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Car of the Quarter: Dave Thompson, 1969 1600 convertible

My name is Dave Thompson. And I live in Boise, ID. I have been a BMW owner/CCA member since 1978. My current garage includes an '05 330i (there's a separate story there – Euro delivery), a '95 M3 and a '69 1600 Cabriolet – all RED. This is the story of the Cabriolet.

I've been a car enthusiast all my life. In the early '80s I had restored a couple of old Mercedes ('53 and '52 220s). I was determined that my next car would be a convertible, it could have been a MB or BMW – either would do. I read some articles in a '78 Roundel (do you remember when it wasn't 8.5x11?) about the 1600 Cabriolet, and set out to find one. Now, they're Gray Market cars – never imported into the US by BMW, so the search had to be in Europe. To that end, in 1980 I joined the BMW Car Club of Great Britain so I could get their newsletter (and the For Sale ads). Sure enough....

Now remember, this was pre-Internet/digital photos/inter-continental telecommu-

nication. So, I called this woman. Turns out she was the original owner, took delivery at the factory (Munich), and drove it

condition. Offers around £825. Further particulars: Ronald Barrell (01-428 1128 after 7 p.m.)

1500-115
BMW Convertible 1600. 1970. Silver/black. Personal import, first model in this line. One lady owner, 50,000 miles. Some body repairs. Engine excellent. New MOT, new road licence. Ring 01-722 0381, after 5 p.m.

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German BMW Club Member offers BMW 3.0 CS, 1975 – the last special series with 2.5 lit engine, 1150 PSI. Only 30,000 km

home. Which was why it was left-hand drive, even though in England.

And from her descriptions, I bought the car sight-unseen in 1981. To get the car into my driveway involved purchase (~\$3500), shipping (~\$1000) and DOT and EPA certification (~\$1000). I never realized that cars could RUST that quickly! I was very disheartened when I first saw it.

I drove it for a few years, then parked it. I researched extensively about how it was different from the sedan, and learned that from the top of the door down, except for significant internal reinforcement, it was the same. So, I found a rust-free sedan, worked with a body shop to make it their filler work (if you've got insurance jobs, do those. But if you don't have that, and

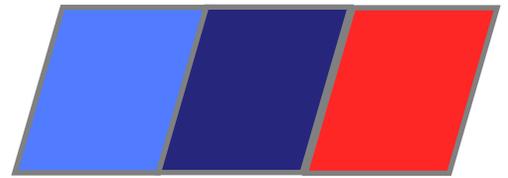
you need to keep your guys busy, do this one). They took the two cars, cut them apart, and merged them into one. Here's a shot of the interim progress.

It was a complete disassembly and restoration. I started in '90 and completed just in time for the '95 O'fest in Keystone, CO. The car took 2nd in Concours. We went back again for the '02 O'fest (A 2002 reunion) and the car was on the cover of the October, '02 Roundel – go to your archives.

I LOVE the car. A real beauty, but is really underpowered, and has a LOT of body flex. Nevertheless, it is the GEM of my garage.



President's Corner



Change is good right!?

I don't know who said it but I think that's right, things don't stay the same. It takes a real intuitive genius to catch those times in our lives that are special, and keen observation to notice those moments in time.

Remembering those moments when the pieces fit together or a person made a profound positive effect on you, remembering the point in time it happened, that's the essence of change.

The baby steps that multiply into big change, that is our group. We are evolving in a good way, and we get to see it take place.

Our BMW group is changing and so is the leadership. This is an election year and I am pleased to see many younger members stepping forward with ideas of their own, building on what was, and moving towards what will be.

I am so excited to have a front seat watching the road ahead as new drivers take the wheel of our club, I know these changes will be good. We have a new energetic newsletter person, Nicole Altese and a new brainiac web master Steve McClain, a new car NUT on hand energizing the whole group and beating the drum for BMW, Mr Tom Sparks. We have a new membership chair person Jay Greene, helping to get everyone working together and new people involved.

We are sporting our new logo and hope to have a club banner like ol' times soon. If members have ideas and con-

cerns, shoot Jay Greene a note. Our track events are evolving too, with Scott Adare to help bring members out to enjoy their cars to the fullest on the track. Look for the FATT day that fits your schedule and contact Scott about a personal instructor for the day. (scott@adarmotorsports.com) The Volunteer group will be re-mustered for the October school.

Like our group, BMW is changing too. Leaner engines that still kick out dominating power, diesels on the way for the oil burner lovers among us. Several new models that understand how to fit into a changing world and market place. Richard Hammond recently said the new 3 series is the best production car ever, certainly a new honor for BMW.

We have new projects for this driving season -check out our events calendar and our face book page. The Sovern races this year will be celebrated by the club with the addition of a group tent & car corral. We will be sharing plenty of intel at the annual European Auto Haus Car Clinic/Precision Pointe Detail Session. A country cruise meets up with the Portland group in July, the list goes on...

Other changes we are talking about - a WEST COAST O-FEST! , we are gearing up for the October fest 2013 in Monterey, CA next year in September. We want everyone to put that week aside for a west coast group hug and car-topia fun as we conga line south on fun roads to meet up with fellow bim-

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mer-files, it's going to be a blast. Change- it seems is good and I invite you to make a baby step. Get involved, change your route, steer toward the Roundel and have some fun.

Drive safe

Chris Brown

IEBMW President



Tom Sparks from Precision Pointe Detailing: Tips from the Pros (continued from last issue)

Procedures for Removing Paint Swirl and Light Surface Scratches

Step One: Wash your vehicle thoroughly, then used Paint Cleaning Clay to remove surface imperfections. Proper techniques for both of these processes were covered in my last column (or call me for instructions).

Step Two: Use a wax stripper to remove all waxes from the surface to be polished.

I recommend Griot's Garage Paint Prep (Griot's Garage product #11135). Spray it on, let it set briefly, scrub the painted surfaces with a sponge, then rinse with clean water.

Step Three: Use a random orbital machine and a dense foam pad to apply a very mild polish to a 2' x 2' area. I enthusiastically recommend Griot's Garage's 6" Professional Random Orbital (Griot's Garage product #10765), Machine Polish 3 (Griot's Garage product #11163) and the dense 6" Orange Foam Polish Pad (Griot's Garage product

#10626). The dense pad keeps polish on the surface of the pad rather than allowing it to soak into the pad, wasting product. (Griot's Garage Machine Polishes are water-based and numbered 1-4, Machine Polish 4 being the least abrasive). Machine Polish 3 is a "revealing" polish. After one application you can easily see how much work you have to do

Procedurally, here is how it works: 1) Apply approximately a 50-cent-piece-amount of Machine Polish 3 to the 6" orange pad and then "prime" the pad. Priming the pad means to massage

Tips from the Pros Continued

the first application of polish into the entire surface of the pad. This technique prevents the dense pad from making contact with the paint without the lubricating effect of the water-based polish. 2) Apply the same amount of Machine Polish 3 to the pad again but spread it like butter on the pad. Set the Griot's Garage Professional Random Orbital Machine to Speed 5 or 6 (settings go from 1-6), place the pad on the painted surface BEFORE turning it on (unless

you want to wear the polish!), then turn the machine on and begin a cross-hatch pattern, going "up and down" first, "side to side" next, then "up and down" once again, finishing with "side to side," moving the machine about 4" each second. You have now polished each of the 576 square inches (2'x 2' square) four times. 3) Wipe the polish from the paint with a micro fiber cloth to reveal the status of the paint (there is no benefit of allowing the polish to dry). I recommend Griot's Garage Polish

Removal Cloths in sets of 3 (Griot's Garage product #11115). Now look closely at the paint. If all of the "swirl" and/or light scratches have been removed, you are done with that 2' x 2' area.

Tips from the Pros will be continued in the next Issue or visit our web-site at www.iebmw.org for the full article.

Tom uses Griot's Garage products available direct at (208) 691-9729 or online at www.griotsgarage.com

4th Annual Sun Valley Road Rally



The rich and famous get away with a lot of things in Sun Valley, ID, and racing exotic cars at speeds of over 180mph is just one of them. Once a year this crazy activity is actually legal, at the Annual Sun Valley Road Rally held July 27-29th. The Blaine County Sheriff's Department closes a stretch of highway north of Ketchum and hosts a 3.2 mile all-out race for speed. This fundraiser,

partially sponsored by Sun Valley Auto Club, raises money to support the Blaine County Community Drug Coalition (a 501.c.3) www.sunvalleyroadrally.com. For information regarding surrounding events or participation, contact: Info@SunValleyRoadRally.com or (208) 727-8768

Inland Northwest Lighthouse 2012 Braille Rally and Car Show

Inland Northwest Lighthouse is hosting the 2012 Spokane Braille Rally and Car Show for the Blind

On Saturday June 9th, at 9:00 a.m., the 2012 Spokane Braille Rally will take place at Inland Northwest Lighthouse (INL) at 6405 N. Addison. Participants will engage in a fun, competitive ride through the beautiful city of Spokane.

Spokane, Washington – Inland Northwest Lighthouse (INL) April 25, 2012 — The Spokane Braille Rally is a unique driving competition, which will begin and end at INL on Saturday, June 9th.

Rally teams consists of two people -- one is an individual who is blind (the Navigator) in the passenger seat of a vehicle, the other team member is a sighted Driver. Navigators

tactilely read driving instructions in braille to the vehicle Drivers, who can only take their directions from their Navigator. The pair will complete a prescribed and timed check-pointed road course. We anticipate 22 teams to compete in this year's Spokane Braille Rally.

This is the second annual Spokane Braille Rally.

The participating rally cars will consist of vintage, unique, and/or specialty vehicles.

To further highlight blindness awareness and braille literacy, this year's Spokane Braille Rally will feature, The Hands-On Car Show for the Blind. The car show is an opportunity for attendees who are blind to judge entered automobiles, based solely on touch and feel.

INL is a satellite facility of The Lighthouse for the Blind, Inc. Our mission is to create and enhance opportunities for inde-

pendence and self-sufficiency of people who are blind, Deaf-Blind, or blind with other disabilities.

INL is nearing its fourth year as part of the Spokane community, and has worked hard to build public awareness and to increase community engagement by presenting our unique story and mission. Our goal with events like the Spokane Braille Rally is to continue to develop resources to strengthen our employee programs and services, and to promote braille literacy and blindness awareness.

For more information on the Spokane Braille Rally: www.spokanebraillerally.com

For more information about Inland Northwest Lighthouse, go to www.inlandlh.org

For specific questions or to get involved, e-mail: info@spokanebraillerally.com.

IEBMWCCA Newsletter Outreach Program

The Inland Empire BMW CCA is the largest geographic Chapter in the United States. In order to better serve our wide-spread member base, I am requesting information from our outlying members. Until now, the Newsletter has focused on Events in the Spokane area, however, we would like to include any newsworthy events

in any of the areas that we cover. Please feel free to send Events, Drives, Articles of Interest, Photos or any other car related information. I am looking forward to hearing from you!

-Nicole Altese, Newsletter Editor
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Cars & Coffee

Come join our diverse group of car enthusiasts every Saturday morning from 7:00-9:00am at Porsche of Spokane in Liberty Lake. Car enthusiasts (and cars) of all makes, models, ages and conditions are welcome.

Upcoming Events

View Event List in Detail at www.iebmw.org

June 1-3: Spokane Festival of Speed/Sovern Races, BMW Car Corral and Concours Event
Register for the Car Corral/Concours on Sat morning from 7-8 am at the Chevron Station on Hayford Rd just South of the Quest Casino Entrance. Concours prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and People's Choice. Entry fee for Car Corral/Concours is \$25 which includes both Sat and Sun.

June 9: Inland Northwest Lighthouse Braille Car Rally & Car Show
www.spokanebrailrally.com or info@spokanebrailrally.com

June 9-10: Nelson, BC Overnighter; Contact Chris Brown: addaxx4@mac.com

June 9-10: Autocross @ Deer Park Airport, www.autosportsnorthwest.org

June 22-24: Rattlesnake Chapter Tour of Glacier National Park, MT

July 7-8: Autocross @ Deer Park Airport, www.autosportsnorthwest.org

July 13-15: Spokane Gran Prix

July 21: Brookwalter Winery Tour, Richland, WA; Contact Chris Brown addaxx4@mac.com

July 21-22: Chump Car 24hr Endurance Race, Spokane County Raceway (SCR)

July 28: Maryhill Loop Tour with Portland Chapter

July 27-29: Sun Valley Road Rally, www.SunValleyRoadRally.com, info@sunvalleyroadrally.com

July 29: Puget Sound Concours

August 4-5: Autocross @ Deer Park Airport, www.autosportsnorthwest.org

August 18: Tech Session @ European Auto Haus

August 25: Billings Car Show

August 25-26: Autocross @ Deer Park Airport, www.autosportsnorthwest.org

September 8-9: Wheatland Junking, Contact Chris Brown addaxx4@mac.com

September 7: FATT, Spokane County Raceway (SCR), www.adaremotorsports.com

September 29-30: Autocross @ Deer Park Airport, www.autosportsnorthwest.org

October 5: FATT, SCR www.adaremotorsports.com

October 6-7: Performance Driving School, SCR, www.adaremotorsports.com

