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UPCOMING EVENTS

Winter Has Flurry of Fun

Warm Up with Chapter Events to Kick Off 2018!



DECEMBER 2017

Tuesday, December 12th
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

2018 Calendar Party

Pasqualino's
4430 William Penn Hwy
Murrysville, PA 15668

JANUARY 2018

Saturday, January 13th
6:00 pm - 11:00 pm

Post Holiday Party

Olivia's Banquet Facility
The Victoria Room
318 Forest Grove Road
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FEBRUARY 2018

Thursday, February 8th
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Annual Meeting

Atria's
PNC Park, 103 Federal St.,
Pittsburgh, PA 15212

February 16 - 19, 2018

Pittsburgh Auto Show

David L. Lawrence
Convention Center
1000 Fort Duquesne Blvd.,
Pittsburgh, PA 15222

This year's Annual Meeting will be held at Atria's at PNC Park. There will be reports from the Treasurer, Secretary as well as the Driving Committee Chair, Social Committee Chair and a report on the Newsletter. Lastly, the Election Secretary will announce the Election Results. Be there and catch up on where we have been and find out where we are going!

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NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Thanks to the Team

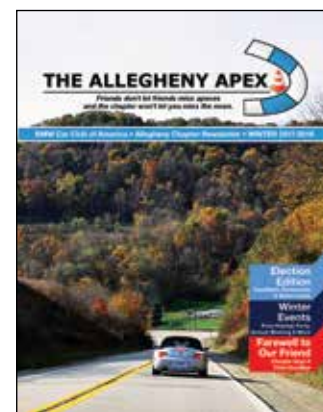
Apex Teamwork Gets Job Done

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: Allen Christian, Emilio Veneziano, George Snyder, Lisa Craig, Michael Sanchez, Minuteman Press Downtown Pittsburgh, Marianne Meehan, George Mitchell, Brett Sutton,

Tiffany Nolan 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.



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Johna Snyder

NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

President Seeks Suggestions from Club to Make 2018 Great

Chapter Volunteers to Plan and Host Events Will Help Us Top 2017

BY GEORGE SNYDER
Allegheny Chapter President

It is amazing to me that 2017 is coming to a close. Seems that this year has flown by even faster than 2016.

As I sit here and take a look back on the year, I want to say thank you, ask for good wishes and extend Holiday wishes.

Thank you to the chapter members who host, plan and organize our events. Without you, well the chapter would be a lot less fun to be a part of.

Thank you to Allen for being our Social Director. I truly appreciate all the time, energy and effort that you put into the planning of our events. You sir are a true gem.

Thank you to Glen for planning our drives. The level of planning, detail and work that goes into them is impressive. As for the Annual last drive if you didn't make the drive if you certainly missed out on a great drive.

Thank you to the board members - without you putting in the extra time to help run, plan and just do the dirty work if there wouldn't be a chapter.

Thank you to Jeff Taylor and Brett Sutton for leading the charge with the Ofest 18 project. I know it hasn't been an easy road but well done gentlemen.

Thank you to Ron Vivian for taking up the reigns and helping out with the PVGP. I greatly appreciate it.

Thank you to Brett Sutton for handling PVGP and the historic races at PIRC. It isn't an easy job but you do it well sir, thank you.

Thank you to Michael Meehan for all that you do with the PVGP and for being the voice of reason and sometimes the voice of guilt and pressure as well.

Thank you to Jim and Chris Williams - PVGP wouldn't work without what you two gentlemen do.

Thank you to George

Mitchell - sir you are an impressive salesman and I thank you for being the newsletter business manager. We as a chapter are sending you well wishes!

Thank you to John Snyder - I personally couldn't do what you do with the newsletter. I thank you for your patience with me (always being late) and for putting together a great newsletter each and everytime.

I know that I am missing people. For that I do apologize. Only so much fit in my head. :)

When you are reading this you will see the statements from the nominated candidates for the respective positions along with the ballot.

Thank you to those who accepted nominations.

2017 was a good year. I look toward 2018 with hope and a smile. I hope 2017 was a good year for each one of you and I hope 2018 will be the best year yet.

I do have one ask. This chapter is a success because of the members. However, to be successful the chapter needs members to volunteer, come up with ideas and plan/host events. So as the chapter moves into 2018 - I ask each one of you to come up with an idea, a location, a drive and to help make the chapter an even bigger success than it has been.

Ofest 18 - it shouldn't be any secret by now that Ofest will be held here in Pittsburgh

in 18. Jeff Taylor/ Brett Sutton are co chairing that project. We will need LOTS of volunteers for Ofest activities along with our regular PVGP ones. So please help the chapter make this the best Ofest that BMW-CCA has had to date.

I hope to see you all at the calendar reveal in December and also at the Post Holiday party in January. Updates will be sent via eblast, facebook, the chapter's website and twitter.

One last item if I wish each and every one of the members of the chapter and their families a very loving and wonderful holiday season.

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CHAPTER TRIBUTE



Club Says Farewell to Friend

George Mitchell, August 18, 1954 - November 15, 2017

BY AL APEX

It is with a heavy heart we pass on this news...

Our dear friend and fantastic chapter member George Mitchell has left us for the final time.

He passed away this November in the presence of family and friends. For those who knew George - he was passionate about a lot of things, but he loved cars especially BMW's. George was always up for a new challenge and he was the chapter's business manager for



the newsletter and the dealership liaison. He did a fantastic job at both.

We will greatly miss his talents but more so his generous spirit.

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All the fluids levels and condition will need to be checked. Engine oil, coolant, brake fluid and washer fluid are just a few. Some of the fluids will absorb moisture while sitting in storage, this can be caused by temperature fluctuations.

Brake fluid is designed to absorb moisture to prevent rust forming on the inside of the brake components. Many classic BMWs had an annual service change interval for the brake fluid.

Coolant should be checked for level and temperature range using the proper tester. The temperature range of the coolant should fall between -30 degrees and +260 degrees Fahrenheit. A 50-50 mix of BMW coolant to water will give you the correct range.

Check and adjust all tire pressures to the proper specification, this is found on the driver's door label or in the owner's manual. This is also a good time to check your tires tread depth, a depth of 5/32 of an inch is approximately half way thru the tire life.

When you first start the vehicle let it run at idle till it reaches operating temperature without over revving the engine. This will allow the oil to reach all areas of the engine with the least stress. After operating temperature is reached shut down the engine and wait 5 minutes then check the oil level.

These simple steps will guarantee you a summer of fun with your BMW.

- Mike McMurray

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CLUB NEWS

Chapter Announces 2018 Oktoberfest in Pittsburgh

Members Plan 49th Annual Event to be Held First Time in Region

BY BRETT SUTTON

After 5 years of planning, The Allegheny Chapter, in conjunction with The Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix and The Pittsburgh International Race Complex, is pleased to announce that O'fest 2018 will, for the first time, be held in the city of Three Rivers July 5-15. We chose this year because it celebrates the 50th Anniversary of the 2002. In honor, The PVGP has chosen BMW to be the marque for this year's event. For all of the information simply visit the website at www.PVGP.org

For those of you unfamiliar with this event, the mission of the PVGP is to produce a world-class vintage-racing event in order to raise funds that help provide residential care, treatment and support to individuals with autism and intellectual and developmental disabilities in the Pittsburgh region. Since 1983 this volunteer-driven event has raised over \$4 million to benefit

the Autism Society of Pittsburgh and The Allegheny Valley School. The Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix remains our country's largest vintage race event and the only one run on actual city streets. Together with the Pittsburgh BMW dealers and the BMW CCA, the Allegheny Chapter raised over \$100,000 for the Grand Prix charities in 2017 alone!

As in years past, Driver registration will be handled on the PVGP.org website. Click on the drivers section drop down and all of the forms and information are there for both race weekends. You must also register on the Club Race website. Bobby Rahal BMW will provide the catering and Driver meeting facilities in the BMW Paddocks. Lunches, T-Shirts, and Trophies will be provided. More info to come as we get closer to July.

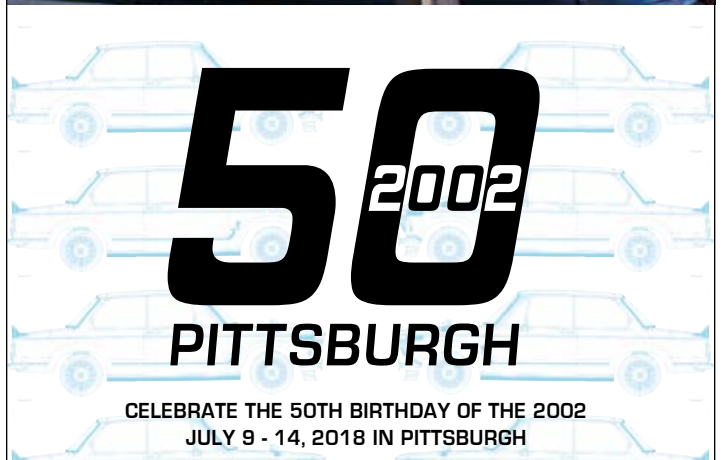
This year I reserved the entire South Paddock for camping. There are only 10 spaces and electric hookups available. The spaces must be rented thru Pitt

Race. They are available on a first come first serve basis. There is other room for camping, just no electric.

I am looking at a field of 60 Club Race cars participating this year with that number being the cut-off for the run group. If we can get enough entries, PVGP will have an "02" fun race for any licensed driver on both weekends. Keep checking back as I will update as more details are

scheduled. If you have any questions, email me at bsutton135i@gmail.com I am looking forward to an awesome Race weekend in July. While you are here, check out O'fest and all of the PVGP events the following week!!!

We are always looking for volunteers for both Club Race weekend and Schenley Park weekend. If interested, contact myself or Ron Vivian at ronvivian@verizon.net.



The 2002 celebrates its 50th anniversary this year. In honor, The Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix has chosen BMW to be the marque for this year's event.

CHAPTER ELECTIONS

Chapter to Hold Elections

Members Named on 2017 Ballot Release Candidacy Statements

PRESIDENT

GEORGE SNYDER

Fellow members, it has been an honor to be President of the Allegheny Chapter for the past three years. The members of the chapter never cease to amaze me on how generous and welcoming they are.

It would be a pleasure and an honor to continue on as President of the Allegheny Chapter and to serve you the members of the chapter. Regards, George

VICE PRESIDENT

GARY SEFCIK

I am asking for your support in electing me as Vice President of the Allegheny Chapter, BMW CCA. I am the owner of two BMWs, an F25 X3 and an E85 Z4, my 5th and 6th since 2001. I had initially joined the club to take advantage of the rebates and of course Roundel Magazine. It was not until two years ago that I, participated in the Dust Off drive, and became active in club activities, that I realized the real benefit to being a club member. Its socializing with others who share the same passion of BMW. Since then, I have participated in

numerous drives, club meetings, events and volunteer opportunities.

As Vice President, I will be in a position to leverage my 20 plus years of executive sales, product management and marketing experience in global banking, to help promote and increase member participation. I have also held numerous leadership positions in industry groups and have had success in expanding the agenda of the various organizations. I am confident that the synergies between my business experience and passion for BMW, will result in a positive impact to the club. It will be my privilege to serve.

SECRETARY

MARIANNE MEEHAN

I have been a member of the BMW CCA for 28 years, actively participating in Allegheny Chapter events for the past 12 years.

I have served as Chapter Secretary, as well as the Membership Coordinator, for 4 years. Last June, was honored to be named the 2015 Volunteer of the Year for the North Atlantic Region BMW CCA.

I would appreciate the opportunity to continue to serve the members of the Allegheny Chapter as the Chapter Secretary for 2017.

TREASURER

DARLENE LIPOVSEK

I am running for the position of Treasurer. My qualifications include a BSBA in Accounting, a MBA and 30 years of experience as a Corporate Controller. As the Treasurer this year, I have converted the Club records using Quickbooks and am able to provide professional quality financials to the Club.

MEMBER AT LARGE 1

THOMAS (RUDI) FLAVIN

Dear Friends,

As members of Allegheny Chapter, we lead a charmed existence. I feel it.

Not only do we enjoy an enhanced ownership experience as BMW CCA members but our enthusiastic corps of volunteers, officers, committee members, event organizers, helpers and you, participants in all the fun, have given us a year of events and activities to remember.

I am proud to have been your representative on the Board of Directors as Member at Large.

Having had the privilege of serving as your Member at Large for thirty-two of now be-

ginning my 35th year of Club membership, I've worn almost innumerable "hats". From sitting on committees to end of day/event cleanup, Rudi is or has been there. I also served a decade as Newsletter Editor and continue to organize The Fall Leaves Tour & Picnic committee.

My strongest assets, I believe, are bringing continuity to the Chapter's memory of what we have done and how it worked out and an openness to presenting new, exciting experiences for our Chapter's members.

I promise to continue to be a strong advocate of driving events, to continue attending every meeting event and activity possible, and to be an accessible channel for voicing your ideas, opinions and, yes, criticism to the Board of Directors.

I support the slate of current office holders in this election of officers to the Board of Directors and endorse installing an additional, Member at Large onto the Board.

Like you, I hope, I look forward to an exciting new year shared with fellow members of the Allegheny Chapter.

Thank you for your vote.

ELECTION BALLOT DEADLINE:
JANUARY 31, 2018

2017 Allegheny Chapter Election Ballot

PRESIDENT

☐ George Snyder

VICE PRESIDENT

☐ Gary Sefcik

SECRETARY

☐ Marianne Meehan

TREASURER

☐ Darlene Lipovsek

MEMBER AT LARGE 1

☐ Thomas (Rudi) Flavin

MEMBER AT LARGE 2

☐ Ron Vivian

SOCIAL DIRECTOR

☐ Johna Snyder

Ballots are to be returned to the Election Secretary by January 31, 2018; ballots received after that date will not be included. Ballots may be e-mailed to tnolan@ieinsurancepa.com or mailed to: Tiffany Nolan, i.e. Insurance, 430 Harmony Way, Suite B, Harmony, PA 16037. The Election Secretary will tabulate the results, to be presented at the Annual Meeting on Thursday, February 8th at Atria's PNC Park.

Members to Vote for Seven Positions on Allegheny Chapter Ballot

MEMBER AT LARGE 2

RON VIVIAN

My name is Ron Vivian and I am running for the position of Member at Large. I am recently retired from a large Pittsburgh Engineering firm where I worked for 27 years as, Customer Service Manager and Service Project Manager. I was born and raised in the Mon-Valley. I hold a BS degree in Business Administration. My

wife and I have been married for 47 years, we had 4 kids and have 9 grandkids.

From a very young age I have had a love for automobiles and a deep appreciation for the complex engineering that goes into them. I promise to be a person that will listen to all the members in order enhance the BMW Car Club experience for everyone. I will be there to help with whatever is needed to keep the Allegheny Chapter the best it can be. Thank you.

SOCIAL DIRECTOR

JOHNA SNYDER

My name is Johna Snyder and I am currently serving as the Newsletter Editor for the Allegheny Chapter BMW CCA. The duties of the editor require organizational skills, working with a wide variety of people and meeting deadlines. These skills are what I hope to bring to the table as Social Director in the coming year.

The Chapter has seen a lot of growth in the past few years. As interest grows so does the variety of members at each event. While maintaining some of our traditional events, new ones have been added and continue to grow as the Chapter continues to grow.

I have worked in a variety of environments thus I am comfortable with diverse people and situations and possess a strong work ethic. I believe that my experience and dedication will be an asset to the Board of the Allegheny Chapter BMW CCA.

ROAD TRIP REVIEW

Members Enjoy 2017 Last Drive

Chapter Tours Large Scale Systems Museum in New Kensington

BY AL APEX

The 4th Annual Last Drive of the Year was held on Saturday, November 4th. As we all gathered in Cranberry to begin our journey, you couldn't help but be all smiles. The weather was perfect! Custom ordered by our Drive Master Glen Beattie.

As 16 cars divided into 2 groups, we hit the road for the terrific blend of leisurely touring and spirited driving. Watch out for that deer!! A near miss kept us on our toes!!

Our first destination was to the Large Scale Systems Museum (LSSM) in New Kensington. The LSSM is accessible to the public by appointment only. Their collection of computing systems representing every era of the computer age from the 1960s through today was incredible. It was like taking a step back in time. The expert knowledge of the owner and staff were able to answer any and all questions asked. Not to date myself, but many of the computers and printers on site



were reminiscent of work days early in my career. Once upstairs where the personal computers were ... how lucky was I as a kid to have an Apple in my home?! To see that every machine was in working order was even more amazing. We learned how they fix machines that are broken when the manuals dating as far back as the machines themselves cannot solve it. It was as Glen promised ... infectiously interesting.

From there, back to the cars and another drive on even more scenic roads to our final destination at The Hardwood Cafe on Rt.8, just south of Butler. A fabulous way to end the day.





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2018 Post-Holiday Party Set

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Chapter Celebrates with an Annual Tradition

BY AL APEX

The Allegheny Chapter is thrilled to bring to you the same venue as last year for our Annual Post-Holiday Party. Olivia's Banquet Facility was a huge success last year and is conveniently

located in Coraopolis with plenty of parking. We will be hosted once again in the Victoria's room that is as warm and welcoming as the staff. There will be appetizers, a buffet dinner, cash bar and the FOUNDTUE table for des-

sert!!! Please check the website for further details and to RSVP by January 4th, 2018.

As always there will be prizes and plenty to celebrate. It has been a fantastic year and here's hoping to this one is bigger and better than the last. Cheers!

Allegheny Apex Seeks Editor

Chapter Recruits Candidates for Club Newsletter

BY AL APEX

The Allegheny Chapter BMW CCA is recruiting for a new newsletter editor!

Johna Snyder will soon step down as our newsletter editor after doing the job for the past few years. This is a great loss but luckily she has reassured us that she will remain a contributing member to the chapter and lend a hand when needed.

We do need to recruit a new newsletter editor for The Apex. The newsletter comes out four times a year on both paper and via email. Most of the communica-

tion happens through email but if you can attend the open session board meetings this would be much appreciated. As editor you would be responsible for:

- Keeping the deadlines of the newsletter and sourcing sufficient articles, including updates from the committees, articles and photos from the membership and collecting interesting snippets along the way
- Keeping in touch with the printer and approving the final proof before it goes to print – double-checking that all of the elements required are present
- Working directly with the

Newsletter Business Manager to ensure that all artwork for ads are accurate and accounted for in each issue.

The role requires about 10+ hours work for each quarterly newsletter spread over a month. Johna will be on hand to support the new editor as the role is handed over.

No experience or qualifications necessary except for an enthusiasm to make The Apex better than it already is. A good feel for written text and grammar and some word processing experience would be a bonus.



If you are interested contact
editor.alleghenybmw@gmail.com

STREET SURVIVAL

Foundation Offers Support

New Program Will Support Street Survival and Other Programs

BY AL APEX

First, the Foundation has launched a brand new giving program that supports the programs of the Foundation (Street Survival and the Museum and Archive) and offers exclusive BMW col-

lectibles to your members. Here is a link to a webpage explaining the program: <https://bmwchampions.org/>

Second, the current exhibition, Heroes of Bavaria: 75

Years of BMW Motorsports, is scheduled to end on January 12, 2018, and we are planning a full weekend of events that Allegheny Chapter members may be interested in experiencing. These activi-

ties include David Hobbs, Brian Redman and Erik Wensberg! Here is a link to that webpage for more information:

<https://weekendwithheroes.eventbrite.com>

BMW Racing History Awaits

Get Up Close to the Cars and Drivers that Made BMW Racing History

BY AL APEX

Get close to the cars and drivers that made BMW racing history. Join us in Greenville, South Carolina for two very special events celebrating Heroes of Bavaria: 75 Years of BMW Motorsport.

Racing legends David Hobbs, Brian Redman and former BMW Motorsport Manager Erik Wensberg will be on hand to toast the exhibition on its final weekend, and you can be part of it all.

There are two separate events. Tickets are limited, and we expect both events to sell out. Secure your spots now!

All proceeds benefit the Tire Rack Street Survival teen driving program and the CCA Foundation Museum & Archive.

A CELEBRATION OF THE HEROES OF BAVARIA

Champagne Reception and Exhibition Finale
Friday, January 12



6:00p - 8:00p
at the Foundation Museum
\$50 per person

Join former BMW Motorsport Manager Erik Wensberg on an unforgettable pit walk through the Heroes of Bavaria exhibition- an incredible grouping of 24 legendary race cars, with 75 years of track history.

Your ticket also includes hors d'oeuvres, beer and

champagne, an exclusive Heroes of Bavaria collectible, and a chance to win other driver-signed items.

AN EVENING WITH HEROES: HOBBS & REDMAN

BMW CCA Foundation Gala
Saturday, January 13
6:00p - 9:30p
at Thornblade Country Club
\$200 per person

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You'll be immersed in everything BMW, enjoy VIP access, and receive an ultra-exclusive collectible available only on this special night.

It'll be an experience you won't forget.

NEW MEMBERS

The Allegheny Chapter extends a warm welcome to the following new members:

SEPTEMBER 2017

Alexander Elhilal – Phoenix, AZ

Richard Musgrave – Pittsburgh

OCTOBER 2017

Bonnie Marie – Pittsburgh

Bob Pirkle – Murrysville

Stephen Forest – Allison Park

Avinash Purohit – Pittsburgh

Sandor Kovacs – Washington



Stay in the Loop

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