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Int'l. Selkirk Tour

It's that time again to say "yes" I love to drive and I love my car. Inland Empire BMW club invites members and non-members alike to a full day of driving north over the border and back again enjoying beautiful scenery and great company.

Lots of breaks to enjoy wilderness and to stretch legs are promised as well as a not host lunch time in Nelson BC. As last year prizes will be given and games will be played.

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Driving Schools

March was a great time at Spokane Raceway Park.

We have two more coming up during the summer. See the calendar section of this issue for details.



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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. Please contact a board member before the meeting.

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Calendar of Events

Volunteer Breakfast

June 17, 2006, 8:30 AM
Rosauer's Restaurant
9414 N. Division St; At the "Y"
Ken Groves

High Performance Driving School

June 24-25, 2006
October 28-29, 2006
Spokane Raceway Park
Scott Adare

Puget Sound Driving School

July 29-30, 2006
Spokane Raceway Park
Scott Adare

Autosports Northwest Autocross

<http://www.autosportsnorthwest.org/>

President's Corner

Greetings everyone,

Warm days and cool nights! Spring is in full bloom at our place. Living in the country is such a pleasure this time of year. The wild-life are returning, geese heading north, and the dog shedding all over everything! Our BMW calendar is filled with activities in the coming months. June will see our second driving school of the year. July will have the Northwest Motorsports club races and the Puget Sound BMW chapter's driving school at Spokane Raceway Park. We also will be having a membership meeting with the club providing the pizza and soft drinks.

We are looking for two or three members to judge the Show & Shine contest to be held with the pizza party. More information on the pizza party later! Chris Brown is putting the finishing touches on a one day tour for the members and guests. Our final driving school of the year will be held in October. Be sure and check out the AutoSports Northwest website (a link to it is on our website) for information and dates on their great Autocross activities. The folks at AutoSports Northwest run quality, fun filled events each month.



What does your BMW CCA membership mean to you? Is it just a discount on BMW parts and service? The monthly Roundel? Motorsports activities or other club functions? For many it is one or

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Labels...

We are constantly being subjected to labels. People are labeled this or that. Actions are labeled good or bad, right or wrong. Activities are labeled fun or boring, wild or tame, uplifting or dumb. Some might label this article dull and others might label it inspired! Either way, if you have got this far, here's the big payoff! VOLUNTEER is a powerful label. Volunteers step up to the plate when needed. Volunteers fill the need when funds aren't there to pay someone to do the job. Volunteers come from all walks of life, every age group, and from the full spectrum of society. They are the grease that keeps organizations running. They are good people sharing their skills, talents, and wisdom with others. So, you are thinking, where is he going with this? The bottom line is the opportunity to volunteer in some of your BMW club activities in June and July. We can use volunteers to work the corners during our June High Performance Driving School. Got an 18 year old sitting around the house with nothing to do except eat? Send him or her to our school as a participant or a volunteer. Either way, he or she will be a better person and driver because of the experience. In July there will be two opportunities to volunteer. The sports car clubs of the Pacific Northwest are coming to race on July 14th - 16th. If you think working on a corner during our driving school is fun, wait until you are on a corner with 30-40 race cars roaring by, each trying to own a piece of real estate designed for 2 or 3 cars. Finally, dur-

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- business card sized ad \$10.00 per issue, \$50.00 per year
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Yearly ads must be paid in advance. Contact the newsletter editor to place an advertisement.

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ing the last weekend of July, our neighbor BMW club, the Puget Sound Chapter, is hosting a two day driving school at Spokane Raceway Park. Our club will be manning the corners and helping with overall track operation during the school. Another great opportunity to volunteer. If a person was to volunteer in June and the two events in July, they would earn the 6 credits necessary (one credit for each day as a volunteer), to take a future High Performance Driving school free. That's a \$375.00 bonus. Throw in lunch each day, a great Saturday night banquet, and one of

the coolest T-shirts this side of the Mississippi and you have the whole package. Now I know you are all just clamoring (strange word) to join our merry group of men and women, so contact me or any of our volunteer board members for more information. There you have it, label me pro fun or a half a bubble off plum! Be a risk taker and come out to see for yourself at the track!!

Ken Groves
Volunteer Coordinator
(Been there, done that, got the cool T-shirt)

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With gas prices going crazy, it's important to remember the joy of driving and that will be easy to do as we climb hills and follow rivers in our search of the north woods. In order to have smooth crossings at the border, remember your birth certificate or a passport and carry no guns.

Spokane group will gather at 7am sharp Saturday August 12 at the usual west side parking lot of the Rosauers at the "Y" for a short meeting and then we will proceed to Newport.

The Spokane group will reconvene at the Old town McDonalds at 8 am to connect with those travelers from the east.

After a brief meeting, it's northward toward BC on Hwy 20 and 34 through Metaline falls and over the border. We will be seeing the small towns of Salmo and Ymir along Hwy 6 and stopping for lunch in Nelson.

With over 300 historic buildings and storybook charm, Nelson promises to be a wonderful place to grab some tasty food and set back and take in the views.

After lunch, it's a free ferry ride across Lake Kootenai to regroup in the artist community of Crawford's Bay.

A leisurely turn of the tillers to the south as we steer toward home. Traveling with Kootenai Lake to our right side, for many miles. A visit through Boswell and Creston on road 3A and a

regrouping before dropping into Idaho's porthill, Bonners Ferry, and dinner time to be spent in Beautiful Sandpoint and the remainder of group activities.

We hope to see lots of you for a busy, fun filled day doing what we love best

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Email your tour interest and questions to: AddAxx4@aol.com

PS. Border crossings require birth certificates and or passports, so be ready for that



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more of those, but for others it includes being an active participant in the local or national club activities. Sadly, the percentage of participating members is quite small. Some want more social activities at the local level and we have had several activities with mixed participation results over the past few years. Can we, as a local chapter, improve? Certainly, but without additional member support and participation, including a willingness to organize an activity, we are limited in what we can offer each year. The board has discussed raising funds during the year for a local charity and would like to have a club member volunteer to coordinate this worthy cause. We also can use volunteers at our driving schools. The upcoming Northwest Motorsports club races offers an excel-

lent opportunity to volunteer as a corner worker. New corner workers are paired with an experienced corner worker during the race weekend. It is an exciting way to experience racing first hand. If you think "cranking up" the volume on the TV during the NASCAR races is fun, wait until you are on a corner station with 30-40 race cars charging by with the pedal to the metal! If you are interested in any of these activities, please contact any board member for more information.

Have a great summer.....

Ken Groves
President

2007 BMW 3 SERIES COUPE

New twin-turbo inline six-cylinder engine with 300 hp and 300 lb-ft of torque

Intelligent BMW xDrive all-wheel drive system available for the first time in a coupe

Xenon Adaptive headlights enhanced by four corona rings

Introducing the latest expression of individual style – the all-new BMW 3 Series Coupe. With totally new looks, the newest BMW Coupe once again sets the benchmark for elegant design, luxury and value. In true BMW tradition, it also establishes a new standard of performance and driving dynamics with the introduction of an exceptional engine: the first inline six-cylinder with twin-turbochargers, high-precision fuel injection, and an all-aluminum crankcase.



The performance potential of this new 300 horsepower engine ensures that the 335i Coupe offers a significant improvement in performance while maintaining a level of efficiency for which the BMW 3 Series is renowned. The 335i Coupe will be joined in the U.S. by the 230 horsepower 328i Coupe.

In addition to the standard six-speed manual, both models will be offered with an available six-speed STEPTRONIC automatic transmission. Designed for responsiveness, the new automatic enhances driving dynamics without sacrificing fuel efficiency.

An additional dimension of driving dynamics, with the benefit of outstanding traction, will be offered with the introduction of BMW's xDrive all-wheel drive. BMW xDrive is the most sophisticated and responsive all-wheel drive system on the market. It has proven its merits, in terms of agility and safety, in the ten models currently offered with xDrive in the U.S. Beginning this fall these merits will become available to Coupe drivers for the first time.

The premium character of the newest BMW Coupe is recognizable from the very first glance. Over and above the basic shape of the car and its elegant lines, the graphic design of the headlights, the detail of the rear taillights, the interior and even the exterior mirrors were specifically crafted for the new Coupe. These unique design elements reflect the unique character of this elegant and sporty new car.

The buyer who chooses a Coupe wants a car that satisfies their demand for elegant looks as well as driving dynamics. With all this in mind, BMW engineers and designers set out to create a unique yet unmistakable blend of design, features and – most

particularly – driving pleasure.

Inline six-cylinder engines enter new dimensions of performance.

The first impression the new BMW 3 Series Coupe delivers is one of stylish elegance and powerful dynamics. Its long hood reflects BMW's longstanding tradition of inline six-cylinder engines.

The new BMW 3 Series Coupe will arrive in the U.S. with a choice of two six-cylinder engines including the world's first inline six with twin turbos, high precision fuel injection, and an all-aluminum crankcase. It is the most powerful engine within BMW's wide range of inline six driving machines that does not wear an "M" badge. This brand-new version develops maximum

output of 300 hp in US-spec from 3.0 liters and generates peak torque of 300 lb-ft for powerful acceleration in any situation.

The combination of turbocharging and direct gasoline fuel injection offers a new dimension to efficient dynamics. Featuring high-precision fuel injection, the engine boasts a highly sophisticated and advanced direct fuel injection system. In true BMW fashion this results in outstanding per-

formance combined with a significant reduction of fuel consumption.

A further advantage of turbocharging is that this is the most economical option to boost engine power and performance. For example, the turbocharged inline six weighs approximately 150 lbs less than an equally powerful eight-cylinder displacing 4.0 liters. And this lower weight means a significant advantage not only in fuel economy, but also in balancing the weight distribution of the overall car.

This new high-performance engine gives the light, aerodynamically sculpted Coupe truly outstanding acceleration and flexibility on the road. The twin turbo powerplant in the BMW 335i Coupe develops its power and performance much more spontaneously than a turbocharged engine of conventional design. Thanks to their lower inertia, the two small turbochargers build up pressure much faster than a single, large turbocharger, thus eliminating even the slightest turbo "lag".

At the same time the new engine offers all the smoothness and refinement which has made BMW's award-winning inline sixes so admired. Last but certainly not least, the impressive increase in power on the twin turbo engine versus a conventional normally aspirated six-cylinder comes without any significant increase in fuel consumption. Featuring two turbochargers each supplying compressed air to three cylinders, the new turbocharged engine offers a new standard of spontaneity and responsiveness. Peak torque of 300 lb-ft comes smoothly and without delay, extending over a wide speed range from 1,400 – 5,000 rpm.

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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.

