



**BMW CCA - Oregon Chapter**  
**Oregon and Southern Washington**

# Under the Hood

## Upcoming Meetings & Events

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[www.bmworegoncca.com](http://www.bmworegoncca.com)

- January 14–Holiday Dinner at Stockpot
- February 21–General Meeting @ Car Toys
- March 20–General Meeting @ Matrix Integrated
- April 17–General Meeting

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## Have You Registered for the 2nd Annual Anniversary Dinner on Saturday, January 14?

Please join your BMW friends for our annual anniversary banquet on Saturday, January 14 at the Stockpot Broiler in Beaverton where we celebrate the founding of our great chapter and socialize with your fellow BMW enthusiasts.

Your CCA Oregon Chapter was formed to serve the interests and passion of BMW enthusiasts all over Oregon and southwest Washington. Our second year was very successful, and we want to recall the fun times we had and show appreciation to all of the volunteers and officers who made the events happen. We also will look forward to another successful year of great events in 2012. You will have such a fun time at the banquet!

Our speaker this year is Keith Martin, a nationally known speaker and MC at many concours events around the country. Addi-

tionally, he is a automotive writer, commentator, and publisher. He founded the Sports Car Market Magazine twenty years ago, which is the leading authority for collectible cars. Keith is very entertaining and very knowledgeable, you will thoroughly enjoy his discussion. Complimentary copies of his magazine will be available to all members.

For more information about Keith, go to: [www.sportscarmarket.com/about/keith-martin](http://www.sportscarmarket.com/about/keith-martin)

Additionally, we will continue our tradition of a live auction and raffle with a portion of the proceeds from the auction benefiting Fish Emergency Services. All members are asked to bring an interesting item for the auction, either car-related or not. Last year, the highest bid was placed on a 1980's BMW hubcap, quite a prize! What would you like to donate for the raffle? Members

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## Let's take our club to the next level *by Brian Cone*

Hello BMW CCA Oregon Chapter Members, Your chapter is approaching the end of its second year, and a great one it was! Chapter officers and volunteers have dedicated their efforts to provide improved and more enjoyable events for you to attend. We had many fun and enjoyable social events, scenic tours, driver education events through Hooked on Driving, the Portland Art Museum Cars in the Park event, monthly meetings with inter-

esting speakers and locations, and our second annual signature event: BMW Northwest Motorfest, which was a huge success.

### Plans for 2012:

Plans are underway to provide you with another year of fun and enjoyable events for 2012. Look for the schedule of events in this newsletter and place them in your calendar. Enjoy the camaraderie of your fellow BMW enthusiasts

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## Anniversary Dinner (cont.)

and guests will receive a ticket for the raffle (additional tickets can be purchased) for items donated from our supporting businesses. This is a great opportunity to win something special to you.

We are again supporting Fish Emergency Services. They are in great need of non-perishable food items to distribute to people who depend on them for meals. Many people are still out of work due to the recession. Please help by bringing a can or box of food to our banquet.

A very high quality dinner awaits you at the banquet! The Stockpot Restaurant has cooked up a wonderful menu for us to choose from. Menu choices are:

1) Pan Roasted Breast of Chicken Served over Couscous with a Moroccan Chicken Ragout – Chef's Seasonal Vegetable;

2) Tuscan Beef Tenderloin Rubbed with Roasted Garlic and Onion - Fresh Herb Mashed Potatoes and Presented with a Veal Glacé - Chef's Seasonal Vegetable; or

3) Penne Pasta Primavera with Fire Roasted Vegetables and Fresh Spinach in a Roasted Garlic Cream Sauce with Parmesano Reggiano

Please choose your menu item and select it when registering for the banquet. The price is \$40 per person.

You can register on the website with electronic payment (PayPal or credit card) or choose offline registration via check. Register here:

<http://bmworegoncca.com/club-events/socials-fund-raisers/2nd-annual-anniversary-banquet/>

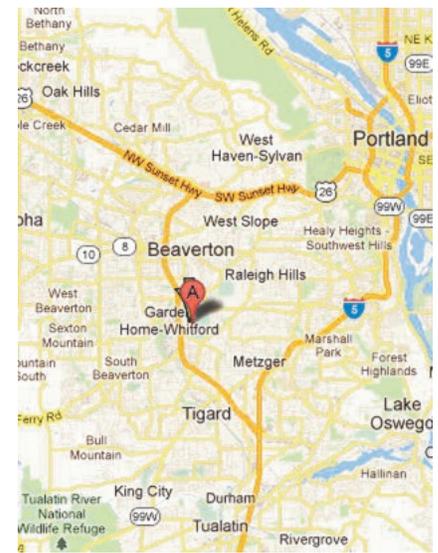
If you have any questions, please contact Ina Feldman at (503) 254-1100.

**Don't forget your auction and food donations!**

**Date:** Saturday, January 14 at 6:00pm

**Location:** Stockpot Broiler

**Address:** 8200 Southwest Scholls Ferry Road Beaverton



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## 2011—A Great Year for Our Club

It's tough to summarize all the activities our club had in 2011 in a few short paragraphs. Our second year as a club was full of so many great events, some weekends it was tough to choose which to participate in. From the Wine tour in April to the Drive and Lunch in August, we had many fun and scenic driving tours enjoying the beautiful area we live in.

Some of you participated in High Performance Driving Events through the Hooked on Driving organization. HOD has many events planned for the upcoming year so if you didn't take the opportunity to get your BMW on the track this last year, you'll have many more chances in 2012.

Some from our club had the opportunity to showcase their car in front of the Portland Art Museum during the Allure of the Car exhibit. With a 507, an M1 and an Isetta

parked outside, the cars on the street were nearly as interesting as the one's on exhibit. This event, by the way, was Portland Art Museum's most successful exhibit ever.

Our 2nd annual Northwest BMW Motorfest with accompanying Mt. St. Helens tour were great successes with over 60 vehicles participating in the event.

The Maryhill Loops Tour was very popular again in 2011 and was expertly lead by our Treasurer, Trayson Harmon. Sign up early if you want to participate this year.

If you didn't make time to participate in some of these club events in 2011, check the calendar in this issue and consider penciling in a drive or two and join in the fun. As ski film legend Warren Miller says, "If you don't do it this year, you'll be another year older when you do."

## BMW CCA Oregon Chapter

# Club Gear

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## Next Level (cont.)

and make new friends.

**Opportunities to help your chapter:** With about 700 paid members from all over the state of Oregon and southwest Washington, your chapter is dedicated to enhance the experience of owning your BMW. In order to provide memorable experiences to our members, your chapter needs volunteers and supporters. What can you do to help your fellow BMW owners? Your chapter has many opportunities for you. As a volunteer, I have had a great feeling of satisfaction helping our members to make new friends, enjoy memorable events, and to enhance their lives. You can experience this feeling as well. You may have a skill set based on your job that would fit in well with what your chapter needs. "Sure, I know how to do that". What opportunities are available to you?

**Activities Director:** Coordinate and assign tasks for social, touring,

and special events for the chapter.

**Regional Event Coordinators:** Oregon and southwest Washington have many scenic areas and special events that our members would enjoy. Share your knowledge of your region with your fellow BMW enthusiasts. Volunteer to host a regional event that highlights your area.

**Marketing Manager and Coordinators:** A large part of insuring that your chapter is successful is to recruit sponsors and supporters. Advertisements and promotions from BMW dealers, independent shops, parts suppliers, and related businesses will help to support enjoyable events and experiences for your fellow members. Would you like to receive a discount at your shop, dealer, or parts supplier? You can help by contacting businesses in your area using our chapter marketing materials.

**Membership Coordinators:** Help to promote your chapter! You can place our membership forms and

newsletters at your local shops, dealers, and businesses so that BMW owners can become aware of our programs. Many BMW owners do not know about how your chapter can enhance the enjoyment of owning their car.

**Special Interest Group Coordinator:** Organize and develop events and activities for owners for specific types of BMWs.

Feel the satisfaction of helping your fellow BMW enthusiasts and receive recognition as a volunteer in the BMW Car Club of America Oregon Chapter.

Come and join us, we will have a great year! To help your chapter, send an e-mail to:

[ClubPresident@bmworegoncca.com](mailto:ClubPresident@bmworegoncca.com).

Hope to see you at a BMW CCA Oregon Chapter event soon.

Brian Cone  
BMW CCA Oregon Chapter  
President

## A Tour with the BMWCCA by Gary Burke



At the 2010 MotorFest, Ralph Harding (BMWCCA-Oregon member from Lyons, OR), mentioned that he had participated in a tour in 2009 sponsored by the BMW Vintage & Classic Car Club of America.

That tour was an extended trip throughout the northern California-Lake Tahoe environs, comprised by several dozen vintage and classic BMW vehicles, from the USA and the Continent.

Wow, did that sound like a fun event! Ralph then informed me that another such tour was being orga-

nized for 2011 - only this tour was to be in British Columbia and Alberta. He directed me to the BMWVCCA web site and I immediately contacted the Club President, Goetz Pfaffin, about joining the Tour.

Goetz was thrilled to have yet another Northwest BMW club member take part, so I "entered" the event - subject to my 1973 3.0 CS being considered "vintage" or "classic" (it qualified), and subject to making it on the participant list ahead of others (the tour was limited in the number of cars).



Long story short, I made the "cut" and began readying my coupe (and bank account!) for this trip - adding fog lights, replacing belts and hoses, replacing wheel bearings and seals/guibo/clutch master cylinder/tranny

and diff fluids (thanks, Boyd Motor Werks), adding more front speakers to the stereo system, installing an oil catch bottle, new coil, LED rear lights, etc.

One sure can get caught up on projects when one has a deadline! So, with two weeks to spare - I wanted to "shake down" the coupe thoroughly before taking it out on a 3000+-mile marathon - my wife and I readied ourselves for the trip. Happy to report that I (nor any other Tour participant, for that matter) had no significant mechanical issues at all.



We set out a day early for the tour (Friday), wanting to see relatives in Olympia on the way to Vancouver, BC. Ralph had preceded us by a day, wanting additional time in Vancouver. We all met up with the "herd" on Saturday, July 9, and commenced the Tour (see following narrative by a much more capable participant than I). Jane and I are Team 36; Ralph is on Team 37 (the Chamonix 1973 3.0 CSi).

My wife and I (and Ralph, to be sure)



cannot overstate just how enjoyable, fun, beautiful, educational, etc., this Tour was. We laughed a life time in two short weeks, saw some awesome country, spent serious "coupe time" on some of the best conditioned roads we've ever encountered, met some really great folks from all over the USA and abroad, and ate more fabulous food than we should have (gained about 5 pounds each). Last but not least, got "up close and personal" with many BMWs (and derivatives) that we'd not had the chance to previously.

There are truly "chances of a lifetime" and this was one of ours.

Gary & Jane Burke

Enjoy some additional pictures and the BMWCCA article by scanning the QR code at right or directing your browser to:



<http://bwworegoncca.com/gallery>



## 2012 Calendar of Events

Following is our club's planned list of events for the upcoming year.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Event Type</i>
Jan 14	2nd Annual Anniversary Dinner	Social
April 21	ADEC Museum Tour	1 day tour
May 5	Evergreen Museum Tour	1 day tour
May 19	The Unknown West Hills Tour	1 day tour
June 9	Manzanita Taco Run	1 day tour
June 15-17	Rose Cup Races	3 day Car Corral
June 23	Eastern Washington Tour	3 day tour
July 6-8	Portland Historic Races	3 day Car Corral
July 28-29	Maryhill Loops Tour	1 or 2 day tour
August 25	NW Motorfest	1 day event
Sept 15	Mt. St. Helens Tour	1 day tour
Sept 29	Wine Tour	1 day tour
October 6	Leavenworth Oktoberfest Tour	2 1/2 day tour
October 20	Covered Bridges Tour	1 day tour

Here are some other CCA chapter's & partner organization's events you may be interested in:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Event Type</i>
April 26	Hooked on Driving—High Performance Driving Event (HPDE)	Track event @ PIR
May 7	Hooked on Driving—HPDE	Track event @ ORP
May 29	Hooked on Driving—HPDE	Track event @ PIR
June 11	Hooked on Driving—HPDE	Track event @ ORP
June 24	Puget Sound E30 Picnic, Tacoma, WA	1 day event
July 29	Puget Sound Concours-Renton, WA	1 day event
August 6	Hooked on Driving—HPDE	Track event @ ORP
August 19	Puget Sound M Car Day - Tacoma, WA	1 day event
August 20	Hooked on Driving—HPDE	Track event @ ORP
Sept 14-16	Oregon Festival of Cars—Bend, OR	3 day event
Sept 25	Hooked on Driving—HPDE	Track event @ PIR
October 22	Hooked on Driving—HPDE	Track event @ ORP

PIR—Portland International Raceway; ORP—Oregon Raceway Park

# Who's Driving that Bimmer? *By Bruce Feller*

As I drive through and around Portland and I notice all these great looking Bimmers I wonder ...do they know about our club? Then I think to myself, we need that one in our corral at the Historic races at PIR, or the driving tour to Manzanita or St. Helens, or the hill climb at Maryhill on that private snaking road that Trayson leads us through for a day of unimaginable twisties without oncoming traffic.

Or perhaps just one evening during the week at one of the many social dinners Ina Feldman organizes. Ina, our Social Director has planned some pretty magnificent evenings. It is so much fun to see members and spouses at these dinners enjoying fun conversation with new friends then going outside and seeing all these BMW's driving off into the darkness.

I have driven a BMW since 1978 when I purchased my new 320iS with Recaro seats; sport steering wheel, and a limited slip rear end. I thought I died and gone to heaven. This was supposed to be the replacement for the legendary BMW 2002. This car cost me \$12,000 new and I bought it from Roth BMW on NE Union Ave now known as MLK Blvd. They are no longer in business but BMW has

plowed through many redesigns of their body style, mechanics and handling features that would make my old 320i feel like a truck. I now drive a classic 1995 M3. The last of the OBD1 models before the pollution laws required all vehicles to add more plumbing to the intake and exhaust of our performance engines. I love the body style of this car. Each time I walk up to it from a distance I admire the beauty of the design.

I have loved driving cars ever since I was old enough to legally drive. I joined a car club in 1998 because I wanted a reason to drive more and learn more about my car. I found track days at PIR, driving Tours through the great northwest, meetings where a bunch of car enthusiasts talked about nothing important, just car talk and fun things to do. I became involved in the club and found many activities to partake in that got me out of the house and away from work. It was meaningless fun. Did I say meaningless fun? Is that an oxymoron? I think so. Fun is not meaningless; it is a part of living. We all need to make more time for fun. It is not a big commitment to go to a Monthly BMW general meeting and listen to car talk, or a five hour or day long drive through the beautiful northwest.

It seems as we get older there are fewer opportunities to meet new friends. When my daughter was growing up we found many new friends through her; at her school or daycare or religious school. I knew there was a good reason for having kids. But now we seem to be busy or lazy or too picky in our social opportunities. But car talk, car drives, car friends? This is more fun than daycare friends by a long shot.

My New Year's wish is to see at least two new faces at each event. Why, because you are a member of a fun loving automobile club and we would like to see you enjoy the benefits of your dues.

Happy cruising; and if you see me on the road, wave. It might not be me but it will most likely be another driver who enjoys the fun of driving a BMW.

Bruce Feller  
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## New Members

If you became a new member of the BMW Oregon CCA in 2011, and you attend any of our listed events in 2012 between January and May, you will receive a complimentary BMW Oregon CCA hat or T-shirt.

To receive your gift, introduce yourself to any Board Member at the event and we will arrange for you to receive your gift.

Our first event in 2012 is the Annual Party on January 14<sup>th</sup> followed by our General Meeting at Car Toys on February 21. Check the online Calendar at [www.bmworegoncca.com](http://www.bmworegoncca.com) for all the events listed.

## February General Mtg—CarToys

Join us on Tuesday, February 21 for a presentation on products which specialize on the integration between your iPhone/iPod and your specific automobile.

One of the products is The Media-Bridge. An entertainment and information connectivity device providing connectivity for Bluetooth hands-free and wireless audio streaming, USB digital connection for iPod™ and iPhone™ direct connection for USB Flash based mass storage devices and the aftermarket SIRIUS™ Satellite Radio tuner and portable radios, and input for auxiliary audio devices. MediaBridge is Made for iPod (MFi) and Works with iPhone

(WWi) compliant allowing a full featured iPod/iPhone experience over USB connectivity.

Car Toys will also cover additional products which integrate other phones to your existing stereo system.

Arrive around 6:30. We will begin at 7 PM with a short meeting. There will be giveaways and prizes. Hope to see you at:

Car Toys  
10305 SE 82nd Ave  
Clackamas, OR  
(503) 788-5777



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## Are We Connecting?

Nearly 20% of our members do not have an email address on file. If that's true for you, you are missing out on important information from both the Oregon Chapter as well the National BMWCCA club. The Oregon Chapter sends out email messages on upcoming events and activities and National sends out a weekly email with late-breaking news, national events such as Octoberfest and the Monterey Festorics in their weekly Roundel digiStrasse email and a digital copy of the Roundel publication. Rest assured, we don't share or sell your contact information.

So don't be left out, update your profile with your email address so you get a chance to learn about all the activities your club has lined up for you. Just log in to [www.bmwcca.org](http://www.bmwcca.org) and select My Profile to add your email address. You can also easily renew, add associate members, or visit the club store for some unique gifts for yourself or your favorite BMW fan.

## Volunteers Needed!

Want to help make the BMW CCA Oregon Chapter better? We have several open positions which need to be filled to move our club to the next level. Current positions include:

- Events Director
- Member-at-Large
- Regional Event Coordinators in southern and eastern Oregon
- Marketing Director and assistants
- Special Interest Group coordinator
- Event Photographers

Our club is still young; help shape the future of our club and make it better for all. Contact a current board member or send an email to [communications@bmworegoncca.com](mailto:communications@bmworegoncca.com) to find out how you can contribute!



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