



Coming Events

- Oct 28, [Fun Rally](#)
- Nov 9, [Meeting at Bill Pearce](#) 6pm
- Dec 14, [Holiday Party](#)

Sierra Scene

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From the President's Desk

The chapter had two events in a span of three months. Not a whole lot but they were very well attended and as usual a lot of fun.

We had our Sierra Buttes Tour and Poker Run on July 29. There were about 17 cars that made the trip into the Sierra foothills and ended up at the Longboard Bar & Grill for lunch. John English came out with the winning poker hand to bring home the coveted gift basket. Thank you once again to Sharon and Andy Goodrich for organizing this exciting driving event.

The other event was the Fourth Annual Family Picnic. This year we decided to add a Show and Shine with radio controlled car races. This was hosted by Pat and Joann McGoff and Mart Jama. The event was well attended by thirty-six family members at the ArrowCreek Clubhouse. Besides a fabulous bar-be-que, first Show and Shine had eighteen entries. This was a great success with many trophies and awards given out. (see event article) We had mostly BMW, s in the lineup plus two MB SL's and one lonely Subaru. I'm looking forward to a bigger and better event next year. Come out and enjoy the fun.

- Ron Nicasio, President

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Featured Articles

Car News and History Barn Find, E-34 M5 History

In the mid-1980s BMW built a one-off car using parts from their sports/racingcars, their mid-sized sedans and their luxury 6 series coupe. They showed it at the European car show and it was an immediate success. They made it into the E-28 M5 hand built production Uber super sports sedan and it was an instant classic success!

When BMW continued into the E-34 production they continued the M5 hand built model Uber super sports sedan. They sent the first West Coast car to their San Francisco office where it was used as the demonstrator for the West Coast. When the model was continued the next year they sold the first car to a doctor in Marin County, Cal.

The Doctor eventually sold it to Jim Goodfellow and he later sold it to a friend in Carson City. During a routine service a mechanic forgot to refill transmission with fluid and subsequent driving ruined the transmission. A replacement was fitted but Jim's friend became ill and which caused him to finally store it. When he died the M5 became part of the estate and it has been parked for several years.

Jim is now the current owner again, the car is running; Reno Rennsports has inspected it and can tell anyone about the car.

If you are interested in owning an "M" classic with history you can contact Jim at 775-750-7098 or Reno Rennsports at 775-997-8164.

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Past Events



4th Annual Family Picnic

If you didn't get to join us Sunday, July 12th at the Annual Family you can still share our experience (then you may want to join us on our [next event!](#)).

The Sierra Chapters 4th annual summer picnic was held on August 12th at the ArrowCreek Residence Club. The day turned out to be a perfect day for a picnic. Mart Jaama held a "Show & Shine" in the Club parking lot. A big thank you to Mart for making some great trophies to pass out to three lucky winners. I and new member Mark

Hannon did the grilling duties. We had awesome hamburgers, hot dogs and sausage provided by the club. Members brought side dishes to compliment the main meal. There was plenty of food to go around for everyone. We were able to use the indoor residence club to dine although picnic tables were also provided outside with umbrellas.

We had 18 member cars show up for the event, 15 BMWs, two classic MB SL's and a Subaru. De Sharp brought his beautiful M4, which did win one of the Show and Shine trophies, the People's Choice award. Sharon Goodrich had her blue M228 on hand and it also won a trophy, the brightest award. Pat & Joann's 2018 440i convertible won the Cutest Car award. There was a BMW hubcap award given to the Subaru owners. Plus there were another gifts and gag items given out. It was a great idea to have a show and shine with the picnic. Mart also invited members to bring remote control cars to the picnic. Ron Nicasio brought his to challenge Marts remote car. Maybe next year we can get more cars to show up and race. This event is a lot of fun and we hope that members will put it on their calendars for next year!!

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Pat and Mart

2017 Poker Run

This year marked the 4th Annual Poker Run to [Longboard's Bar & Grill](#) in Graeagle, CA and what a turnout we had for this beautiful drive. We departed Reno on July 29th at 9:00 on a beautiful clear morning which we were all too happy to be leaving town due to the record breaking 100 degree streak we were having and going to a cooler area in higher elevation.



Day's Events:

9:00am - Starbucks/Raleys Parking Lot, **1st poker card draw** Head-up Mt Rose Hwy (NV-431) over the summit, right on NV/CA-28 past Kings Beach. Turn right on CA-267 (N Shore Road) towards Truckee, CA for approx 10.3 miles. Turn Left on Brockway Road through roundabouts for approx. 1.0 mile to Truckee River Regional Park for potty break and **2nd poker card draw**.

10:00am - Leave TRR Park turning right on Brockway road, turns to Bridge St. Right on Donner Pass Road until roundabout on CA-89. Travel approx. 23 miles to Sierraville and then left on CA-49, stop at highway turnout immediately after Sierraville for pictures and **3rd poker card**.

Continue on US-49 for 4.7 miles past Statley. Continue, this is the fun part! The next 12.6 miles of dangerous curves ending at Bassets station (gas station/small store and highway maintenance station). The **4th poker card** draw was at Bassets parking lot.

11:00am - Leave Bassets turning onto Gold Lake Hwy (CR-S620), travel approx. 7.6 miles to Gold Lake for pictures then continue for 15.4 miles to CA-89, entering Graeagle. Turn left on CA-89 for approximately 1.7 miles to Graeagle-Johnsville Road. Travel approx. 1.6 miles to Poplar Valley Road, turn right and travel straight to Plumas Pines Golf Course/ [Longboard's Bar and Grill](#) for lunch! ...and **final poker card draw and prize award**.

We surpassed our previous years count by having 20 cars and 40 people! We filled up the deck after arriving safely to our destination and anxiously waited lunch which was enjoyed by all and excitedly included a few new members on this journey. This year's best poker hand was held by the English Family which was great as the basket not only had 'adult' items, (wine)but one of the gifts was an adorable Gund bear sporting a BMW sweater perfect for the kids! After enjoying a relaxed lunch on the outside deck overlooking the beautiful Plumas Pines Golf Course we all departed at 2:00 pm to head home on our own respected paths.

Until next year, happy and safe motoring!

Respectfully,

Sharon Goodrich, Membership Chair

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Get To Know Your Members



James "Jim" Goodfellow

Personal Information:

Retired Air Force pilot and intelligence officer. Spent 13 years in Pacific Spent 4 years in Europe. Loved flying reconnaissance. Had a neat logo across the various squadrons - "alone - unarmed - unafraid". Was true most of the time!

Highlights

My first flight into South Vietnam we overflew a little civilian French airport on the coast that had a short little runway with asphalt potholes and a low power radio station. 10 years later I made an emergency landing there and it was called DaNang! I delivered the first RF-4 into Continental Europe direct from St Louis, MO. What great fun!

I always loved BMWs.

In Europe had an 1800 TI. We could take a week end drive to the Nurburgring for a day of fun driving for just few coins. Not like today!!!)

When we lived in Honolulu, I had the first 2002 (what) in the state. We would put all the surfboards on top rack and spend weekends on beach in the surf with kids and wife. Wonderful!

Today I have collection of classic BMWs. I call them "Cars with History!!

E-24 M6: early Dinan mod car and is in final step of restoration.

E-34 M5: Personal import from Germany final production of hand built M5 Europe version.

E-39 M5: daily driver.

Alpina B12 6.0: this is the only one in US, a personal import from Spain.

E-31 850CSi: another personal import from Germany. BMW Individual Shop with customizing by Alpina factory.

Aston Martin DB7: this was first year of production for the V12 convertible.

E-36/8 Z3/M Roadster: this has been customized into auto cross special.

E-34 M5: Barn Find, for sale, this was the first E-34 M5 factory demonstrator on West Coast.

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Fred Watson

Our current Newsletter Editor

He was born in Kalamazoo, MI. His family migrated to California when he was 10, and he spent much of his time in Southern California before coming to Reno over 35 yrs ago. Fred spent 4 years in the Air Force. Soon after marriage, came the kids and all the responsibilities that come with fatherhood. While working full time for Douglas Aircraft Company he started collage at 29 years old and earned a BA degree in psychology from Cal State Long Beach. He went to work as the Assistant Director of the Orange County Employee Assistance Network, OCEAN. In this position he worked with several large companies, counseling their troubled employees who were about to be terminated. During this time he was able to earn a MA in Management and Business Administration from the University of Redlands. And after a few more years, he received a PhD in Management and Human Behavior from University of California, Irvine. During this time he was able to earn a MA in Management and Business Administration from the University of Redlands. And after a few more years, he received a PhD in Management and Human Behavior from University of California, Irvine.

The year was 1979 and this became a new chapter in his family lives. They moved to Reno and found that despite his education and experience, he was blackballed from any position in Reno. Back then Reno was still a small good old boy town. He had done picture framing as a hobby for years, and his wife Cherie was an art consultant. They now turned their skills into a successful business selling art and doing custom picture framing at Vision Quest Arts. Even though he has now officially "retired", he still operates Vision Quest Arts from his home on a part-time basis. His work adorns the walls at several businesses and homes in Reno and board room across the U.S. and even the White House under President Reagan.

He and his present wife Karen have been married close to 13 years. Between them have 7 children, 14 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. Karen is an avid doll collector and has over 2500 dolls on display in their home. Fred has built several doll houses for her and they have been featured in national magazines.

He is a man of much education and many talents. Now he spends several hours working on his and his wife's BMW's. They both have 1999 BMW's. Her favorite is a 323i convertible which was purchased to match his convertible. Well that lasted for a while, but his as totaled by the insurance company. Not to be discouraged he bought another, but this one is a 1999 328ci M-Sport Convertible. Another hobby that he loves and like all older BMW's is a money pit. BMW's are fun to drive and a challenge to work on. They both love the companionship and the friends that they have made with members of the Sierra Chapter of the BMW CCA. We hope to meet you at the next event.

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Message from your Editor

The time seems to pass to quick as we get a little older. Here it is heading into the last quarter of 2017. It seems like the participation in the events is increasing, but at a snail's pace. We need you to help the club grow and prosper. It would be great to have you step up and join The Faithful Few.

When the meeting's called to order
And you look around the room,
You're sure to see some faces
That from out the shadows loom.
They are always at the meeting
And they'll stay until it's through -
The ones that I would mention
Are the always faithful few.

They fill the many offices
And are always on the spot,
No matter what the weather,
Through it may be awfully hot.
It may be dark and rainy,
But they are tried and true -
The ones that you rely on
Are the always faithful few.

There are lots of worthy members
Who will come when in the mood
When everything's convenient
They can do a little good.
They're a factor in the meeting
And are necessary too -
But the ones who never fail us
Are the always faithful few.

If it were not for these faithful
Whose shoulders at the wheel
Keep our organization moving
Without a halt or reel.
What should be the fate of meetings
Where we claim so much to do -
They surely would be failures
If we lacked the faithful few.

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Misc

New column Ideas from members

This quarter I'm starting something new. This will be like a "Who's - Who" in our club. A way for you to get to know something about the other members that might like to know better. Each month I will choose someone that I think has some great been a benefit to our club. Any suggestions from you would be appreciated. I'm going to limit this to one per month, so it will take some time to interview everyone in the club. Hope you enjoy. Send me an email if you like or say thumbs down to the idea. Email - fredwatson@sbcglobal.net

Fred

Name Badges

One important aspect of being a member of any organization is being recognized. At the last event I was asked by several members about getting name badges. It's great to be recognized by name instead of "who was that" club member. The cost is \$10.00 plus \$1.64 for shipping. So if you want yours, the process is simple, send me an email at fredwatson@sbcglobal.net requesting one.

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