



# Ausblick

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Welcome to the BMW Car Club of British Columbia, a club for BMW owners and enthusiasts.

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## Our Brief History to date

From dream to reality in a few short months that about sums it up for the BMW Car Club of British Columbia. What started out as a dream and idea is now an active club with events, a web site, club activities, and now a newsletter.

BMW's have always been a popular car in British Columbia, but for one reason or other have never had much of an owners or enthusiasts club. Perhaps it is our roads and climate, and the fact that many Bimmer owners are always out and about.

Over the years there have been several attempts at starting dedicated clubs, but for one reason or the other they have not been much of a success.

Well now that has all changed.

## What are we all about?

As you will read elsewhere in this issue, the BMW Car Club of BC was formed as a result of the desire of a few BMW fans to have a club that supports their interest in and love of BMW motor vehicles.

The club is a not for profit organization that among other things has the following goals:

- to promote interest in safe and skillful motoring
- to encourage safe and skillful driving through classes and safety sessions
- to promote the maintenance and safe upkeep of our vehicles
- to be a source of information about

our vehicles

The club is open to all who have an interest in or who own BMW vehicles (cars and bikes).

Our greatest resource will be our membership. An infinite variety of people that share a common interest: BMWs. Through the club you can find new friendships, or share experiences with people who are familiar with all the joys and sorrows of owning a high performance automobile.

As a start-up club we have already come a long way. We have planned a number of our own events, and teamed up with other local clubs in the Pacific Northwest to be able to partake in their events.

We welcome you to the Club and are confident that by active participation you will find your membership in the BMW Car Club of BC to be enjoyable and rewarding.

Hope to see you at an event or meeting soon.

Regards,

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## Build it and they will come

*by Dave Beddows - Club President*

In April of 1998 a few BMW diehards and myself introduced what we know now as the BMW Car Club of British Columbia to the public eye. Those fellow diehards were Ian Wynne, Don Beddows, Craig Evans, Rolf Drommer, and Patrick Lum. We originally started as the Fraser Valley BMW Enthusiasts. It didn't take long before we had members joining from all over the Lower Mainland. With as many members outside of the Fraser Valley as within it, we decided it was a time for a name change.

It was at our first Executive meeting at the Pantry Restaurant in Langley that the 6 people you now know as the Club Executive laid the plan out to make sure this club will work and not falter like other past BMW clubs in British Columbia. It took many cups of coffee and a few bathroom breaks to agree on our directions.



The key to this club is the open minded attitude we have adopted. The reason why BMW clubs have existed for years and continue to exist is the product. Even the first BMW, under the Wartburg name, stood out for it's quality and superiority. The front suspension on this vehicle pioneered a design that was still being adapted by other manufactures 50 years after the first Wartburg. Later came BMW's first car under the BMW badge, the Dixi. This car was a hybrid of the Austin 7 and Wartburg cars with one big advantage, that special something that makes a BMW a BMW. That special something is still present in today's BMW's. I've driven many cars and I have not experienced a vehicle that communicates with me, the driver, like a BMW does. To get to the point; we recognize all BMW's because we know each and every one of them are special. Whether you drive a battered 2002, a BMW McLaren F1 (I can wish), Isetta or motorcycle; you are welcome to share the enthusiasm with us. We also welcome members who are enthusiasts that do not currently own a BMW.

We are open to any and all suggestions, within reason, for club events. If a member wishes to organize his or her own event for the club we are willing to help make it work. We are also looking for volunteers to help at events and help with some of the tasks involved in running a club. If you wish to participate in the day to day operations of this club we would like to hear from you. This club belongs to all of us and from what I've seen so far we all have the required enthusiasm to make it last.

## Events-The Lifeblood of a Club

One of the purposes of our club is to hold a variety of events that suit the general profile of our membership. We know that most BMW owners enjoy driving their vehicles, and as a result we are dedicated to 'Freude am Fahren' the enjoyment of the 'Ultimate Driving Machine'.

And of course it follows that if you are going to drive a fair amount, then you should be concerned with care and feeding or maintenance issues as well. Hence we will be planning tech sessions where owners can get more detailed info on their cars.

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the enjoyment of  
the 'Ultimate Driving Machine'*

Our two major yearly events are the Annual Harrison Fun run, and our Family Picnic and Show and Shine or Concours event. The Harrison Fun Run is a spring event (this year we held it May 24th) and the family Picnic Show and Shine is an end of Summer event. This year's event is planned for August 30th.

Our goal is to provide driving related fun events from spring through summer, and then have tech sessions and the like in the fall and winter months.

In addition to our own events we have contacted the other clubs in our region (the BMW ACA Puget Sound Chapter, which is the Seattle Club of roughly 1000 members, and the Vancouver Island BMW

Event Calendar			
<i>Events are listed by date, Sponsoring Club, and Event Title, and contact person. For more info on each event, check for event article in the newsletter or contact the event organizer listed for that event.</i>			
<i>BMW CC BC - our club</i>		<i>VI BMW Club - Vancouver Island Club</i>	
<i>BMW ACA - Seattle Club</i>		<i>TBD - exact date 'To Be Determined'</i>	
<b>July 1998</b>			
July 11	BMW ACA	Points North Tour	
July 18 - 19	BMW CC BC	Duffie Lake Road Tour contact Dave Beddows to sign up see story on page 4	
July 25	BMW ACA	Concours d'Elegance	
<b>August 1998</b>			
August 15	Pemberton Lions Club	6th Annual Show and Shine	
August 30	BMW CC BC	Family Picnic and Show and Shine* <i>contact Craig Evans or Patrick Lum</i>	
<b>September 1998</b>			
Sept 4 - 5 - 6	Molson Indy Race	Possible group function? Are you interested?*	
Sept 12?	BMW CC BC	Fun Day and BBQ at F440 Kart Track*	
Sept 19 - 20	VI BMW Club	Leavenworth WA Road Tour	
<b>October 1998</b>			
TBD	BMW CC BC	Tech Session	<i>need organizers</i>
TBD	BMW CC BC	Possible Driver Training Schools*	
<b>November 1998</b>			
TBD	BMW CC BC	Tech Session	<i>need organizers</i>
<b>December 1998</b>			
TBD	BMW CC BC	Annual Dinner	<i>need organizers</i>
<i>* Check the questionnaire on page 7 for these events.</i>			

Club which has roughly 110 members), and have arranged to be able to participate in each others events.

Our current event calendar lists both our own events, and the events we have arranged to participate in with the other clubs.

We are still trying to find the right combination of events that members want, so have included a small questionnaire that you can fill out and send back to let us know what you might be interested in participating in.

In addition we would like to plan

some social events. An annual dinner during one of the winter months is being looked at. (We know of a local restaurant owner in Burnaby that is a BMW fan.)

If you have ideas or suggestions for an event, or would just like to volunteer to help in planning or coordinating and hosting an event please contact one of the executive.

Also if you are web enabled be sure to check our web site often to get the latest updates on events. The main URL to our site is: <http://www3.bc.sympatico.ca/bmw/>

# Events - Duffey Lake/Princeton Road Trip

July 18 & 19, 1998

Event Coordinator - Dave Beddows

You got to like it. This road trip offers countless curves to make your BMW feel like car it was meant to be. The scenery alone is worth doing the trip in a 1985 Suburban; I know I did it. The point of this route is to travel probably the most twisty and challenging roads that Southern B.C. has to offer.

The Route:

Day 1 (Saturday July 18th, 1998)

Highway 99 (Squamish/Whistler Hwy.) from Horseshoe Bay to Pemberton - 134Km

Highway 99 (Duffey Lake Road) from Pemberton to Lillooet - 99Km

Highway 12 from Lillooet to Lytton - 64Km

Highway 1 North from Lytton to Spences Bridge - 37Km

Highway 8 from Spences Bridge to Merritt - 65Km

Highway 5a from Merritt to Princeton - 89Km

Day 2 (Sunday July 19th, 1998)

Highway 3 (Hope/Princeton Hwy.) from Princeton to Hope - 133Km

Highway 7 from Hope to Mission (The group will split here depending on where we live) - 80Km

*Total Travel for Day 1 - 488Km*

*Total Travel for Day 2 - 213Km*

*Total Travel for Event - 701Km*

I won't even try to calculate how many corners on the trip.

The Schedule:

Day 1 (Saturday July 18th, 1998)

Meet at Horseshoe Bay, in the parking along the waters edge, for briefing and depart for Pemberton after friends from the Vancouver Island BMW Club depart the 10am ferry.

Lunch & Fuel stop in Pemberton (It is important to top up tanks here. Next fuel is 163km away) Depart Pemberton at approx. 1:30pm. Approx. 80km into Duffey Lake Road we will stop at a rest area for impressive view and photo

opportunity of BMW's next to impressive view.

Stop at Esso in Lytton for Bathroom break or junk food break etc. The time here should be between 4:00pm.

Non-Stop run into Princeton for Hotel check in at about 6:30pm. (This time is give or take depending on traffic etc.)

The evening is ours to relax, take in a group dinner at the Apple Tree Restaurant & enjoy the pool facilities at the Hotel.

Day 2 (Sunday July 19th, 1998)

9:30am Breakfast.

10:30am Depart for Vancouver after fueling cars.

Lunch at Manning Park Lodge

Stop at Hope Slide for another photo opportunity

Non-Stop run to Mission Chevron where the group will split and say their good-byes (approx. 3pm)

The Arrangements:

Vancouver Island Club Members

Please contact Dave Beddows at (604) 816-BIMR (evenings) or by E-Mail:

Dave\_Beddows@bc.sympatico.ca if you are coming. If I don't hear from you we will not wait for the ferry. There is no sense in us waiting for a ferry without any BMW's on it.

Puget Sound Club Members

Please contact Dave Beddows at (604) 816-BIMR (evenings) or by E-Mail:

Dave\_Beddows@bc.sympatico.ca if you are coming. You will have to be clear and over the USA/Canada border by 9:00am to get to Horseshoe Bay by 10:00am. If we know you are coming we can arrange for an escort to Horseshoe Bay from the Border for you. If you don't tell us your coming we won't wait.

Accommodation in Princeton

This is a first come first serve arrangement if you want to stay with the group at the Best Western. The Best Western is the newest place in town and is very nice. There are other places but be careful they may not be all that great.

The club has arranged a group rate of \$69.00 Canadian for a double room. This is a good rate as it is peak season and the Blue Grass Festival is in Merritt that weekend and Princeton could become overflow for Merritt. Everyone must guarantee their own rooms by credit card and cancellation is up to 1 week in advance. I have reserved 20 rooms for club members. After the first 20 are gone you are on your own. We can still have the club rate on rooms outside the first 20 if they have any left. Please call 1-888-295-3537 or (604) 295-3537 and ask for Sue to make your reservation. Please tell her you are with the BMW Club of BC.

Dinner at the Apple Tree

I have reserved 20 seats for an 8:00pm dinner. This is a five star restaurant. The History here is that a world renowned French Cordon Blue chef had to come to B.C. for a year due to family concerns. I was told he liked small town life so much in B.C. that he decided to stay and open his own restaurant. I don't know if this is a true story but I like it. One thing I do know for sure (I consider myself an expert on this as I spent 8 months on Company expenses eating in Princeton) is that it is the best darn place in town to eat. If you are coming on this trip and are planning to join us for dinner. Please contact Dave Beddows at (604) 816-BIMR (evenings) or by E-Mail: Dave\_Beddows@bc.sympatico.ca. I still have time to reserve more seats. I will taking names as to who is included under the group reservation. It will not be done on a first person at the restaurant door basis. The Restaurant will be seating us by invitation. Dinner prices are about what you would expect at the Boathouse or Keg. If you do not wish to join the group dinner you will find pizza & fast food places in town.

*If you have any questions you can contact event organizer:*

*Dave Beddows(604) 816-BIMR (Evenings) or any of the club executive*

# Recent Events

## First Annual Harrison Fun Run - May 24th 1998



This was our club's inaugural event. A tough event to plan for since everything was new. The big question was just how many BMW enthusiasts would show up.

There we were, the agreed on meeting time was between 10 am and 11 am, so I figured I'd better be a bit early, and sure enough I was not the first one there, and was soon joined by several others. By the time the 11 am departure time arrived, we had by my count, 34 BMWs in the Park and Ride lot. Despite the rain, most people decided to go along for the drive and buffet lunch at the Harrison Hot Springs Hotel.

The drive was lots of fun (thanks for the route plan Dave), and the lunch buffet at the Hotel was fabulous, but the best part was the variety of cars we were able to get for this our first event.

## Cascade Falls Drive and Picnic - June 21st 1998

Although turnout was a little light, we had lots of fun with the drive on this event. Great weather, and some fun roads. Many of the participants had never been on the roads north of Mission.

Added bonus to this event were the three BMW Motorcycles that turned out for the drive. Not to mention the local Gendarmerie who had little else to do on a sunny Sunday morning. Not only did they visit us in the parking lot at Guildford and chat about everything from leaky condos to their favorite vehicle, we want to thank the fellow in the Crown Vic that felt right at home escorting our little group for almost 9 km from just before Stave Dam to the LaFarge pit. His presence helped us check our electronics and instruments and enjoy the scenery



## Corporate Member / Sponsor Profile

It's not every day that you meet a BMW fanatic that also has fun at work. But we have found one that fits that profile. To top it off he is a club member and corporate sponsor with a specialty tuning shop that specializes in BMWs and his love of the marque shows in the service he provides his clients.



You can find him on the Double Black Diamond ski slopes, trail biking at high speed, but most likely with his head under the hood of a BMW. Of course I am talking about Wray Nixon.

Since 1973 Wray Nixon has been specializing in the tuning of BMW's. Not your everyday Minute Tune type tune up though. Wray is a "tuner". For those of you who haven't heard this term before, a "tuner" is a specialist who takes the time to detail the mechanics of a vehicle. Your average BMW is over designed for what you use it for. BMW's have always been known as vehicles that can be taken from stock to racing machines without rebuilding the entire car. That is why you will still see old 2002's in SCCA racing. Wray is a racer from years ago who has

the knowledge and experience to see the unused hidden potential in a BMW. Wray specializes in bringing this potential to the surface.

Wray's racing history doesn't stop with BMW. He has been commissioned to built Formula Ford Engines in the past and he has been known to do scary things to British engines. Some may have heard the story of a little Lotus at a track in Seattle that was blowing the doors off the new Turbo Porsche's. That Lotus had a "Nixonized" engine. Another British car that Wray worked with was the Austin Mini. In fact he use to race them.

People who know him from his Mini days will tell stories of his incredible engines that

would somehow stay together at RPM's that would normally be found only in Racing Bikes. Although modest about it, he has a gift, when it comes to engines. He has been known to create racing cams in a pinch using nothing but a vice, file and his eyeballs.

Wray doesn't stop with engines. He is an expert suspension tuner as well.

For those of you who may not want to turn your BMW into a race machine, Wray offers quality & knowledgeable service for your basic BMW needs. For the drivers of older BMWs he has a number of conversion upgrades to newer BMW designs available for better braking, handling etc

Take the time to drop by his shop and see what he has to offer, and be sure to say hello to him when he brings his M5 or his R1100rt to a club event..



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# Family Picnic with BMW Show & Shine

Organized by the "BMW Car Club of B.C."  
Sunday Aug 30/98 Campbell Valley  
Regional Park in South Surrey. 9:30 to  
4pm

This will be our first entry into a  
Concours type event, combined with an  
end of summer family picnic social  
opportunity for all club members and  
their families. Call it a Concours without  
Q-Tips if you will. We will group the cars  
into their respective model classes by year,  
with a special section for vintage (pre '77)  
models. Those with Concours quality cars  
are welcome to show them in that style,  
but for the most part this will be a show  
event only, and judging for trophies will  
be for categories such as viewers choice,  
best of display and best of class.. Dash  
plaques will be given to all displayed  
vehicles. As 1998 marks the 75th year of  
BMW bikes, we would also encourage you  
to inform any BMW bike owners of this  
event, since we would also like to have a  
showing of bikes.

If you are a BMW enthusiast we openly

invite you to join us. Bring your car for  
the display, or come for the viewing and  
the picnic. It doesn't matter what model  
you own. From older to newer in various  
conditions; the more the merrier. Bikes  
are welcome too. Only BMW cars and  
motorcycles will be allowed on display

Registration fee for this event will be  
\$15 per vehicle for early bird registrations  
received prior to August 1. After that, and  
day of show entry fee is \$20 per vehicle.

Event Schedule:

Registration and vehicle placement 9:30  
am to 11:00 am.

11 to 1:30 show time followed by picnic  
fun time and BC Bimmer awards

The day will probably end around  
4:00pm.

For more information contact the  
organizers of this event - Craig Evans  
(604) 576-3040 or Patrick Lum (604)  
327-5393 Volunteer helpers are needed  
for display marshaling and judging.

*If you have any questions you can also  
contact any executive member.*

# Event Questionnaire

This is your chance as a club member to  
have some input on events you would like  
to attend or see us host.

Whether it be a driving event, a tech  
session, a social event or whatever else you  
can think of, we are asking for your input.

We have already hosted two events,  
and as you can see from the event  
calendar and meeting minutes we have  
other ideas and events planned.

Below you will find a quick event  
questionnaire that you can complete and  
return to us in order to give the executive  
some feedback on what kind of events to  
plan.

At the same time for also allows you to  
let us know if you will participate in some  
of the planned events.

So, take this opportunity to tell us  
some of the things you would like to see,  
by completing and sending in the short  
combined registration and questionnaire  
form you will find below.

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## Event Sign up and Questionnaire

Send Completed Registration and questionnaire along with registration fee for the show and shine event to:  
BMW CC of BC, #204 - 2435 Welcher Avenue, Port Coquitlam, BC V3C 1X8

### BMW CC of BC Annual Family Picnic and BMW Show & Shine Registration

August 30th 1998.

Please register me for this event with the following vehicle(s)

Cars: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Prov: \_\_\_\_\_ Post Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclose cheque made payable to BMW CC BC. Fee is \$15 per vehicle for registrations received prior to August 1. Late registrations and day of event charge is \$20 per vehicle.

Other Events (If not registering above, please provide Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Member No. \_\_\_\_\_)

\_\_\_ Yes I am interested in a Sept. Karting Day and BBQ at the F440 track. Approximate cost \$50.

\_\_\_ Yes, I am interested in a Driving School (Tentative dates in October) . Approximate cost \$75

I would like to see the following type of events:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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## President's Report

*I can't express fully how pleased I am with how this club has grown. I once belonged to the now dead West Coast Chapter of the BMW Car Club of Canada. As a member I enjoyed all events held each year even though there was usually only about four. Needless to say it was fun. What wasn't fun was seeing my \$50/year membership fee disappear to Eastern Canada. Soon after a dead year of events I decided, like many other members, to let my membership go.*

*Since that time I always thought of starting my own BMW Club in BC. I inquired through the BMW CCA about creating their first Canadian Chapter. It was then I learned about Club jurisdictions. The BMW CCA does not have jurisdiction in Canada. I toyed with the idea of forming a BMW CCA chapter in Blaine WA but decided that would not be practicable. At the '96 Monterey Historic Auto Races I learned of the Vancouver Island BMW Car Club. A year later I had the opportunity to attend an event with them. I was hooked again. I knew Vancouver needed a BMW Club.*

*At this time Vancouver already had a BMW 2002 club. I had attended their first club meeting where myself and a few others failed to convince them to broaden their horizons and include all BMW models. Four of the people at that meeting are founding members of our club.*

*When we first started this club I thought that it could be run on donations from sponsors alone. I hoped that we could offer free membership and support a mini newsletter. This was not a bad idea. It served two purposes. One, People were more willing to join a new unproved club if it was free. Two, if for some terrible reason the club didn't get off the ground we wouldn't have a bunch of BMW owners that felt they had just lost some hard earned bucks.*

*It didn't take long before Ian Wynne and I had members calling to join from all over the Lower Mainland. One of these members was Rolf Drommer. Rolf joined the club*

*about 3 weeks into its life. At this time I was spending all my spare time trying to build this club. One of the big tasks ahead of me was to take all the names of new members scattered by my computer plus all the names Ian had scribbled by his phone and create a database of club members.*

*When Rolf phoned to ask me about the club he told me he was a custom database professional. He then generously asked if there was anything he could do to help with the club. My response was, "Boy, have I got a job for you!" Two minutes later Rolf was our Membership Director. Rolf brought with him experience with regards to running a club and deserves much of the credit for where we are now.*

*With Rolf receiving new members on a daily basis we realized very quickly that we would not be able to run a club based on free membership. The mailing costs of a newsletter alone could bankrupt us. We decided that we must help cover our costs with a membership fee.*

*Our other Executive officers Don Beddows & Craig Evans meanwhile were starting to take on the tasks of Treasurer & Event Coordinator.*

*Shortly after Rolf joined we had a call from Patrick Lum. Patrick is a BMW fan who drives a Volvo. He was eager to participate and volunteered to be a club secretary. Having a volunteer for club secretary was another relief to the current shared workload.*

*The 5 aforementioned people and myself were very busy over the next few weeks planning and learning about running a club. One of the events planned already was the Harrison Fun Run. I can honestly tell you I didn't sleep much the night before this, our first, event. I had told the Harrison Hotel to expect 50 to 100 people. This was going to be our make or break event in my mind. To make matters worse, I only had conformation from a few people that they were definitely coming. Then the weather took a turn for the worse. I was really unsure how many people would come out on a rainy day. To my delight we had an*

*excellent turnout. The dedication of the BMW owners for a club was obviously here. Thank you to all who came.*

*We have been planning more events for you. Some of them are listed in this issue. We have encountered some surprises too. For instance, to hold a Show & Shine event in a GVRD park can be very expensive. Not only do you have to rent the park but you also have to prove your club is insured for liability. Liability insurance is not cheap. It will be necessary to charge a minor entry fee at such an event to cover costs. We will be trying to offset these costs through 50/50 draws, concession sales etc. I guess the all the good things in life are not free.*

*We have discussed driving schools & driver training programs. These events have a large variation in price depending on how they are set up. If you are interested in participating in driving school events be prepared to pay \$60.00 to \$200.00 depending on the event. We cannot plan these events ahead of time without an attendance commitment from the membership. If you are willing to pay to attend such an event please contact us. When we have enough interested parties we will arrange it.*

*I would like to thank you all for being a part of a great new BMW club. I know we will all be seeing a lot of each other and each others' cars in the years to come. Please be patient with some of our events. We are still smoothing out the rough edges. We are also being very careful not to over spend our budget. This is our first year of operation. We started this year without an account float. At the end of the year our goal will be to have an operating float to act as a buffer. Once we have this float and a stable budget we will be able to subsidize events to some degree. Please watch future newsletter issues for a Treasurer's report.*

*Until I see you at the next event, drive carefully,*

*Dave Beddows - President*

# Keeping your BMW Looking Good

by Eugene Fung

## Part 1 - Exterior Appearance Maintenance

*Summer is here. For most of us, this is the perfect time to detail our Bimmers. A sparkling clean BMW is a pleasure to look at and an even greater pleasure to drive. The paint finishes of BMWs are of high quality, but still require regular maintenance by owners, in order to preserve their shine and color. I have passion for auto detailing and have been doing so for many years. I would like to share my experience and the techniques that I use to achieve first-class results on my 1988 E30 M3.*

*Almost all paint finishes today, are clear coat finishes. This means that there is a base color coat covered by a layer of clear coat. This clear coat serves to protect the base color coat as well as enhance the shine of the paint finish.*

*What many people do not realize however, is that clear coat finishes require special care. This is even more important for certain colors and metallic paint. The two most common mistakes people make when cleaning/ waxing/ polishing clear coated finishes are:*

- *The use of wrong products*
- *The use of incorrect techniques to apply products*

*Products: I have tried almost every car care product available and can conclude that most are all marketing hype. Many of the more common product offerings by Blue Coral, Simoniz, Turtle Wax, etc. are made for the masses. I like to think that BMWs are not vehicles produced for the masses and as such, use of these products should be avoided. These cheaper products almost always contain silicones, harsh abrasives, or other low-grade ingredients that can produce less than satisfactory results. Other also common but pricier products by Eagle One, Mothers, Meguiar's and Zymol do produce satisfactory results but only on certain colors or on finishes in certain conditions. One product that I have*

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## Minutes of the BMW Car Club of BC's June 03, 1998 General Meeting

Location: Auto West BMW in the Richmond Auto Mall

Date: Wednesday, June 03, 1998

Present: Dave Beddows, Ian Wynne, Don Beddows, Craig Evans, Rolf Drommer, Patrick Lum, Erik Nygren, Les Lee, Thomas Fink, Eric Seto, Keith Esch, Alexander Huang, Eugene Fung, Daniel Tessier, Dean Schindell, To-Hin Lau, John Nielsen, Carl Tsigakis, G.B. (?), and Derek Penrice.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM, by Dave Beddows, Chair of meeting and Acting-President. Meeting was conducted as per previously distributed Agenda.

### 1) APPROVAL OF CLUB DIRECTORS

The six current acting club officers' names were nominated to their respective positions.

They are

Dave Beddows - President,	Craig Evans - Events Director
Ian Wynne - Vice President,	Rolf Drommer - Membership Director,
Don Beddows - Treasurer,	Patrick Lum - Secretary

There were no other nominations from the floor for any of the six current positions. Time of next elections to be Jan/99 or implementation of Club Constitution (exp. Fall/98). The nominations and appointments were passed by general consensus from the floor.

### 2) TREASURER AND CLUB EXPENSES

An account has been established at Richmond Savings Credit Union with two co-signing signatories required. The treasurer requested permission to pay club expenses incurred, and supported with receipted documentation.

Moved, seconded, carried to approve the payment of relevant club expenses by the treasurer.

### 3) NEWSLETTER EDITOR

A brief presentation was made by Rolf Drommer on the status of the Ausblick, the newsletter of the BMW CC of BC. Rolf has taken on the start-up and initial duties in the capacity of acting-editor. The need for a permanent newsletter editor was expressed, but there was a lack of nominations from the floor.

Moved, seconded, carried to postpone the appointment of a newsletter editor till the time of the next general meeting.

### 4) CLUB EMBLEM

Rolf Drommer presented a variety of club emblems with a variety of designs and related content. There were four main emblems to choose from, labeled 1 through 4.

The emblems were distributed for members to view, and was brought to a vote later in the meeting. Following discussion of [5) UPCOMING EVENTS], there were 13 supporters for logo design #1, with other designs trailing.

Moved, seconded, carried to adopt logo design #1 as the official logo for the BMW CC of BC.

### 5) UPCOMING EVENTS

#### A) Duffie Lake Run——July 18-19 Hosted by BMW CC BC

To be done in conjunction with Vancouver Island BMW Club and the Puget Sound Region BMW ACA. Will rendezvous at Horseshoe Bay (8AM ferry) and head to Princeton to stay at the Best Western. Evening social will be at AppleTree Restaurant, where 20 seats have been booked

#### B) Pemberton Show and Shine - Aug. 15th, Saturday

Sponsored by Lions Club BMW CC BC is featured club. We have two options:

- day trip
- camping@ Iron Falls. Return next day after sobering up

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been using since 1990 is called Crystal-Glo, and I find that it produces consistently superior results on all types of paint finishes - especially darker finishes such as black.

The two most important features about this product are that it contains no silicone and no abrasives. As such, it is safe to use on all paint finishes including clear coats. Crystal-Glo is available at Auto West BMW.

I recommend washing your car at least once a week and waxing/ polishing 4 times a year.

Techniques: The following are general techniques that should be used to ensure consistent results.

Washing

1. Avoid washing your car under direct sunlight as car wash solution has a greater chance of drying on the surface before it can be rinsed off. This often results in streaking and spotting. If a shaded area is not available, wash one section at a time and rinse off immediately to prevent or minimize the aforementioned effect of washing under direct sunlight.

2. Do not use dishwashing liquid or other household cleaning products on your car. These are not specifically formulated for car finishes and can actually cause dulling or streaking thereby reducing its shine. Also, these products will strip waxes and polishes that you may have applied to your paint finish, thereby reducing protection against contamination. Use products that are designed for car paint finishes. Again, another excellent product is Crystal-Glo Total Wash & Shine.

3. Always rinse the car thoroughly first to remove any loose surface contaminants such as dirt, bird droppings, tree sap, etc.

4. Using two wash buckets and mits, soak the wheels and lower body parts first. Then do the hood, roof, trunk and upper panels using a separate wash mitt and clean soap and water. This prevents introducing contaminants that are more common to the wheels and lower body panels, to the more visible upper portion of the vehicle. Washing in this order prevents scratching of the paint finish.

5. Always rinse car washing solution off

C) Leavenworth WA Road Tour - Sept. 19-20th

Sponsored by Vanc Island Club. East of Everett from the I-5 BMW CC BC will stay at Best Western Icicle Inn in Leavenworth Vancouver Island club is also organizing a private tour of the Boeing plant in Everett. We will rendezvous at I-5 with any PSR group members.

On return trip may detour home via Chuckanut Drive to Bellingham.

Vancouver Island group to return to Victoria via ferry out of Anacortes

D) Cascade Falls - June 21st

Cascade Falls is north east of Mission and Hatzic Lake

Starting point is north parking lot of Guildford Mall. Route goes to Cascade Falls and then to Mission for a picnic.

E) Campbell Regional Park 1st Annual Show & Shine and Family Picnic

CR Park has a large grassy field that would be perfect for parking and displaying of vehicles, plus picnic facilities. Requires booking fees and insurance.

F) BMW ACA Puget Sound Region Fun Run - July 11th

Puget Sound Club is holding a Points North Tour starting at Smokey Point Rest Area on I-5 and exploring areas around the Whatcom and Snohomish Lakes

BC club members could join convoy at some point

G) (Wray) Nixon Automotive Tech Session

Tech sessions generally to be held in late fall and winter. Nixon Automotive is a sponsor of the club and specializes in tuning of BMWs

Event TBA, content to be solicited from members

H) Driving Unlimited

Ross Bentley met with the executive on May 28th and discussed his company's possible contribution to Driver Training Events.

Ross is currently driving for BMW in the US, is a former auto columnist in The Province, and drove the Spirit of Vancouver in the 1991 & 92 Vancouver Molson Indy.

Two basic programs based on approx. 20 participants (18-24 max) for a full day, with approx. 6 instructors

i) Basic accident avoidance or slip & slide 1/2 day event—slalom exercises, panic braking, braking and steering exercises - approx. cost \$70

ii) Advanced track time - includes track rental, full day event approx. cost \$250. Helmet required. There may be an option of loaner helmets for avg. sized heads. Driving Unlimited is also associated with Canadian Direct Insurance, however some members noted they have been declined insurance for certain (later model) BMWs due to higher risk classification this was unknown to club directors and will be further researched

D) Laguna Seca BMW Event

The legendary Laguna Seca track in California is the locale of the final race of the year in Ross Bentley's associated race series. We would be Ross' guests at the BMW Paddock and Hospitality area, and it would be a several-day group drive and event that people would plan months in advance and arrange vacations around.

This would be a long-term project for summer 1999 or even 2000. Possibly organized in conjunction with Vancouver Island and even PSR, space permitting (Note: - PSR BMW ACA has booked Laguna Seca for its members to do track-time-only in August/98)

6) REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Rolf Drommer - Membership (revised to June 20, 1998)

BMW CC BC currently has 64 members, 49 full paid up, 16 introductory.

We need to establish a corporate membership for commercial sponsors. Suggested cost of \$100 to include four business-card-sized ads per year. (note: suggested nominal cost of card-sized ad in the newsletter is \$25)

Moved, seconded, carried to create a new classes of member—Honorary and Corpo-

rate Member.

Don Beddows - Treasurer

Current account at White Rock branch of Richmond Savings & Credit Union

Current account balance at time of meeting of \$612.

Patrick Lum—Secretary

Constitution to be drafted by late summer

Next general meeting to take care of voting and administrative matters at the Aug.

30th Campbell Regional Park Show & Shine & Family Picnic.

Ratification of the constitution may take place at that time.

## 7) NEW BUSINESS

Club clothing—caps, t-shirts, golf-shirts. Such items would have to be pre-sold to minimize club financial exposure

Tech session ideas?

brake job          strut replacement

vehicle awareness session    detailing

Ombudsperson program like BMW CCA when club has sufficient mass, to mediate disputes between companies and club members

Meeting locale of future meetings

Stand-alone meetings will be infrequent, as general business will often be conducted during the course of general events where convenient and democratic

Auto West BMW has been very receptive and supportive from the onset, and we are pleased with their backing. Richmond Auto Mall location is central and easily reached by members should the need to have similar meeting here in the future.

Comments were raised after Dave Beddows relayed some general information with respect to screening of potential corporate sponsors.

By general consensus of the directors, members were assured that due-diligence would be conducted by the directors prior to accepting a sponsoring company as such, in that reasonable criteria be met. i.e. providing all club members with an across-the-board discount rather than offering kickbacks to the club or individual directors

## 8) CLOSING REMARKS

Dave Beddows (President) thanked all those in attendance for their enthusiasm in attending this first general meeting of the BMW CC of BC. He gave a bit of background on the club's inception and how the club was conceived and organized.

## 9) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45PM. Membership cards were distributed, and members dispersed to the parking lot to examine a number of older BMWs owned by club members, including a 1959 600 Limo being towed by Dave Beddows 3.0 sedan. A good time was had by all.

Patrick Lum          Secretary

BMW Car Club of BC

Minutes submitted Monday, June 15, 1998



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*thoroughly after completing certain sections to prevent streaking or spotting. A final rinse of the entire vehicle is recommended once all sections are completed. Rinse from the top to the bottom.*

*Waxing / Polishing*

*1. Never wax or polish under direct sunlight.*

*2. Always do one section at a time.*

*3. Waxes and polishes require the same technique to apply and remove. I prefer to do it by hand while others prefer to use a machine. The key difference between wax and polish is that true waxes are used primarily for "protection" of paint finishes while polishes are used primarily for the "cleaning" of paint finishes. There are other "types" of products, which go by different names, but these won't be discussed in detail at this time.*

*4. When applying waxes or polishes, use a foam pad for best results. A foam pad makes product application easier and reduces the chance of scratching as contaminants are lifted away from the surface of the foam applicator and into the pores.*

*5. Use overlapping back and forth motion to ensure full coverage. Do not use a circular motion - the swirl marks often seen on cars in the sun are partly caused by using this technique (they are also caused by products which contain abrasives).*

*6. Use waxes or polishes sparingly to avoid wasting an difficulty in removing. Allow product to haze over and remove with a soft clean cotton cloth. Shake out the cloth frequently to prevent fine hairline scratches.*

*7. Do a final buff with a separate clean cotton cloth to bring out the best shine.*

*These are general techniques and it should be acknowledged that certain paint colors and finishes in certain conditions, may require more specific care to produce the best results. I would be happy to further discuss any specific questions or comments members may have regarding auto detailing. Please call me at 808-7997 or E-Mail me at pgb@smarrt.com.*

Eugene Fung - 1988 E30 M3

## Ausblick

### Classified Advertising Policy:

Classified ads are free to members in good standing (paid up dues). There is a \$10 fee for non members. Photo classifieds will be available to members at a cost of \$5 per insertion, \$15 for non members. Ads can be submitted by eMail or mail, and must be typed or neatly printed (if we can't read it, we can't print it). Ausblick editors reserve the right to edit all classified ads.

Send submissions to Ausblick c/o #204 - 2435 Welcher Avenue, Port Coquitlam, BC V3C 1X8, or eMail to sunbimr@istar.ca.

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Kerr Belliveau (604) 251-3184

'85 735i Polaris, Blue Leather heated seats, Sun Roof, New Pirelli's. Air Conditioning, Pwr Everything. \$5000.00obo

Ian Wynne (604) 532-1624

1974 Bavaria, Verona Red, Red Leather, new paint excellent condition \$4000 firm

John Allen (604) 796-9117

'87 325 White, 4 door, Black leather int, Sun Roof, 9 wheels. Good driver. Can be seen at Sasquatch Springs, Harrison anytime. I'd like \$8,500

Eric Nygren (604) 526-9676

'80 633i Bronze Inquire

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Driver front door for E3. Pwr window ready. Plasti bead stripped ready for painting. Off California car. Great Condition. \$160.00

Dave Beddows (604) 816-BIMR

Dark Blue Vinyl/leatherette interior from '74 Bavaria. All seats professionally redone in great condition. Also have 1 piece carpet in dark blue. \$500.00 will get you the lot.

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Fuel tank for 1970-1973 Bavaria in Great shape. \$100.00

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'73 Bavaria Polaris. 4 Speed. Needs Engine Work. \$700.00obo

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Illuminated gear shift knob E-36 compatible. \$100.00

## Wanted to Buy

Eugene Fung (604) 808-7997

205/55VR 15 Pirelli P600 tires. Also any after market rims/tires that will fit an E30 M3.

## Special Thanks...

We would like to make special mention of the two sponsors who donated prizes for our first event the Annual Harrison Fun Run.

We were very pleased to have corporate support for our first event, and appreciate that Gary Walker of No. 1 Collision, and Wray Nixon of Nixon Automotive saw fit to

come to our event and make several prizes available that helped make the event more rewarding to all.

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