

**BMW Car Club
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Sierra Chapter**



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From the President's Desk

Welcome to the third quarter of 2018. This quarter there was one event and everyone had a great time. We had our fifth Annual Family Picnic & Show-n-Shine at the Arrowcreek Residents' Club. There was plenty of food to go around as evidenced by the smiling faces that were present that day. The Show 'n Shine (with a twist) was a success! All cars were welcomed and trophies were given out to three People's Choice awardees. It was definitely a great day for spending time outdoors with friends who have a common passion about their cars.



Thank you to Pat McGoff, Mart Jaama, John Strom and Fred Watson for making this event happen.

Election of new Board Members will be in November and we are looking for people to fill some of those positions. Mart Jaama will become the new president for 2019-2020. The current and continuing members were listed at the October meeting. This is an excellent way to help grow our chapter and influence the events offered to our members. For more information about any board position, please contact any of the officers listed in this newsletter.

- Ron Nicasio, President

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Featured Articles



BMW – What's New and What's Coming *from Motor Week, August 6, 2018*

BMW will continue to provide as many models in each segment as possible over the next few years.

In electric vehicles alone, BMW plans to roll out a dozen full-electric vehicles by the middle of the next decade.

BMW will introduce the iNEXT battery-electric crossover and the i4 four-door electric coupe in 2021. A battery-electric variant of the X3 crossover will go into production in 2020.

BMW also will add to the half-dozen crossovers it offers. Early next year, BMW's long-awaited large crossover – the X7 – will go on sale in the U.S.

Here's a summary of what's expected model by model:

2 series: BMW will turn to front- and all-wheel drive for a new four-door variant of the 2-series Gran Coupe coming in the first half of 2020. It will be built on the same platform that underpins the Mini lineup and the smaller non-U.S. 1-series sedan.

The Gran Coupe – a four-door with coupe-like styling – will be sold globally and is expected to be offered with three- and four-cylinder gasoline and diesel engines. In the U.S., a 2.0-liter turbocharged four-cylinder paired with an eight-speed automatic transmission is likely to be the only powertrain offered.

3 series: The redesigned 3-series sedan will go on sale in the U.S. in the first quarter of 2019. An M performance version likely will appear in the second half of 2019. The 3-series Gran Turismo is expected to be discontinued.

i3: The compact battery-electric car was freshened in late 2017 and received a larger battery and greater driving range. A new generation of the i3 could arrive in the first half of 2024.

4 series: The coupe and convertible will be redesigned – the coupe in the second half of 2020 and the convertible in the first half of 2021. A redesign of the four-door Gran Coupe is expected in the second half of 2021. A mild-hybrid (48-volt) version of the 4 series will follow the redesign. Plug-in hybrid and full-electric versions of the Gran Coupe also are possible.

Z4: A redesigned Z4 could go on sale in the first quarter of 2019. It is to debut in August at the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance. Two versions will be offered initially: Z4 30i and Z4 M40i. With a new lightweight platform, the Z4 is expected to grow and get updated engines. A fabric roof will replace the car's retractable hardtop.

i4: The EV will launch in the first half of 2021 with an EPA range of about 300 miles on a full charge. The four-door coupe is based on the i Vision Dynamics concept unveiled in September at the Frankfurt auto show. The i4 will be based on BMW's CLAR cluster architecture, a lightweight modular system.

5 series: The 5 series is due for a freshening in the first half of 2020 and a redesign in the second half of 2023. The sixth-generation 2018 M5 sport sedan went on sale this spring. It features a new M xDrive awd system that can be turned off to allow rwd operation. In July, BMW began production of a faster variant– the 2019 M5 Competition – which boosts the horses to 617 from 591.

6 series: The 2018 BMW 6-series GT is offered in one trim: the 640i xDrive, powered by a turbocharged 3.0-liter, inline-six gasoline engine producing 335 hp and 332 pound-feet of torque. The 6-series Gran Coupe will be discontinued in mid-2019.

7 series: The 7 series is getting a freshening, including powertrain improvements, next year. The 7-series sedan will be redesigned in the second half of 2022.

8 series: BMW will reintroduce the 8-series coupe, the first new 8 series in 20 years, with the 2019 M850i xDrive awd variant. The latest 8 series is powered by a new version of BMW's TwinPower Turbo 4.4-liter V-8 engine that generates 523 hp and 553 pound-feet of torque. It features an oversized version of BMW's dual kidney grille with adjustable slats and large air intakes at the corners. The LED headlights are the slimmest in BMW's lineup. The coupe will go on sale in the U.S. in the fourth quarter and a convertible will go on sale in the second quarter of 2019. An M8 performance version has been confirmed for the first half of 2020. An 8-series Gran Coupe variant also is expected in late 2019, and a plug-in hybrid version could arrive in 2021.

2019 BMW M850i xDrive starts at 112895 CAR NEWS 2019 BMW M850i xDrive starts at \$112,895 BMW's big coupe is back. The new 8-series will make its return to the U.S. on Dec. 8 this year. The awkwardly named M850i xDrive will be the first variant of the new 8-series offered, and it ...

i8: BMW freshened the i8 coupe for the 2019 model year and it will be joined by the new i8 roadster. Total output increased to 369 hp, up 12 hp from the previous model year. The coupe and roadster are expected to be redesigned in 2022, when they could move to full electric.

iNEXT: A planned extension of the i sub-brand previously called the i5 has morphed into the iNEXT. BMW says it will introduce the iNEXT battery-electric crossover in the second half of 2021. It will have semiautonomous driving capabilities and a range of more than 310 miles on a full charge, according to Autoweek.

X1: The small crossover will be freshened in early 2019. It's slated for a redesign for a U.S. launch in the second half of 2022.

X2: BMW is positioning the new X2 as a sportier alternative to the X1. The X2 is shorter and lower than the X1, with a different face. The X2 xDrive28i, the awd debut model, arrived in U.S. dealerships this spring, powered by a 228-hp, 2.0-liter turbocharged four-cylinder engine. A redesign is expected in 2024.

X3: Now in its third generation, the X3 crossover generally maintains its overall exterior dimensions, although the wheelbase has grown 2.2 inches. The X3 gets lighter, more powerful and more efficient with better handling and driving dynamics.

iX3: The battery-electric variant of the X3 is expected to have a 270-hp electric motor and a 70 kilowatt-hour battery delivering a range of 250 miles. The iX3 could go into production in the second quarter of 2020.

X4: In addition to receiving new engines, the second-generation X4 becomes lighter, more efficient and roomier. The 2019 X4 xDrive30i is powered by a new turbocharged 2.0-liter, four-cylinder engine producing 248 hp, up from 240 hp for the engine in the outgoing 28i. The 2019 X4 M40i is powered by a new turbocharged 3.0-liter, six-cylinder engine producing 355 hp.

X5: The crossover receives a redesign in the second half of 2018. It will be larger than its predecessor with extra passenger and cargo room, and offer an off-road package for the first time in a BMW light truck.

X6: The midsize crossover with coupe-like styling will be redesigned and go on sale in the U.S. in the second half of 2019.

X7: BMW's long-awaited large crossover will go on sale in the U.S. at the end of the first quarter of 2019. The X7 will come in six- and eight-cylinder models. A \$100,000-plus four-seater, possibly with a 12-cylinder engine, has been discussed.

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Past Events

5th Annual Family Picnic

If you didn't get to join us Sunday, August 12th at the Annual Family you can still share our experience (then you may want to join us on our [next event!](#)).

On Sunday, August 12th, the Sierra Chapter of BMWCCA held its annual picnic at ArrowCreek Residence Center from noon to 3pm. The Club had 36 members and family members show up for this annual event. This was the highest attendance since the annual picnics began 5 years ago. This is the first

time the picnic has been held on Sunday which may be the reason we got so many members to attend. Along with the picnic, Mart Jaama, with the help of John Strom, held a **Motor Show & Shine**. You might remember last year we had a **Car Show & Shine**, so Mart changed it up this year and gave out several fun awards for several categories of motor cleanliness.

The weather was perfect this year with no wind. Fred Watson provided the sausage for the event and the club provided hot dogs, hamburgers, sodas and water. Members provided the potluck sides so there was plenty of food to go around. The pool was available to the members so a few of the children got to take a dip. We again would like to thank the ArrowCreek HOA for allowing us to have the venue at the Recreation Center at no cost. Thanks to John and Mart for making the Show and Shine a fun time.

If any members have any suggestions for a new venue next year, we are always looking for new sites to have the picnic. We also can use some help cooking and clean-up. So if you are a home chef, let us know and we'll put you to work. Until next year.

- Pat McGoff

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2018 Engine Concours at Annual Picnic

The Show & Shine at the club's Annual Family Picnic had a bit of a twist this year as Mart Jaama and John Strom conducted an "**Engine Concours**" instead of the usual simple car display. It was fun!

Everyone who showed up in a BMW "**had to participate**" so as they parked Mart and John made sure they opened their hoods to expose the beautiful BMW engine. In all, 11 BMWs competed for

four "trophies" - **Cleanest**, **Dirtiest**, **Most Custom** and **People's Choice**. Participants included two X3s, two X5s, two 325s, 135, Z4, M5, M3 and 850 - from classic and turbocharged six-cylinders to a honking X5M twin-turbo V-8 to a V-12. So how did they fair?

The Cleanest award went to Alice Strom for her 2012 X3 (...*guess who really cleaned this engine up?*); Dirtiest was awarded to Ron Rachow for his '05 X3 (...*he said he didn't know he would be judged*); Most Customized to John English and his '09 135i (...*John said it was that way when he bought it*); and the people cast the most votes for Burcak Erenoglu's 2013 X5M (...*you can never have too much power, right?*). Thanks to Mart Jaama ('93 850i), John Strom ('03 M3), De Sharp ('15 X5d), Paul Hollenbeck ('01 325), Fred Watson ('99 325i), Jim Johns ('12 Z4) and Jim Goodfellow ('95 M5) for also displaying their engines.

Now, what do you suppose Mart and John will come up with next year?

-John Strom

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Get To Know Your Members

My Name is DeArmond Sharp

My name is Frank DeArmond Sharp. You all did not know that. You will also be surprised to hear I was born in Manila, Philippine Islands. My parents graduated from the University of Nevada in 1937. My father with a degree in mining engineering from the Mackay School of Mines and my mother with a Home Economics Degree. My father's first job was with a mining company in Baggio, Philippine Islands. No airline flights to the Philippines in 1937—ocean liners. We returned to USA via ocean liner in 1940.

I was raised in a copper mining camp in Kimberly, Nevada. I know you never heard of it and if you happened to go there today (even if you can get close) you will find a big open pit mine. Kimberly was a mining company town. We had our own hospital, K-12 School, post office, small store and company housing. When WW II ended copper price tanked and mining in Kimberly was cut back and parts of the town including the school were shut down. Kimberly kids were bused to Ruth to finish 12th grade.



High school was in Ely, White Pine County HS. Kids from Kimberly, Ruth, McGill and area ranches all went to WP HS.

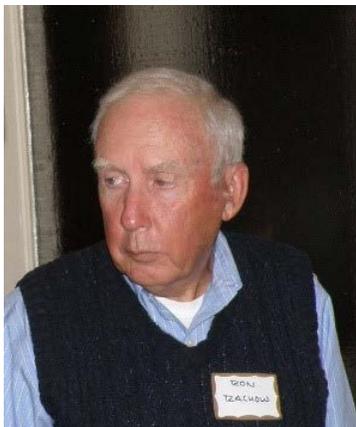
My first car was not a BMW. In 1955 I acquired 1940 Ford coupe. Ran ok but no brakes. My Dad and I finally got brakes fixed. I went off to college fall 1956 at the University of Nevada. Note I did not say UNR, Reno because the only UNR in 1956 was in Reno. There was a two year JC in Las Vegas. My Ford did not go to college with me. In 1958 my parents moved to Las Vegas and my Ford disappeared.

Fast forward. College followed by Law School at Stanford, married to Joyce (we met at UNR) and moved to Reno in 1963. I had a 1954 Ford Fairlane six with column shift. Joyce had 1955 Chev. Coupe. Both sold, and we got 1960 or so Ford Galaxy. I was admitted to Bar in Nevada in 1963 (55 years ago). We were both working so we splurged and bought a 1964 Pontiac Tempest convertible. When daughter Stefanie was born in 1966 the Tempest was traded in on another Ford sedan. Son Kyle was born in 1969 and a series of cars followed: SAAB turbo sedan; BMW Bavaria, BMW 2002, Mercedes Benz 450SEL; BMW E36 M3; BMW E46 M3; current 2015 M4; three X5s latest a 2015 diesel- great car. Also mixed in was a Mitsubishi SUV, a 1964 or 65 Ford pickup and 2008 Chevrolet Silverado pickup.

In 2000 we attended a charity function that had a silent auction. A GGCBMWCCA two day driving school at Sears Point was one of the auction items. I bought it! My first track school at Sears was November 2000. I found my application for another GGC school at Sears in November of 2002 that listed schools at Laguna Seca (1) a Thunder Hill (1) and Sears (3). Many other schools and track days at Reno Fernley followed including the BMW M school in Greenville in 2012. I took my M4 purchased in April 2016 to Laguna Seca during Octoberfest 2016. Probably my last track day. Although on my bucket list is a track day at Mid-Ohio track with my son in the Blue E36 M3 that he bought from me.

The Sierra Chapter was organized October 17, 2006. The Club Charter was issued on January 27, 2007 as the 94th chapter of BMWCCA. I was a charter member. I was elected as the Treasurer's when Mart Jaama the original treasurer moved to California and I have not been able to get shed of the position. After 12 years many of the charter members are still active in the Club. Many new members have joined. Among the great things about the Club is the opportunity to make new friends. Joyce and I look forward to enjoying Club events with old friends and meeting new friends for many years to come.

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My Name is Ron Rachow

Meet Ron Rachow - Sierra Chapter Secretary

I grew up on a farm outside a small town in Michigan. I was always interested in cars and worked on the Pontiac Motors assembly line for a couple of years during the time the GTO was first introduced. I graduated from Michigan State in the mid-sixties and joined the Marines.

My first new car was a Chevy Corvair Corsa convertible with 4 single barrel carburetor and all of 140 horsepower that I sold when I left for Vietnam. After serving 12 1/2 months overseas I bought a muscle car, a Dodge Cornet with a 440 magnum engine. Really fast acceleration but not much on stopping or cornering.

I stayed in the Marines, attended law school, and retired after 20 years. Sharon and I then moved to Reno where we have lived since 1986. Sharon is a native Nevadan and her family has lived in Reno for generations. I worked for the Nevada Attorney General for a short time, the Washoe County District Attorney for 5 years, and then spent 22 years as an Assistant United States Attorney. Prior to retirement, most of my career was spent as a criminal prosecutor.

I have owned numerous cars over the years including a Rambler American, a Chevy Chevelle 2 door hardtop, a Mustang and an Olds Cutlass. I bought my first BMW, a 320i in 1981 and kept it for about 15 years. It was a great fun car to drive and I don't think that model ever got the respect it deserved. My next Bimmer was a 1988 535i with a manual transmission which I owned for about 12 years. I have also had a 2001 Z3 roadster, a 2011 Z4 roadster, and currently have a 2005 and a 2013 X3. My other cars are a 2005 MB CLK 500 and a 2013 MB SL550.

I joined our club around 10 years ago and Sharon and I have greatly enjoyed the experience and comradeship of fellow members. We particularly enjoy the road trips like the annual wine tour, the Virginia City drive, and the Strom "Cabot Cove" trips. We also look forward to more fun times and fun rallies.

Since retiring I have played a lot of golf, spent a lot of time hiking, and we have been on several cruises and made several trips to Europe. We are looking forward to many more years of travel.

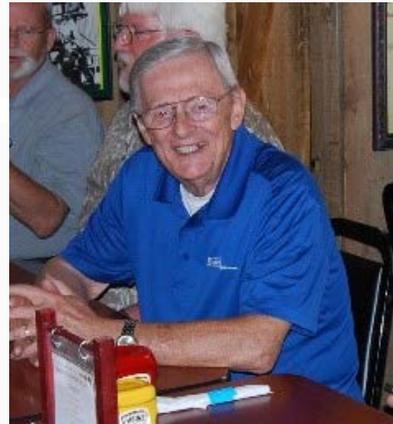
Additionally, I have been a SAVE volunteer for the last 3 years working 1 or 2 days a week with the Reno Police Department.

~ Ron Rachow

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Message from your Editor

Every quarter I bring the same message to you, but with little response. Our club has grown to almost 200 members and I hope to see YOU participate in the many activities that the club will be scheduling for the coming year. Speaking of participation, it would be great if you would also participate in another way. Remember our goal is to HAVE FUN. Not only is there a lot of activities for the fun aspect, but there is a chance to share stories about our favorite car or cars. Don't feel that you can't write even a short story. Get me the information and I'll even make you out to be a literary genius. I'll be your ghost writer.



What makes a club great is for the members to participate. Elections will take place in a few weeks, a great place to participate. New members on the board or attending board meetings could give a fresh look at some new events and activities. Also, your input on activities would help pave the road to the future. Not only in going to the events, but also by submitting your life experiences on the road and, especially, about your BMW experiences. This is your newsletter and you are invited to submit things of interest. If they are family friendly they could be published for all club members to enjoy. I know that you have great things to share. Send your contributions to newsletter@sierrabmwcarclub.org. I promise that it doesn't hurt one little bit to share.

~ Fred Watson, Editor

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2018 Planned Events

- November 3, [Monitor Pass Gamble and Poker Drive](#)
- November 8, [Meeting/Social](#), Bill Pearce BMW/TBD 6pm
- December 13 - [Christmas/Holiday Party](#)

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