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painted by artist Frank Stella
one of eighteen M1 art cars

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President’s Message

2018 promises to be as epic as '17, and even better! We will continue to update you via our website, social media, monthly emails, and quick event reminder emails. Here are some highlights...

Sidedraught City will host us for an exciting new car-car product demo from Griot's. Neil will give us some great tips and offers a full range of Griot's products to help you get ready for Spring.

Our **Winter Celebration** will not only be a fun get-together, but a rare chance to meet Master Collector Peter Gleeson, and hear him speak. He's a fascinating self-made man, and owner of one of the finest BMW collections in the world. This will indeed be a special evening.

Our new **Evergreen Tour** will be a west valley tour through the rolling hills of Oregon's famous Wine Country. Arriving at the world famous Evergreen Aviation Museum we'll peruse the rare collection of vintage and modern aircraft, including Howard Hughes' Spruce Goose.

Dyno Day will offer limited-availability spots for members to get their cars on a dyno to measure performance and discuss tuning modifications.

Our new **Desert Tour** will be our first ever overnight trip! We'll head out to eastern and central Oregon through the rambling hills and valleys of the high desert. We'll enjoy a spirited run through curvy hills and long-range scenic landscapes.

Similar to the Desert Tour, the new **Grant's Pass Tour** will be a southern Oregon tour featuring beautiful scenery and technical twisties through the wild and scenic Rogue River Valley.

Also new in 2018, the **Cloudcap Tour** will be a spectacular drive through the hills around the Mt. Hood area, with the Cloudcap Recreation Area as our destination.

Our Classic Group coordinators will continue to bring you our recent favorites like the **Garage Tours** and **Classic Cars & Coffee**. Of course we'll enjoy our perennial favorites like the **Wine Country Tour, Maryhill Loops, and Motorfest**.

We hope you will take a few minutes to review the Calendar, and begin thinking about which events you would like to attend. Save the dates! We often hear "I wish I had remembered to come to that!" after hearing how great a time we had.

Best Wishes for a Happy New Year from your Board of Directors!



Buck Bailey, President

Verify event location, start time, and other details at www.bmworegoncca.com

BMW CCA Oregon Chapter 2018 Event Calendar			
Month	Type	Event	Date
January	Mtg	Board Meeting	1/8
	Series	Kart Series/Race 3	1/16
	Show	Portland Auto Show	1/24
February	Event	Griot's / Sidedraught City	2/10
	Mtg	Board Meeting	2/13
	Series	Kart Series/Race 4	2/21
	Event	Winter Celebration	2/24
March	Mtg	Board Meeting	3/12
	Series	Kart Series/Race 5	3/20
	Drive	Evergreen Tour	3/24
	Shop Tour	Dyno Day	TBD
April	Mtg	Board Meeting	4/9
	Series	Kart Series/Race 6	4/17
	Event	Classic Group CC&C	4/21
	Event	New Member meetup	4/25
May	Drive	Coast Tour	5/5
	Drive	Wine Tour	5/12
	Mtg	Board Meeting	5/14
	Event	Garage Tour 1	5/19
June	Drive	Desert Tour	6/2-6/3
	Event	Classic Group CC&C	6/9
	Mtg	Board Meeting	6/11
	Event	Beaches Car Show	6/13
	Drive	Grant's Pass Tour	6/14-6/15
	Drive	Cloudcap Tour	6/23
July	Event	E30 Picnic	6/24
	Mtg	Board Meeting	7/9
	Corral	Rose Cup Races	7/13-7/15
	Event	Ser West	7/14
	Event	Forest Grove Concours	7/15
	Drive	Mt. St. Helen's Tour	7/21
August	Corral	Vintage Racing Festival	TBD
	Event	German Palooza	8/4-8/5
	Drive	Maryhill Loops	8/11-8/12
	Mtg	Board Meeting	8/13
September	Event	Pebble Beach Concours	8/20
	Drive	MotorFest Tour	9/8
	Event	MotorFest	9/8
	Mtg	Board Meeting	9/10
October	Event	M Car Day	9/15
	Event	Oregon Festival of Cars	9/21-9/23
	Mtg	Board Meeting	10/8
	Event	Women's Tech Day	10/13
November	Drive	Fall Colors Tour	10/20
	Event	Classic Group CC&C	10/27
	Mtg	2019 Planning Meeting	11/10
	Series	Kart series Race 1	11/20
December	Drive	Randall's Toy Drive	12/15
	Series	Kart series Race 2	TBD ³



Upcoming Club Events

February 10

Sidedraught City

Join us on Saturday February 17 at Sidedraught City for a new Griot's Garage car-care product demonstration and shop tour. Griot's has an extensive lineup of amazingly good car-care products, everything you'll need this winter to prep your bimmer for spring.

Neil D'Autrement, owner of Sidedraught City and car-care expert, will demonstrate an exciting new Griot's product at 11am. Arrive around 10am and you'll have plenty of time before the demonstration to peruse the shelves of quality Griot's Garage car care products. Neil also has a primo selection of racing and performance accessories to satisfy your go-fast track needs.

Following the demonstration, we will head over to a local BBQ joint for a no-host lunch. The drive over is not an official tour, so registration is for the demo only. Sidedraught City is located at 9125 SE 64th Ave #1, Portland, OR 97206. Phone (503) 548-6334. Feel free to bring your car and get some tips from Neil!



March 24

Evergreen Tour

Our new Evergreen Tour will be a west valley tour through the rolling hills of Oregon's famous Wine Country. Arriving at the world famous Evergreen Aviation Museum we'll peruse the rare collection of vintage and modern aircraft, including Howard Hughes' Spruce Goose.

Your Garage: auto engineering lab
car design studio
welcome retreat

[we can design the house too]



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Dyno Day

Dyno Day will offer limited-availability spots for members to get their cars on a dyno to measure performance and discuss tuning modifications.



February 24

Winter Celebration

We are very excited to announce the 2018 Winter Celebration Party! This is an excellent opportunity for you to socialize with fellow BMW enthusiasts, celebrate the accomplishments our chapter has achieved during the last year, and learn about the many events your chapter has planned for the year.

Location information:

The party is scheduled for February 24th at 6:00 PM, returning to **Portland Brewing Company**, where we held our NW BMW Motorfest event for 3 years. With a great location, a selection of delectable food choices, excellent beer brewed on-site, and plenty of room for our members to enjoy the evening. The Fireside Room will hold 46 people; if more choose to attend, we can take over the entire Taproom and accommodate up to 75 people. Plus this year, your chapter will lower the cost of the dinner to \$20 per person thru a generous subsidy!

Guest Speaker:

Your chapter is very fortunate and privileged to have **Peter Gleeson** as guest speaker! As you remember from the August Roundel cover article, Peter has the most comprehensive collection of important and historical BMW cars and artifacts in the country. His collection includes important race cars and the only BMW art car not owned by the BMW factory: a M1 Procar painted by Frank Stella. He is also considered one of the most knowledgeable BMW historians in the country as well. In 2016, Peter was named Master Collector of the Year by LeMay – America's Car Museum. A selection of his cars were on display into 2017. He is the newest BMW CCA Foundation Trustee as well. Peter has a remarkable story to tell about how he overcame poverty in South London to become an owner of several mining companies around the world, and how he developed the passion to accumulate his collection of significant and historic cars. This opportunity you don't want to miss! Check out this website for more info and pictures: <http://egarage.com/current-interests/gleeson-collection/>

A fun evening for all is coming up! Watch for registration information from your chapter soon. I anticipate that this event will sell out, so register as soon as you can. If you have any questions, send a message to briancone3@gmail.com. See you in February!

I’ve decided that sometimes it is all about the car. And sometimes it is all about the drive.

Recently I took a road trip with the company car, about 1,000 miles from Kingston, WA to Spokane, WA to Cottonwood, ID and finally to Portland. Long, boring trip, broken up by several stops at insureds along the way. Mostly on freeways or long, straight state highways. I got home on Friday afternoon and for some reason, I was restless. Did some stuff on Saturday and woke up Sunday morning realizing that I was restless for a drive. Not any drive, but a drive in the convertible. The sun was shining and it was fairly cool out, so I packed up some water, the iPod with driving tunes, and was ready to go. Wife asked “Where are you going?” “Don’t know” I answered, and off I went, just me and Francesca (with her top down).

The road from our apartment in Wilsonville to our son’s apartment in Hillsboro is a nice driving road if you go the back way. Top down, tunes up loud and the Steptronic transmission getting a workout through the curves and hills, I started heading down a road I had taken many times before. Veered off to some side roads I had been on before with the club tours and generally meandered around the edges of wine country, mostly at a spirited pace. And then, around a corner I came, somewhere in Gaston, and I saw this:

Now those of you who know me know that I don’t stop when I am driving unless I absolutely have to (gas, potty break or wife asking that we stop for something!). I saw the sign and drove another 50 feet and stopped in the middle of the road, turned around and looked again. I was so struck by the simplicity of the sign and the flower arrangements that I just had to buy the flowers (\$5.00!). But now the dilemma, how do I get them home? The jar they were in did not fit in the cup holders and I did not have a passenger, and at the spirited pace I was driving, the water and flowers would be all over the place by the time I hit the next curve if I put the flowers on the floor.

I pondered and looked around the car for a solution and finally I decided to put the jar between the back of the driver’s seat and the mesh thing attached to the back of the seat. A sung fit, but it seemed to do the trick. The only problem, no more spirited driving, unless I wanted water all over the inside of my car.



So, I proceeded on my drive at a more leisurely pace, mostly at or below the speed limit. At this pace, I was not so much focused on “driving” as I was on “the drive”. I saw things along the road that I probably would have missed if I was still on my spirited drive. There was what looked like a great blue heron in a field, horses standing in the field eating their breakfast, people sitting on their front porch drinking their coffee and enjoying the cool morning air and wonderful old houses with architecture nobody seems to employ anymore.

I got home with the flowers in one piece and gave them to my wife, who asked “Why?”. I told her the story and said that I thought the flowers would make her happy. They did and I was rewarded with a hug and a kiss.

So what did I learn that day? Sometimes it is about the car. The feel of the road under the tires, the sound of the engine as you go up and down through the gears, the feel of the steering wheel under your hands as you go through a curve just right, the wind in your hair and the music up loud. And sometimes it is about the drive. Slowing down to see where we live and who lives here, what people are doing and what people do. Seeing the sign on the side of the road that say “make someone happy” and literally stopping to smell the flowers and making someone happy. Sometimes it is both about the car and the drive. And that is what makes it so much fun.



At the North American International Auto Show in Detroit we will see the newest member of the X family: the first-ever BMW X2, and the updated 2019 BMW i8 Coupe plug-in hybrid sports car. It's been almost a year since BMW took the wraps off the BMW X2 Concept at last year's Detroit auto show. That concept gave us a preview of some of the styling elements of the production X2, but a year later, there's nothing like the real thing. On January 15, 2018, BMW will hold a press conference in the Cobo Center in Detroit to unveil the all-new X2 Sports Activity Coupe, the svelter sibling of the BMW X1 Sports Activity Vehicle.

Powered by a leading-edge 228 horsepower two-liter, four-cylinder engine with BMW TwinPower Turbo technology and an eight-speed automatic transmission, this entry-level crossover will move from zero to 60 miles per hour in 6.3 seconds. Expect the X2 to be in dealer showrooms in the spring. Pricing will be announced as we get closer to market launch. Earlier this month, the current BMW i8 Coupe was upstaged by the brand-new BMW i8 Roadster at the Los Angeles Auto Show, and rightfully so. After all, the i8 Coupe has been out for three and a half years now. The i8 Roadster is being built with a total of 369 horsepower from its electric and gasoline engines, and with the Lifecycle Impulse, the 2019 BMW i8 Coupe will get the same power bump.

With the i8 Roadster now a reality, BMW can play up the fact that the Coupe is a 2+2, although the "+2" had better be small people or medium-sized luggage. The i8 Coupe gets more power and also more electric range with the lithium-ion battery cells' power increased from 20 to 34 Ah and a gross energy capacity of 11.6 kilowatt hours, up from 71. The official power figures for the 2019 i8 Coupe—and the 2019 i8 Roadster, for that matter—are 369 horsepower and 184 pound-feet of torque. The i8 Coupe's zero-to-60 time will be 4.2 seconds, about two-tenths of a second quicker than the slightly heavier i8 Roadster. Speaking of the i8 Roadster, it will be in Detroit, too, along with a contingent of electrified BMWs. In addition to the two i8s, BMW will have the i3, i3s, and the BMW X7 iPerformance Concept. While the 2019 BMW i8 Coupe will be having its world debut in Detroit, we expect the i8 Roadster will be getting most of the attention. It will be hard not to stare at a car with unique i8 styling, the i8 butterfly doors, and a retractable soft top.

The BMW i3s is a new, sportier, and more powerful i3. The original i3 electric vehicle has been the best-selling premium compact battery-electric vehicle in the world since it arrived in 2014. The new BMW i3s has more horsepower at 184 and more torque at 199 pound-feet than the basic i3 and can hit speeds up to 100 miles per hour. We don't know what the range would be at triple digits but under normal driving, it's more than 124 miles. The concept that previews the upcoming BMW X7 Sports Activity Vehicle is a plug-in hybrid. BMW is making a statement with the BMW X7 iPerformance Concept to emphasize that while it will continue to build big sports activity vehicles, they can also be at least a little green. When the production version arrives later this year, it will be roomy, luxurious, connected, and in the case of the iPerformance variant, electrified.

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