

**BMW Car Club  
of America  
Sierra Chapter**



*Coming Events:*

- Jan 10, Meeting/Social, Bill Pearce BMW 6 PM
- Feb 14, Meeting/Social, Bill Pearce BMW 6 PM
- Mar 14, Meeting/Social, Bill Pearce BMW 6 PM
- Apr 11, Meeting/Social, Bill Pearce BMW 6 PM
- May 9, Meeting/Social, Bill Pearce BMW 6 PM

# Sierra Scene

## ***Holiday Christmas Party Fun!***

The annual **Holiday Christmas Party** was held on **Thursday, Dec 13th** at the homes of Pat & Joanne McGoff and Carol & Mario Villar. Forty-two club members enjoyed appetizers at the McGoffs followed by dinner at the Villars. As you can see by these photos, a good time was had by all!!

The event was catered by Dish Café & Catering, who provided wonderful main dishes and delicious deserts. And, of course, there was lots of wine!

There were door prizes too – American Express and Einstein Bagels gift cards.

Many members contributed to planning, set-up and clean-up for the party – thanks to all! And special thanks to the McGoffs and Villars for their great hospitality!



## ***From President Art...***

Greetings BMW Club members,  
Wow!!! My presidency just came and went. I am grateful to all the board members for making my job as president both rewarding and enjoyable. During the last quarter of 2012, we had some wonderful events such as the El Dorado-Amador County Wine tour and the annual Christmas party. For the new members, I would suggest attending these events next year since there is usually a very good turnout and you get to know some of our members.

I would like to thank the Sharp's, the McGoffs and the Rachows for organizing the annual wine tour to the Sierra Foothills wineries. This was our first year attending the event. Diane and I had a fabulous time and would do it again in a heartbeat. Fellow members, this is a great way to get to know more of the members not to mention the wine tour and the bottles of wine you get to purchase at a discounted price. I never knew that we were that close to some fantastic wineries.

Now to the annual Christmas party. I want to thank the Villars and the McGoffs for hosting the annual Christmas party. Great job!!! Thank you Dish Café & Catering for serving wonderful dishes of food. Everyone I talked to raved about the food. Thank you, DeArmond for taking the lead in collecting the checks and keeping track of the attendance. And finally, thank you board members for the gift of a complete detailing of my car at Gilson Autobody. I definitely can use a complete detailing after that wine trip and a recent trip to Elko.

Members, I will be leaving you in great hands with Pat McGoff as your new president, John English as your Vice President and Sharon Goodrich as your new membership director. Again, thank you for allowing me to serve you as President of the Sierra BMW Car Club.

Enjoy the club and drive safely. Hope to see you at the next chapter meeting.

*Art Ona*

### **Step up and host an event in 2012...**

If you've enjoyed participating in BMW Club events in the past now's the time to step up and host one yourself!

We're looking for club members who would like to organize and host an event in 2012. What can you think of that would be fun for club members to do? Over the years we've had numerous tech sessions at local BMW service businesses, drive & dines to some great eating places, performance driving events at Reno/Fernley raceway and other local areas, driving tours to interesting museums (both automotive and other), overnight drives and simple social get-togethers.

Please bring your ideas to the annual planning meeting on Thursday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at Bill Pearce BMW. Volunteer to host an event!

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## ***2012 El Dorado – Amador Wine Tour***

*By DeArmond Sharp*

Eleven couples from the Sierra Chapter departed bright and early on a beautiful Saturday fall morning for the 2012 El Dorado – Amador Wine Tour. The first stop was in Minden where Bob and Linda Sanfilippo joined the group. Twelve cars led by co-host, Pat McGoff, proceeded on Highway 88 over Carson Pass Summit to Mormon Emigrant Trail, a beautiful scenic drive which intersects with Sly Park Road in El Dorado County where we made our first stop at the Miraflores Winery. We were joined at Miraflores by a couple from the Sacramento Chapter.

We enjoyed a private wine tasting at Miraflores and then proceeded to Sierra Vista Winery for a picnic lunch in its garden picnic area with a beautiful view of the Desolation Wilderness. After lunch, the group proceeded to Cooper Vineyards in Amador County. This was the first time the wine tour has stopped at Cooper Vineyards. Cooper, as you might imagine, makes wonderful Barbara and other reds which the group thoroughly enjoyed.

From Cooper's we visited an old standby, Karmere, and from Karmere we went to our final stop of the day, Jeff Runquist Winery.

Margie Runquist hosted our private tasting of Jeff Runquist's delicious single vineyard red wines. After the tasting and snacks, we were invited to the neighboring building which houses the Runquist crushing and fermentation facility. Runquist had just begun their crush the day before. We were provided with a demonstration of the process of mixing the fermenting grapes which must be accomplished three times a day.

As usual, we all stayed at the Shenandoah Inn and the day concluded with the traditional wine and cheese happy hour poolside where we all enjoyed each other's favorite selections from the wineries toured on Saturday, followed by our traditional dinner at the Colina De Oro Restaurant.

Of course, Sunday breakfast at the Dead Fly Diner was enjoyed by all and the owners, Karen and Mike Martin, could not have been more accommodating to our group of 26.

We are looking forward to 2013 tour and have several new wineries in mind to explore. I think the consensus is that Cooper and Runquist are keepers, but to discover any others, you will have to attend next year to enjoy camaraderie and wine tasting in El Dorado and Amador Counties.



A nice collection of BMWs!



Miraflores Winery



Ron Rachow stirs the grapes of Runquist

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## ***Another great Street Survival event!***

The club held another highly successful **Street Survival** event on **Saturday, Oct 6<sup>th</sup>** at the Mt. Rose Ski Area. Thirty-five club members and volunteers hosted 18 teens in a split-format program of driving and classroom sessions.

The teens drove their own vehicles as the in-car coaches urged them to “push it” through both dry and wet braking and handling events. While the teens hated getting up so early, at the end of the day everyone experienced the usual exhilaration from a day well spent. Go to the website and watch a great video of the day!



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

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