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## President's Message

Bruce Feller, President



**COVER PHOTO:** Congratulations to the Best-In-Show winner of the 2014 Northwest BMW Motorfest! Eric Petersen's 2014 Austin Yellow BMW M4.

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My two year term as President of the BMW CCA Oregon Chapter will end in December. That means this is my last President's Message.

It's been a great two years. I look back and I am very happy I volunteered to take a run for President. One does not do this for fame and fortune; as a matter of fact, you're lucky if you get through it and still have your fellow board members hang out with you in the end.

I want our club  
to continue to  
grow and  
support the  
members'  
interests.

This is *your* club.

I volunteered for, and was elected to, this position because I love the club and what it stands for: BMWs, driving, car-related events, talking with like-minded people, and being around cool cars. It is fun just to be at these events, but helping to plan and develop an event is even more gratifying. My mission, when I began as President, was to help make this club a full-time, all-year round fun club, so people would want to be part of it. I wanted to have as much variation in appeal as possible. We have members that go from full-on track day fun to members who just like to drive to a great restaurant, talk cars, and meet a few more people.

I think we have done just that... but we are not finished. The next administration will take this concept even further. The Board of Directors will continue to support your interests and bring more events of all types to the club's activity calendar.

I look back and I see the successes our club has achieved, and I am proud to have been part of it. The growth we experienced both in the number of members and actual participation from our members has been incredible. This is what I am so proud of.

These were accomplished by a group of people, both regular members and board members, who share in the enjoyment and development of the club. Here are some of the things we as a club have organized in the past two years and the names of those who helped make it happen:

**Vintage SIG** – Our Special Interest Group consisting of the Vintage BMWs. Thanks so much to **Bill Upton** for creating, organizing, and chairing this important segment of our chapter, and organizing countless events and dinners to bring us all together, both vintage and modern BMW owners.

**Motorfest** – A festival of BMWs. This is our annual festival to show your BMW along with as many as we can gather in one place for a BMW car show. Thanks to **Anh Le Santayana** for leading and organizing these events for the past three years.

**Historic Race Corral at PIR** – A time to show the world, or at least Portland, that our marque, BMW, is an important part of the celebration and history of the automobile motor-sports. Thanks to the Committee for helping organize this event. It is one of my favorites.

**Go Kart Racing** – Thanks to **David Hows** for organizing our first indoor Go Kart league. This was a great way to drive through the dark winter months. Coming again soon for the 2014/2015 season!

**Driving Tours** – We look for some really fun roads to leave the work week behind and just drive our Ultimate Driving Machines in this beautiful part of the country we live in. Thanks to the folks who created the routes and organized the drives: **Rick Aronstein, Brian Cone, Tom Freedman, Drew Lagravinese, Cory Piazzese, Bill Upton**, and all the secondary group leaders and sweepers.

**Maryhill Loops** – A private road in the Columbia Gorge that we rent for a weekend every year, and is a kick in the pants to drive! Thanks **Trayson Harmon** for creating this event and organizing it every year.

**The Anniversary Party** – Hey, why not celebrate another year of the club's success. Let's have a party!

And don't forget the many times we have gathered together for dinners or drives to museums

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## Recap: Musicar Northwest

Trayson Harmon, Treasurer

The May 20<sup>th</sup> General Meeting was hosted at Musicar Northwest. Ken Ward led us in a discussion about car audio and detailed some of the different upgrade paths available to enthusiasts. Options that were talked about included tuning factory systems, adding auxiliary inputs, all the way to replacing head units, speakers, and amplifiers.



Also on hand was the regional sales representative for Escort Incorporated. We were able to hear about the latest trends in radar



and laser detection and protection. We were even able to get some insight into the timeless debate of Valentine versus Escort.

After hearing about everything audio and radar/laser, we moved into the shop where members were able to see some amazing installs on cars that I'll likely never be able to afford in my lifetime. The Escort representative also brought a LIDAR gun with him and let club members try out what it feels like to be on the other side of the laser gun. It was a great meeting and provided a lot of insight into areas that many of our members are quite interested in.

Thanks to Ken and the crew at Musicar Northwest for hosting our club and thanks to Escort for coming out.

Left: A sinfully sweet Ferrari gets an audio system upgrade from Musicar Northwest Center: Trayson tags a speeding police car (not shown) for a change

## Recap: M Car Day at Griot's Garage

Brian Cone, Events Coordinator

Early in the morning on Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, ten cars from the Oregon Chapter drove through the cold fog up to Tacoma. Why? We were headed to the best event of the year for BMW M car owners: M Car Day at Griot's Garage!

This is a huge event with over 200 cars and hundreds of people in attendance. Griot's Garage was packed with a record number of cars. We were lucky to find parking spaces based on our chassis type, as the lots were almost full.



Once parked, we had a great time talking with fellow M car owners about the maintenance, upgrades, and features of our cars. This was an excellent opportunity to make important connections and gather valuable information.

You tend to meet many interesting characters at events like these, and this one had plenty. A young woman from Finland had a spectacular Boston Orange M4 on display, and an M5 owner, whose new car was more than extensively modified, was also hanging out.

Left: The M4's Austin Yellow does begin to grow on you Center: Gotta have a Batmobile at M Car Day Right: Looks like the author has a particular

Griot's Garage is a very cool place to visit, with their detail shop, incredible showroom, Richard's museum, and a Porsche 356 sticking out of the ground by the front door! With our CCA discount, it was a great time to stock up on supplies to keep our cars shiny and cool. A car detailing demo showed us how to take exceptionally good care of our cars. Raffle prizes were awarded, and lunch was available on site.

Next year, watch for the announcement about this great event. We will forward the Puget Sound Chapter's information to our own members with plenty of time to place it on your calendar. Looking forward to seeing you at next year's event!



# Election Campaign Statements

Please check your email for information regarding online voting for the candidates.

Polls close on December 20, 2014.

For questions, please email [electioncommittee@bmworegoncca.com](mailto:electioncommittee@bmworegoncca.com)

<b>Candidate Name</b>	<b>Dan Hones</b>
<b>Position</b>	<b>President</b>

*Guten Tag.* My name is Dan Hones and I would like to be considered for the position of President of the Oregon Chapter of the BMWCCA.

I fell in love with the BMW brand in 1984 when I bought a Delphin Grey E30 318i, and have owned BMWs ever since. From my current track scorching 135i to a massive 2001 740i to an E46 M3 with SMG to an oil guzzling 1969 BMW 2002, and pretty much everything in between, I have been completely hooked on Bavaria's best road going creations.

I joined the BMWCCA 15 year ago when I realized I wanted to be part of a larger group of like-minded enthusiasts. I really didn't know anyone else in the club, and in fact it wasn't until 2005 when I met my first fellow national club member, Brian Cone, in a parking lot of a bamboo nursery. I thought it was pretty cool that a couple of random strangers

could talk about their cars with such passion. And it was from that parking lot meeting that I began my Oregon BMW adventure. From track days with a variety of clubs to driving tours through the wine country with others, I realized that being around a group of BMW enthusiasts could be a whole lot of fun.

For the past year I have had the opportunity to partner with founding chapter President Brian and current chapter President Bruce Feller, as well as the fabulous Board of Directors and volunteers of our chapter, to help bring events and leadership to the club as a Member-At-Large on the board. As a participant in the monthly Board of Directors meetings, I understand the dynamic of how to lead and inspire a group of volunteers dedicated to bringing the best experience possible to the membership. And the best experience of chapter benefits is what I intend to bring to the membership.

In sixth grade I ran for student body President of my elementary school. My platform was built on putting root beer in the drinking fountains. I won. We stayed with water in the drinking fountain, but it was creative thinking that won the position. And creative thinking will make the club stronger. I'd like to lead that thought process.

We have over 800 members in the chapter. I know about 50. Maybe 62. I'd like to get to know everyone. Why are you a member? What do you want from the club? What can you bring to the club? We need ideas, volunteers, places to go, women's events, family events, serious road trips to far away regions. Root beer in the drinking fountain. Whatever. I'd like the chance to make it happen. Let's work together to bring the *Freude am Fahren* to all in the Oregon chapter of the BMWCCA.

<b>Candidate Name</b>	<b>Buck Bailey</b>
<b>Position</b>	<b>Vice President</b>

I have truly enjoyed being a member of the Oregon Chapter CCA, and count you all as friends. The events have all been outstanding, and I love that the chapter is so active. I enjoy the variety of events, and the opportunity to meet people and make new friends who share a passion for BMWs and car culture.

If elected, I would serve as Vice President of the Board in order to assist in planning events and other club activities. Also, it

would be an opportunity for me to give back to the organization which has made me feel so welcome since moving to Oregon.

Our past boards have done a tremendous job, and I hope to contribute in the same way. 2015 promises to be an exciting year for the club, as we continue with our favorite events like the Motorfest and Historics, and add new events for our growing membership.

<b>Candidate Name</b>	<b>Trayson Harmon</b>
<b>Position</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>

I have served as Treasurer of the BMW Oregon CCA since its inception. During my term, I have brought us from keeping track of our Club's expenditures on simple spreadsheets to an online version of Quickbooks, and finally to Quickbooks Pro where we not only maintain an annual budget, but also keep track of revenue/expenditures by major categories. I have been a CPA for over 15 years and hold a Master's degree from WSU.

<b>Candidate Name</b>	<b>Nancy Piazzese</b>
<b>Position</b>	<b>Secretary</b>

Throughout my career in administrative positions, I have an extensive background in planning, organizing, and overseeing office functions and special events. As a member of Executive Women International, a non-profit organization, I performed the duties of Secretary, among other board and officer positions spanning nearly 20 years.

During my leisure time over the past 30+ years, I have developed my skills as a knitter. It is a pleasure to work with fine yarns on challenging designs. I even take

on commissions for blankets, hats, scarves, sweaters and socks, among other things.

I am enthusiastic about the club and its potential for growth. The driving tours through the beautiful Oregon countryside are a real highlight, especially in our 2006 Z4 M Coupe (Interlagos Blue). I have made many friends through my membership in the club, and have enjoyed working with them on the annual dinner and Motorfest. It is now time for me to give back in a greater capacity by serving as your Secretary.

My BMW is a 1998 M3 Cabriolet. I also enjoy my Audi, Jeep, motorcycle, and wakeboard boat as "motorized hobbies." I pioneered and run the ever popular Maryhill Loops event.

You might not find me at every club event, but know that I'm busy behind the scenes managing the finances and contributing to the club leadership.

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## Fire In The Barn

Buck Bailey, Member-at-Large

I can spot *hennarot* a mile away. It's BMW's awesome fiery red-orange paint color that fueled my passion for the marque when I was a teen in "The Eighties". Not sure what *hennarot* looks like? Picture the most red-orange sunset you've ever seen. Picture a blazing bonfire. A perfect Pacific sunset. I can spot it hurtling down the interstate. I can spot it in a packed mall parking lot. I can spot it out of my peripheral vision, though my eyesight ain't what it used to be. My love for this transfixing color hasn't waned.

In the eighties, my folks took our family to England for the trip of a lifetime. My Dad was stationed in England in World War II, a lower ball turret gunner in a B-17 Flying Fortress. His crew bombed Germany (possibly Munich!), crash landed, and were detained by Russians... but that's a whole other story. He wanted to see beautiful England again. And Scotland, and Ireland, and Wales.

We toured all over the British Isles. London, Edinburgh, the Lake Country, then to York, a gothic village whose citizens walk an ancient stone wall like a pedestrian bypass through the city. Trying not to break my skinny ankles on the cobblestone street I was crossing, I was looking at my feet

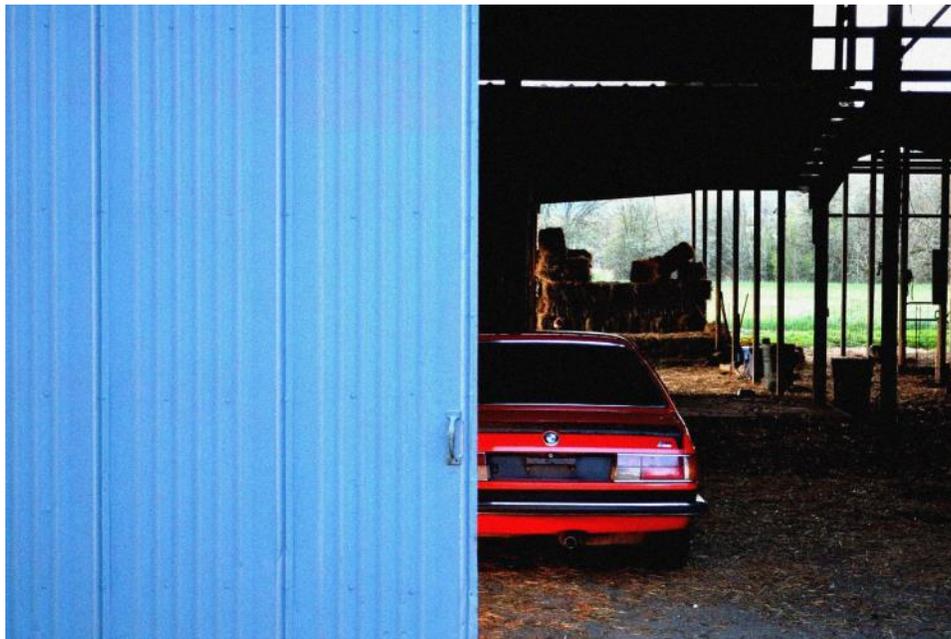
instead of the fast-approaching BMW M635. The driver was a cool cat, just swerved around me and jetted down the street and around a stone wall, the late summer leaves whirling away behind a blazing streak of *hennarot*.

And there I was, an awkward American seventeen year-old standing stunned and speechless in some random street in England. Forget Buckingham Palace, forget Kelly LeBrock, that car was the most beautiful thing I'd ever seen. Like sunset over the ocean, that svelte *hennarot* M635 burned its image into my mind forever. I saw several other M635s on that trip, driven by sleek gentlemen in their cashmere sweaters and hounds tooth caps. A beautiful metallic blue one parked next to the River Tay in Scotland, posed as if in a BMW

advertisement. A silver one in Cambridge. But no other color ignited a burning desire like my *hennarot* love from York.

So I came home, finished school, grew up, got married, had kids, and did the whole American-in-Suburbia thing. Yes, yes, a minivan too, God forbid. Everything was all about the new, the now, and what's next. The memories of that trip, that car, and the eighties fading a little bit more with each passing year. Until they were almost gone.

About two years ago on a whim (or maybe my car angel told me to) I brought up Craigslist online to see what BMWs were for sale. It's an occasional diversion, and I've been known to buy a Bimmer instead of something more practical. Like clothing... or food. I usually use



Craigslist. I searched for BMW M3s, M5s, M Roadsters, M Coupes, 3.0 CSs. Nothing interesting available. Then I had a flashback and entered "BMW M6" in the search box.

*"1985 BMW M6 Euro M635 - \$7900"*  
Interesting. I opened the ad.

*"Holy \*&%# is that hennarot?"* I yelled out loud, spilling some coffee as I surged toward the screen.

*"Mon Dieu!!! I think it is! And it's Euro!"*  
The pictures were so dark and out of focus I couldn't quite tell. I lunged for my phone and spilled my coffee again.

*"Hello...is it hennarot?"*

*"Is what henna-who? Are you calling about the car?"*

*"Damn straight, I... I mean Yes Sir, I am calling about the car... ."*

And so I forced myself to breath again and try to have a normal, very casual sounding conversation with the owner. What I really wanted to do was to hang up, run out of the house in my pajamas, and drive like a maniac to go see this car. Normally I don't care what color a used car is, only about the condition, maintenance, equipment, mileage, etc. I go in depth with the owner about the details.

Not this time. I hardly heard what he was saying about those things. *"...blah blah transmission metal blah blah bad shocks blah blah steering vibration blah blah rough interior blah blah accident blah blah blah..."* In one ear and out the other. I had been transported back to York, England, to that glorious September day in the eighties that will always be a part of me.

After the world's quickest shower and change of clothes, I was on my way to see

it. I thought myself crazy. Dashing off after an old car, which the owner told me was a "work in progress," just for the color. Who does that? This was not a rational thing to do. It was emotional. And I jumped headlong into it.

I rocketed out of town, fences and cows blurred past in a peripheral time-warp tunnel. After what seemed like forever, I hurtled around the last few curves and pulled into an old farm place. Huge, aging, blue metal-sided barns loomed out of the misty fog. And then I spotted it, a bit of orange-red trunk and a slender euro bumper peeking from behind half-opened blue metal doors. And the unmistakable E24 taillights. I felt a welling up inside, a surge of excitement that I'd not felt in

## Recap: Maryhill Loops Rally 2014

Trayson Harmon, Treasurer

It's hard to imagine we could take an event that prior attendees describe as "automotive enthusiast perfection" and improve on it... but we did! This year's Maryhill Loops Rally was the best to date, and I'm confident our members knew it was going to be. This year we sold out both Saturday and Sunday, and even had a quarter of the participants join or renew their memberships specifically for this event.

This year we had a great variety of cars at the event. All three generations of US produced M3 cabriolets made an appearance. We had M cars from an E30 M3 all the way up to a new F82 M4.

A collection of ZHPs made an appearance. We even had non-BMW cars from a Mini Cooper S to a Nissan GTR (the owner assured me that he will be at the event next year in a BMW!).

Regardless of the make or model of car they drove, all the participants shared the common love and desire to experience the pull of g-forces as the cars carved up the hill and the engines sang to us all.



We were able to improve on the event by having volunteers prepare the road the night before, so as to shorten the lead time it would take next morning to do what we all wanted to do: DRIVE. In addition to the catered lunch of sandwiches on Saturday, we hosted a taco bar lunch for our lucky Sunday participants. It's always hot out, and driving our cars up those 25 curves certainly works up an appetite!



This is truly a unique event that has no equal anywhere else in the country. If you've been a part of the event, you know exactly what I mean. If you haven't, then watch for the 2015 Maryhill Loops Rally and make it a point to attend.

Upper Left: Three consecutive generations of M3 convertibles

Left: An E46 follows an E90 downhill

Above: The M3 that started it all – the E30

Photos on this page by Les Oltmann

### Fire In The Barn (cont. from p. 4)

a very long time. I knew instantly the car was mine.

I impatiently shook the man's hand and surged past him into the barn. Turkeys gobbled, goats bleated, a barn cat rubbed against my leg. As it came into full view, I stopped in my tracks. He began the verbal description again, "rescued from being parted out blah blah rebuilt M88 euro engine blah blah dual-row timing chains blah blah Miller MAF blah blah upgraded valve springs blah...blah...blah."

He didn't have to tell me it was hennarot, it most certainly was. I ogled the svelte smoking-hot body like a boy scout at a swimsuit competition. I tried not to drool. Maybe I did a little. I admired the owner for lovingly saving this car for me. He cautioned that it was only in the beginning stages of resuscitation. I didn't care. I bought it.

Fast forward to today and I'm in the throes of a long rebuild. I've done all new suspension, engine refresh, fuel, wheels, and tires. It's still in body work, getting the full Frankenstein rebuild from two parts cars. It still needs interior work, cluster rebuild, electrical, blah blah blah blah. I don't care. I've waited nearly

thirty years, I can wait a little longer. Some things aren't about money. Or a time schedule.

Even a twenty-eight year-old BMW in need of restoration drives better than newer, lesser-loved cars. It runs like a thoroughbred, burning up the straights and soaking up the twisties with amazing agility. The engine whines and growls. The exhaust is throaty and guttural. The suspension, firm yet compliant and buttery. The interior smells of leather and palm sweat. And I'm seventeen again, behind the wheel of my very own M635 in blazing, glorious hennarot.

## Recap: Waterwerks Spring Edition

Trayson Harmon, Treasurer

Waterwerks is a car show that expanded to include its first year in Vancouver, Washington on May 4<sup>th</sup>. In some respects Waterwerks is similar to other car shows in that it judges cars based on body, paint, interior, engine, trunk, wheels/tires, and safety. However, it seems to draw a different class of cars that you might see at a typical "concoors" type event that our CCA would normally attend.

This show had VW, Audi, and BMW enthusiasts that were pushing the customization envelope with their cars. We saw cars on airbags, engine swaps, amazing wheels, and even crazy harlequin paint jobs. But the one thing we all had in common is our love for German cars and our respect for the hard work and creativity that went into the cars at the show.



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## Recap: Freeman Motor Corporation

*Drew Lagravinese, Secretary*

On July 15, 2014, the Oregon Chapter of the BMW CCA met at Freeman Motor for our general meeting.

The first order of business was to take a look at their new service facility at 4841 Macadam Avenue in Portland, located just down the street from their showroom. There, we were met by Service Manager Jeff Parker and his staff of service technicians. They explained the services available to the general public, including fuel injection system cleaning, oil changes, and just about anything else your BMW could need.



While at the facility, we were given a demonstration by Justice Brothers representative Mike Scorcio, who showed us several different products such as an oil additive and a fuel injection system cleaning product. The demonstrations were fairly dramatic and I was later told that several CCA members had signed up at Freeman Motor to have these services performed on their BMWs. As a sign of support to the Club, Freeman Motor will give any club member a 20% discount on Justice Brothers services. I can tell you that I had the fuel injection service done on a 2009 328xi Touring (with 80,000 miles) and it made a dramatic difference in the acceleration of the car. (Justice Brothers products are available for purchase at the Freeman Motor service center.)



After the service center visit, we drove over to the showroom located at 7524 Macadam, where they had laid out a dinner spread that was second to none (the best one we have seen in a long time!). While we feasted on sandwiches, fruit, and cookies, we were able to wander the showroom and look at all of the pre-owned European cars on display. Included were BMWs, Mercedes Benzes, Minis, and even a Tesla.

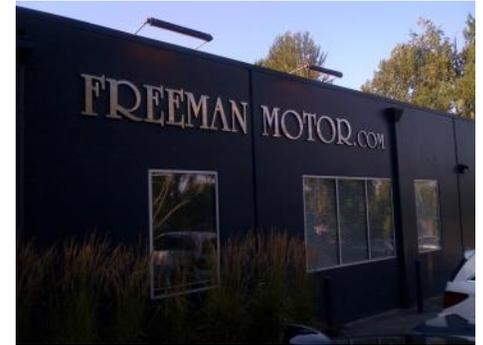
It is not just about selling cars, but how it is about family and community.

Eric Freeman

After dinner, owner Eric Freeman talked to us about what the company was, what it stood for, and how they conducted business. He described the process they use to research the cars they buy at auction and offer for sale, and the inspection of each car's history. When cars are received from the auction in San Francisco, they are inspected and detailed (the vehicle is sent out for professional detailing, including exterior wash, polish, buff and wax, interior vacuum, shampoo, glass and vinyl cleaning, and air freshening) and then placed on the showroom floor. Freeman Motor sell about 80 cars a month and if they do not have exactly what you are looking for, they will go out into the market place and try to find that special car for you. They also offer financing.

Lastly, Eric talked about the soul of the company, and how it is not just about selling cars, but how it is about family and community. Freeman Motor donates money to school foundations, and also gives food donations to various local charitable organizations. If you are interested in helping, further information is available in the last Under the Hood newsletter in the Social Awareness column, or on the Freeman Motor website ([www.freemanmotor.com](http://www.freemanmotor.com)).

On a personal note, the Lagravinese family bought one of the cars on display that night, the aforementioned 2009 328xi Touring. We could not have been more pleased with how the transaction was handled and the personal attention exhibited by the salesman, Jason, and of course by Eric himself.



The Oregon Chapter of the BMW CCA would like to thank all of the staff at Freeman Motor for making the July general meeting special. Special thanks to Penelope Fain for organizing the night and feeding us so well, and to Eric Freeman who runs such a classy organization. We hope that this is just the start of a long fruitful and relationship between our two organizations.



By the way, as another way of showing his support for the Club, Eric and Jeff have offered us 10% off parts and labor on any service (unless you have a coupon and then you are getting the service at a discount anyway!). Thanks guys... much appreciated!

## Recap: Oregon Festival Of Cars

Brian Cone, Events Coordinator

This year's Oregon Festival of Cars was a huge success! Held in Bend, Oregon during the weekend of September 13th, the event had interesting and spectacular rare cars, a huge crowd of spectators, and tons of fun for the participants.

The event started Friday morning at the new Ron Tonkin Gran Turismo dealership in Wilsonville. This facility opened August 1st and is home of new Ferrari and Maserati automobiles. They were very hospitable and gave us a chance to look for the cars of our dreams. Our group of 25 cars departed on a wonderful and scenic tour down the Clackamas River Hwy.

car was parked in front of the stage. The interviews gave everyone a better appreciation of the history and beauty of the cars. Some of the cars on display included:

- 1966 Ferrari 330 GTS (Ron Tonkin's first Ferrari)
- 2003 Enzo Ferrari
- 1966 BMW 2002 Alpina
- six DeTomaso Panteras
- 1965 AC Cobra
- 2004 Ford GT
- 2004 Shelby Daytona Coupe
- 1966 Ferrari 275GTB/Competition (which won LeMans in 1966)



The Saturday night banquet featured a special tribute to Ron Tonkin presented by his son, Brad. Many special stories were told about Ron. We really appreciated honoring Ron and his contribution to the history of automobiles in Oregon. He is a true legend.

On Sunday morning, we enjoyed a tour on the back roads around Bend. It was an excellent opportunity to drive along with some of the spectacular cars displayed in the Saturday show. The 1965 AC Cobra and Ford GT sounded great!

Mark your calendar for next year's event: September 11th to 13th. Bring your car and become an insider and participant. You will have a really great time!



Our drive thru farmland, forests, and above the Clackamas River was enjoyed by all.

The highlight of the event was the Saturday car show on the driving range at Broken Top Club, a spectacular setting for our special cars. Vendor booths, food tents, and live music by the Dan Balmer Band provided a great ambiance to our setting. Three times as many spectators attended this year's event compared to last year. To keep the event lively, the Masters of Ceremonies were Paul Duchene and Jeff Zurschmeide. They interviewed owners of special cars on display while each



## Recap: DIY Your BMW

Bruce Feller, President

Saturday, October 25, 2014 will go down in history as the first BMW CCA Oregon Chapter DIY, or Do-It-Yourself Day. Okay, not as big a deal as landing on the moon, but a remarkably good time for the Chapter members who participated.

Munich Motors owner Joseph Gilmore was the host for our first "DIY your BMW." When driving into his turn-of-the-century building (that's the 20th century, mind you) you are immediately aware of the history this building has had for almost a hundred years of auto repair.



DIY your BMW is a new event this year, and we hope to see enough interest from our members to do it again. For a charge of \$25, you will get time on an automobile lift to work on your car while having the supervision and guidance of a professional mechanic to walk you through the tasks needed. Lunch is provided by the club.

We planned for a maximum of twelve cars with a limit of 90 minutes per car on the lift, or "rack." We ended up with six cars in attendance, which fortunately gave all of us extra time when needed.

I was the first that needed more time, as the delivery of the part I had ordered was delayed by about two hours. The good news was that Munich Motors has enough lifts to accommodate a total of 3 DIYs simultaneously while still tending to the regular customers they had that morning.

My project was to replace the guibo on my 1995 E36 M3. "What the heck is a guibo?" you might ask, as I myself did. Here is the defini-

tion as listed on Pelican Parts website:

*Guibo is also known as the Flex Disc. Between the transmission output shaft and the driveshaft, there is a flexible coupler that joins the two together. This rubber, reinforced coupler (guibo) isolates vibration from the rest of the drivetrain, while transferring power from the engine and transmission to the rear differential and wheels.*

Joseph set me up and told me what I needed to do. Jeff Drilling was next to me, working on his 2004 330Ci to change its automatic transmission fluid.

Unlike a standard transmission, this one takes a lot longer to do and had much more detail to the work. This resulted in yet another car exceeding the 90 minute time limit.

Buck Bailey was next up to change the brake pads on his 2005 645Ci. This became a

group project as we all had something to say about what to do next. Lots of fun, and this one may have stayed within the 90 minute limit. Of course we only did the front brakes so a full brake job would have run us longer. After all, we are amateurs.

When Buck's car came down, Dave Kaechele's 2003 325iC went up on the rack to change fluids in the transmission, clutch, and differential. Dave clearly knew what he was doing as he was on and off in less than 60 minutes.

When Jeff was done, Alex Casey grabbed the lift to do an Inspection 1 and 2 on his 2004 330Ci ZHP... and an inspection is what he got! Joseph took a good amount of time going through his car top to bottom and pointed to a few things for Alex to set his sights on and fix in the future.

Last but not least was Trayson Harmon with his awesome looking 1998 E36 M3 Cabriolet. Trayson's list was long, but I think his focus was on changing the fuel pressure regulator to a Dinan version. All seemed to go well until he started it back up and fuel came squirting

out. It turned out to be a missing clip that was suspiciously absent when he purchased the unit from a friend. Quick thinking Joseph retrofitted the old clip, and Trayson was back in business.

Having Joseph there was like being back in high school shop class and having your teacher at hand to watch you and come to your rescue when needed, which was often the case for most of us. We also had his other mechanic, Chris, who assisted in many projects.

David Hows and Janette Teevan were busy snapping photos to capture and document the day.

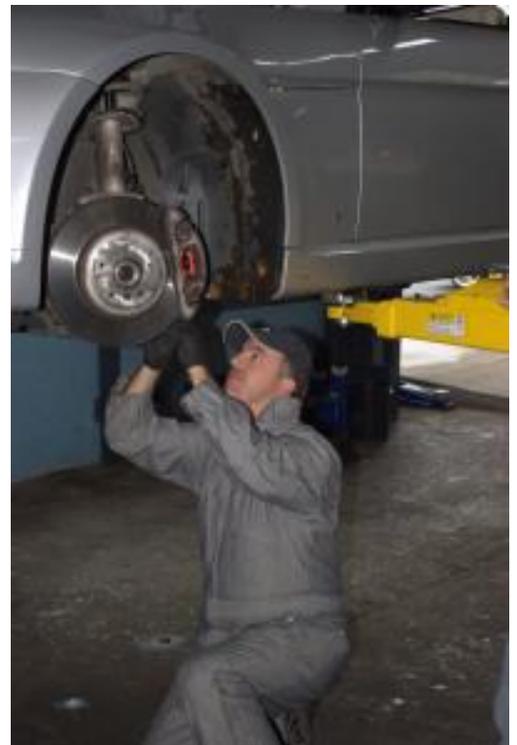
This was a great day, with serious fun. When can we do it again? How many can we handle when 90 minutes seems to just fly by?

Email me if you are interested in our next "DIY your BMW."

Left: Three hydraulic lifts set aside for the Club made it possible to work on members' cars while still accommodating Munich Motors' regular customers.

Below: Buck Bailey works on his 645's front brakes.

Photos courtesy of David Hows and Janette Teevan



# Recap: Fifth Annual NW BMW Motorfest

Anh Santayana, Vice-President

On Saturday, August 23, 2014, the parking lot of the Golden Valley Brewery in Beaverton became the site of our Fifth Annual Motorfest. The sunny weather was fitting as we celebrated our featured car this year: Convertibles.

BMW Enthusiasts from all over Oregon and Washington flooded the lot to participate in our popular and ever-growing event. Over 100 BMWs of all models and colors covered the parking lot. We even attracted non-BMW owners who drove by to stop and look at all the beautiful cars.

Ghosts Like Us entertained everyone as people walked around, voted on their favorite cars, and purchased additional tickets for the much anticipated raffle drawings. Many people purchased food from Golden Valley Brewery and grabbed a seat under the covered eating area we provided.

Thank you to all of you who brought cans not only for great cause, but also to earn additional raffle tickets. The Chapter donated the cans and an additional \$300 to the Oregon Food Bank.

The Motorfest Committee wishes to thank all of our wonderful volunteers and generous sponsors. A special thanks to the staff at Golden Valley Brewery.

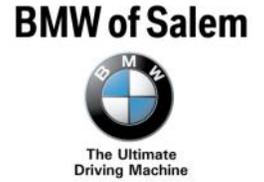
Let's fill the parking lot next year at the next Motorfest in August 2015!



Photo by David Hows

## Our award winners:

- Best in Show: Sean McCarthy 1971 Silver BMW 2002
- Best Featured: Greg Rohr 1989 Zinnoberrrot BMW 325ic
- Best Vintage: Sean McCarthy 1971 Silver BMW 2002
- Best Classic: Eric Adams 1989 Zinnoberrrot BMW E30 M3
- Best Modern: Eric Peterson 2014 Austin Yellow Metallic BMW M4 (pictured above)



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## Election Campaign Statements (cont. from p. 3)

Candidate Name	Alex Casey
Position	Communications Director

My name is Alex Casey and I've been a member of the BMW CCA for just over two years now – this last year serving as a Member at Large. I'm relatively new to the scene, having only owned one BMW in my lifetime, my 2004 330Ci ZHP.

Communications Director for the Club. I've thoroughly enjoyed working with the other Board members these last twelve months and getting to meet many of you at our past events. I couldn't think of a better time than now to become even more involved with the community.

I have a strong background in web development and social media, having studied Information Systems, Multimedia, and Communications at Oregon State University. I feel I'd be a great fit to fill the position of

I am looking forward to meeting more of you and would love to hear your suggestions on how we can further improve our online presence.

## Gran Turismo November 18

Brian Cone, Events Coordinator

A most fantastic location is ready for our November monthly meeting: Ron Tonkin Gran Turismo! The new Ferrari and Maserati dealership located in Wilsonville opened on August 1st. The former Grand Prix Motors building has been totally transformed and expanded to meet the newest standards of Ferrari. A beautiful location to see some of the most beautiful cars in the world.

In 1966, Ron Tonkin opened the first Ferrari dealership in the United States. His vision was ground-breaking and bold: to introduce to America the highest performance cars available. His legacy lives on in the new location with a rotating display of cars from his private collection. Currently, his 2003 Enzo Ferrari is on display. Steve Wintermantel will give us a tour of the new facility, showing us

how buyers of new Ferraris can select options that will personalize their new car. Steering wheels, seats, interior trim, and wheels are on display to help buyers decide when designing their Ferrari. A selection of pre-owned cars are on display as well. Bring your checkbook!

The dealership will graciously provide food and a room for us to start our meeting. The Ron Tonkin Gran Turismo Ferrari and Maserati dealership is located at:

25300 SW Parkway Avenue, Wilsonville OR 97070. Take Exit 286 on I-5, go east to the next stop light, and turn left on Parkway Avenue.

You don't want to miss this awesome opportunity! Bring your spouses and friends. You will have stories to tell about our BMW chapter meeting.



### President's Message (cont. from p. 1)

(car museums, of course).

Every month your board finds a place to hold a get-together we call the General Meeting. We always look for interesting places to gather. They are mostly car-related events like mechanic's shops, detail shops, car dealerships, or even builders of specialty cars to drive on the race track, like we just did this September. The Board plans all year and keeps planning to bring BMW fun to you each

month.

Our club is part of a national organization sanctioned by BMW North America and BMW AG (Germany). We are one of 57 BMW chapters in the USA. There are National and Regional meetings that board members are required to attend. There are national bylaws we are obliged to follow. We are not just a local club; we are a part of something really big. The BMW CCA is the largest single-marque car club in America.

I want our club to continue to grow and support the members' interests. This is *your* club. We thrive on hearing and seeing you at the events we plan. Don't be shy, come on by! Be part of the fun and the development of one of the best car clubs in the land. Volunteer to join our Board of Directors. We need our members' support and engagement to continue to be your car club.

Thanks and please vote at every election. Please see the election schedule listed in this newsletter. Thank you.

### Classified Ad Section

See page 12 for guidelines and sending address

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Upgrades include heavy duty sway bars, H&R springs, Bilstein shocks, K&N intake, and rear spoiler.

Clean title, Carfax report available. Please contact by phone. **503-201-5294** Member's computer is not working.



## Welcome New and Returning Members!

Cory Piazzese, Membership Chair

(as of 8/31/2014)

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Christina Foster	Bob Pressprich
Eric Hormel	Lawrence J. Remmers
Zak Huerta	Mark Sciarretta
Daniel Jasper	Eric Simko
Kurt Kaster	Rob Wahl
Lee Milligan	Nada Wheelock
Brady Moreira	Leela Kamalesh Yadlapalli
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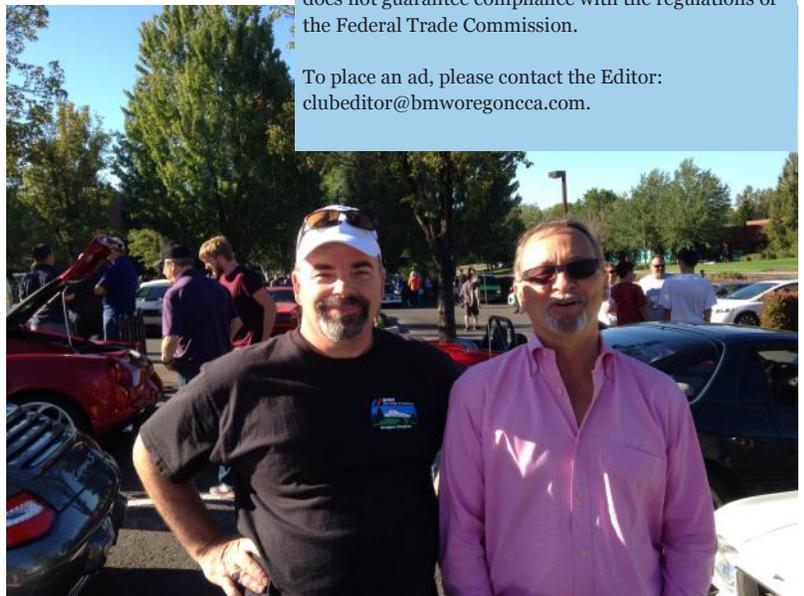
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To place an ad, please contact the Editor: [clubeditor@bmworegoncca.com](mailto:clubeditor@bmworegoncca.com).

Club Secretary Drew Lagravinese takes a photo opportunity with Roundel Editor-In-Chief Satch Carlson one fine Saturday morning at Cars & Coffee, Sequoia Parkway in



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## Club Calendar November 2014 and beyond

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
Nov 13	Kart Racing Series, Race # 1	Dec 11	Kart Racing Series, Race # 2
Nov 18	November General Meeting at Ron Tonkin Gran Turismo	Dec 20	Election Day* - online voting must be completed by 11:59 PM
Dec 6	Vintage SIG End of Year Get Together	Feb 2015	Stay tuned for the Anniversary Banquet!

\* - Please check your email for information regarding online voting for the candidates.

Polls close on December 20, 2014.

For questions, please email [electioncommittee@bmworegoncca.com](mailto:electioncommittee@bmworegoncca.com)



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