

**BMW Car Club
of America
Sierra Chapter**



Coming Events:

- Oct 5, Street Survival, Mt Rose parking lot
- Oct 10, Meeting/Social, Bill Pearce BMW 6 PM
- Nov 14, Meeting/Social, Bill Pearce BMW 6 PM
- Dec 12, Holiday Party, 6 PM
- Jan 9, Meeting/Social, Bill Pearce BMW 6 PM

Sierra Scene

Foothills Wine Tour is fun time for all!

The annual El Dorado/Amador Wine Tour Saturday and Sunday, September 28-29, offered great weather, fun roads to drive, delicious food and wine and the usual great company! A fun time was had by all!!

Leaving from the Summit Mall parking lot around 8:30 AM, the tour went through Carson City and over CA88 and several wonderful driving roads to our first winery, Karmere, where we not only tasted great wines but enjoyed our picnic lunches on the patio. Visits to Dillian, Jeff Runquist and Helwig wineries followed, with the group buying a great deal of tasty wine at each.

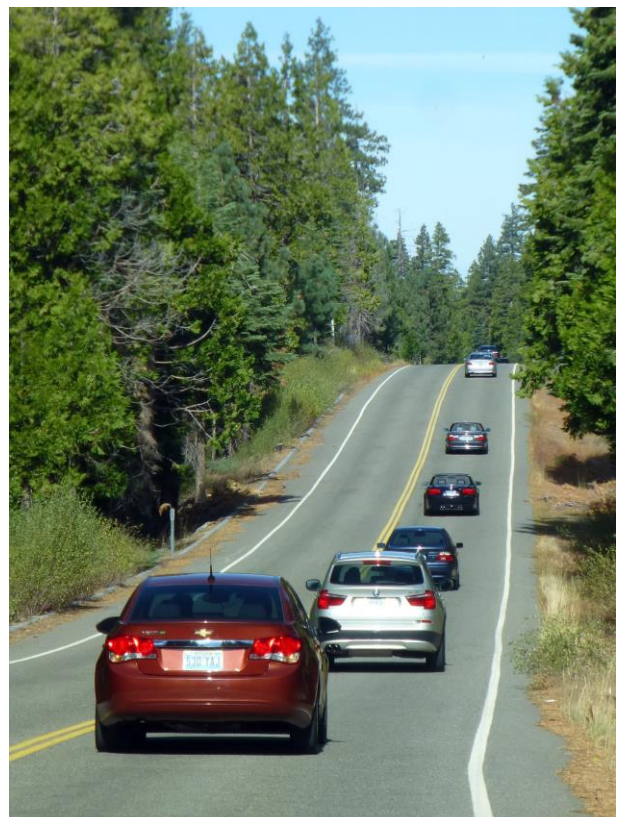
The group consisted of 15 cars/30 wine tasters, with vehicles including a Z3, lots of 3-series, two 5-series and three SAVs. The tour was hosted by DeArmond and Joyce Sharp and lead by Ron and Sharon Rachow. Other participants included Pat and Joann McGoff, JR and Connie Fent, Bridget Picolini and Jim Johns, Russ and Cheri Huntoon, Mike Dietel and Carmela Kemp, Andy and Sharon Goodrich, John and Norma English, Steve and

Anne Marie Polimeni, John and Marie Utter, Mario and Carol Villar, Dan Wink and Mary Dailey, Frank and Heidi Himler and John and Alice Strom.

After sharing appetizers and wines purchased during the day,

We walked down to Colina De Oro, the Mexican restaurant near the Shenandoah Inn.

Sunday included breakfast at the Dead Fly Diner, as visit to the Amador Flower Farm and lots of other options for the day.



From the President's Desk

The Monterey Oktoberfest (in August) was an over the top event. After 30 years in the BMWCCA, I finally got to attend. The week began on Monday visiting the Dinan facility in Morgan Hill, CA. Steve Dinan gave personal tours and what a tour it was. Then on to Monterey to check in at the Hyatt and have some wonderful Spaten German beer that flowed freely...and for free... all week. On Tuesday we attended the BMW Concours at Corral de Tierra Country Club and saw over a hundred BMW's including the new i3 electric car and two of Alpina's racing machines. A private wine tasting in Carmel Valley with several club members completed the afternoon. Tuesday evening we were fortunate enough to attend a private viewing of the new M4 concept car at a jet hanger in the Monterey airport. BMW NA sponsored the event which included drinks, food and music prior to the unveiling of the M4. The CEO of BMW M and BMW NA both were present and spoke about the new 4 Series cars. On Wednesday, Russ Huntoon and I did the Oktoberfest Charity Ride with a professional driver around Laguna Seca Racetrack in a modified 335d race ready car. We had two hot laps and it was thrilling to say the least. Thursday we did a Fun Rally and attempted to correctly estimate the mileage for eight photos around Monterey and Pebble Beach. We found out at the Awards Banquet on Friday night that we came in third place and Cheri and Russ Huntoon took second place. Next year Okto-

berfest is in Breckinridge, CO (in June) so put it on your calendar.

I'd like to thank all members who responded to the Chapter Survey that was sent out by BMWCCA. The results are in and Sierra Chapter finished first in the Pacific Region! We scored over 4.5 out of 5 on the majority of topics. There will be another survey coming out around the first of the year so I encourage all members to respond to the survey and let us know what you think about our club. The results of the survey are posted on the website for anyone curious about the details. We are always looking for suggestions to improve our club, so don't hesitate to contact any officer with your input.

Our first Buttes Driving Event turned out to be quite a success. I'd like to thank Andy and Sharon Goodrich for leading the event. A good time was had by all and Lex Anastassatos was the lucking winner of the Poker Run.

Last but not least, our first Potluck/Meeting in August at our home was a hit with 43 members attending. The meeting was short so we had plenty of time to socialize and enjoy some wonderful food and beverages. Steve Winters and his wife and Steve Polimenti and his wife were new members who attended. If you haven't attended a meeting or an event for a while, come out and join us.

Happy motoring,

Pat McGoff

*Know someone who owns or would love to own a BMW and is not a member of our club? You don't have to own a BMW to be a member, so let them know about us. **Our mission is the "have fun" and our connection is related to the Ultimate Driving Experience!***

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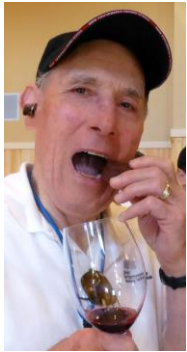
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Wine tasting in the Sierra Foothills...



Tasting wine with chocolate is such a pleasure!



Tasting at Karmere



Tasting at Jeff Runquist



Being served at Helwig – what a treat!



Picnic lunch on the patio at Karmere



Enjoying a great red at Jeff Runquist

Other news and upcoming events...

The ***Annual Kars for Kids Charity Show & Shine*** was held on **Sunday, September 8th** at Gilson's. The event was hugely successful with more than 200 cars and participants showing up. The event raised \$22,000, all of which will benefit the Junior Ski Program.

Event sponsor Gilbert Dayao would like to thank everyone who participated and all those who made contributions to the event. It is your generous support that makes this event successful.

Street Survival will be held on **Saturday, October 5**, at the Mt. Rose Ski Area. Plan to come out and help teach teens how to be better, safer drivers...it's important! And the experience is wonderful! For more information, contact Jeff Warner.



The ***Annual Holiday Party*** will be on **Thursday, December 12**. The McGoffs and the Villars will host the appetizers and dinner respectively. It should be another great evening socializing with your BMW friends celebrating the holiday season!

Watch your email and/or check the club website for more details. Better yet, come to one of the meeting/socials in the next two months to learn all about it! It will be fun!!!

Got an idea for a fun event where we could enjoy driving our BMWs and/or enjoy spending time socializing with each other? Please offer it up. The event doesn't have to be car related – it could be something you think the group might be interested in doing/seeing. Please contact any officer and share your thoughts.

For more information about club events along with lots of photos, visit: www.sierrabmwclub.org.

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