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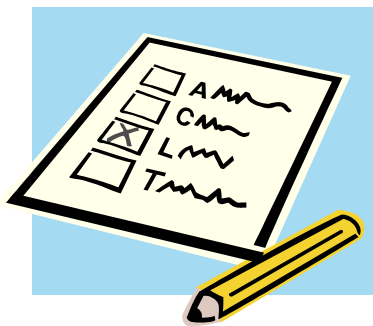
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It's time for the Bi-Annual Inland Empire BMW CCA Elections to be held. This year we have one candidate running for each of our 4 elected positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. We appreciate your vote to acknowledge the candidates and the statements that they have written and included on page 3. We will have two methods of voting available. We will be e-mailing a link (<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/35WN66V>) to our voting site for those members who have chosen electronic commu-

nication and we will enclose a paper ballot to return via mail for those members who have opted out of our e-mail list. We will look forward to counting your votes confidentially and will determine the winner by January 5th. The winners will be announced in our first newsletter of the year, on our website and also at our Annual Year End Banquet.

End of the Year Banquet: Feb 9th, 7pm, Luigi's Italian Restaurant, Spokane

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Playing Santa for a BMW Enthusiast

As the holidays come around many members of our immediate family might be at a loss as to what to get us for Christmas. I have tried hard to find a few gifts that won't break the bank. Hopefully by strategically leaving this article in a conspicuous spot, you may help them get you a gift that you would otherwise have to shop for on your own.

As my resources I have used The BMW CCA site (<http://www.bmwcca.org/index>), Bavarian Autosport Catalog (www.bavauto.com or 800-535-2002) and Precision Pointe Detailing. Tom at Precision Pointe (www.precision-pointe.com) 208-691-9694 carries the Griot's Garage line and will even deliver most Griot's products to your door. To view the entire Griot's line check out their web-site at www.griotsgarage.com.

Upgrade your BMW Key Ring: \$15-\$26 www.bavauto.com Personally, I would love to have the old school leather backed roundel, not because it is cool or retro, but because my dad got one from the dealer when he bought his first new 318i back in 1984 and I have always wanted one like his. Other more modern ones including carbon fiber options are also available.

BMW hats, t-shirts and travel mugs: \$10-\$30 www.bavauto.com Always needed, always cool (The stocking cap is my favorite)

Magnetic "Light Mine": \$8-\$20 www.bavauto.com These are multi sided, mini- magnetic LED lights that allow you to attach a light to any metal surface and see things from almost every angle. These are great for doing work in tight spaces.

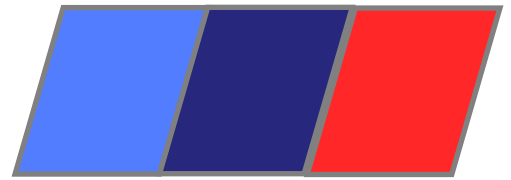
Griot's Waterless Car Wash Kit: \$30 www.precision-pointe.com Wash your car without water! In your garage! In the winter! Just spray on Griot's special formula and wipe off with the included cloths. Comes with 3 Car Wash Cloths and 35 oz of Waterless Car Wash Spray.

Griot's Speed Shine Maintenance Kit: \$25 www.precision-pointe.com I use this product more than any other car cleaner on the planet. (And so does Tom Sparks of Precision Pointe) Another spray and wipe product, perfect for a between wash shine or to remove brake dust and road grime from your baby between track sessions. Comes with 3 microfiber towels and 35 oz of Speed Shine.

I could list a million additional items, I have been told that I am very good at spending money. I hope that these items under \$30 appeal to you and that a few of these gifts find their way under your Christmas tree. If these weren't quite what you were looking for, take a look at Bavarian Auto or Griot's Garage Online for more ideas. Happy Holidays!



President's Corner



Looking both ways before you go

Looking back, another driving season is behind us and what a great year it has been.

We got involved in helping out Parkinson patients through the Sovern races /Car Corral/Show & Shine event.

Some of us volunteered to learn race flagging during the Spokane Grand Prix.

We made a sloppy, soggy trail to BC for an over night visit to Nelson and we met with fellow enthusiasts from Portland and Tri-cities chapters. We have explored back roads and enjoyed 360 degrees of blazing summer views atop Steptoe Butte. Not only did we find fun scenic roads, most of them led to great restaurants, enjoyed along our travels.

We supported Spokane's Lighthouse for the Blind at their Rally and Car Show and attended the annual Britt Bull gathering in Millwood for the Mini's among us. We shared time at the annual tech session where we learned about our cars and found friendly and helpful advice on how to keep our cars looking their best at the detail session. We snacked on brats and beans from our group's tent staged at the race track as we welcomed new members into the family. We put on an amazing HPDE school at the SCR track and found fellow members from many walks of life there, all for the same thing, love of our cars and the sprit of driving some of the best cars with like minded friends.

Looking forward, 2013 promises to be an exceptional year as we begin to make plans for a group caravan to Monterey CA. Oktoberfest! We will be formalizing those plans this winter as well as working towards our summer event plans. It will be a stellar event to find fun roads to California enjoy all the O-fest activities and

meet members from around the country. So I say to each of you ROAD TRIP!

Twenty thirteen will bring new leadership to the Inland Empires' group. The Bi Annual election will render a new President, Vice-President, Secretary & Treasurer as well as new appointed positions within the board. We invite anyone interested in getting involved to step up and come to the membership meetings. We will be revisiting our chapter bylaws in order to move the chapter into the internet age allowing more flexibility for our members within the geography of our chapter.

In addition to our giant multi chapter migration to the California coast next summer we will be involved in many other events in the up coming driving season including another fun High Speed Drivers Education school.

Lastly I cannot over state my heart felt appreciation to all those who stepped up for the chapter making this a remarkable 4 year cruise for me.

I have met and continue to meet so many of you and can only say, my hat is off to each of you who have made each tour, event and get-together wonderful. Your e-mails of encouragement and concerns have been motivational during cloudy times.

So now one last marching order...fill in your online E-voting ballet for your new board members and let the new begin. Details in this issue news letter.

Happy Holidays to each of you and have a brilliant 2013.

Thank you sincerely,

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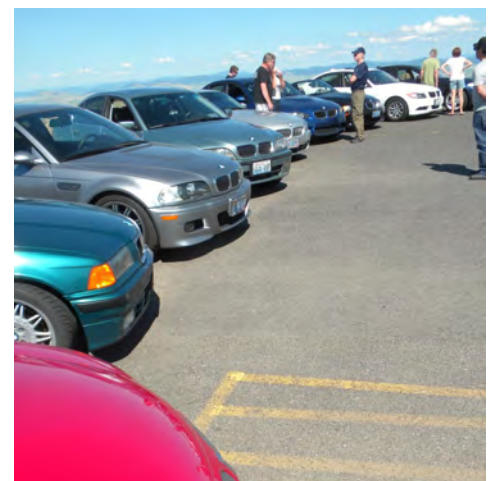
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Palouse Cruise 2012, Three times better...

Organized by the Portland Chapter, joining in the fun from the Tri-cities was the Rattlesnake Chapter and chaperoned for the day by our group the Inland Empire chapter.

First things first! Our group had a hasty and fun tour over the Palouse Falls hump on our trek to the meet up destination in Dayton, WA. All three chapters rendezvoused at a nice lunch spot and all enjoyed a tasty lunch-time meal in downtown Dayton. After lunch, a walking tour ensued and a court house photo session documented the occasion. Then it was time to climb behind the wheels of some pretty darn nice bimmers to make our way along some fun roads and one not-so-fun road, made that way from fresh chip seal, the bimmers prevailed arriving for a pit stop in Colfax, wheat land central.

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2013-2015 IEBMW CCA Board of Directors Candidate Statements

President: Tom Sparks: Dear IE BMW CCA Club Members, My name is Tom Sparks. I am in my fifth year of BMW CCA Club membership and have been an avid attendee of our monthly meetings as well as an attendee at many club activities, including driving schools. I own and maintain three beautiful BMWs, a 3, 5, and 7 series. I believe the future of our club lies in a coordinated balance of social, car show/show and shine, tech sessions, club drives and, finally, a culminating yearly track event. Coordination with car clubs of similar interests, other northwest BMW CCA chapters, and especially with our local BMW dealership, would also be key to my tenure. As president I would oversee the coordination of our club activities, but would look for involvement of club members to host/plan/coordinate each of them. I would seek to retain the generous contributions of our current membership and newsletters chairs and work to develop a wider base of involvement with our members in Montana and other outlying areas. Of course, 2013 will be a big year for us as we represent our chapter in Monterey, California for Oktoberfest in August 2013.

Vice President: Chris Brown: Howdy all, As term limits take me from the President's position, I would like your help to continue serving in the Vice President's position. We have come so far as a chapter. Our chapter is the largest and most diverse geographically, and yet we thrive despite obstacles. With these elections we complete a transitional corner, we steer forward with new leadership and build on the changes that are bringing our chapter into the internet age. We also make plans for another round of great events, including the West Coast Oktoberfest next August. My commitment to our group is to continue to explore more efficient ways to do the club compulsories and expand budget friendly ways to bring fun to the entire membership. I invite everyone to make the move to get involved and come out and play next year. Please take a minute to fill in your ballot, this will let us know you are out there and that you give us your nod to move forward. Thanks for your time, Chris Brown

Treasurer: Jack Brooks: I have been a member of BMWCCA for two years, joining after purchasing our first BMW. The good comradeship has been a special benefit of Club membership, but I've also benefited from club sponsored Car Control Clinics and High Performance Driving Schools. Just recently I participated in the Ultimate BMW Experience, a driving event at the BMW Performance Center in Spartanburg, South Carolina.

I have lived in the Inland Empire for thirty-five years, moving to Spokane after obtaining a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration-Finance from Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, Arizona. I worked in Banking and Finance for more than thirty years before recently retiring, which happily has provided me with more time for Bimmer drives and the duties of being the Inland Empire Chapter's treasurer.

Secretary: Jeff Bushman: My name is Jeff Bushman and I am running for the office of chapter secretary. I recently moved to Spokane from Atlanta. I was an active member in the BMW CCA Peachtree chapter. The BMW CCA is a great way to meet people with similar interests and passions. We form our friendships through shared activities and gatherings. As secretary, I hope to keep the membership as up-to-date as possible on all chapter activities and events, so that no one can say, "Oh, I didn't know that was going on, I wish I had gone." I look forward to meeting as many members as I can this year.

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The fun started again as we treated our out of town guests to some scenic fun back roads under a bright August sun. The weather spared anything scorching as the temperatures were quite pleasant for everyone. Our journey included a visit to the top of Steptoe butte and several small towns in-between and of course wide open fields of newly golden wheat. Our local member and Palouse home bred was our de facto guide. Keith herded us with skills and horsepower that Lewis and Clark could never have dreamt of. We viewed vista and farms on some of the riches farmland found in America as we maneuvered the famous roly-poly hills in this part of our state.

A predetermined over night stay in Pullman, WA was the days destination and we made the schedule keeper proud leaving ample time for hotel check in and freshen up. A great bistro dinner was waiting for us with beers in hand and lots of Palouse hills all around, we settled in for plenty of tourist talk and car culture. The ritual of the group drive trivia test was administered and prizes awarded to trivia champs - members of the Portland group.

This 3 chapter triplex of members were ready for some shut eye, after a long day. The Spokane members headed home and the others rested to be ready for their next days adventure! On their agenda was a jaunt to the spiral highway and on to the Rattlesnake grade into Enterprise, Oregon and back to Pendleton and home again the next day. We wished we could have continued with the Portland people but real life called.

We appreciate the visit from sister chapters and look forward to our next chance to chaperone a gaggle of bimmers about the golden hills of the amazing Palouse.



October HPDE FUN!

The October High Performance Driving Event held at Spokane County Raceway was a tremendous success! We had 23 rookies sign up so we certainly kept the Instructors hopping as they poured invaluable advice into their students helmets all weekend. We plan to continue the momentum with another event to be held in the Spring, stay tuned for details. Don't miss out on your chance to have an amazing time with Instruction for drivers of all ability levels. But please, don't take our word for it, check out a few of the comments we received after the event. See you in the Spring!

"Thank you for hosting such a well organized two day driving school. I especially appreciated the opportunity to have each track ride with an instructor in my car. The learning curve is shortened with the instant feedback and quality instruction provided. Both Saturday with Pat and Sunday with Dave at my side were all that I expected and more. They were knowledgeable and excellent teachers. I believe that the current level of teaching is much better than I remember from my session about 5-6 years ago. I am working on a friend who wants to attend the spring school. Please keep us posted when the schedule is finalized. Thanks again" -**Student, Bruce Barrow**



"I talked to 4 people here in the Tri-Cities that want to come with me next time, so please keep me on your mailing list" -**Student, Don Faust**

"I do think that having someone in the right seat is invaluable, and certainly something people registering for (Friday at the Track) days don't always take advantage of. Likely that is because it comes with extra expense. I think the two-day format is unique but also essential in allowing people to continue to apply techniques that are discussed during the sessions and the classroom." **Instructor Dr. Jon Lee**

"It was by far one of the funnest things I have done. I have caught huge fish in Alaska, hunted elk with a bow, auto-crossed in a club for a couple years and so on....This was one of the top activities. Of course it helped to have the M3 broken in and ready to run out." -**Student and IEBMW CCA Member, Gary Stenzel**



Great school, great instructors, glad you were able to schedule a school for this fall...I was able to get out with Crazy Larry on Sunday morning and he pushed me in a good way....I was more impressed with the instructor staff this year than I recall from years past...It will be fun to return to Spokane with an ever increasing group of Big Sky driving enthusiasts." -**Student and Big Sky PCA Member, Dewey Hahlbohm**

"The session was my first time on the track. It was completely blew me away. Driving around the course at speed under the expert tutelage of the

instructors by my side was amazing! I had no idea what it was like to drive a car at speed on the track, and it's safe to say that that for the first time I gained an appreciation of the power and performance of my car (a 2003 911 C4 Porsche). The instructors were truly outstanding, and I really appreciate their effort and dedication as well as the corner crews and everyone else involved in organizing and running the event."

- **Student and PCA Member Jim Duff**

