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UPCOMING EVENTS

CHAPTER EVENTS

July 8-July 10, 2016 PVGP
Historics - Pitt Race

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Sept. 11, 2016 Autocross
Session 5

Sept. 16, 2016 PITT Race
Session 6

Sept. 25, 2016 Tire Rack
Street Survival

Sept. 30, 2016 PITT Race
Test and Tune Session 4

July 14-17, 2016 The Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix, or PVGP as it is often known, is a unique historic racing festival held on the city streets in and around Schenley Park in Pittsburgh. PVGP has been hosted in the Steel City since 1984, and has grown from a one-day private race to an event exciting to any enthusiast and benefiting both the Autism Society of America and the Allegheny Valley School. What was once a racing event is now a 2,000-vehicle international car show with food and vendors across the Bob O'Connor Golf Course where spectators (usually numbering close to 200,000) overlook the races (now featuring a total of over 180 historic race cars) held on the city streets below. The BMW CCA's portion of PVGP has grown, too; the event is no longer a two-day car corral, but a complete four-day program that offers something

for every BMW enthusiast and includes driving tours, dinners, and charity hot-lap rides thanks to the BMW Performance Center (the latter is shown above). Online registration and the new PVGP website is now open!

NATIONAL EVENTS

Aug. 19-28, 2016 Celebrate 100 Years Of BMW History With Us In Monterey A Week-Long Festival! Celebrate 100 years of BMW with the BMW Clubs of America in Monterey, California this August! The BMW car and motorcycle clubs of America are joining together for a celebration unlike any before. Legends of the Autobahn will be held on August 19, Festorics on August 19-21, and Oktoberfest from August 23-28. Below is a stunning video preview of what's to come.

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Apex is Group Effort

BY JOHNA SNYDER

The Allegheny Apex Editor

This newsletter was not a solo effort and I would like to thank the ROCK stars who assisted: Brett Sutton, Allen Christian, George Snyder, Lisa Craig, Michael Sanchez, Minuteman Press Downtown, Marianne Meehan, George Mitchell, Lori Jackson, Emilio Veneziano, Bill Stoler, Cindy Zimmerman, LouAnn Shirk,

Chuck Rice, Michael Meehan, Darlene Lipovsek, Dee Sutton and finally to those who have placed their ads with us.

Their contribution to the newsletter not only makes it special but allows us to continue to bring you the news in full color. Please consider these ads the next time you are in need of their services.



COVER PHOTO BY BILL STOLER



A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Members Make Events Success

Allegheny Chapter Volunteers Show Dedication to Club and Cars

BY GEORGE SNYDER

Well gang it is PVGP time! I know I cannot believe it either.

We always could use more help so please if you would like to help out please reach out to Michael Meehan and let him know that you are available. Here is his email address: mf-meehan@yahoo.com

If you have never been there or haven't been there in a few years make the trip up, come see Brett and the rest of us and check out some fantastic cars racing around the circuit.

There certainly has been a lot to be thankful for for the first half of the year. There is always a smile on my face when I think of about the



chapter and the wonderful members that it has.

So thank you to all the members that make this chapter wonderful and a very welcoming family.

A few quick shout outs, thanks to Emilio and Allen for

the wonderful job that they did on the Dust off drive and the Spring Drive. The days weather wise couldn't have been any more different but that didn't lessen the good times.

Secondly - a big thank you to all that came out

for the events and bringing your smiles and enthusiasm with you.

The chapter has a lot of fun things planned this summer and for the rest of the year. So please come out, make some new friends, see some that you haven't seen in a while and have a good time.

There are a lot of moving parts to the chapter and without all the dedication, time and energy of a lot of people the chapter couldn't do what it does. So I, say thank you to all of you.

Keep your eyes posted for updates to the website and to your email for up to date Allegheny Chapter information.

Now, get out there and drive!

A NOTE FROM THE REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT

'New Girl' Shirk Excited for Journey

New North Atlantic Regional Vice President Looks Forward to Serving

BY LOU ANN SHIRK

Wow! I am so excited to start this new journey as the Regional Vice-President of the North Atlantic BMW CCA.

I sincerely thank everyone for supporting me in this new endeavor. I intend to absorb all of the details needed to grow in this position and serve you well.

What a wonderful time

to be the "New Girl" on the block with the 100th anniversary celebration for BMW the company. There are so many terrific events this year to celebrate this historic anniversary. In the Northeast we have the Vintage at Saratoga in Saratoga Springs, NY which draws some of the best cars from New England and the Middle Atlantic areas. Next, I look forward to seeing you all again at PVGP.

So proud to be the RVP of the Award Winning Allegheny Chapter. You guys Rock! I am so ready for a sandwich at Premanti Brothers and a visit to the Hofbrau Haus. Then Lime Rock Park (LRP) will be alive with the roar of race cars during the IMSA Weather Tech Sports Car Championship. Join the Local chapters for this event with a special BMW CCA only ticket. California

will be the place to be in Aug to continue the 100 year celebration. Legends of the Autobahn, The Festorics at Laguna Seca and Oktoberfest 2016 in Monterey are all lining up to be grand events for all. I can hardly wait!

Make plans early and come join the fun and excitement! Enjoy your Ultimate Driving Machine to the Max! Safe travels to all!



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For example return springs along with adjuster and shoe expander for drum brake shoes and internal parking brake shoes should be replaced during shoe replacement.

Floating style brake calipers need to have the caliper retaining spring replaced after four years. Caliper guide screws should be cleaned only, no grease should be used on them as it will attract dirt. This would cause the caliper to not slide properly. Replace any damaged guide screws or bushings showing damage.

Properly lube pad contact points per repair instructions using approved brake contact paste. Torque guide screws and caliper bracket bolts to correct torque values.

On vehicles with fixed style calipers found on older classic vehicles and M-Sport vehicles installation of new pads is very important. Pad retaining pins and expanding springs need to be replaced on vehicles four years old and replaced every four years thereafter with pad replacement. Follow repair instructions for lubing contact points."

- Mike McMurray

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Pittsburgh to Host Oktoberfest

Summer 2018 Will Feature O'Fest and PVGP in Same Week of July

BY AL APEX

It's official! Oktoberfest 2018 is coming to Pittsburgh.

Yes, you read it right. The Allegheny Chapter will be hosting the BMW CCA's National Event, Oktoberfest in 2018. The week of July 16 to 21 to be specific.

For those of you who have been active in the chapter you might recognize those dates

as the week of the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix. If so, you would be right. Oktoberfest will be the same week as the PVGP 10 day Festival.

To add to the excitement of hosting Oktoberfest, the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix has awarded the Allegheny Chapter and BMW "Marque of the Year" in 2018. Our goals of hosting two major events at the same time was to bring awareness of the PVGP to a number of BMW CCA members who typically go to Oktoberfest but

no other regional or National events and to raise the bar on Car Club charitable giving with a goal of \$150,000.

Another little tidbit of news, is that, 2018 is the 50th Anniversary of the iconic "2002". With that in mind we have named the "2002" as the featured model for the PVGP. We are hoping to bring the largest gathering of "2002s" in one place at the same time. Who knows maybe we could break a Guinness Book of World records. (The largest Parade of BMWs, was

178 Isettas in 2008).

Some say we are nuts others just shake their heads and yet everyone knows that if any car club could succeed in these endeavors it would be the Allegheny Chapter of the BMW Car Club of America.

We are calling all chapter members to arms and hope you will support us by offering some of your time to help with one of the many events we have planned throughout the 10 PVGP festival and the week long Oktoberfest.

VOLUNTEER AT PVGP

People from all over come to Pittsburgh to stroll the hills of Schenley Park and watch the historic races from high atop German Hill. This is only possible with your help. Please contact Michael Meehan at mfmeehan@yahoo.com.

The Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix has awarded the Allegheny Chapter and BMW *Marque of the Year* in 2018 during the 10-Day Annual Festival.

O'Fest 2016 Returns to Laguna Seca

47th Annual BMW CCA Oktoberfest Hits California Raceway in August

Each year the BMW Car Club of America throws a party – a world famous party known as Oktoberfest and sometimes simply O'fest. This

movable celebration of everything BMW occurs at exciting locations throughout the country and is the ultimate motorsport family reunion.

For 2016 O'fest returns to

the thrilling Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca. O'fest was last held there in 2013, but club members can be assured that we will have an even bigger celebration this time around!

O'fest attendees can participate in various driving and social activities, such as: autocross, concours, gymkhana, rallies, and of course, high performance driving experiences on Laguna Seca.

This is your chance to see what the fuss is all about before it comes to Pittsburgh in 2018.

For more information, go to:
celebratebmw.com

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CLUB RACING

BMW Gets Own Race Group at PVGP

Annual Vintage Event Heats Up for BMW's 100th Year Celebration

BY BRETT SUTTON

The Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix is an 11 day motor sport festival which benefits the Autism Society of Pittsburgh and the Allegheny Valley School. The largest event of its kind kicks off July 7, 2016 with the Historic Races at the Pittsburgh International Race Complex.

The BMW CCA joins the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix to comprise the Historic Races at PIRC. The PVGP features cars from the 50's, 60's, and 70's; Allards, MG's Triumph's, Elva's, Cobra's, Camaro's, Mustang's, Porsche's, Jaguar's and of course BMW's.

This year I am happy to announce the addition of a third day of racing. Thursday will now be test and tune and Friday through Sunday will be race days. For those of you that have never raced here, the new PIRC south track encompasses a challenging 85' elevation change followed by a blind hill and new straights before entering the existing and newly paved north track. The full course is 2.8 miles in length with a total of 18 corners.

Also this year BMW will have it's OWN race group! The first BMW race will be Friday at 4:00. Saturday will include a morning race at around 11:00 AM and a 50 minute race at 4:00

PM to finish out the day. feature a 55 minute race in the afternoon. Sunday will conclude with the final race of the weekend before the noon lunch break.

Thanks to Bobby Rahal BMW of South Hills for sponsoring this year's event. Here is what is offered as a BMW CCA club member:

- Free parking in the BMW CCA car corral is included with the gate admission.

- Catered box lunches will be available to purchase at \$10 per person both Saturday and Sunday at the Rahal hospital-ity hub. Fruits, veggies, donuts, munchies, and beverages will be

provided the entire weekend.

- The Sutton motorhome will be there for the weekend for concierge and post racing activities.

- The movie Adrenalin will be shown with various other movies Friday night, weather permitting. Make sure to bring a lawn chair and a cooler.

- Special 100th year celebration track shirts will be available to purchase for only \$20. Last year's event had record breaking attendance numbers. Let's see if we can beat those numbers this year for the charities! We are looking forward to seeing all of our old "Track Rats" and meeting some new ones in July.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Members Celebrate BMW CCA Days

Exclusive Offer Available for BMW-Themed Weekend in Connecticut

BY AL APEX

It's BMW CCA Days presented by BMW North America and New Country BMW! In what has become a tradition, BMW CCA and Lime Rock Park have partnered to offer BMW CCA members an exceptional deal on a weekend of BMW-themed fun at the storied Connecticut racetrack.

This year, we are again celebrating BMW CCA Days at the region's biggest sports car event, the Northeast Grand Prix featuring the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship and Continental Tire SportsCar Challenge! 2016 is a special year, with celebrations for the 100th anniversary of BMW, and the return of the BMW Team RLL M6s running in the GT Le Mans class to this event! We want to thank the CCA Members for their passion and loyalty to the teams that compete with BMWs, so we've arranged for an exclusive entertainment package on two unique days of the race weekend.

Thanks to BMW North America and New Country BMW, here's what is available only as a BMW CCA Member:

- The flexibility of admission for the Friday, July 22 practice and qualifying day, the Saturday, July 23 race day, or both days in a special weekend pass with access to the BMW CCA Days hospitality tent that features sweeping views of the racetrack!
- Free parking with your BMW in the BMW CCA DAY TICKET HOLDER parking area
- Special guests throughout the

BMW CCA DAYS

JULY 22-23
LIME ROCK PARK
RACE TRACK
LAKEVILLE, CT

weekend from BMW Team RLL and other BMW teams

- Private paddock tours and autograph sessions for the BMW CCA hospitality tent guests

- VIP Boxed Lunch for each day of choice, which includes a hearty, baguette-style ultra-stuffed sandwich with a selection of Italian Combo, Chicken Breast, Heirloom Tomato and Roast Turkey options to choose from, fresh baked cookies, a local apple or seasonal fresh whole fruit, a sweet snack or mixed nuts, artisanal potato chips, condiments and a chilled bottle of Crystal Rock water

- Assorted carbonated beverages and one glass of beer or wine for each day of choice, with additional adult beverages available at the cash bar located in the BMW CCA hospitality tent
- Swag/door prizes/raffles from BMW CCA (Priceless!)
- BMW vehicles on display from New Country BMW on Friday and Saturday

Limited to the first 400 tickets sold, available for purchase by BMW CCA members only. Each BMW CCA member may purchase as many tickets as they need. Lime Rock Park is a family friendly venue with lots to do for both adults and kids, with great food and track viewing areas under trees all around

the track. Lime Rock Park, in Connecticut's famous Northwest Corner, is about two-and-a-half hours from Boston and two hours from New York City.

For more information on BMW N.A., visit www.BMWusa.com.

We also invite you to visit the local Presenting Sponsor partner, New Country BMW to experience world-class customer service and a fantastic selection of new and used BMWs. Just off I-91 at One Weston Park Road in Hartford, New Country BMW is waiting to help you every Monday through Saturday. More information on New Country BMW is available at www.NewCountryBMW.com and 1 (866) 498-7471.

The ticket packages, exclusive to BMW CCA Members and Guests, are listed below. Take advantage of this scream-

ing good offer to come and enjoy the spirit of BMW CCA today!

Friday, July 22 Adult Ticket: \$80.00

Saturday, July 23 Adult Ticket: \$100.00

Weekend (July 22 + 23) Adult Ticket: \$130.00

Friday Child Ticket: \$10.00

Saturday Child Ticket: \$10.00

Weekend Child Ticket: \$20.00

Link to LRP website for more info <https://tickets.limerock.com/eventperformances.asp?evt=101>

To purchase your "BMW CCA Days" special ticket package, call Lime Rock Park at (860) 435-5000, weekdays between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM. Have your BMW CCA Membership Number at the ready.

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In March, 2002, the BMW Car Club of America, an organization of over 70,000 members, formed the non-profit, tax-exempt charitable BMW CCA Foundation, Inc. Its charter under Section 501 (c)(3) enables the Foundation to establish programs to benefit the public

in general, and BMW owners specifically.

Our vision is to be a living repository of BMW information and benefit the motor-ing community. Hence, the Foundation has established three ambitious initiatives:

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- The Library, Archives and Museum Program
- The Conservation and Preservation Program

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2016 Dust-Off Drive Delivers

Members Enjoy Drive, Weather and Lunch at Annual Event in April

BY AL APEX

I for one cannot believe that the time for the Dust off Drive has come and gone. It simply amazes me that we are already into summer. But I digress ...

The Dust of Drive 2016 Edition is what I am here to write about. What an edition it was.

First off, a tip of the cap to Emilio - the drive master and to Allen for securing a terrific dining experience.

We all know how drives can be, well they can be fussy. The weather could be cold or heck evening flurrying. This is something we know about with the Allegheny chapter. The roads are the greatest (we

do live in southwestern Pa after-all) etc.

I have to say whomever prayed to the Sun god that morning - well done! We could not have asked for better weather.

The roads were nearly perfect as much as they can get for SWPA.

Many Kudos go to two group leaders and sweepers to keep the "cats" together. :)

The hour we all spent in Mingo park was a well thought out respite during the drive and allowed everyone to get out of the cars and mingle.

Of course it wouldn't be an Allegheny Chapter drive if we didn't make at least one wrong turn. ;)

Now onto the food. I admit - I LOVE food. And every-

one knows it. Love trying new places as well. I had never heard of where were eating and was excited about it.

Allen certainly didn't let us down. With about 48 people all sitting down at once - the staff did an exceptional job of getting us sat, beveraged and then fed. For a group of our size from my seat it seemed no one waited longer than others and everyone seemed to enjoy their lunches and company as well.

Well folks the apexes are calling my name. So I bid you all eh du.

But before I go - Kudos to Emilio and Allen. Great job! And thanks to all those fellow Allegheny Chapter members that joined the Dust off Drive. I truly hope you had a wonderful time as well.





PHOTOS BY JOHNA SNYDER

BMW Parade Heads to Ohio

Rain Doesn't Stop Spring Drive to Cleveland in May

BY CHUCK RICE

We have all heard the saying "April Showers Bring May Flowers" and somehow this year Mother Nature got things mixed up a bit, The Dust off Drive was dry and the temperature was very mild in the middle of April. On the other hand the Spring Drive was cold and very wet and it was the middle of May!! Regardless, the May flowers still came.

We have also heard the saying "Don't Rain On My Parade". Well it did rain and we did have a parade ... of BMWs of course but it didn't dampen our spirits. The Spring Drive this year to Cleveland's Western Reserve Historical Society and the Crawford Auto Museum went on without a hitch - except for our "Ring Around The Campus" mini drive which worked itself out in a matter of minutes.

Everyone made it to the

parking lot and from there we gathered in the designated lunch room for a wonderful lunch provided by the museum. After our lunch we lined up by Chief Wahoo - a 28 FT tall neon logo of the Cleveland Indians. From there a personal tour guide took us through the Crawford Auto Museums auto collection and presented us with a wealth of knowledge on Cleveland's contribution to the auto industry. After the



tour we had a chance to use our free token for a ride on the Euclid Beach Park Grand Carousel which is a full size restored 1910 carousel that is assembled right inside the museum. When the ride was over you could visit other parts of the museum, head home or go to a hotel of your choice for an overnight stay in Cleveland. A special thanks to Emilio Veneziano for planning the drive and Allen Christian for arranging the museum tour and delicious lunch. Volunteers like Emilio and Allen continue to spark the interests of our club members with many diverse events. Thank you for investing your precious spare time for the benefit of other club members such as myself.



CHAPTER OF CHAMPIONS

Member is Volunteer of Year

North Atlantic Region Awards Marianne Meehan for Time and Service

BY DARINDA SUTTON

2015 marked the first full year for the BMW CCA Recognition Program. The RPC (Recognition Program Committee) outlined a total of 8 awards that are meant to recognize the outstanding efforts and contributions of individuals and Chapters for the work they do on behalf of the club.

Our very own Marianne Meehan was selected as the winner of the 2015 Outstanding Volunteer award for the North Atlantic Region!

Many of you know Marianne as our current Secretary for the Allegheny Chapter but she also serves as the Membership Coordinator.

In addition to these roles, Marianne can always be found executing on creative and innovative ideas for chapter events, and adding that special attention to details as she voluntarily and eagerly gives of her time to all events for the chapter.

She is responsible for procuring door and raffle prizes for each event throughout the year and as such always seems to come up with new and creative ideas for our events.

At the Allegheny Chapter's Post Holiday party, Marianne manned the registration table from the beginning of the event until at least 10pm, she also made sure that we had door prizes and raffle gifts for the evening's event and also helped with the coordination of the event itself. She even solicits that help of her husband



in creating some of the give-aways. It was Mr. Meehan who was responsible for converting some extra Roundel wheel caps and license plate caps into post ear rings – so that every female who attended the Holiday party was given a pair of Roundel Earrings.

She is always present at all events, but is also the sponsor of a very popular spring event called the Dust-Off Drive. Marianne not only plans the entire event which includes a stop for lunch, she also maps out the entire drive herself, which this past year included a tour of a local up and coming brewery.

Many of you may know that Marianne could be called the Crazy Cat Lady due to her love of cats. She volunteers at the local animal shelter as she fulfills her personal mission to help the animals in need.

As an avid animal lover, she is also known to rescue and help rabbits – but I will let her share the details of a memory making story of rescuing a rabbit – but said rabbit escaped from the box while she was driving – and she sacrificed her car for the animal! Yes, the car was destroyed, but the rabbit was saved.

I also know that Marianne has a tremendous affinity for SHARKS... and has a collection that rivals many. But it was the sharks that brought her to our club as she and her husband are the proud owners of a pristine e24 635CSI.

The Allegheny chapter is very fortunate to have a member and a board member like Marianne. We all truly appreciate all the long hours and hard work she puts into the chapter and how she makes all the members feel like there are part of the family.

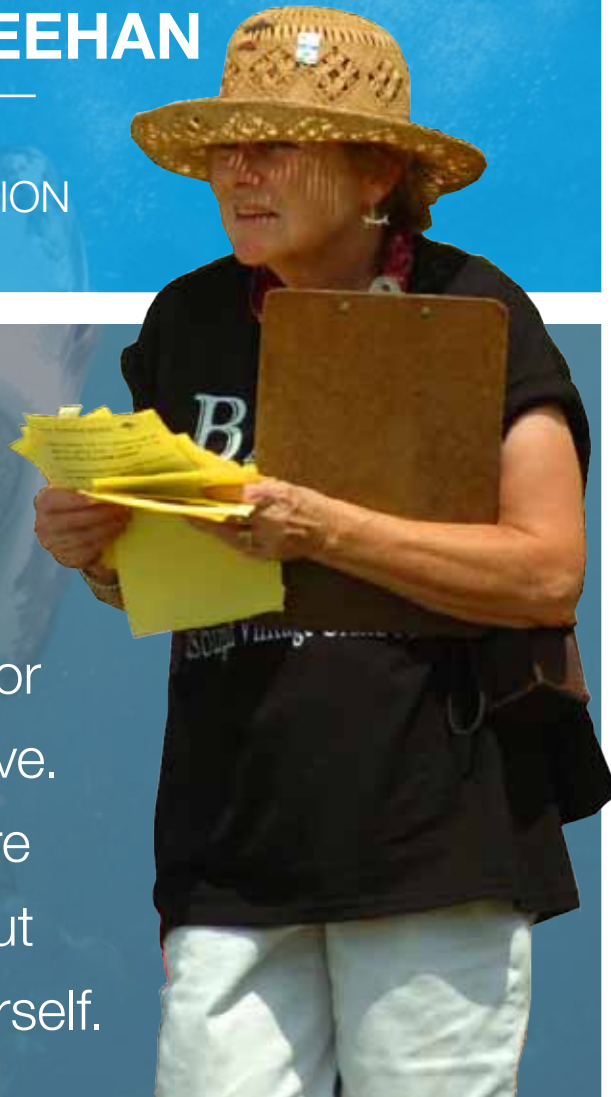
Congratulations on being the North Atlantic Outstanding Volunteer for 2015!

MARIANNE MEEHAN

VOLUNTEER OF YEAR
NORTH ATLANTIC REGION



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event and maps out
the whole drive herself.





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CHAPTER OF CHAMPIONS

Chapter Wins 2 Awards

Club Receives Charitable Contributions Recognition

BY AL APEX

Allegheny Chapter was once again recognized for the largest amount of charitable contributions by a BMW CCA Chapter in 2015.

As part of the Recognition Program that was established in 2014, there are awards given to recognize Chapter excellence.

The three chapter awards include the best Growth and Retention of a chapter, most charitable hours and finally the highest charitable contributions made by a chapter.

Allegheny Chapter was recognized in 2 of the 3 categories, during the BMW CCA Annual meeting that was held in Dallas, TX at the end of April.

On hand to accept the awards on behalf of the Allegheny Chapter, were members: Chris Williams - Driving Events



Chris Williams, Steve Johnson, Mark Connolly and Barry Kaplan accept the award for 2015 Chapter Charitable Contributions: Allegheny Chapter.

Coordinator (DEC) for Allegheny Chapter and PVGP Parking Captain; Mark Connolly - Tech Steward - both

weekends of the PVGP and Barry Kaplan - Chief Safety Steward for both weekends of the PVGP.



SESF Gets Best Award

Group Sends Event Souvenir

BY GEORGE MITCHELL

We all realize that some of the friendliest, nicest people are BMW owners and CCA members, but, inside the group the Best of the Best should be awarded to the E24 SESF group headed by Kai Xing and his crew of Nat and Eugene.

SESF is always a well-run family affair with new events every year. I missed it this year due to my continued medical problems. I was surprised to find in the mail a priceless, handmade custom card that was signed by the SESF attendees.

Little things like this make the SESF a special chapter of BMW owners. If you can't go to the unlimited BMW event, schedule a visit to a SESF event so you can come and meet the family.

Allegheny Chapter was recognized in during the BMW CCA Annual meeting that was held in Dallas in April.

CHAPTER RECOGNITION AWARDS 2015

Outstanding Chapter - Financial Charitable Contribution

Recognizes the top three chapters in the country, based on the total financial contribution they made in 2015.

- #1: Allegheny Chapter - \$41.19/capita member
- #2: Illini BMW Chapter - \$17.56/capita member
- #3: St. Louis BMW Club Chapter - \$13.78/capita member

Outstanding Chapter - Charitable Hours

Recognizes the top three chapters in the country, based on total reported Charitable Hours.

- #1: Windy City - 1284 total hours
- #2: Allegheny Chapter - 700 total hours
- #3: San Diego Chapter - 450 total hours

Outstanding Chapter - Growth and Retention

Recognizes a finalist from each region, and then the overall winner for the Club. Scores are based on the Chapter Scorecard for overall growth in membership and retention of members for the 2015 year.

- #5: Pacific Region: Roadrunner Chapter score:106.56
- #4: North Central Region: Northern Ohio Chapter score:106.93
- #3: South Central Region: Rocky Mountain Chapter score: 108.04
- #2: North Atlantic Region: Green Mountain Chapter score:109.77

Overall #1 Chapter for Growth and Retention:

South Atlantic Region: Puerto Rico Chapter score:128.18

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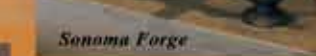
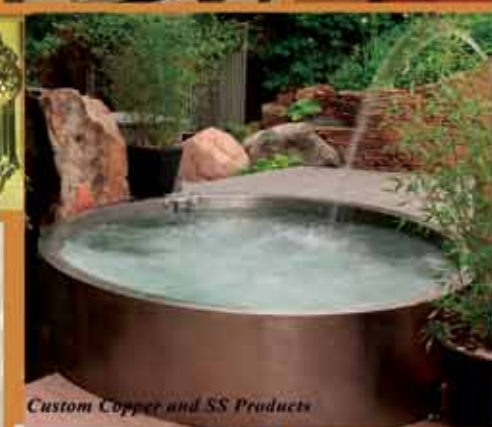
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Record Set at Vintage Event

Vintage in the Vineyard in North Carolina Features Show of 500 BMWs

BY MICHAEL MEEHAN

MAY 28, 2016 - The Vintage is an annual event exclusively for vintage BMWs. The event was originally called "The Vintage in the Vineyard" and took place at a winery near Winston Salem, North Carolina. As it grew in size and popularity, the venue was moved to Old Salem in NC. During those years it grew from about 100 cars to around 250 cars. This year's event took place in Asheville, NC. The organizer closed registration at 500 cars!

The event is limited to BMW models with an original production date prior to 1990. The newest model allowed was the E31 8 Series BMW which began production 1989. That means that there were 500 cars, all of which were over 25 years old. The PVGP attendance is typically 275 to 300 cars, but the PVGP is drawing from a much larger group.

The fact that 500 cars, over 25 years old made a trip ranging from 4 to 14 hours of driving is a testament to the durability of the Marque and the care and maintenance that their owners put into these cars.

In addition to the vintage cars, there were a couple vin-



Members drive to the The Vintage in the Vineyard event for the largest showing of vintage vehicles in the show's history.

tage Chapter members in attendance. The Sutton's had the initial debut of the recently completed restoration of their E12 Alpina. The Meehan's were there in their 1987 635 CSi along with Paul Wegweiser in his 2002 F-Bomb. The 2002 is the BMW model not the year of the car and the "F" isn't related to that F word. It means something completely different.

Look it up if you haven't heard the word F-Bomb.

There were 8 Peoples Choice awards given out. The winners included the Suttons and Meehans.

That means 25% of the awards went to Allegheny Chapter members. Not a surprise considering the Allegheny Chapter and its Members were recognized as the best in the world.

As side from the weather it was a perfect weekend. On Friday there was a drive to the BMW Foundation and their museum. The museum is small but amazing. There are about a dozen cars, each with some significant history.

There is a skeleton or cut-away Z3 that was used to train the factory workers on the assembly of the car. Things like weld points for various components, crumple points for crash safety and routing of electrical lines are all displayed in different color codes. Complete engines from various models ranging from an M5 to the BMW motor used in Formula One racing. There is also an extensive reference library that contains every factory service manual for every BMW model made and every Roundel magazine ever published. If you are ever in or near Geer, South Carolina, it's worth a stop.

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RACE REVIEW

Renner Races M2 at One Lap

Drivers Visit Pittsburgh International Raceway for One Lap of America

BY AL APEX

On Sunday, May 1st in the early morning hours, Mike Renner and the rest of the participants racing for One Lap of America started the cars and began the day at Pittsburgh International Raceway.

When we arrived, Mike had already completed his first run of the day and was happy to see some familiar faces.

We spoke for a bit and he told us of the race and why he does it year after year.

Soon enough, it was time for him to jump into his 2016 M2 and run again.

As soon as he was done, he took time for a few photos with us and then he and his constant companion, Steve Maquire loaded up and off to the next track in the mad dash that is One Lap.

How did Mike and Steve do after 7 days and 2827 miles?

They took 10th overall. Way to Go Mike and Steve! Until you roll into town again.



Driver Mike Renner races M2 in One Lap of America race in Pittsburgh.

Race Originates from Screenwriter of *Cannonball Run* in Early 1970s

In the early 1970's Brock Yates, senior editor of Car and Driver Magazine created the now infamous Cannonball Sea-to-Shining-Sea Memorial Trophy Dash; a flat out, no-holds-barred race from New York City to Redondo Beach, California. Setting out to prove that competent, well trained drivers can indeed safely navigate the American highways at speeds somewhat in

excess of the posted limits, Mr. Yates created a spectacle reminiscent of the days of the barnstorming pilots. But after five successful events with none of the slaughter and mayhem predicted by the safety nazis; five events where the continent was ultimately traversed in 32 hours 51 minutes, Mr. Yates decided that he had made his point and it was now time to cash in with writing the

screenplays for Cannonball Run and Smokey and the Bandit II. (And, to be honest, Yates recognized that it was only a matter of time before some militant, safety-crazed prosecutor would bring him up before a grand jury.)

Brock then set out to create a motorsports event that was accessible to the average Joe while capturing the excitement, lunacy and romance of the Cannonball without the threat of being called to testify in front of a Senate sub-committee. And so, in 1984, the first Cannonball One Lap of America was run with the start/finish in Darien, Connecticut. That year, the format was simple: circumnavigate the lower 48 United States and "guess Brock's mileage." The team that came closest to Brock's distance won. Brock is the first to admit that this format had its flaws and expected 1984 to be the first and last One Lap. To his dismay, he was flooded with inquiries requesting entry in the following year's event. A kinder, gentler successor to Cannonball had been born.



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Chapter Holds Annual Meeting

Members Meet to Handle Club Business at Second Annual Event

BY AL APEX

It's Official!!

The second Annual Meeting took place on May 26th, 2016 at the Sharp Edge Brasserie in McMurray. The event was well attended and covered a lot of ground in a short time. The Board of Directors remains the same as the past year with the exception of our newly elected Treasurer - Darlene Lipovsek. Thank you to all who came out. The yearly Financial Statement has been included.



BMW CLUB - ALLEGHENY CHAPTER Profit & Loss January through March 2016

	Jan - Mar 16
Income	
6000 - INCOME	
6001 - MEMBERSHIP DUES	2,864.93
6002 - EVENT NCOME	2,031.65
6003 - CALENDAR SALES	41.65
6004 - ADVERTISING	4,850.00
6005 - AUTOCROSS	548.00
6015 - STREET SURVIVAL	2,527.61
Total 6000 - INCOME	12,863.84
Total Income	12,863.84
Expense	
7000 - EXPENSES	
7001 - SUPPLIES	8.41
7002 - POSTAGE	11.22
7003 - MEETING EXPENS...	20.00
7006 - INSURANCE	370.00
7009 - EVENT EXPENSE	5,057.79
7011 - NEWSLETTER	3,103.00
7020 - PVGP	4,051.13
7025 - STREET SURVIVAL	226.81
7070 - MSR FEES	132.10
7090 - BANK FEES	17.00
Total 7000 - EXPENSES	12,995.46
Total Expense	12,995.46
Net Income	-131.62

BMW CLUB - ALLEGHENY CHAPTER Balance Sheet As of March 31, 2016

	Mar 31, 16
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1000 - CASH	
1010 - OPERATING ACCT	15,809.98
1020 - PVGP ACCOUNT	8,155.75
1030 - MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT	10,614.54
Total 1000 - CASH	34,580.27
Total Checking/Savings	34,580.27
Total Current Assets	34,580.27
TOTAL ASSETS	34,580.27
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
5000 - EQUITY	
5001 - CLUB EQUITY	34,711.89
Total 5000 - EQUITY	34,711.89
Net Income	-131.62
Total Equity	34,580.27
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	34,580.27

BMW CLUB - ALLEGHENY CHAPTER Profit & Loss January through December 2015

	Jan - Dec 15
Income	
6000 - INCOME	
6001 - MEMBERSHIP DUES	10,274.04
6002 - EVENT NCOME	4,193.10
6003 - CALENDAR SALES	461.66
6004 - ADVERTISING	8,600.00
6005 - PVGP	14,981.96
Total 6000 - INCOME	38,710.76
Total Income	38,710.76
Expense	
7000 - EXPENSES	
7001 - SUPPLIES	80.25
7002 - POSTAGE	1,500.25
7003 - MEETING EXPENS...	1,876.44
7006 - INSURANCE	1,110.00
7007 - EVENT REFUNDS	250.00
7008 - CALENDARS	430.68
7009 - EVENT EXPENSE	3,110.49
7010 - TRAVEL	241.90
7011 - NEWSLETTER	17,991.56
7015 - TRACK EXPENSE	4,660.20
7020 - PVGP	14,634.34
7025 - STREET SURVIVAL	2,300.00
7080 - MISC. EXPENSE	79.51
7090 - BANK FEES	105.25
Total 7000 - EXPENSES	48,371.89
Total Expense	48,371.89
Net Income	-11,661.13

BMW CLUB - ALLEGHENY CHAPTER Balance Sheet As of December 31, 2015

	Dec 31, 15
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1000 - CASH	
1010 - OPERATING ACCT	11,882.47
1020 - PVGP ACCOUNT	12,214.88
1030 - MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT	10,614.54
Total 1000 - CASH	34,711.89
Total Checking/Savings	34,711.89
Total Current Assets	34,711.89
TOTAL ASSETS	34,711.89
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
32000 - Unrestricted Net Assets	11,661.13
5000 - EQUITY	
5001 - CLUB EQUITY	34,711.89
Total 5000 - EQUITY	34,711.89
Net Income	-11,661.13
Total Equity	34,711.89
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	34,711.89



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Kerstyn Helfritch – Irwin
Genevieve Kastronis – Pittsburgh
Keith Lawrence – Canonsburg
Jason Loesch – Pittsburgh
Anthony Matugo – Aliquippa
Nickolas Eleni – Pittsburgh
Mikaela Puhl – Delmont
Christopher Shroads – Beaver
Allison Spear – Cranberry
Michael Tapolci – Washington
Hunter Wodzinski – Coraopolis
Mekenzie Wolfe – Grove City
Nima Hadavi – Pittsburgh
Joseph Bongiovi – Allison Park
Marcus Menser – Billings, MT
Sam Duerr – Sewickley
Mary Ann Steinmeyer – South Park

Joseph Orr – North Huntingdon
Kathleen Orr – North Huntingdon

March 2016

Ryan Conoyer – Sewickley
David Dickerson – Pittsburgh
David Salvetti – Pittsburgh
Richard Eastman – Pittsburgh
Adam Choros – Delmont
David Garraux – Bridgeville
Francesca Ionadi – Allison Park
W. Roach – Pittsburgh
Max Salley – Pittsburgh
Joseph Haduch – Apollo

April 2016

Steve Kann – Pittsburgh
Ian Fallon – Pittsburgh
John McConaha – Pittsburgh
Charles Houser – Indiana
Garcia Diaz – Pittsburgh
Jody Leonardo – Cranberry
Jack Crawford – New Kensington

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