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“Playing Santa” by Nicole Altese

As the holidays come around many members of our immediate family might be at a loss as to what to get us for Christmas. Hopefully by strategically leaving this article in a conspicuous spot, you may help them get you a gift that you would otherwise have to shop for on your own.

As my resources I have used Bavarian Autosport Catalog (www.bavauto.com or 800-535-2002) and Precision Pointe Detailing. Tom at Precision Pointe (www.precision-pointe.com) 208-691-9694 carries the Griot's Garage line and will even deliver most Griot's products to your door.

Gifts Under \$30:

Upgrade your BMW Key Ring: \$15-\$26 www.bavauto.com

Personally, I would love to have the old school leather backed roundel, not because it is cool or retro, but because my dad got one from the dealer when he bought his first new 318i back in 1984 and I have always wanted one like his.

BMW hats, t-shirts and travel mugs: \$10-\$30 www.bavauto.com

Always needed, always cool (The stocking cap is my favorite)

Magnetic “Light Mine”: \$8-\$20 www.bavauto.com

These are multi sided, mini- magnetic LED lights that allow you to attach a light to any metal surface and see things from almost every angle. These are great for doing work in tight spaces.

Griot's Waterless Car Wash Kit: \$30 www.precision-pointe.com

Wash your car without water! In your garage! In the winter! Just spray on Griot's special formula and wipe off with the included cloths. Comes with 3 Car Wash Cloths and 35 oz of Waterless Car Wash Spray.

Griot's Speed Shine Maintenance Kit: \$25 www.precision-pointe.com

I use this product more than any other car cleaner on the planet. (And so does Tom Sparks of Precision Pointe) Another spray and wipe product, perfect for a between wash shine or to remove brake dust and road grime from your baby between track sessions. Comes with 3 microfiber towels and 35 oz of Speed Shine. (continued on page 3)

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2nd Tuesday of the month, 6pm, at Northern Lights Brewery. 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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President's Corner

Hoping Everyone has a happy Holiday season

I just want to say to each of you a heart felt Thank you for your continued support of the BMW club. It means a lot to us. We have busy diverse lives, lives ever crowded by mounting events both trivial and important which can distract us from enjoying those core blessings that mean the most to us. This year take the time to enjoy time with the ones you love most.

Getting ready for the new year our hoses are stowed and the snow shovel is out ,rock salt ready. I hope we don't need 'em. I know that a lot of you are skiers and boarders and I hope all the snow you want is up their in the hills as we enter the cooler seasons. On the clubs horizon are some great ideas, some new- some old. This is the yearly calendar crunch time. We try to find space in an ever crowded driving season to share some fun, make new friends, see old ones, participate in charity events, and share some scenery down the road. I hope some of you reluctant members will come forward and join the fun next year. So in 2012 I say thank you to the board and involved members who have made our chapter possible, Moving forward we invite your ideas and concerns. In the next year we have many challenges to hurdle but that is normal and can be building blocks for the future. This is an election year So if you have thought about stepping up for the board this may be your year. Ok winter is HERE so fill those washer reservoirs, get the ice scraper out of the trunk and drive defensively. See you soon and remember this time of year in the words of Ken Groves, random acts of kindness are always in vogue and can mean a lot to someone. live the good life and many thanks for a great year.



President

Chris Brown

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- 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

Gifts Over \$100:

Auto Detail by Precision Pointe: \$99-\$499 www.precision-pointe.com

Inland Empire BMW's own Tom Sparks has held a number of detailing clinics for our local club members. Let him put his knowledge and products to use on your pride and joy. Check out his website at www.precision-pointe.com/services or call him at 208-691-9694 for a complete list of services.

Escort Passport 9500ix: \$500 www.bavuto.com

Not that ANY of us EVER go faster than is advised by the law... I'm just saying these things have a way of paying for themselves over time.

This next section includes a few technical items, if you are a shopper please be advised, buying performance gear is tough. Only buy this stuff if you have a basic knowledge of the upgrades that have already been done or if you know exactly what they want. Don't buy any performance part without asking about a return policy, shipping costs and how much it will cost a mechanic to install it. (Before and/or after the owner tries..) Make sure you know the year and model of the car you are shopping for. (If you need help finding this, open the driver's side door and look on the sill next to the driver's seat). Buy from a reputable dealer such as Bavarian Autosport where the people you talk to know more about BMW parts than is healthy for any individual.

Simply by owning the Ultimate Driving Machine we have everything that we might ever want, but here are a few accessories that could be the icing on the cake. It's always nice to go just a little bit faster and look a little bit cooler.

Remus Sport Exhaust: \$400-\$1377 (depends on car model) www.bavauto.com

Voted the #1 Sport Exhaust by the readers of Germany's "sport auto" magazine four years in a row. Measurable power gain and a great sound.

UUC Short Shift Kit: \$305-\$500 www.bavauto.com

The ultimate in short shift kits. UUC is well known for their "overkill" design philosophy. From a personal point of view, the car that I used during the Performance Driving School had one of these and it is now on the top of my list of upgrades (after a new head gasket..) The \$500 price includes the Double shear selector rod (DSSR) which is sold separately but highly recommended.

Bilstein Coil Over Kit: \$1700-\$2445 (depends on car model) www.bavauto.com

There are less expensive coil over kits just like there are less expensive cars... Enough said.

Aluminum Stress Bar (aka: strut braces): \$180-\$1450 www.bavauto.com

These are available from a variety of makers from Bavarian Auto to AC Schnitzer and the brand name affects the price. Stress bars lock the tops of your strut towers together to provide greater stiffness and reduce flex when cornering. Great for reducing stress on the strut towers in higher mileage cars or if you have upgraded your suspension.

I could list a million additional items. (I have been told that I am very good at spending money) I hope that these items appeal to you and that a few of these gifts find their way under your Christmas tree. If these weren't quite what you were looking for, take a look at Bavarian Auto or Griot's Garage Online for more ideas. I am thinking that considering our reader base perhaps I should have made a list of things to buy your wife instead, but I will let you learn those lessons on your own. Happy Holidays!

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