



Coming Events:

- Jul 8, Meeting/Social, Bill Pearce BMW 6 PM
- Jul 31, Drive to Apple Hill (details on pg 2)
- Aug 12, Meeting/Social, Bill Pearce BMW 6 PM
- Aug 21-22, Blackhawk Museum Tour
- Sep 9, Meeting/Social, Bill Pearce BMW 6 PM
- Oct 9-10, Sierra Foothills Wine Tour

Sierra Scene

Driving Tours Open the Season

The 2010 "Driving Season" opened with two great driving tours.

- **April 17th** brought a fun drive to **Lake Tahoe** and **Virginia City**. We enjoyed nice weather and a great Mexican lunch.
- **May 8** was the **Lake Almanor** drive up CA 89 from Truckee, ending with a BBQ lunch on the deck of the Strom's home.

The April drive took us from Reno over Mt. Rose Hwy to Incline Village where we met up with Jeff Warner at the Starbucks. Coffee and pastries were courtesy of Bill Pearce BMW – *thanks!* It was then on down the east side of the lake, over Spooner Summit through Carson City and up to Virginia City using the truck route from US50. Lunch was at Café Del Rio.

The "driving and dining" continued in May with the fun drive up CA89 to Lake Almanor. John and Alice Strom hosted the tour and BBQ lunch at their home in Hamilton Branch. The day was cool and partly sunny, but no one seemed to mind. Everyone was smiling!



Lake Tahoe-Virginia City Drive: The group poses with their cars at the overlook just up Mt. Rose Hwy from Lake Tahoe.

Lake Almanor Drive: 36 for lunch, with 17 cars participating. The roads were great; the weather was a bit chilly!

More photos inside



From President Jeff...

Greetings BMW Owners,

As I write this, we are experiencing a minor cold front that just blew into Northern Nevada. In the March newsletter I asked if you were tired of the rain, snow and clouds yet, of course, having no idea that Spring/Summer would be delayed even further than usual. Okay, now here I am in the middle of June and woke up this morning to little pellets of white stuff tapping against our bedroom windows. Enough already, I'm ready for summer in all its glory.

Of course our much extended winter has not prevented us from hosting several exciting events. In the last few months, we have managed to pull off the Lake Tahoe/Virginia City driving tour, the drive to Lake Almanor, the annual Gilson Show and Shine Fund Charity Fund Raiser and most recently our Street Survival event. This event is where club members provide hands-on training to young drivers in their own car to teach them about handling limits and how to control their car as it gets out of control.

Speaking of events, our officers meet in January and plan events for the upcoming year that revolve around our cars, suit the demographics of our membership and are feasible, and we find that track driving events and car control clinics appeal to a good number of

club members. Driving my car on the racetrack is what first brought me to the club. However, track costs, insurance and unpredictable turnout limit our ability to hold these events. We're not a money making operation, but we are also not in it to lose money. I do try to keep club membership informed of track events outside our area which are sponsored by other BMW CCA clubs. We are often invited to join the Sports Car Club of America (SCCA) for a track day at Reno-Fernley Raceway, which after a short closure, is operational again. These SCCA track days are not sanctioned Sierra Chapter BMW CCA events but are open to those who have a track certificate. Along with our Driving Events Coordinator and former Sierra Chapter President, Jeff Warner aka "Jeff the Janitor," I will keep you informed of these events.

I am always open to suggestions regarding club events, so if you have ideas for other events, please don't hesitate to email me at: sierrabmw@sierrabmwclub.org

Buckle up, drive safe and don't forget to have fun.

Jeff

P.S. If you would like to receive information about coming events via email, please send me an email or call me.

Bavarian Hills Driving Tour to Apple Hill

Enjoy a fun drive to and lunch at "a little bit of Germany in Apple Hill." Saturday, July 31, our club will meet the Sacramento Valley BMW club at the ***Bavarian Hills Café & Bake Shop*** in Apple Hill. Come to the July 8 meeting for details or call Jeff Whitesides at 721-6155.

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More photos from the Spring Driving Tours



Our area features some of the best roads out there. This is CA28 on the east side of Lake Tahoe. Nice!



The group gathers at Starbucks in Incline Village for a refreshment stop courtesy of Bill Pearce BMW. Thanks!



Tahoe-Virginia City Drive and Drive to Lake Almanor

The BBQ buffet featured beef, chicken, beans and coleslaw. Dessert was a choice of two pies. Yum!



Photos by John Strom

Sharon, Ron, Leslie and Brian enjoy friendly conversation.



The food was great; the company even greater!

April-June 2010



The large turnout meant we used both front and back decks at the Lake Almanor house.

National Automobile Museum Tour



Mike Dietel arranged for a docent-guided tour of the **National Automobile Museum** Saturday, **March 20th**. After the tour most of the group went to Rick Martinez' *West Street Wine Bar* for lunch and some wine. There are no BMWs in the museum, but this 1947 Volkswagen nicely represented German cars (there was also a 1950 Porsche 356). A special exhibit of movie cars included John Travolta's *Greased Lightnin'* Ford from the movie *Grease*. Fun!



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