

BMW Car Club
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Sierra Chapter



Sierra Scene

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From the President's Desk

I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We had a very busy fourth quarter for the Club and 2017 is looking like it will be even busier than 2016. We have some new events in store for the coming year along with some interesting tech sessions. Ron Nicasio will be taking over as President for the next two years. He is extremely capable and Mart Jaama will assist as the new Vice President. Fred Watson is stepping in as the Newsletter Editor and Ron Rachow is the

new Secretary. Art Ona accepted the Community Involvement role.

As I look back at the last four years, I see that the Sierra Chapter has grown considerably and we have some new members who are participating in the yearly events as well as coming to the meetings. We have gone digital on our quarterly newsletter as well as meeting notifications and invitation to monthly events. We have some new restaurants to go to after the monthly meetings. We try to keep the meetings as interesting as possible and limit the time to 60 minutes or less so we can enjoy the dinners. It's been a wonderful four years as President of the Club.

On October 8th, we had the **BMW Foundation [Street Survival](#)** at a new venue, the Regional Public Safety Training Center in Reno. This facility is used by the Sheriff's Dept. to train their people. We had a total of 33 students signed up and 28 students participated in the program. Steve Polimeni and Jeff Warner did an amazing job this year. Steve has volunteered to take over the event from Jeff starting this year. I would like to thank all the volunteers from the club for making this a successful event. We also had help from the Sheriff's Dept., the Porsche Club and the Zero Teen Fatalities folks. A big thanks to Steve Reimer for providing bagels and coffee again this year from Einstein Bagels. This facility is first class and the students really enjoyed the experience. We hope to be returning to this center for many years to come!

We had our second annual **[Fun Rally](#)** on October 29th. Steve and Anne Marie Polimeni created a rally this year using grocery stores as the venue. The intent was to find food at four grocery stores as fast as possible while obeying the speed limits (ha ha). Each car would spend about \$15 for the entire journey. The first three cars that returned to the final meeting place won prizes. First place went to Zachary Harding and his partner, second to Ron Nicasio and third place to Ron and Sharon Rachow. The groceries were donated to the Evelyn Mount Outreach Program. Thanks again to Steve and Anne Marie for sponsoring this event. Next year, Fred Watson and Mart Jaama have volunteered and will again have a new format so stay tuned.

Our **Holiday Party** was held at Brick's Restaurant this year on December 8th. Members were invited to De and Joyce Sharp's house for cocktails and appetizers prior to heading over to the restaurant. A total of 46 members attended this year. Bill Pearce again donated several raffle gifts. De Sharp provided some fun raffle gifts and I had some nice wines to donate. A big thanks for De and Joyce for opening up their house again for the cocktail party.

I would like to thank the members and Board for letting me have fun running meetings and going to as many events as possible. I still intend to stay active in the Chapter and help out as much as possible. The Wine Tour and Street Survival will stay on my volunteer list. I hope to see more of our members this coming 2017.

Happy Motoring,
Pat McGoff

Events

2016 Wine Tour

The 2016 Amador Wine Tour held Saturday, September 24, and Sunday, September 25, was blessed with excellent weather and a large turnout. We had 18 cars signed up. Unfortunately, 2 canceled at the last minute which left us with 16 cars which equaled 31 club members. Everyone, except 1 (more about that later), woke up early to a beautiful day and appeared on time at our meeting place at the Sierra Summit parking lot so we were able to leave on schedule at 7:45 a.m. Steve and Anne Marie Polimeni did not appear because Steve woke up feeling ill. Steve sent me a text message which, of course, I did not read so I did not know why they did not appear.



The drive to our first stop went very smoothly, and we arrived at Carson Pass ahead of schedule where we met Bob and Linda Sanfilippo having linked up with James Russell on the way.

However, between Carson Pass and [Cooper Vineyards](#) things got exciting. There was road construction on Highway 88 which at one point reduced travel to one lane. The lead group of cars of 8 or so was cut off from the balance of the group at one of the flag stops. Unfortunately, the lead car of the second group did not know we were taking the Mormon Emigrant Trail exit on Highway 88.

Fortunately, the cutoff group was highly motivated to find Cooper Vineyards on their own and all except one showed up in time for the Cooper winetasting. Cooper treated us very well and in addition to their fine wine (especially Barbara) provided light snacks. Dick Cooper, the patriarch of the Cooper Family and the founder of the vineyard, stopped by to say hello. You can see his picture posted on the website.

From Cooper we traveled the short distance to [Karmere Vineyards](#) for lunch. The box lunches were delivered to those who purchased in advance and others brought their own lunch. Following lunch there was ample time to enjoy the Karmere wines, including barrel tasting.

From Karmere we went to [Amador Cellars](#) which is a first-time stop for the club. This is a small family-run winery showcasing Mediterranean wines and Tuscan architecture. It produces estate grown zinfandel, sauvignon blanc, and Rhone valley varietals. They grow their own sauvignon blanc which is unusual in that area. Linda Long, one of the owner/proprietors set up a tasting area for the club outside of their

tasting room which is inside of their barrel aging warehouse. There were several vats of grapes fermenting in the tasting area fortunately we were not call on to help punch them down (hard work) before tasting.

Following Amador Cellars we went to a favorite from last year's tour, [Vino Noceto](#). They have a new area outside, covered area for groups that was just completed. They were able to set up a private tasting for the club. One of the owners came by to pick up some wine visited with our group and provided us with some history of the vineyard, including a story of how he and his wife traveled to Tuscany and brought home Sangiovese cuttings that are foundation of current Sangiovese production. We also received another surprise when Steve and Anne Marie Polimeni joined us, Steve having made a quick recovery.

After Noceto, the fourth and final winery, people moved on to the [Shenandoah Inn](#) where they enjoyed the pool and prepared for the evening soiree. At 6 o'clock we all assembled at the picnic area at the Shenandoah. Everyone brought a bottle of wine, the club had arranged for Amador Vintage Market to deliver party platters which quickly consumed. The evening was topped off with gourmet pizza from the Pokerville Market complemented by the outstanding wines from Amador County.

On Sunday all but four of the group who had to leave early showed up at [Marlene and Glen's Dead Fly Diner](#) for breakfast which has become the Sunday tradition.

Following breakfast everyone went their own way and visited the Amador Flower Farms, other wineries or Pokerville Market to buy wine (10% case discount) before traveling home.

The weekend was enjoyed by all, the weather was great, the people were great, and the wine spectacular. Thanks to Ron, Sharon, Pat, JoAnn and Joyce for all the help in arranging the tour. We look forward to doing it again next year and have already scouted out one new winery to visit. If anyone has any suggestions of a winery they would like to visit, please provide it to DeArmond, Pat, or Ron together with any other suggestions to improve the event.

Click [here](#) to watch the video

~ DeArmond Sharp



2016 Street Survival

Sierra Bimmerheads,

Thanks to all who pitched in for Street Survival. I'm sure the new location had a lot to do with it, but I think it was the best one ever. The final count after one called in sick and another no-showed, was 28 drivers. The critiques showed that both parents and students appreciated the facility... a lot! They also gave kudos for the coaching. AND... I think the feedback on the classroom presentations was

the best ever! Way to go Steve. Why didn't we dump that other guy sooner?

For the first time ever at this location, the course layouts and the flow went pretty smoothly. The water and soap actually worked, for a change, to get cars loose. One important achievement for the day, the schedule: we started on time, stayed on time, and finished on time.

Alice and Diane will have to provide the necessary critique of how registration went. I can say this from double-checking... we collected 100% of the minor waivers and with 83 signatures on the regular waiver, I don't think we missed anyone. Steve Reimer generously comp'd 50% of the Einstein goodies. Just a FYI, we were charged \$400 for the use of the facility, which is reimbursed to us by Street Survival.

Fred, thanks for the pictures. Looking forward to seeing them. Plz fwd to Carol for the website.

The only trace at day's end that we had been there might have been a few bagel crumbs. Thanks for everyone's help cleaning up. If you are friends with the Porsche Club guys who helped out, please give them a "thanks".

It's more than a one-man job. I would encourage anyone willing, to step forward and help Steve Polimeni keep the program going.

Click [here](#) to watch the video

Cheers,
Jeff- Your Janitor

2016 Fun Rally

This year's Fun Rally was held on October 29th where once again the weather gods were in our favor as there was a good rain storm the previous day. The morning fog cleared just in time for the start, sunshine and warmer temperatures prevailed for the rest of the day. I'm inclined to think that starting this Rally in front of Total Wine off of South Virginia has something to do with this! My Wine Tour buddies would agree.



This year's rally required loyal participants to collect items from a grocery list. Items were to be collected from specific locations and once all the items were purchased, participants had to make their way to the [Evelyn Mount Community Center](#) where they were collected for donation to [Evelyn Mount's Outreach Program](#). Since arriving in Reno in 1976, Evelyn Mount has provided holiday meals to thousands of Reno and Sparks families through the Community Outreach Food Drive she and her late husband founded. This wonderful program accepts food and gift cards from local grocery stores.

A tiny clue in the instructions directed participants to go north for the Grocery Outlet store. Those that headed north first were able to get ahead of the line as it were..... The first three cars arriving at the community center were awarded prizes. Zachary Harding and his partner arrived first, Ron Nicasio and his navigator arrived in second place (it was almost a photo finish), Ron and Sharon Rachow came in third place thanks to Sharon's expert shopping skills which was a marked improvement from last year's last place!

Special thanks to Pat and Joann McGoff, and Fred Watson for their assistance in arranging a picnic at the ArrowCreek Recreation Center - a wonderful facility and we had some more fun.....I'm bringing more wine next time!!!!

Click [here](#) to watch the video

~ Steve Polimeni



2016 Holiday Party

The Sierra Chapter Holiday party 2016 version was celebrated on Thursday December 8, 2016. The evening for the 47 members who signed up began with BYO cocktails and appetizers at the Sharp's residence. No weather excitement this year—power stayed on and the party was enjoyed by the convivial group of members who attended. Those who were not able to attend missed the gala event of the 2016 holiday season. The members brought a wide choice of tasty treats including Jim John's

special meat balls which are always a great hit. The group moved on to Brick's restaurant for the gourmet three course sit down dinner. The dining began with a Caesar Salad followed by a choice of filet of Sole with Lemon Caper sauce; Pork Tenderloin or Short Ribs. Fourteen members opted to pay extra for Filet Mignon. Desert choice, all delicious, were Key Lime pie, Crème Brulee or Bread Pudding with brandy sauce. The club paid for Smith and Hook Cabernet or Sonoma Cutrer Chardonnay Retiring President McGoff scored several gifts for raffle prizes from Bill Pearce. The high light was the presentation by Fred Watson to Pat of an album with pictures of events during Pat's two years in office. Pat and JoAnn were also present with another gift in appreciation for their two years of service to the Club.

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~ DeArmond Sharp

Introducing the New 2017 Board

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From your new Pres

Greetings my fellow BMW club members,

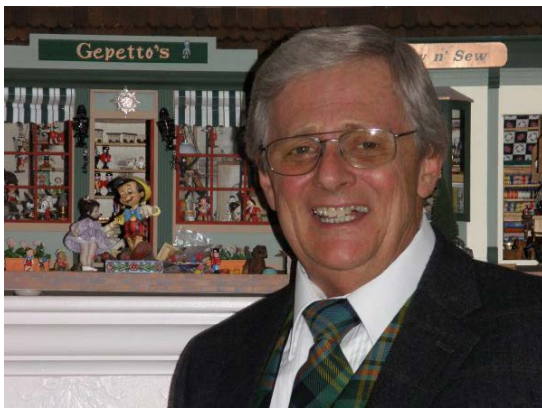
As you know I have become your new club president for the Sierra BMW CCA chapter. I am beyond grateful for this opportunity and the role



you have granted me. I have many hopes that this year will be just as successful if not more in our endeavors. My hopes this year is to grow our programs and build a stronger community base in the Northern Sierra. I know that we can accomplish these with the amazing team we have. Though I promise that we may work hard to grow our club and help our community we will have just as much fun if not more, and still continue our traditions. I want you to all be aware that I want to be an avenue for all of you to have a positive experience in the club this year and I am just phone call away if you need anything.

Just as the famous engineers at BMW say they don't build cars rather the ultimate driving experience, let us construct our ultimate club experience.

~ Ron Nicasio



Message from your Editor

The door to 2016 has closed and a new era is upon us. We have a New President, Vice President, members of Congress, and Cabinet Members. Your sierra Chapter of the BMWCCA has also made some changes. The new list of officers and board members is located else ware in this publication.

I have been appointed by the board to be the Club Newsletter Editor. As most of you know, Carol Villar has moved to Florida and will remain our

Webmaster. I'm taking over her duties as the editor of the newsletter. This will give you a local voice and perspective on most of the club activities. If any of you have articles of interest to the general club members, be sure to send it to me. My email address where things can be sent is newsletter@sierrabmwclub.org.

This year the board has voted on a very busy agenda for 2017. Some new events and some are the most successful from past years. Please make every effort to join in the fun. Remember that we are a bunch of BMW guys and gals who enjoy these great vehicles. The purpose of BMW CCA is to enhance the BMW and MINI ownership experience. Our Chapter Mission is simple: Have Fun! After you look over the list of events and activities, make sure that you make notes of the event and dates on your calendar.

Here's hoping that this is a fantastic year for all of us.

~ Fred Watson, Editor

2017 Planned Events

- Feb 9, [Meeting at Bill Pearce](#), Dinner Skipolini's at The Summit
- Mar 9, [Meeting at Bill Pearce](#) 6pm

- Apr 13, [Meeting at Bill Pearce 6pm](#)
- May 11, [Meeting at Bill Pearce 6pm](#)
- **May 12 -14, Mammoth Tour**
- **Jun 22, Meeting- Reno Aces Ball Game**
- **Jun 24, Virginia City**
- Jul 13, [Meeting at Bill Pearce 6pm](#)
- **Jul 9, Annual Family Picnic**
- **Jul 29, Sierra Buttes**
- Aug 10, [Meeting at Bill Pearce 6pm](#)
- Sep 14, [Meeting at Bill Pearce 6pm](#)
- **Oct 7, Street Survival**
- Oct 12, [Meeting at Bill Pearce 6pm](#)
- **Oct 14, Wine Tour**
- **Oct 28, Fun Rally**
- Nov 9, [Meeting at Bill Pearce 6pm](#)
- **Dec 14, Holiday Party**

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