

**BMW Car Club  
of America  
Sierra Chapter**



### *Coming Events:*

- Jul 12, Meeting/Social, Bill Pearce BMW 6 PM
- Jul 21, Black Chasm Cavern Drive
- Aug 9, Meeting/Social, Bill Pearce BMW 6 PM
- Sep 8, Charity Show & Shine, Gilsons
- Sep 13, Meeting/Social, Bill Pearce BMW 6 PM
- Sep 29, Annual Wine Tour

# *Sierra Scene*

## ***Upcoming events for BMW fun!***

In addition to the monthly meeting/socials at Bill Pearce BMW (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of month), here are some upcoming events:

- **Black Chasm Cavern Tour on Sat, July 21.** This will be a fun trip down Cal Hwy 88 to the Caverns near Volcano, CA. where we will tour the caverns. Afterwards is an Italian-style lunch at Teresa's Place.
- **Kars for Kids Charity Show & Shine on Sat, Sept 8** at Gilson's in Sparks. There will be usual food, raffles, fun and beautiful cars. All proceeds go to a charity to benefit kids.
- **Wine Tour to Eldorado & Amador Counties on Sat-Sun, Sept 29-30.** This annual event features the usual good roads, nice wines, good food and friends. Stay at the Shenandoah Inn and enjoy good food and drink with friends.

The club web site has all the details on these events, including costs and how to sign up. Go to: [www.sierrabmwcarclub.org](http://www.sierrabmwcarclub.org).

Come join the fun!



From the 2011 Wine Tour – great roads headed for great wine!

### **"Stunner" BMWs at Legends Concours in Monterey**

In addition to the new M6 coupe and convertible scheduled to appear at the BMW CCA Legends Of The Autobahn concours during the Monterey week in August, BMW CCA executive director Frank Patek has confirmed two more special cars: the BMW Zagato coupe which recently caused a sensation at Villa d'Este and a one-off M car which was hidden away for nearly twenty years: the BMW M8. Legends of The Autobahn will mark the American debut of both cars and may well be the only opportunity to view these cars in the U.S. Go to BMW CCA website to learn more.

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

Greetings BMW Club Members,  
Summer is here and the temperatures are rising. During the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2012, I had the pleasure of attending the *Virginia City Drive* and the Cabot Cove Cruise.

We had a successful turnout again for the first driving event of the season – the drive to Virginia City. My wife, Diane liked the alternate route we took to Virginia City since the drive did not make her sick.

Kudos to John and Alice Strom for organizing the *Coastal Cruise to Cabot Cove*. This was definitely the best event I have ever attended. This must be a do again for next year. The trip was well planned and it was such a joy to drive up Highway One. The weather and the views were fantastic, along with our ultimate driving machines. Ladies and gentlemen, I would recommend participating in over-night driving events because this is a great way to get to know

your fellow members. John and Alice and Pat McGoff took some great photos of the trip. Some of those photos will be in this newsletter with more on the web site.

Another event that Diane and I are planning to attend is the *Black Chasm Cavern* on Saturday, July 21<sup>st</sup>. This is another event that we have not done before and should be a great drive to an interesting place. Save this date on your calendar. I hope to see 10 to 15 cars for this event.

And finally, we will be trying a new restaurant after our July 12<sup>th</sup> Chapter meeting. The restaurant will be Lings & Louie, which recently opened in Reno. The location will be posted on our website soon and will be announced at the meeting.

Enjoy the club and drive safely.

Hope to see you all in the coming months!

*Art Ona*



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## Coastal Cruise to Cabot Cove!

By Alice Strom

On a beautiful, sunny day the BMWs left Reno for a 2-day “cruise” to Cabot Cove (...the fictional name for Mendocino, CA, where the television series *Murder She Wrote* was filmed). Over the mountain to California we sped (...with a bit of road work delay) to our first night destination – the Courtyard Marriott in Larkspur Landing. The fun really began when we all met in the courtyard for a cocktail party before dinner. Delicious snacks, mellow wine and great company set a festive mood. Tour hosts **John and Alice Strom, Sharon and Ron Rashow, Joann and Pat McGoff, Diane and Art Ona, Rita Lencioni, Mary Esposito and Jim Goodfellow** chatted and told stories until it was time to stroll down to the Marin Brewing Company for more conviviality and dinner. A short walk back in the moonlight and “goodnights” all around ended day one.

At 9 AM sharp, cars gassed up and everyone fed, we began our journey around Mount Tamalpais and north along the coast on Cal Route One. It was one of those wonderful fog and mist free mornings. Spring flowers were out in massive displays of color – purple sweet pea, white calla lilies and Queen Anne’s Lace, yellow Scottish broom and buttercups. Snowy white egrets waded in the salt marshes. Seals basked in the sunshine. The road was filled with other groups enjoying the fine weather and fun road. We drove with a bunch of classic cars participating in a drive as part of a Marin Concours. We dodged hundreds of bicyclists participating in the Marin Century race. We were dazzled by the Ferrari Owners Group of incredible, wildly expensive, mostly red exotic cars. Before we knew it we had arrived at the Timber Cove Inn, our lunch stop. After a leisurely lunch overlooking the scenic coastline, we paused for a group picture and then were on our way once more. The afternoon brought us more sweeping vistas, beaches tucked in between cliff faces, and roads with wonderful corners and long tempting straightaways. Shady avenues of cedar and cyprus trees twisted between deer, wild turkeys, and signs for BBQ Oysters.

By late afternoon we reached our destination. Some folks stopped to enjoy Mendocino while

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others headed for their rooms at the Holiday Inn Express in Fort Bragg.

Another cocktail party ensued as everyone gathered on the patio of Alice and John's room. The view of the Pacific, the Fort Bragg bridge and a bucolic gorge provided the backdrop. Soon it was time to hop back into the cars for the short drive to Silver's at the Wharf for a sumptuous seafood dinner. As the sun set over the water we relaxed and enjoyed the company of good friends.

Thanks to all who participated and made this event most memorable!



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

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