

**BMW Car Club
of America
Sierra Chapter**



Coming Events:

- Apr 11, Meeting/Social, Bill Pearce BMW 6 PM
- Apr 20, Virginia City Drive, 9:30 AM
- May 9, Meeting/Social, Bill Pearce BMW 6 PM
- Jun 8-9, Mystery Wine Tour, 8 AM
- Jun 13, Meeting/Social, Bill Pearce BMW 6 PM

Sierra Scene

Exciting Event Schedule for 2013!

It's going to be another exciting year for the Sierra BMW Car Club! The calendar is full of fun events you won't want to miss! See our website for details and information on how to sign up.

- The usual *Meetings/Socials every month* on the second Thursday beginning at **6 PM at Bill Pearce BMW**. Come early and enjoy the conversations around the new and pre-owned BMWs and members' cars. Join the group after the meeting for dinner at a local restaurant.
- The first driving event is on **Saturday, April 20**, with the annual *Drive to Virginia City*. It's a good time to wash up your pride-in-joy and enjoy a fun drive with your friends!
- The *Mystery Wine Tour* is the weekend of **June 8-9**. It features a fun drive over great roads to a wine area that's kept a mystery until you show up on Saturday morning. The overnight tour includes a picnic lunch at a winery and dinner at the overnight destination.
- July features the *Sierra Buttes Tour & Poker Run* on **Saturday, July 27**. You collect playing cards along the way to see who has the best hand at lunch at Longboards Bar & Grille. Again great roads make this drive a lot of fun!
- The *Annual Wine Tour* to the Sierra Foothills wineries is planned for **Saturday-Sunday, September 28-29**. Great food, wine, fun!
- There's another *Street Survival* event planned for **Saturday, October 5**, at the Mt. Rose Ski Area. Plan to come out and help teach teens how to be better, safer drivers... it's important!
- The *Annual Holiday Party* will be on **Thursday, December 12**. Once again the McGoffs and the Villars will host the appetizers and dinner respectively. Should be another great evening socializing with your BMW friends!

One other important non-club event to support is the *Annual Kars for Kids Charity Show & Shine* that will be held on **Sunday, September 8th** at Gilson's. All proceeds from this fun event support a good cause.



From the President's Desk

Spring is right around the corner and I'm very excited about the lineup of events this year. On April 20th we start with the very popular Virginia City Tour again led by our illustrious VP John English. On June 8th and 9th we have a brand new touring event called the Mystery Wine Tour. John and Alice Strom are the leaders and say the wine area we are going to is unique and they dare the participants to guess where they are going. This is an overnight and lodging is arranged once you sign up so don't miss out on this fun weekend. On July 27th, we have another new event that will take us to the Sierra Buttes for a day of driving and a nice lunch in the Sierras. Our tour guides, Andy and Sharon Goodrich, are also introducing a Poker Run to add to the excitement. The extremely popular fall Wine Tour to the Sierra Foothills on September 28th and 29th fills up very quickly, so check the website for details and sign up now.

On February 2nd, BMWCCA held a Pacific Regional Chapter Conference in San Francisco. John English, John Strom, Sharon Goodrich and I attended the two-day event. The first day focused on

ways to increase and stabilize membership. The Sunday session was an overview of the upcoming Oktoberfest in Monterey, CA. We went away from the conference with many great ideas to help increase membership and make our Chapter even better in the future.

Speaking of Oktoberfest, we will have a very rare opportunity to attend the BMWCCA Oktoberfest, commonly called O'Fest by the National Chapter, August 19th thru the 24th. This year the weeklong event is in Monterey, CA, which is the closest it has been in years to our area. The website is now up and running and reservations started March 1st. I encourage all our members to try and make all or some of the days. There are things to do for everyone, from driving schools to wine tasting to just great camaraderie.

Finally, as I start my new position as president of our chapter, I would like to thank Art Ona for his hard work the last two years. This has got to be the best BMWCCA club in the nation. I will continue to keep this the social club that it is and look forward to a lot of fun in the next two years.

Happy motoring,

Pat McGoff

Legends, Festorics, O'Fest in August!

This is the year to enjoy two annual can't-miss automotive events in the Monterey area – ***Legends of the Autobahn Concours*** (Aug 16) and the ***Historic races*** at Laguna Seca Raceway (Aug 16-19) in August! Add to this the annual ***Oktoberfest*** celebration the following week (Aug 18-24) and you have the perfect car-nut/BMW-nut trifecta! ***Legends*** is a fabulous display of some of the most beautiful German automobiles you'll ever see. The ***Historics*** feature incredible racing machines from the past zooming around one of the best tracks in America. Enjoy the special BMW hospitality area. Oktoberfest is the club's annual week-long celebration – see page 3 for more information.

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Oktoberfest 2013 in Monterey!

Oktoberfest 2013 is going to be a fantastic BMW experience you won't want to miss! Here are the highlights:

Monday, Aug 19

- Tour of *Dinan Engineering* in Morgan Hill
- Welcome Reception at Hyatt, Monterey
- Trivia Master at Hyatt

Tuesday, Aug 20

- Concours at Custom House Plaza
- Taste of Monterey Wine Tasting
- Concours Dinner and Awards, Memory Garden

Wednesday, Aug 21

- Odometer Gears Time-Distance Rally
- Michelin Driving School at Laguna Seca
- BMW NA test drives from Laguna Seca
- Car Control Clinic at Laguna Seca
- Gymkhana Challenge
- BMW Foundation Casino Night at Hyatt

Thursday, Aug 22

- Michelin Driving School at Laguna Seca
- Bridgestone Autocross at Laguna Seca
- Wine Tasting Tour
- BMW NA test drives from Laguna Seca

Friday, Aug 23

- Michelin Driving School at Laguna Seca
- BMW NA test drives from Laguna Seca
- Bridgestone Autocross at Laguna Seca
- BMW NA Banquet at Hyatt

Saturday, Aug 24

- Michelin Driving School at Laguna Seca
- BMW NA test drives from Laguna Seca

Go to the BMW CCA website and click on the Oktoberfest link for all the details and to sign up. If you're planning on going, you'll need to sign up soon and be sure to arrange for lodging, especially if you'd like to do the *Legends Concours* and *Festorics* as well. Rooms are hard to get and quite expensive the weekend of the *Historics* because that's also the *Pebble Beach Concours* weekend, with a large number of classic car auctions and events that weekend as well.

It will be a fun time!

January-March 2013



A nice collection of BMWs!



Some fine looking old race cars!



Impressive set-up at Laguna Seca raceway!

Two great driving events coming up!

Drive to Virginia City, April 20

It's time to get out your BMW and exercise it a bit with a fun drive to Virginia City. This annual event is planned for Saturday, April 20. We meet around 9:30 at Starbucks on Mt. Rose and drive up over Mt. Rose highway to Incline Village. After a coffee stop at the Starbucks there, it's off around the east side of the lake dropping down to Carson City. Route 50 east takes us to Six Mile Canyon Road for a quick drive up to Virginia City. Lunch is at The Palace. After lunch you're on your own to explore Virginia City and enjoy the drive back down Geiger Grade. It should be a fun day! Contact John English to sign up – 847-4441.

Mystery Wine Tour, June 8-9

Come join us for a Mystery Wine Tour, Saturday and Sunday, June 8-9, 2013. That's right... we're going on an overnight tour to wineries you've probably never heard of in a place you've probably never been! Sound like fun? We'll drive some great roads, enjoy some good food (...and wine!), meet some great people and generally have the usual BMW Club great time!!! It will include a byo picnic lunch at a winery and a great evening dinner at our overnight location. Details will be provided when we meet Saturday morning. The tour is limited to 12 cars so call John or Alice Strom at 851-3000 today.

For more information about club events along with lots of photos, visit: www.sierrabmwclub.org.

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