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Annual Banquet

Please join us for the Inland Empire BMW club annual banquet to be held on January 26, 2008 at 6:30 PM. Location is Luigi's Italian Restaurant in downtown Spokane at 245 West Main. Please contact Nancy Adare by phone at (509) 230-0934 or email at nanadare@comcast.net by January 24, 2008 to confirm you be attending. So we may get an accurate count. Cost is \$25.00 per person.



BMW CAR CLUB OF AMERICA,
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Club Drives 2008 Summer Drives

Mark your calendars for May 31 and September 13, two Saturdays to set aside for fun with Inland Empire BMW club sponsored drives.

Together we will explore our own back yards on great but little used back roads of the Inland Empire.

River Dance drive—May 31, 2008
Palouse Fall Run—September 13, 2008

Stay tuned for details. As always I invite member input for destination and any ideas to continue the success of club drives. Chris Brown

You may contact Chris at AddAxx4@aol.com or (509) 326-3365 for more details as the dates approach.



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General Information

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Monthly Member Meeting

2nd Tuesday of the month, 6:30 pm. at Perkins Restaurant, 5903 N Division, Spokane, WA. Across from the Franklin Park Mall. Members are encouraged to attend. A short business meeting will also be conducted. Occasionally a meeting may be skipped or location changed. Please contact a board member before each meeting.

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Calendar of Events

Annual Banquet

January 26, 2008, 6:30 PM, Luigi's, 245 W. Main, Spokane, WA. , \$25/person, RSVP Nancy Adare (509) 230-0934. by January 24.

High Performance Driving Schools

April 5-6, 2008
June 21-22, 2008
October 4-5, 2008
Spokane Raceway Park
Scott Adare
(509) 466-6731
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Club Drives

May 31, 2008 – River Dance
Sept 13, 2008 – Palouse Fall Run

Autosports Northwest Autocross

<http://www.autosportsnorthwest.org>

President's Corner

Happy Holidays everyone!

As we close out another year, I want to extend my thanks to our fellow club members who have contributed their time and hard work making our BMW activities successful. I also want to thank the members from other area clubs, Autosports Northwest, Northwest Motorsports, Puget Sound BMW CCA, the local Porsche club and the local Mini club, who have supported our activities with their time and participation. Without the dedication provided by these volunteers, we would be unable to provide the scope and quality of activities offered each year. Also, a very special thanks to my fellow board members, for their extra effort throughout the past year.



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Mini SAV—The New X1?

MINI SPORTS ACTIVITY VEHICLE WILL BE BUILT BY
MAGNA STEYR 12/05/2007

Partnership in Development and Production

The new MINI Sports Activity Vehicle (SAV) will be built by Magna Steyr Fahrzeugtechnik in Graz, Austria. The vehicle concept, devised by MINI Design and BMW Group engineers, has been entrusted to Magna Steyr Fahrzeugtechnik for series development and for later production.

The cooperation with Magna Steyr is an efficient way for BMW Group to ensure the planned profitable growth through new model launches set out in the company's strategic alignment.

By outsourcing production of the MINI SAV, BMW Group is able to increase flexibility within its own production network. This allows the lead plant for MINI production in Oxford to fully direct its midterm capacity of 260,000 units towards meeting demand for the three core models MINI, MINI Convertible and MINI Clubman. It is this outsourcing of MINI SAV production that makes the extension of the MINI family possible. Frank-Peter Arndt, Head of Production and Member of the Board of Management of BMW AG, explains the advantages: "By using Magna Steyr for production, we are able to give our own Production Network some breathing space to respond fully to market needs. This solution will also allow us to bring the MINI SAV to the market as quickly as possible."

Magna Steyr is an experienced partner of BMW Group, having already produced the highly successful BMW X3. Speaking about the new contract, Siegfried Wolf, co-CEO of Magna International, sees this as a "huge recognition of the work that Magna Steyr has achieved so far through its partnership with BMW Group. Above all, I'm delighted for our employees, as this will allow us to set another milestone in our long-running and successful cooperation with BMW Group. As we have done before, we will work on this vehicle program with our fullest commitment to ensure that we meet BMW Group's high expectations."

As with all partnerships, BMW Group itself will be steering all aspects concerning the brand and the concept of the MINI SAV project. Thus, the majority of the drive train development will be realized by BMW. In addition, BMW Group will design the supply contracts with the suppliers whilst Magna will be responsible for call-offs during series production. The MINI designers will ensure that the vehicle will be a true MINI.

Further details about the product and production will be communicated prior to the vehicle's market launch.



Classified Ads

Preserve BMW CCA History

The Club Archive is looking for Oktoberfest or chapter event trophies, shirts, pins, posters, wineglasses, dash plaques, grill badges, programs or anything else. Anything from the club's past for the Archive/Museum. Do you have extra items you would consider donating? Contact Michael at (864) 250-0022 or mmitchell@roundel.org.

Businesses may place an ad in Auspuffanlage for a minimal charge. Club members may advertise free of charge.

- business card sized ad \$10.00 per issue, \$50.00 per year
- 1/4 page ad \$25.00 per issue, \$100.00 per year
- 1/2 page ad \$50.00 per issue, \$200.00 per year
- full page ad \$75.00 per issue, \$300.00 per year

Yearly ads must be paid in advance. Contact the newsletter editor to place an advertisement.



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Our annual banquet will be held on January 26, 2008. I hope to see many of you there. Be sure and let Nancy Adare know by the RSVP date if you plan to attend the banquet. The food and fellowship make for a very enjoyable evening.

We are always looking for ideas for club events. If you have an idea and are willing to coordinate the event, please contact myself, another board member, or come to a board meeting. Chris Brown is already working on a Spring and Fall drive. The driving school dates are set for April, June, and October. We hope to have a Pizza Party during the summer and have plenty of room for other activities.

Have a merry and joyous holiday season. I encourage you to extend a random act of kindness to someone. It makes both of you feel good!

Ken Groves
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Inland Empire Chapter BMW CCA

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My BMW

We want to continue our section where we feature one of our members and their BMW. We have a questionnaire to fill out asking numerous questions about your car. We will need a complete bio on the car, pictures, where you got it, how long you've had it, why is it special to you, favorite place to drive it, where you would like to drive it, things of that nature.

It will be fun and interesting to learn about some of the cars that are right here under our noses. I know there are some unique specimens near by.

So, if you would like to share your BMW with us, contact Larry Simmons at (208) 265-7888 or email me at: editor@iebmw.org.

