



Coming Events

- July 10, [Third Annual BMWCCA Sierra Chapter Picnic](#)
- Jul 14, [Aces Baseball Game](#)
- July 30, [Sierra Buttes Tour & Poker Run](#)
- Aug 11, [Hot August Nights Potluck](#)
- Sep 8, [Meeting/Social, Bill Pearce BMW/TBD 6pm](#)
- Sep 24-25, [El Dorado & Amador County Wine Tour](#)
- Oct 8, [Street Survival](#)
- Oct 13, [Meeting/Social, Bill Pearce BMW/TBD 6pm](#)
- Oct 29, [Fun Rally](#)
- Nov 10, [Meeting/Social, Bill Pearce BMW/TBD 6pm](#)
- Dec 8, [Christmas/Holiday Party](#)

Sierra Scene

April-June 2016 Issue

From the President's Desk

The second quarter of 2016 started out on the wet side but the sun finally came out in May and June just in time for our touring events.

The **Cabot Cove Tour** was a great success this year and we didn't lose Jim Goodfellow like we did 4 years ago. John and Alice Strom lead us again to Marin and then up to Fort Bragg along the Rt. 1 coastal highway. It takes a lot of work and coordination to put this tour together so our hats off to John and Alice. John even put a quiz together on BMW technical names that turned out to be a real challenge. The two-day tour started on Friday May 13th and finished on Sunday May 15th. We stopped in Marin for the night on Friday and had appetizers and drinks on the hotel patio and then walked over to the pub for a wonderful dinner. The beer wasn't bad either. On Saturday we got an early start and headed up the coast highway. We had to deal with some fog and a bunch of cyclists but we needed the challenge. The 10 member cars ended up in Fort Bragg for the evening. We all went to a seafood restaurant for dinner and shared conversations of the drive up the coast. We need to do this again in a few years if John is willing.



On Jun 25th, John English took us back to Virginia City thru Incline Village and Carson City. **The Virginia City Tour** ended up with a very nice lunch at the Palace in Virginia City. A big thanks to John for doing this tour each year. It is a club favorite.

For the **third quarter**, the club is having their **3rd Annual Picnic** on July 10th. It will be held at Bower's Mansion again this year. Andy and Sharon Goodrich are spearheading the **Sierra Buttes Tour and Poker Run** again on July 30th. The **Hot August Nights Potluck** will be at our house on August 11th. We had 46 members attend last year so let's try and beat that record. I would love to see some new faces at our house. The **Kars for Kids Show and Shine** will be at Sky Tavern again this year on September 11th. Our BMW club won the \$1000 award last year for most club cars. This is a non-club event but the money goes to a good cause and we will be trying to win again this year. And the last event of the third quarter is our annual **Sierra Wine Tour** on September 24th and 25th. The event is already full with 15 members attending.

The **2016 Oktoberfest in Monterey** now has 2000 members attending. There are 12 Sierra chapter members signed up to attend this year. Some are attending the **Festorics** and **Legends of the Autobahn** as well. I hear there is still room so if you have never attended an Oktoberfest, this would be the one since it is close and BMW is celebrating its 100th Anniversary.

Happy Motoring,
Pat McGoff



2016 Cabot Cove Cruise

If you didn't get to join us Friday-Sunday, May 13th- May 15th on the Cabot Cove Cruise you can still share our experience (then you may want to join us on our [next drive!](#)).

Click [here](#) to view the video and Click [here](#) to visit the picture gallery

Timeline

Friday, May 13th, 2016

- 11:30 am Meet at *McDonalds* in shopping center at Mae Anne & McCarran ([5148 Mae Anne Ave., Reno](#))
Noon **Depart Reno** on I-80 West
2:00 pm Rest stop (15 min) in West Sacramento (Reed Ave. exit) Left at light, left to *Starbucks, Jack-in-the-Box, Subway*
5:00 pm Arrive *Courtyard Marriott*, 2500 Larkspur Cir, Larkspur, CA Social in courtyard garden after arrival -BYOB
6:45 pm **Assemble in Lobby** for 2-minute walk to *Marin Brewing Company*

Saturday, May 14th, 2016

- 7:00 am Breakfast at hotel or nearby restaurant of your choice 9:00 am Depart hotel with full tank of gas*
10:30 am Rest stop (30 min) in Point Reyes Station
11:45 am Photo stop along the coast
12:30 am Lunch (1+ hr) at *Ocean Cove Bar & Grill*
3:00-4:00 pm Arrive at Mendocino and/or *Holiday Inn Express*, 250 West Hwy 20, Fort Bragg
6:45 pm **Leave for 5-minute drive to dinner** at *Silver's at the Wharf*, Noyo Harbor

Sunday, May 15th, 2016

On your own**

Map in packet gives alternative routes home. You may want to stop in the wine country or the outlets in Vacaville! (click here for the [route](#))

- John Strom

2016 Virginia City Drive

At about 9:15 am, members of the Sierra Chapter, BMWCCA, started to show up for the Virginia City Cruise and Tour. The location for assembling was the Starbucks on Mt Rose Hwy and Wedge Pkwy. John English, the Wagon master, assembled everyone for a briefing at about 9:35 on the trip details. The twelve BMWs soon departed west on Mt Rose Highway on time at 9:45 am. We proceeded up the twisty and windy highway and in about a half hour we were at the parking area overlooking the scenic Lake Tahoe. Besides the beauty of these surroundings, this was a time to meet and talk to the other participants. Some were old friends and a few were new to the BMWCCA activities.



After about a 15 minute stop, we then proceed to Incline Village where turned left on Hwy 28. We proceeded a few miles down the road to Starbucks. We arrived there at about 10:30 am. This was a 15-20 minute stop for picking up more members and some to Carson City. Then it was to Hwy 395 north to the refreshments.

We departed Starbucks and stayed on Hwy 28 around Lake Tahoe; luckily the heavy traffic was in the other direction. At the intersection of US Hwy 50 we made a left turn toward Carson City. This was an uncontrolled intersection and it was a challenge to get all the cars onto highway. After a mile or so, John pulled over to regroup and make sure that all the cars made the turn. It was downhill from there cut off to I-580 north. Then it was right onto Hwy 50 again to Virginia City. After several miles, we turned left on the old truck route to Virginia City. This route goes up the very curvy road up 6 mile canyon. (Click <https://goo.gl/maps/ohioJ> for the mapped Route).

Once in Virginia City, everyone drove around until they found a parking place. Some had to park on the lower and side streets while others were able to park in the public parking lot. We ended up at the Palace Hotel and Restaurant (<http://www.palacerestaurant1875.com/>) for lunch at about 12:30 pm. Because of the heavy lunch hour traffic, we had to split up and find our own seating. A large bunch of kids were in the area reserved for the club and did not leave. After lunch everyone went their own way. Some returned to Reno and some stayed in V.C. to shop until they dropped. In all, if you missed this trip, prepare for the next event. Join the experience and have fun.

By the way, if you missed the trip, this is a very pretty drive that you might want to take someday. Click [here](#) to view the video and Click [here](#) to visit the picture gallery.

Virginia City is an experience going back 150 years. Let your adventure begin with a step back in time. The 19th century mining boom turned Virginia City into the most important settlement between Denver and San Francisco; and grubby prospectors into instant millionaires. They built mansions, imported furniture and fashions from Europe and the Orient, and helped finance the Civil War... and then went on to build empires around the world. The finest example being San Francisco. Click here for information about [Virginia City](#).

- Fred Watson

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