year and Model	Class #			
Special Features				
Street Address				
City/State/Zip				
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If paying by check, make check payable to BMW CCA Puget Sound Region. Mail completed registration forms to Steve Questad–Concours, 5119 Meridian Ave N, Seattle WA 98103. Mail-in registrations must be received by Thursday, July 21, 2011.

BMW Seattle



Classes

There will be two categories to choose from. A Judged Class, with the Club's famous etched glass trophies awarded to the top three cars from each class, and a non-competitive Display Class for those that wish to come and be part of this magnificent line-up of beautiful cars. All cars on the lawn will be eligible for the People's Choice Award trophy.

JUDGED CLASS

Cars are judged in three major areas: exterior, interior (including trunk) and engine bay. The underside of the car is not judged. A three-member team submits independent results which are totaled to determine a score for each judged entry. The process is designed to be as fair and objective as possible. For class competition there are bonus points for mileage, which evens out the competition for high- versus low-mileage cars. Taking the top BMW from each class, and lining them up for a final review by a threejudge team determines the Best in Show Award. Previous scores are not considered as the judges choose the cleanest, most dazzling BMW on the lawn.

Cars are judged only on cleanliness and condition, not on originality. The judging criteria can be reviewed on the Club's website. To participate in the judged classes you must be a member of the BMW CCA, BMW ACA or Canadian BMW CCBC.

DISPLAY CLASS

The Display Class is a great way to take part in the festivities in a non-competitive way, but still be part of this magnificent line-up. Both Display and Judged cars will be parked according to body series.

All participants will receive a Griot's Garage sample kit, a commemorative 11x17 poster, a cool refrigerator magnet and chance to win raffle prizes.

Feature Car: E90/E92/E93 M3

There will be a special area on the center lawn to either display or to enter your E90/E92/E93 M3 in their own judged class. So bring out your M3 in whatever condition, and be part of this magnificent line-up.

Children's Activities

We'll have a special tent with activities for kids including a coloring contest. Not only is the Henry Moses Water Park directly next door, but The Renton River Days Festival will have several other activities nearby for the family to enjoy.

Volunteers Needed!

Whether you're participating in the show or just coming to enjoy the activities, your help would be greatly appreciated in making this another successful event. Help is needed in many areas—before, during, and/or after the show. This is also a great opportunity for a few high school students to add to their mandated volunteer hours for graduation, and Club membership is not required. The following is a list of just some of the areas where help is needed. If you have an idea you would like to present, please don't hesitate to let me know.

- Parking directors and greeters for arriving cars
- · Guidance in the kid's tent
- Entrant registration and calculating scores
- · Raffle tickets sales
- Membership Info
- Runners to transport completed judging sheets
- Judges
- Photographers
- Large truck or utility trailer and driver for hauling rented tables & chairs

REGISTRATION

Mail-in registration forms are available at www.bmwpugetsound.com or use the preferred method at www.motor-sportsreg.com. The registration form from this issue can also be used.

Food Service

Renton's famous street food vendor, The Bistro Box, will be joining us this year providing an array of delicious lunch and snack options. Cedar River Park
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1717 Maple Valley Highway & House Way

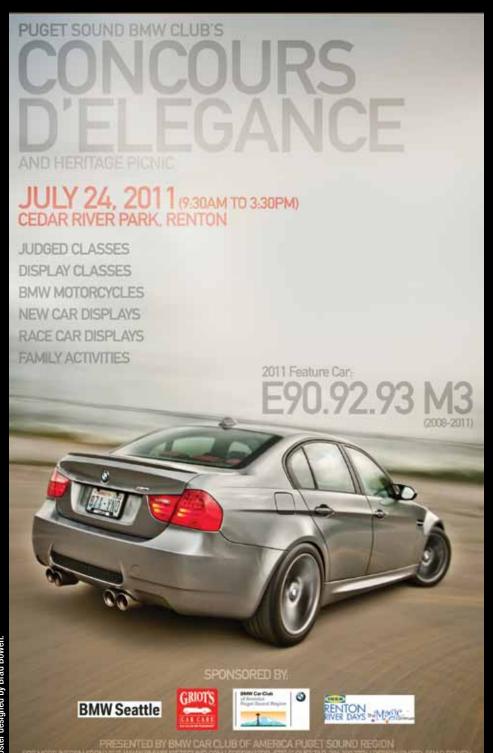
DIRECTIONS:

Coming from the South: Take I-405 northbound to Exit #4 (Maple Valley-Enumclaw). This exit will divide, take the first exit to Maple Valley-Enumclaw (South 169). Turn right at the stop sign at the end of the ramp. At the second light, turn right into the park and follow the posted signs.

Coming from the North: Take I-405 southbound to Exit #4 (Renton-Enumclaw). Go through the first stop light and turn left on Maple Valley Highway (South 169). This will take you under I-405. At the second light, turn right into the park and follow the posted signs.

2011 BMW Club Concours d'Elegance Classes

Class #	Class	Models	Years
01Display Only	Pre-War Post-War Old Range	All 501,502,503,507,3200CS Isetta, 600, 700	1928-1941 1952-1965 1955-1965
02	Vintage Cars	1502, 1602, 1802, 2002 1500, 1600, 1800, 2000 E3 2500,2800,Bavaria E9 2000CS, 2800CS, 3.0CS	1966-1976 1962-1972 1968-1977 1965-1975
03	Early 3 Series	E21 3 Series E30 3 Series	1977-1983 1983-1991
04	Early Big Cars	E12 5 Series E28 5 Series E26 M1 E23 7 Series E24 6 Series	1972-1981 1982-1988 1978-1981 1977-1987 1976-1989
05	Modern 3 Series	E36 3 Series E46 3 Series	1992-1999 1999-2005
06	Modern Big Cars	E34 5 Series E32 7 Series E31 8 Series E39 5 Series E38 7 Series	1989-1996 1988-1994 1990-1997 1997-2003 1997-2001
07	Recent Small Cars	E83 X3 E82 E88 1 series E90/E92/E93	2004-current 2008-current 2006-current
08	Recent Big Cars	E60 5 Series E65 7 Series E53 X5 E63/E64 6 Series E70 X5 F01 7 Series E71 X6 F07 F10 5 Series	2003-2010 2002-2007 2004-2007 2005-current 2007-current 2008-current 2008-current 2009-current
09	Z Cars	Z3, Z4, Z8 roadsters and coupes	1995-current
10 Featured Car	E90/E92/E93 M3	E90/E92/93 M3	2007-current
11 display only	Mini		2002-current
12 display only	Racecars		All
13 display only	BMW Motorcycles		All













Great Concours Food Vendor The Bistro Box

Renton's famous street food vendor, The Bistro Box, will be joining us this year at the 31st Annual Concours d'Elegance providing an array of delicious lunch and snack options. Whether you're in the mood for something petite and light or a magnificent full course meal, Barb Pagarigan and The Bistro Box staff will be providing a variety of seasonally fresh options to choose from. Choosing from a variety of Kobe Beef or Chicken Sliders, one of the Daily Specials, or one of the many other delicacies that The Bistro Box is famous for. You'll agree that it fits right in with this magnificent day of pleasure.

You can also enjoy the The Bistro Box anytime Mon-Sat. Visit www.bistrobox.net for hours, locations, and a great menu.



Photos by Brad Bowen.



MOTOR SPORTS

WE ARE AT THE MIDPOINT of our chapter's track season, making this a good time to both reflect back and look forward. We've had two events at Pacific Raceway in 2011: April 28 and June 10. The two dates had much in common; all good. The Car Control Clinics (CCC) were both full with twenty plus enthusiastic participants new to our sport. The High Performance Driving Schools (HPDS) weren't quite full but close.

In both cases we had great weather for driving your Ultimate Driving Machine; not something to ever take for granted, especially this year. And in both cases we had no "incidents," which means everybody went home happy.

And in both cases we had our usual terrific instructor performance: professional, proficient and personable. The students were great, too: well behaved, attentive and wanting to learn. So we all had a great time, and got to drive really fast too!

We will (hopefully) repeat our past successes two more times in 2011. On August 12, Friday, you can come out and drive the same track the vintage cars were on just the month before. And on September 9 Friday, we will have our final outing for 2011.

The August 12 and September 9 dates, being a Friday, will probably fill up faster than the last event in April which was a Thursday. Registration, as ever, will be on www.MotorsportReg.com.

The fees are the same as the last two events; CCC (\$95) and the HPDS (\$195).

DO NOT FOREGET TO BRING YOUR ANNUAL TECH SHEET TO THE TRACK.

Judging by the enthusiasm of the CCC participants at the April and June events, we expect to see a lot of these folks step up to the HPDS. Some of the CCC participants were taking advantage of the opportunity to get as many rides with Instructors as they could after the completion of the CCC. I think there were some people who did half a dozen ride-a-longs. If you enjoyed the rides, you're sure to love driving yourself!

> Rick Gulstrom Track Events Coordinator rick@gmsarch.com



Other Events Open to CCA Drivers

August

Driving School & Car Control Clinic at PR

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Other Events open to CCA Drivers

July

- 2 PCA Skills Day at Bremerton
- 10 **BMW CCBC Car Control Clinic at Pitt Meadows**
- 13 PCA School at Pacific Raceways
- 18 **BMW CCBC School at Mission**
- 25 **BMW ACA School at Portland**
- 27 ALFA Evening Lapping at Pacific Raceways
- 29 **BSCC Lapping Day at Bremerton**

September

- **BSCC Lapping Day at Bremerton**
- **PCA School at Pacific Raceways** 3
- 11 BMW CCBC Skills Day at Pitt Meadows
- 15 **ALFA Lapping Day at Bremerton**
- 19 **BMW CCBC School at Mission**
- 27 PCA School at Pacific Raceways

October

- **BSCC Lapping Day at Bremerton**
- 15 PCA Skills Day at Bremerton
- 22 **ALFA Lapping Day at Bremerton**
- 23 BMW CCBC Skills Day at Pitt Meadows
- 30 PCA Skills Day at Bremerton

November

- 6 BMW CCBC Skills Day at Pitt Meadows
- 12 **ALFA Novice School at Bremerton**

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The PRO3 Line

The PRO3 Lifestyle

ICSCC IS FILLED WITH MANY DIFFERENT CLASSES TO RACE IN; something over forty classes are represented in various fashion. In some cases, a class of cars is pretty easy to identify, while in other cases, you can have two nearly identical-looking cars battling in separate classes. Needless to say, there is a place for everyone to race in Conference.

PRO3, on the other hand, sets to distinguish itself from the other classes by not just being another class in Conference. Rather, PRO3 is more of a lifestyle within Conference, than it is simply a classification of a race car. Sure, the calendar, licensed hats, t-shirts and crew wear, and the promotional events of PRO3 help to further identify us, but it's the people and the personalities of everyone involved in the class that really define our lifestyle.

You can pick your friends, but you can't pick your family, as the old adage goes...and in PRO3, we cannot pick our competitors either. Anyone is welcome in PRO3 to race, provided your car is built to the rules governing the class.



No one has yet to be turned away from, or discouraged from participating in PRO3 racing either. What we do ask, though, for anyone who is looking to compete in PRO3, is to please understand and recognize the differences: that PRO3 is more than a place to race, we are a community within the Conference

family. We contribute as a group to Conference and our supporting clubs; we attempt to improve each others' racing through a community effort, and look at ways to continue to improve PRO3 as a community. That is what defines the PRO3 lifestyle.



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As we grow and continue to spread the message, we recognize that often times it isn't possible to maintain the same community as we started with. It really just is not possible on a race weekend, for example, to paddock 30+ PRO3 cars and supporting crew in one area. Sadly, I can now go an entire weekend without speaking to some of our PRO3 brethren, and only due to lack of proximity!

Growth is a good thing, provided that everyone—new PRO3 racers as well as founding members—understand that one of the primary reasons PRO3 has grown the way it has was because of the community aspect, or more poignantly, the lifestyle associated with PRO3. The communal lunch line at Greg Miller's Mother Ship was a great way to mingle

and share car setups or ask for mechanical help and advice during a race weekend. It got to the point that it was difficult for Greg and Toni to feed sometimes more than forty people!

We cannot lose that community aspect. If we do, we risk losing what has made PRO3 so attractive: its people, its racing, its community. As an individual racer within PRO3, take it upon yourself to become more active in your racing community. Start within PRO3, and find something that you wish to contribute to the group as a whole, and run with it. Meet your PRO3 neighbor and consider sharing crew or meals at your combined paddock area. I guarantee that the effort to make friends in the paddock will pay off when on track; when you are racing your friends your track experience takes on a whole new level of enjoyment.

PRO3 Returns to NASCAR Country!

PRO3 will return as a single series support race at the 2011 BI-MART 125 held July 22–24 at Portland International Raceway. The Oregon and Puget Sound Region BMW Clubs will be sharing a hospitality tent in the PRO3 paddock area. The tent will also receive support from the BMW CCA National office.

2010 was PRO3's first visit to the BI-MART 125, and we did not disappoint, putting on a great show for all who were in attendance. In more than a few cases, we were informed by the fans that we put on a better show than the headlining race cars! With a record thirty-seven PRO3 cars having participated, you can start to get the picture of exactly how busy that track was for the two races. And this year, we expect over forty PRO3 cars to race. Also on the bill will be the NASCAR K&N Pro Series (West Division) featuring up and coming drivers hoping to move up the NASCAR ladder. There will also be a group of "vintage" NASCAR running, plus other on-track activities all weekend long.

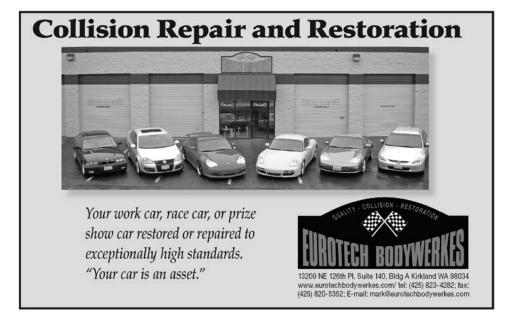
Will Andrew Newell, last year's race winner, make it two in a row? According to Andrew "We had a blast last year. The competition was very close and the racing very tight. We were happy to end up on the podium at the last race and are hoping to provide a similar performance this year."

The PRO3 format will see the group run a special thirty minute Qualifying Race on Saturday afternoon, the results of which will set the grid for the fortyfive minute Main Event run Sunday at 10 a.m. Make no mistake, the Qualifying race is a true race and in some cases may have been more exciting to watch than the final event!

Ticket and event information can be found at www.PortlandNASCAR.com and additional PRO3 information at www.PRO3-Racing.com.

In the meantime, keep the tires under you, and your eyes up!

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BMW 328 Hommage



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THE BMW 328 is considered the most successful and best-looking sports car of the 1930s. The BMW 328's success was the result of its design parameters —through the use of systematic lightweight construction, aerodynamic lines, optimum engine types and outstanding suspension technology, it laid the foundation stone for a new vehicle concept, by which performance only leads to success if combined with perfect harmonisation of all parameters and maximum

efficiency. With these characteristics, the BMW 328 was even then the embodiment of what the BMW brand still stands for today—dynamics, aesthetics and a high level of innovation.

This year, the dream sports car is celebrating its 75th birthday. The festivities will begin near Lake Como at the Mille Miglia. There, the main focus will be on the fascination of the BMW 328 racing car. To this day, the award-winning vehicle BMW 328 Touring Coupé still

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holds the record for the highest average speed on the Mille Miglia circuit and, in 2010, was again able to win the historic revival of the race. The BMW Group is paying tribute to the BMW 328 on the occasion of its anniversary with a special model—the BMW 328 Hommage. "With the BMW 328 Hommage, we wish to pay homage to the passion and inventiveness of the fathers of the BMW 328," explains Karl Bäumer, CEO of BMW Group Classic. "They created an icon, which is considered a milestone in the history of the automobile." The BMW 328 Hommage translates the principles and the character of the vehicle of that time into present times and offers a possible interpretation of how the designers of that time, Fritz Fiedler and Rudolf Schleicher, might have built the BMW 328 in the present day using current technology.

The BMW 328—lightweight construction as a principle.

The BMW 328 was also a special BMW insofar as the lightweight construction principle was systematically implemented on a BMW automobile for the very first time. Wherever possible, the lightest and at the same time most robust materials were used, thereby keeping the gross vehicle weight down to just 780 kilograms. In order to translate the idea of lightweight construction into this day and age, major parts of the exterior and interior of the BMW 328 Hommage are made of carbon fibre reinforced plastic (CFRP). Whilst in the old days they favoured the materials aluminium and magnesium, CFRP is now considered to offer the best ratio between weight and stability. The high-strength fibre fabric is lighter than aluminium, but also more stable. Wherever the material has been used on the BMW 328 Hommage, it is also visible. In this way, the BMW 328 Hommage not only reflects the lightweight construction principle functionally, but also visually.

Not only do the exterior and interior CFRP elements of the BMW 328 make an exceptional statement. The up-todate implementation of the original vehicle character is also expressed in the choice of other materials used on the inside and outside of the vehicle.

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Fine leather, matt and high-gloss black polished aluminium as well as the CFRP interior visualise in the BMW 328 Hommage the pure and functional roadster character of the sports car of that day. Inside the vehicle there are also numerous details derived from motor racing, offering a hint of the BMW 328's most successful motor sports career.

Dynamics and lightness in the interior.

Even 75 years ago, the BMW 328 stood for sportiness and agility through lightweight construction. The BMW 328 Hommage Car pays tribute to this past and shows how BMW lightweight construction will develop. Carbon is the material of the future." (Adrian van Hooydonk) In keeping with its role model, the BMW 328 Hommage has a streamlined design and is clearly recognisable as a sports car. Precise lines run across all of the car body's taut surfaces. As a result, a subtle contrast between the tense surfaces and the sharp edges is created within the flat, dynamic silhouette. The strong wedge shape accelerates the vehicle even when it is at a standstill, the scoops behind the seats take up the lines coming from the bonnet, guiding them dynamically into the rear end. The structure of the CFRP mats gives the vehicle an appearance of depth, the diagonal lines of the woven CFRP additionally underscoring the dynamic design vocabulary of the roadster. Thanks to concise weaving, the carbon structure is clearly visible, optically emphasising the lightweight construction principle. Like the first BMW 328, the BMW 328, Hommage has no doors. Then as now, deep recesses allow access to the inside of the car. The extremely wide and flat



front end is strongly three-dimensional, generous surfaces and concise lines give the front end a powerful appearance. Viewed from the front, the CFRP bonnet appears to encompass the vehicle from above. It embraces the vehicle, framing the slightly set back front end in a very distinctive downward sweep. Due to the almost vertical, low-reaching sidewalls, it simultaneously emphasises the BMW 328 Hommage's excellent stability on the road. As a result, the vehicle appears to be even flatter and more dynamic as a whole. Under the bonnet, further surfaces rise to embed the top and bottom of the distinctive kidney grille, whilst folding themselves around it to shape the adjacent air intakes. Openings and large air intakes create visual lightness at the front, simultaneously demonstrating the high air requirement of the powerful three-litre, six-cylinder engine. Three-dimensionally designed lattices inside the front vents form a connection between the headlamps and the kidney grille, with the

three-dimensional lattice structure acting as an accentuating feature.

Athletic rear end.

The rear end takes on the design vocabulary featured on the front of the vehicle. Similar to the front end, sections of the sidewall form the framework for the design elements that appear to protrude from the rear end. Between them, located far to the outside, are two clearly and concisely designed taillights sporting the characteristic BMW L shape. Two filigree luminous elements reflect a strongly curved interpretation of the typical BMW L shape, whilst a concisely constructed bar fitted to the outside of the lamp is directed vertically downward, separating the lamps towards the outside. The modern functional design of the taillights underlines the technical appeal of the vehicle.

The powerful sculpturing of the rear end also visually conveys the BMW 328 Hommage's lightness. Large vents and openings characterise the rear end,





giving it a light appearance. The distinctively horizontal section below the taillights forms a counterpoint to the intense sculpturing, emphasising the width of the vehicle. Below that, the rear of the car is strongly arched, a concise line partitions the surface, thereby providing an air of lightness. This large sculptural element adopts the form language of the front-end design surrounding the kidney grille. The wing-shaped element tapers both upward and downward, thus revealing two large latticed air outlets. The circular tailpipes are located inside these two openings. They protrude prominently out of the lattice and, combined with the distinctively designed wing shape of the lower air intake edges, underscore the power of the straight sixcylinder engine.

Details derived from motor racing.

The interior design of the BMW 328 Hommage comprises a number of details that are reminiscent of the successful motor racing history of the BMW 328. For example, the slightly asymmetrically designed windscreen has a recess in the middle, similar to the windscreen design of earlier racing cars. Simultaneously, it marks the areas in which the driver and co-driver sit. Moreover, four wide leather straps run across the bonnet, which appear to dive under the side shoulder surfaces to be continued on the side. This detail, which used to be considered an extremely sporty attribute, is also featured on the BMW 328 Hommage. Combined with the high-gloss aluminium safety buckles, the leather straps provide a touch of class in contrast to the very technical-looking carbon fibre. The modern quick-release

fasteners for securing the bonnet bring racing of the past into the present. On the driver's scoop a large silver "75" as well as a small logo below it signify the reason for the BMW 328 Hommage.

The large, prominently designed individual round headlights of the BMW 328 Hommage are reminiscent of the headlamps featured on the BMW 328, which were integrated into the wings for the first time. The three-dimensional interpretation of these round headlights is divided into four transparent, cylindrical elements, these being back-lit by LEDs. Between them, set-back black concave surfaces symbolise the typical tape cross used on headlights in motor racing. Around the four reflectors an illuminated ring emphasises the circular design of each individual headlamp.

The two-part light alloy wheels featured on the BMW 328 Hommage are a very special interpretation of the characteristic hole pattern of the original rims. The extremely concave high-gloss black aluminium rim boasts a contrasting silver-grey cover made of glass fibre. The insides of the angular milled holes have a high-gloss finish and are distinctively accentuated by a matt overlay. A black chrome butterfly nut bearing the BMW emblem completes the contemporary version of the wheel.

Clear and functional—the interior.

The interior of the BMW 328 Hommage visualises the functional passion the BMW 328 exuded already back then. Thus the design of the interior is also pure and functional today. The entire interior structure is made of CFRP, conveying the lightweight construction concept of the BMW 328 into the inside

of the car both visually and functionally. Through the use of CFRP inside the BMW 328, the "layering" design principle, with which shapes take on clear functions, adopts a completely new form of expression. Due to its exceptional characteristics, CFRP is in itself robust and can be shaped into self-supporting structures. Hence, only two large surface areas—so-called layers —define the interior of the BMW 328 Hommage. Both of them start at the bonnet and protrude into the interior. One of the layers extends towards the driver, reveals the entire driver's workplace comprising steering wheel, control elements and scoop, thereby separating the driver and co-driver areas from each other. This spatial separation is indicated by a further material: the elegant, brown leather interior extends from the entrance across the driver's area, over the seats to the scoop, thus becoming an integral part of the design vocabulary of the first layer. At the same time, the surrounding graphics comprising material and geometry create a link with the co-driver.

The second layer begins next to the scoop, making a sweep towards the co-driver, then to float freely in front of him. This gesture creates a sporty but light sense of spaciousness, opening out a functional area in front of the co-driver. Between the driver and co-driver a multitude of recesses in the instrument panel and centre console create an airy and harmonious spatial experience, bringing the driver and the co-driver slightly closer to each other again in a sweeping gesture. The lines of the woven carbon fibres complement the interior design vocabulary perfectly.

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