



**Special points of interest:**

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# Annual Banquet

The annual club banquet will be held at Clinkerdagger's at the Flour Mill in Spokane on February 20, 2010 at 7:00 PM. We will be celebrating the New Year and the coming driving season. There will be great member discounts on dinner prices. RSVP to Ken Groves at elandken@gmail.com.

## Four Corner Tours for 2010

Plain and simple, the board would like to reach out to the corners of our huge geographic region and say howdy to members who can't make it to Spokane to participate in a club function. We love our cars and the driving season can sneak by sometimes, so we want everyone to have a chance to get out, visit with other members and enjoy lunch and a scenic drive.

These areas and dates have been penciled in for drives in your neck of the prairie:

|           |                                    |
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| May 1st   | Boise, ID areas                    |
| June 12th | Bozeman, MT areas                  |
| June 26th | Bend, OR and eastern OR areas      |
| July 3rd  | Wenatchee, WA and central WA areas |
| Aug 7th   | Anchorage, AK                      |

Look for the email after the first of the year. Please shout back to Chris if interesting in participating. We need input for scenic fun roads in your area to put this together.

Please note the events calendar on our web site, [www.iebmw.org](http://www.iebmw.org), for any date changes.

Chris Brown  
President  
AddAxx4@mac.com

## Steptoe Butte Climb

Fall yields a little more time to enjoy the remains of hills covered in golden wheat stubble and is a great time to drive. This September came with the last summer tour to enjoy.

Fourteen cars and drivers, passengers and pets gathered for the morning meeting in Cheney. After mapping the trip and reviewing tour guidelines we were on our way.

Trekking parade style southward we left Cheney and toured Turnbull nature reserve. Then came the

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## General Information

Please send address changes to the National Office or email them to [bmwclub@aol.com](mailto:bmwclub@aol.com).

### Monthly Member Meeting

2nd Tuesday of the month, 6pm, at Mr. Wok's on the Newport highway at the "Y". 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.

### Inland Empire Chapter Website

[www.iebmw.org](http://www.iebmw.org)

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## Calendar of Events

### High Performance Driving Schools

April 17/18, 2010

Oct 2/3, 2010

(Note: dates are still tentative)

Spokane County Motorsports Park

Scott Adare

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### Club Drives and Other Events

Annual Banquet

February 20, 2010 7:00 PM

Clinkerdagger's in the Flour Mill, Spokane

RSVP Ken Groves: [elandken@gmail.com](mailto:elandken@gmail.com)

### Autosports Northwest Autocross

<http://www.autosportsnorthwest.org>



## President's Corner

'Tis the Season,

You know how it goes, the leaves turn, and the weather becomes fickle and cold. We begin to think about snow tires and weather stripping. We try to forget the things we didn't get done on the house over the summer. Why didn't we get that stuff done?

Because, we were pulled away by that wonderful and evil set of tires. Maybe next year we can get it all done. But for now we remember this past summer, the long warm days, deep shadows and how we drove freely on our favorite paths, this should help us through the COLD winter months till spring.

With the holidays here, the board members want to express thanks for all the participating Inland Empire members for a great 2009 driving season and wish every Inland Empire member the happiest of Holiday Seasons. Remember, random acts of kindness are never out of fashion and would be a great gift to carry into the whole New Year. Checkered flags to each of you. See you in 2010.

Chris Brown



## 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](mailto:mmitchell@roundel.org).

### Wanted E46 M3

Contact Greg Madson, President of the Big Sky Region Porsche Club, 406-453-6816.

### Free Colgan Bra

E12 Five Series. Just pay shipping. Contact Mark Standish in Billings, MT. [ironsailor@bresnan.net](mailto:ironsailor@bresnan.net)

### E30 M3 S-14 Engine

Complete in excellent used, running condition (77K miles). Compression within specs with minimal cam wear. Includes oil pan, valve cover, H2O manifold, throttle bodies, intake MAF, fuel rail, injectors, flywheel, exhaust header, ignition, engine harness and ECU. \$5,500 + shipping. Doug @406-586-8842 or [S6overMT@montana.net](mailto:S6overMT@montana.net). Photos on request..

### Free 325ix Wheels

4 15" 1989 325ix wire-wheel design alloy wheels. Jack Schmitz, [jackinspokane@mac.com](mailto:jackinspokane@mac.com)

### For Sale 2000 M Roadster

2000 M Roadster - One owner, 77,000 miles, excellent condition; Estoril Blue, Dark Blue Top, Blue/Black Interior; Brand new General Exclaim UHP Tires; Brembo Slotted Rotors; CD Changer Valentine V1 and Remote Display; Peake Analyzer and Bentley Manual; Plexiglass Windscreen; \$15,000; Bob Wienk, Bend, OR (541) 322-9960; Mille Miglia Alloy Wheels and Michelin Snow Tires available - extra.

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.

## News Briefs

### Roadster Gets Higher-Performance Model for 2011

The turbocharger system developed for the engine of the new BMW Z4 sDrive35is maintains a high output throughout the entire engine speed range. Nominal peak torque is increased to 332 lb-ft from 1,500 rpm to 4,500 rpm. Maximum output of 335 hp is delivered at 5,900 rpm.

### 2011 BMW 740i and 740Li Sedans

BMW announced the North American debut of the 7 Series with a twin-turbocharged inline-6 engine. Featuring BMW's award-winning inline-6 engine that produces V-8 power on six-cylinder fuel consumption, the new BMW 740i and BMW 740Li achieve a remarkable balance of power, efficiency, and sporty driving dynamics. Both models will go on sale in the United States as 2011 models in Spring 2010. Pricing will be announced closer to the on-sale date.

### BMW Advanced Diesel Engine For North America Again Named To Ward's Annual 10 Best Engines List

Featuring all-aluminum construction, BMW's 3.0-liter sequential twin-turbo Advanced Diesel inline-6 offers V-8 performance with four-cylinder fuel efficiency: 265 horsepower and 425 lb-ft of torque. EPA efficiency figures are 23 (city) / 36 (highway) in the 2010 BMW 335d Sedan, which is capable of 0 - 60mph in 6.0 seconds or better. Those figures make the 335d Sedan the fastest diesel-powered passenger car available in the US. It is also the most fuel efficient vehicle BMW has ever sold here. In addition to the 335d Sedan, this BMW Advanced Diesel engine is available in the X5 xDrive35d Sports Activity Vehicle, which is capable of 0 - 60mph in 6.9 seconds and 26 mpg on the highway.



oops...“U” turning of 14 cars all on a narrow sun baked farm road is a pain and is embarrassing, because of a navigational error. The group was gracious and allowed a “do over” for the drive to re-start. Next time, we will let the pet’s navigate. This time we were really on our way.

Scoping out scenic and interesting roads is a perk of assembling the clubs driving tours and this day’s drive was no exception. We all enjoyed long winding country roads that inefficiently meander the Palouse hills.

After a quick rest stop in St John to enjoy a stretch of the leg and green park lawns, we were again on our way wheels still pointing south.

After a brief glimpse of Colfax, it was left turn time and a brisk patch of pavement. This stretch was happily devoured by a few of the drivers between Colfax and Palouse, led by a very capable red GTO. This pack gathered at Palouse for regrouping and a direction change as we all turned the compass heading northward to Garfield.

This time we stopped in Oakesdale for lunch. Papa’s Bar B Q café had a banquet room prepared for our group. Lunch was enjoyed by all, especially those who ordered the loose meat sandwiches. Then came the dreaded trivia test, and once again it was conquered by none other than that red Mini Driving guy- Greg Ward. He got the most questions right and took home the grand prize, an official BMW umbrella.

The colorful bug encrusted cars were a welcome contrast to the quiet brick exteriors in this beautiful old town. The cars waited eagerly for their pilots, co-pilots and pets to return from the mid day meal.

Now fed and on better footing, the group adjusted course to travel more thirsty farm roads to our final turn and the ascent of Steptoe Butte.

The circular road to the top of Steptoe Butte, is like drawing concentric circular lines in the sand plowing to the center. Always a pleasant surprise to the eyes, the view stretches out for endless miles, the sun was bright and cameras were catching it all.

As is our new semi annual duty, the group lead by Keith aided by GPS satellites recovered and revisited a Tupperware geo-cache treasure. Dug out of a rock fascia, everyone present signed the small wire bond notebook pulled from the plastic knick-knack treasure chest. The book noted on a tattered piece of paper a roster of names that remain from past drives. Several of our local members had actually never been to the top of the butte, a true treat for them. The sun was tipping now and the shadows did begin to show them selves and it was now that time.

From the top of Steptoe we made our good byes and friends descended the hill, traveling different directions in the rolling hills toward home.

We encourage members to come out and enjoy their cars and folks that like to drive an afternoon away, see you in 2010.

Chris Brown





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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](mailto:editor@iebmw.org).

