

BMW Car Club
of America
Sierra Chapter



Coming Events:

- Oct 13, Meeting/Social, Bill Pearce BMW 6 PM
- Nov 10, Meeting/Social, Bill Pearce BMW 6 PM
- Dec 8, Annual Christmas Party, 6:30 PM
- Jan 12, Meeting/Social, Bill Pearce BMW 6 PM
- Feb 9 , Meeting/Social, Bill Pearce BMW 6 PM
- Mar 8, Meeting/Social, Bill Pearce BMW 6 PM

Sierra Scene

Street Survival helps kids be safe!



Jeff Warner organized a **Street Survival** event at Mount Rose Ski Resort on Saturday, Sept 10. Tire Rack Street Survival® is a "hands-on" driving experience in real-world situations! Teen participants drive their own cars to learn about its handling limits and how to control them. They become more observant of the traffic situation they find themselves in and learn to look far enough ahead to anticipate unwise actions of other drivers. As the students master the application of physics to drive their cars, they will make fewer unwise driving actions themselves. Shown above are Matt Cooper in his Subaru Outback and Hayden White in his Acura MDX. Cooper was coached by **Prentiss Davis**, while White received coaching from **Jeff Whitesides** and **Mario Villar**. **Mike Dietel** offers some tips to Lauren Wodarski below. The participants listen to **Jeff Warner** talk about how to maintain car control.



One of the highlights of each Street Survival is when they set off an airbag!

From President Art...

Greetings BMW Club Members,

Wow, summer just blew by with the conclusion of **Street Survival** sponsored by Tire Rack. The event took place on September 10th at the Mt. Rose ski resort main parking lot. Thank you **Jeff Warner** for organizing another successful event with eight new students attending the class. Tire rack Street Survival is a “hands-on” driving experience in real world situations. Both students and parents gave me some positive feedback about the event and would highly recommend the class to friends and family. Before I go on, I would like to thank the following for helping support our event: **Carol Villar**, for providing and posting photos of the event on our website; **Bill Pearce Motors**, for providing a brand new mini-cooper at the event for us to view and test drive; **Mt Rose Ski Resort**, for allowing us to use their facilities; **Sierra Fire Protection District Station 38**, for their presentation about distracted driving and typical accidents that occur; **All Points Towing**, for providing a wrecked car and volunteering at the actual event; and **Einstein Bagels**, for providing a fantastic breakfast and lunch for everyone at the event. Finally, I want to thank all the coaches and volunteers for a wonderful job for keeping the event safe and fun for everyone. Let’s do this again next year!!!!

On another subject, there were quite a few events that took place during the summer. A few club members and I attended the **Virginia City Hill Climb** race. The hill climb is a 2-day timed event. There were several racers but no one with a BMW (...unless you count the Mini). Another event was the **Tahoe Gal Tour** at which both the Sacramento and Sierra chapters had a total of 24 attendees – great job **John English** coordinating the event. My wife, Diane, and I attended the **Blackhawk Museum Tour**, which was coordinated by **Russ** and **Cheri Huntoon**. Again, kudos to the Huntoon’s for organizing a fantastic and memorable trip.

We are now starting to plan for events for 2012. The board will meet in November to coordinate next year’s event schedule. So if you have any ideas, please let another board member or me know.

And of course, **thanks to everyone who participated in all our events this year**. We continue to enjoy great support, both at our monthly meetings/socials and at all our events.

Enjoy the club and Drive Safely. I hope to see you all at another BMW Club event in the future

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***Annual Wine
Tour was a
hit as
usual...***

Photos by
Carol Villar



This year's **Wine Tour**, Sept 17-18, took the group over Ebbett's pass on CA Hwy 4, a great BMW-road that is often not much more than one lane wide. The first winery was Ironstone which featured beautiful grounds and an interesting museum. A stop at Murphys offered 25 tasting rooms and lots of shopping opportunities. Convergence then gave its usual warm welcome – a treat was the pre-release tasting of their first Cabernet! At Runquist Winery, co-owner Margie Runquist led a great tour describing each of the wines as she went (...and we tasted). On Sunday, after the usual breakfast feast at the Dead Fly Diner, it was off for a wine tasting and cave tour at Helwig, which just opened in March. The underground caves are at a constant 57 degrees and include a dining room (...kept a bit warmer, of course) for catered lunches or dinners (...next year?). Twenty-five club members in 13 cars participated this year. It's safe to say that a "good time was had by all!!!" [Report by **DeArmond Sharp**]

July-September 2011

July tour to the Blackhawk Museum



Russ and Cheri Huntoon lead a tour to the **Blackhawk Museum** in Danville, CA, on July 16-17. The museum was established to ensure that significant automotive treasures blending art, technology, culture and history would be exhibited for public enjoyment and educational enrichment. In September 1988, the spectacular 70,000-square-foot architectural masterpiece showcasing these rolling sculptures in a unique “jewel box” setting became a reality. There was a nice display of classic American cars in front. Everyone really enjoyed the visit!

For the latest pictures and news about the club, go to www.sierrabmwclub.org

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