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# Wenatchee Chumstick Run

Hello Spokane IE BMW members. In about 2 weeks we are going to have a Inland Empire BMW CCA club drive in Wenatchee. Jamie Has worked his seat covers off so that you will have a fun day with fellow bimber drivers, We plan prizes at lunch and a trip to Ohme gardens too. The Seattle group has been officially invited to our tour, So lets welcome those guys. Anyone want to travel to Wenatchee with my wife and I the morning of the tour? Meet us at the Airway Heights Wal-Mart, S/W corner parking lot. promptly at 6:00 am and we can caravan out to Wenatchee. This will be a fun day getting out of "Dodge"

Wenatchee July 3, Chumstick Run This event was put together by our own Jamie Tannich. Jamie has a great get-a-way planned for us. We will be meeting at Big Five Sporting Goods at 144 Easy street be there by 9:00 am. This will be a mixed event, a few hours of scenic driving in mountains, valleys and beautiful orchards with a no host lunch in route at Cashmire's Studabakers'50s diner. At the end of the driving leg we will make a visit to the Ohme Gardens, a must see for all you garden buffs. You have never seen such an interesting and beautiful hill side garden as this, mark your calendars for fun, Independence day weekend! Chris Brown

## Four Corners Tours—Three Left

If you were unable to make it out for one of the drives thus far, you still have time.

The Wenatchee drive *Chumstick Run*, is coming up on July 3 & is sure to please. Geared for the family, we will be driving green hillside orchards and river valleys. We will be eating lunch at Studebaker's 50's restaurant and a group jaunt up the hill to Ohme Gardens. These old gardens are not your grandmother's gardens, they are mosses growing around craggy rock formations with reflecting pools all in a very native setting. We will see shady hobbit like houses and view perches over looking the Columbia River. I love visiting this surreal oasis, it's like a Zen garden that marries an old west prospector. Hope you can make it out.

The Alaska event will be the first for Inland Empire BMW. The Alaskans have more then doubled their membership in the last year and we want to celebrate that. We hope every member will come out for the *Bimmers to Portage* Tour. Four of our members up north have put a great tour together. Bimmer prizes await those who come out and share their Bavarian toys for the day. A visit to Portage Glacier visitor's center and a group lunch at the Silver tip grill will make for fun times. Tour turnouts will include Bird point and plenty more gorgeous scenery stops to share. Lastly, refreshments at the end of the drive at Snowgoose Brewhouse in down town Anchorage, from here good byes will be made. This is going to be very special event and we hope to see this group featured in the Roundel in "news from ALASKA!"

Our last tour of the summer will be on Sept 11 out of Spokane. We will do some free lance driving into Small towns that dot central Washington State. Some reconnaissance is still going on for this event, but it promises to be a good time for the members who like to explore the un-beaten path. Hope we can see some x3s and x5s out for this adventure - *The Small Town Tour*. Where tumble weeds are born.



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### Monthly Member Meeting

2nd Tuesday of the month, 6pm, at Northern Lights Brewery. Members are encouraged to attend. A short business meeting will also be conducted. Occasionally a meeting may be skipped or location changed. Please contact a board member before each meeting.

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## Calendar of Events

### High Performance Driving Schools

Oct 23/24, 2010—now confirmed  
Spokane County Motorsports Park  
Scott Adare  
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### Club Drives

Wenatchee Drive — July 3, 2010  
Alaska Drive — August 7, 2010  
Bend Drive — August 21, 2010  
Spokane Small Town Tour — September 11, 2010  
Chris Brown (509) 326-3365, AddAxx4@mac.com

### Autosports Northwest Autocross

<http://www.autosportsnorthwest.org>

## President's Corner

Exploring the Northwest—A SNAP SHOT

The surprise benefit for the Four Corner Tours has been the mind blowing and beautiful sceneries discovered here in our own backyard.

I knew it! – The main common denominator (regardless of what car you drive) is we all love to drive and we all have some favorite roads logged away in our brains.

On our adventure to Boise we encountered great roads, twisty by-ways over the mountains, through valleys and territorial open spaces. Idaho has big sky country too, endless valleys and wonderful twisties made *The May Fest Spring Mt* tour a great adventure



that included intimate landscapes along winding creeks closed in by steep canyon walls. Another surprise to Bonnie and myself was the city of Boise, very metropolitan but with a great independent boutique mentality. We so enjoyed our stay and meeting many of our southern members.

*The Road to Wisdom* tour launching near Bozeman MT was spectacular. Do not ask me to choose the most beautiful drive- I can't do it! Both



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## Classified Ads

### Preserve BMW CCA History

The Club Archive is looking for Oktoberfest or chapter event trophies, shirts, pins, posters, wineglasses, dash plaques, grill badges, programs or anything else. Anything from the club's past for the Archive/Museum. Do you have extra items you would consider donating? Contact Michael at (864) 250-0022 or [mmitchell@roundel.org](mailto:mmitchell@roundel.org).

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- 1/2 page ad \$50.00 per issue, \$200.00 per year
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Yearly ads must be paid in advance. Contact the newsletter editor to place an advertisement.

were unique and beautiful with one similarity, eager participants, everyone willing to have a great time. The weather cheerfully held for both Boise and Bozeman drives.

The open spaces of Montana congers thoughts of spiritual inspiration as we climbed and descended the green wrapped hills. The valleys are highlighted with contrasting out cropping of jagged boulders, intersected by blue sky dome only broken by white snow capped mountain peaks. The group explored the gold rush town of Virginia City and dined in an awesome wayside dinner. We were escorted by real cowboys through a herd of cattle, cows on their own path to greener pastures. The day ended with a pot luck bar-b-q hosted by the Cox's, Kevin and Paula, who are impatiently waiting to pick up their new 2011, 3 series convertible in Germany!

We will print a wrap up account of all the tours in upcoming newsletters with additional pictures and descriptions.

Please support the Wenatchee and Alaska drives coming your way soon. Stay tuned, be safe and drive.

Summer is Here!

Chris B



## Tech Session

**Come join club member Tom Sparks and Precision Pointe Detailing at their Open House and Tech Session on Saturday, July 24th, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM.**

**Precision Pointe detailers and Griot's Garage's Rob Wood will be on hand to show you the latest detailing techniques. Griot's Garage products will be available for you to "try before you buy!"**

**Classic cars, prizes, and fun for the family! 50497 N. Old Highway 95, Rathdrum, ID, (208) 712-8082 or 208-691-9694 (cell).**

## More Event Details

**June 8 / IE BMW welcomes new board member Tom Sparks, Tom will be filling the officer at large position. Tom runs an auto detailing concern near CDA., Precision Pointe' detailing.**

**July 3 / Group drive , Chumstick run. Be there, 144 Easy Street 9am Wenatchee at Big 5 Sports for meet up.**

**July 7 / Bimmers to Portage, This summers Alaskan tour! If you are in Alaska send Shaun Patterson an e-mail and let the group know you are ready for fun. Mail to:akhimark700@yahoo.com**

**\*July 9,10,11 / NWMS Grand Prix races at Spokane Raceway Park. A car show with activities is planed for Saturday the 10th in the Circle track next door. Inland Empire BMW is sponsoring the BMW challenge race again this year.**

**July 10 / Pizza picnic show-N-shine Cancelled: due to over lapping events. Look for a move in this event next year.**

**July 17 / you are invited to Portland race track Fan Tent and help support the pro-3 race.**

**\*July 24 / Precision Pointe and Griot's car care clinic 9 am to 2:00 pm, It will answer all your frustrating car detailing issues. See notice in this news letter for details**

**July 24,25 / at SRP Chump car 24 hour event, come watch several of your membership drive in this race.**

**Aug 11 / 6:30 pm Board meeting at Northern Lights, Spokane**

**Aug 21 / Support the bend Oregon tour contact, [brian-cone2@comcast.net](mailto:brian-cone2@comcast.net) for details.**

**Sept 11 / Small town tour. Meeting at Walmart in Airway Heights at 9:30am**

**\*\*Oct 23,24 IE BMW High Speed Driving school, we want this one to be a Great capper to the 2010 driving season and we are working hard to make it great, sign up now!**

## River Dance Drive

This year's River Dance Drive had lots of new faces, a welcome sight on this annual drive north and back.

After the morning meeting this unusually organized and prepared group set out west on Hwy 2 towards Wilbur. A sunny rest pit and photo opt ensued before the course took us north. From Wilbur the magical road drops elevation to the Keller Ferry dock this stretch is always a crowd pleaser.

The group was forced to take two ferries to cross the Columbia. We reassembled in Keller, at this point tops went up on the verts in the group due to some scary black clouds. The weather nearly held for us this year, we have been blessed with brilliant sunshine for the past many years. This years tour..not-so-much and we were made to enjoy some liquid variety sunshine atop the mountain on the Colville Indian Reservation. This mountain road also share it's unfilled pot holes which we have not seen in abundance in the past.

The rain did abate by lunchtime, Our lunch time service was a tad slow but everyone was fed and the annual dreaded trivia test was taken & conquered by visiting president from the Rattlesnake chapter, Mark Blankenship. Actually, several cars made it up from the new Tri City chapter and were a welcome addition. Members Fred and Michelle from Montana once again drove their fine venerable 5 series over for the romp.

After lunch a bald eagle was impressed by the many varied bimmers loading at the Gifford Ferry dock honoring us with aerial maneuvers. We made some good byes as we launched for the mainland. Due to the inclement weather, the usual ice cream stop was scraped in lieu of an early return to the city. Some members headed due south at Hunters along gorgeous lake Roosevelt. The bulk followed the pack on entertaining roads into valley wa then south to Ford where last good byes were made. It was a good drive for all that participated, great to see the new faces. We are planning a twist to next year's River Dance Drive, stay tuned. — Chris Brown





## Spring Mountain Tour

On Saturday May 15<sup>th</sup> the weather was absolutely beautiful as 10 members of BMW CCA made the trek through some of the best, most exhilarating roads in the state of Idaho. This was the first time in the 7 years that I resided in Idaho that an event such as this occurred. Needless to say we need to do more of the same in the future. The Boise area has not had a chapter in years and it is time to get that started again, as we have a very strong presence in the area and it would make sense have more events in Boise, but I digress!

The drive was an absolute kick! We started at a Moxie Java in Garden City; of course we needed our coffee and sweets. After some talk and getting to know one another we proceeded through town to highway 21 on the east side of Boise. We then regrouped at the lookout over Lucky Peak dam where we could see the Highway 21 as it curved up the mountain and the lake below, quite a picture shot. We then proceeded north up through the east side of the mountain range and arriving at the quaint town of Idaho City, where we stopped to unload the coffee and get some fuel.

The next phase of the trip was on a section of road that in my 7 years living in Boise I had never driven. In all my years here I thought I had been on that section but once in it I realized – wow this is new and great fun. Of course it takes a group of fun BMW drivers to make this happen!

This section of highway continues north to Lowman Idaho, which is basically a Post Office! This is where we turned left to proceed west on the highway known as the Banks – Lowman highway. This is another awesome section of road with many turns and tall rock cliffs on one side and a raging white water river on the other (Class 5 rapids!!). Also, as I neglected to tell the group there is also some natural hot springs in the area not far off the road! When we reached Banks we began the final leg of our trip back south to Eagle Idaho where we had a great lunch, trivia contest and comradely!

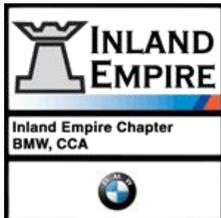
I want to personally thank Chris Brown, president of the Inland Empire Chapter for having this idea and especially taking the time to visit the areas of the Inland Empire Chapter that cannot get to Spokane for events. This has provided me the spark to begin the process to see about forming a chapter in Boise! In the mean time I will set up a time for a meet and greet for the local BMW CCA members. This club is awesome and as a 20 year member it just gets better! - Jay Hayes

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## My BMW

We want to continue our section where we feature one of our members and their BMW. We have a questionnaire fill out asking numerous questions about your car. We will need a complete bio on the car, pictures, where you got it, how long you've had it, why is it special to you, favorite place to drive it, where you would like to drive things of that nature.

It will be fun and interesting to learn about some of the cars that are right here under our noses. I know there are some unique specimens near by.

So, if you would like to share your BMW with us, contact the newsletter editor at: [editor@iebmw.org](mailto:editor@iebmw.org).



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