

**BMW Car Club  
of America  
Sierra Chapter**



### *Coming Events:*

- June 12, Meeting/Social, Bill Pearce BMW 6PM
- June 14-15, Barbera Festival Tour
- July 13, Family Picnic, Arrowcreek 11AM–3PM
- July 26, Sierra Buttes Tour/Poker Run 9AM
- Aug 14, Meeting/Social, Bill Pearce BMW 6PM

# *Sierra Scene*

## *More great Summer events coming up!*

The **Sierra Buttes Tour/Poker Run** is scheduled for **Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup>**. Approximately a 1.5 hour drive from Reno, the majestic Sierra Buttes located in Northern California on the spine of the Sierras are sure to amaze you! The drive takes you through beautiful valleys and through craggy peaks of the Buttes. During our drive we make approximately five scenic stops for photos and to draw cards for our Poker Run. The last card drawn ends our drive at lunch at Longboards Bar & Grill on the beautiful Plumas Pines Golf Course. Contact Sharon Goodrich to sign up 849-3420 or [sageranch@charter.net](mailto:sageranch@charter.net). It should be a lot of fun!

The **Sierra Chapter Family Picnic** is scheduled for **Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup>** from 11 AM to 3 PM at the Arrowcreek Residents Club. The club has three pools, play area, spa, four tennis courts, indoor and outdoor facilities. For more information contact Pat McGoff at [president@sierrabmwcarclub.org](mailto:president@sierrabmwcarclub.org) or Sharon Goodrich at [membership@sierrabmwcarclub.org](mailto:membership@sierrabmwcarclub.org). More details when you sign up.

### **Virginia City Tour delightful!**

The **Virginia City Tour** on **Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>** was the usual great time. Thirteen cars started up Mt Rose Hwy late Saturday morning under bright sunny skies. There was a nice photo op at the top of Mt Rose Hwy, then the group headed down to the Starbucks in Incline for refills and a pit stop.

From there the group cruised down Hwy 28 to 50 and into Carson City. We headed out towards Dayton on 50 and took the twisty, fun truck route up to Virginia City. Lunch was at the Palace Restaurant. John English lead the tour. It was delightful!

Pictures are below Enjoy!



## ***From the President's Desk***

Well, we are off to Munich to pick up our new 435i convertible at the BMW Welt. For those of you who have never participated in the North American Plan and picked up a new BMW in Germany, you are missing an opportunity of a life time. This will be our fourth BMW that we have picked up in Germany. We have traveled through Austria, Switzerland, Italy, France and now Germany. What better way to explore Europe than in a BMW. BMW will discount your new car normally by \$3800 to \$7000 based on the model you purchase or lease. The savings cover a large portion of your trip to Europe not to mention that renting a BMW in Europe will cost \$1000 a week or more. In the next quarterly update I will give you more details on our travel through Germany.

Bill Pearce BMW is sponsoring a chance to drive an all electric i3 on June 3rd. BMWNA is sending 6 i3 BMW's to the Reno area for anyone who is interested in a test drive. It is said the i3 has the fastest acceleration from 0-30 mph on the market, plus it gets close to 80 mpg. I hope you get a chance to drive this new electric car. It is certainly the future for BMW.

Did you know that Bill Pearce donates \$250 to the club for every BMWCCA member who

purchases or leases a new or pre-certified BMW? All the proceeds go into the general fund to be used on our events thru the year. What better way to support the club than getting a BMW at Bill Pearce BMW!

Did you also know that one of the perks of being a member of BMWCCA is a rebate of \$500, \$1000 or \$1,500 based on the car you purchase or lease? You have to be a member of the club for one year to qualify. The club requires you to submit the rebate form within 60 days after the purchase/lease. If you haven't taken advantage of this "free" cash, you are truly missing out on one of the greatest benefits of the club!

The Virginia City Tour was a great success again this year. The weather was absolutely perfect and Lake Tahoe had its dark blue waters sparkling. Thirteen cars joined the caravan this year. Art and Diane Ona were driving their new white 235i MSport, which looks amazing. Lots of convertibles joined the fun including the Villars, Fents and Jim Johns and Bridgette. We made our final stop in Virginia City and had lunch at the Palace Restaurant. We had a great group that hopefully had a lot of fun.

Happy motoring,

*Pat McGoff*

For more information about club events along with photos and videos, visit: [www.sierrabmwclub.org](http://www.sierrabmwclub.org).

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## More from the Dyno tech session...

### My 135i at the Dyno Session

By John English

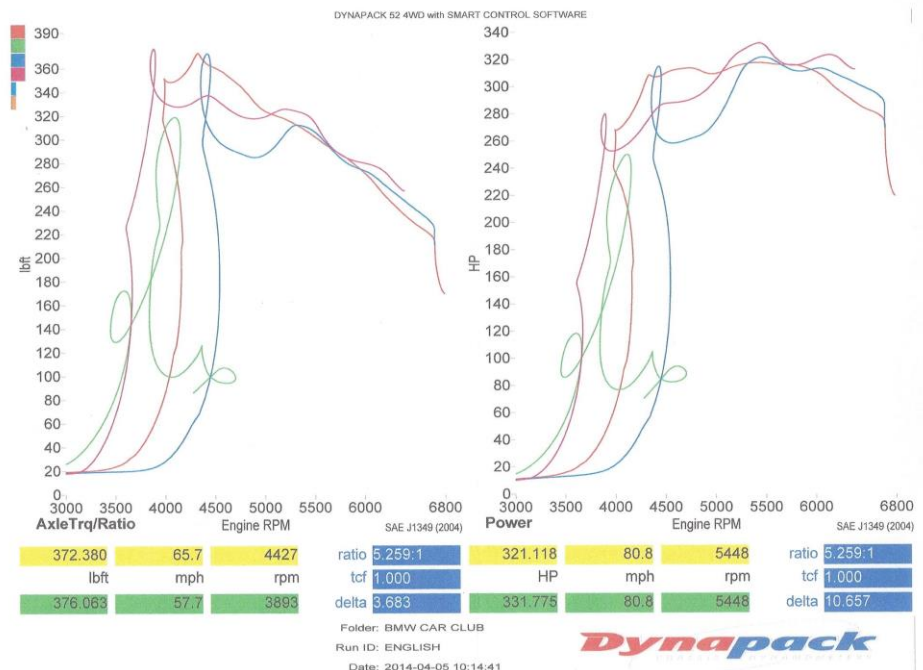
I bought the car used, and modified, in October. It has modified exhaust, suspension and a cold air intake. There is a JB4 programmer installed as well. Without a Dynamometer test to measure the REAL output no one could tell me if there were other programming modifications. I do know that the car came stock with 300 HP and 300 lb/ft torque at the engine. Using a 20% power loss for the drivetrain, that would have shown up as about 250 hp / torque at the rear wheel.

I thought the car had the original, stock programming in the engine control unit (ECU). The JB4 programmer can be shut off to run whatever code the ECU has in it. The first run was done with the programmer shut off but the results were much higher than stock. Rather than the expected 250 hp and torque the ECU made the engine put out 321 hp and 372 lb/ft of torque, at the wheel. That equals 385 hp and 446 lb/ft of torque at the engine.

When the programmer was turned on to a performance setting it only added 11 hp and 4 lb/ft of torque. It also lowered the peak torque point by 600 RPM, making it about 3800 RPM. That is better for low-end acceleration.

Based on the Dyno results I learned that the ECU programming has definitely been modified. I also learned that the programmer is able to give me 400 hp and 450 torque. However, with the programming in the ECU, it is not adding much benefit to the performance.

My 135i is a hoot to drive. It comes out of the corners like it was shot out of a cannon. It's smaller and lighter than most modern BMWs. After driving the 135i it seems odd to me that BMW discontinued the 1 series. With the huge number of models they produce, surely they could have developed a niche for the "little angry brother." A full race 135i would have been a great track machine. Instead they went with the larger, and heavier, 235i for their track car.



## ***Dyno tech session at Gilsons***



Club member Gilbert Dayao of Gilson's demonstrated his new dyno at a great **Tech Session** held **on Saturday, April 5**. John English supplied the demonstration car. His account is on page 3. Also see the scan result there. It was amazing!



### **Be a leader of the club!**

We're looking for club members who would be willing to take leadership positions in our club. Please consider stepping up to help keep the Sierra BMW Club active and fun. The following positions will be available beginning in January 2015. Ask the current position holders about what's required.

**President** – coordinate all club actions and provide direction

**Vice President** – assist the president as needed

**Newsletter Editor** – publish the newsletter four times per year

**Webmaster** – maintain the club's web site

**Secretary** – produce minutes of board and general meetings

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