

BMW Car Club  
of America  
Sierra Chapter



## Coming Events

- Jun 9, [Meeting/Social](#), Bill Pearce BMW/TBD 6pm
- June 25, [Virginia City Tour](#)
- July 10, [Third Annual BMWCCA Sierra Chapter Picnic](#)
- Jul 14, [Meeting/Social](#), Bill Pearce BMW/TBD 6pm
- July 30, [Sierra Buttes Tour & Poker Run](#)
- Aug 11, [Hot August Nights Potluck](#)

# Sierra Scene

January-March 2016 Issue

## From the President's Desk

After a very snowy winter, we finally arrived at the start of a wet spring. We have two touring events coming up in the next few months. One is a returning tour and the other is one that is a club favorite. March 7 was the 10th anniversary of BMW. It was founded in 1916. The Oktoberfest in Monterey will be celebrating the event with many cars from the BMW museum in Munich. We hope to see many of our members there.



We did have a [Tech Session](#) on March 12th at Sierra Wheel Repair. John Strom arranged the presentation and we had 12 members show up for the event. John knows the owner very well. As a matter of fact, John just had his M3 wheels refurbished by the company. We did learn the technique for fixing and painting wheels that have gotten dinged up or bent. Sierra Wheel Repair is one of the few companies that do this type of repair and at a very affordable cost. If you have wheels that need attention, give them a call.

The [Cabot Cove Tour](#) is returning after a 4-year hiatus. John Strom is going to lead us again to Marin and then up to Fort Bragg along the Rt. 1 coastal highway. It is a two-day tour starting on Friday May 13th and finishing on Sunday May 15th. We stop in Marin for the night on Friday and then continue up the coast Saturday. The tour was limited to 12 members and it filled up very quickly.

On Jun 25th, John English will take us back to Virginia City thru Incline Village and Carson City. The [Virginia City Tour](#) ends up with a very nice lunch at the Palace in Virginia City.

The 2016 Oktoberfest in Monterey apparently has filled up the Hyatt Hotel in Monterey so the BMWCCA is looking for more hotels to house more than 1500 members. We have 8 members attending from the Sierra Chapter. Russ Huntoon is bring down his RV and parking it on the Laguna Seca track. I will host a wine tasting tour of the Carmel Valley on the Wednesday of the event. We did that two years ago when the Oktoberfest was also in Monterey. It was a great time!

Although we only had one event in the Winter Quarter, we did have some fun meetings. I'd like to thank all the members who have been showing up for the meetings. We have been averaging 25-30 members and spouses. As always, most of us attend the dinner after the meeting. We change the restaurants every month to keep it interesting. I encourage all our members to come and check us out. We have a great time talking about our BMW's and get to know our members better.

Happy Motoring,  
Pat McGoff

## Anticipating September Wine Tour



A good friend who is and has been judge at the Calaveras County wine judging for a number of years has provided me with a copy of the results of the April 2016 judging. For those of you considering joining the annual Amador County Wine Tour September 24-25, here are some results involving Amador County Wineries.

As you know, Amador County is best known for its red wines, particularly zinfandel and barbera. In the zinfandel category, there were five flights with eight wines in each for judging in Calaveras this year. Terra d Oro 2014 Amador Zinfandel won a double gold (all judges awarded a gold) and was selected as the zin most representative of Amador County Zinfandels The Terra d Oro 2014 Deaver zin also received a double gold.

### Other Zinfandel winners from Amador County included:

- Runquist 2014 Cooper, Silver
- Runquist 2014 Esola, Silver
- Runquist 2014 Massoni, Silver
- Convergence 2014, Bronze
- Sobon 2014 Fiddletown, Silver
- Sobon 2013 Old Vine, Silver
- Sobon 2013 Cougar Hill, Gold,
- Sobon 2013 Rocky Top, Bronze
- Amador Cellars 2013, Silver,
- Shenandoah 2013 Mittner Selection, Gold
- Terra d Oro 2014 Home, Bronze
- Deaver 2012, Gold
- Driven 2010, Silver

### In the Barbera category, there were two flights of eight:

- Runquist 2014 Amador was awarded a double gold
- Runquist 2014 Cooper, Gold
- Sobon Estates 2013, Gold
- Terra d Oro 2014, Silver
- Convergence 2014, Silver
- Driven 2012, Bronze
- Bray 2012, Silver

### Among the Sangioveses:

- Bray 2012 Gold
- Deaver 2012, Silver
- Runquist 2014, Silver

### Runquist also scored with its other red varietals as follows:

- Runquist Carginane 2014, Silver
- Runquist Touriga 2014, Silver

### In the category Italian red varietal:

- Runquist Charbona 2014 was a Gold
- Terra d Oro Teroldego 2014, Gold
- Terra d Oro Aglianico 2014, Silver
- Runquist Alicante Bouschet 2014, Silver
- Convergence scored a Silver for its new blend called "El Diablo" 2014 and a Gold for its Italian Job 2014.
- Runquist 2014 "1448" scored a Bronze.

### If you are interested in Tempranillo:

- Runquist 2014 Shake Ridge double gold
- Driven 2011 scored a Silver
- Runquist 2014 Liberty, Gold
- Convergence 2014, Silver

### Primitivos included:

- Driven 2012, double Gold
- Driven 2013, Gold
- Bray 2012, Bronze
- Runquist 2014, Bronze
- Convergence 2014, Silver

### If you are going to Runquist, try the:

- Petite Verdot scored a Silver

### For you cab drinkers:

- Sobon 2012, Bronze
- Convergence 2014, Silver

### Cabernet Franc:

- Shenandoah 2013, Gold, best in class

### In the Syrah category:

- Convergence 2014 Silver
- Amador Cellars 2013 Silver

### Petite Sirah:

- Deaver 2012, Gold
- Runquist 2014, Silver
- Convergence 2014, Silver

### For you port drinkers - Non Vintage Port - Ruby:

- Terra d Oro, double Gold

### Vintage Port:

- Terra d Oro 2005, double Gold, best in show
- Convergence 2012, Silver

### White Wines are available but usually made with grapes sourced from a different area, including Sauvignon Blancs from:

- Amador Cellars, Silver
- Shenandoah Vineyards 2015, Bronze

### Other white winners:

- Bray 2013 Verdelho which scored a Silver
- Terra d Oro Viognier Chenin Blanc blend a Silver and its
- 2015 Nebbiolo rose a Gold as did its 2015 Pinot Gris/Grigio scored a Gold.

Viognier category Sobon 2015 scored a Silver, as did the Sobon Roussanne. If you stop at Lavender Ridge in El Dorado County on your way home be sure to taste the Lavender Ridge 2015 Grenache rose which won a Gold and was awarded best of class.

Several of the wineries we have previously visited, for example, Cooper, Helwig, Karmere, Vino Noceto, Terra Rouge / Easton do not appear in the results probably because they didn't enter.

Last year we had lunch at Terra d Oro and it appears from the results that not only should we have lunch there again, but spend a good deal of time sampling their Calaveras County winners.

See you in September!

DeArmond Sharp

## 2016 Street Survival

Hello The South,

Pat asked me to put this in newsletter form, so here you go. (Hi to Mario and Jr. Birdman)

Sierra Chapter's Street Survival school is open for registration@ [www.streetsurvival.org](http://www.streetsurvival.org). The date is Saturday, October 8th and the location is NEW and EXCITING!!! It will take place@ the Washoe County Sheriff's Office, [Regional Public Safety Training Facility \(RPSTF\)](#), which is located at [5190 Spectrum Blvd.](#) That happens to be directly across Hwy 395 from Parr Ave and the county jail. If you find yourself in a room with a bunch of folks wearing stripes, quietly excuse yourself (if it's not too late) and go to the other side of the freeway, almost all the way around the traffic circle and then up the hill. Yeah, that's better.

We have requested a tour of the facility next month on Thursday, June 9th at 3PM... before our regular monthly meeting@ Bill Pearce. Any/all interested members are welcome to join in. Should they not be able to accommodate us on that date, I'll ask Carol to blast out a corrected date.

As for the actual Street Survival event this time, we need to sign up folks well in advance to perform the various required tasks to make the day work. There will be a couple meetings leading up to the event. Here's a breakdown of what it will take:



We have a new Driving Events Coordinator- Steve Polimeni (polimenis@reno.gov)

- We need one person to head up Registration and other volunteers to help with registration at the event
- We need one person to be Exercise Director and two or three assistants for event day - These are the folks directing the flow of cars through the cones
- Of course we need In-Car Coaches -1 per student would be nice (up to 30) - We need one person to be in charge of Course Workers, and several volunteers for event day - The volunteers can include parents of students, family or friends of members
- We need one Classroom Presenter - Shout out if you're interested

Click [HERE](#) to go to our event page to sign up for what interest you or contact Steve...  
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It's a great event, please join in. Cheers,  
Jeff, Your Janitor

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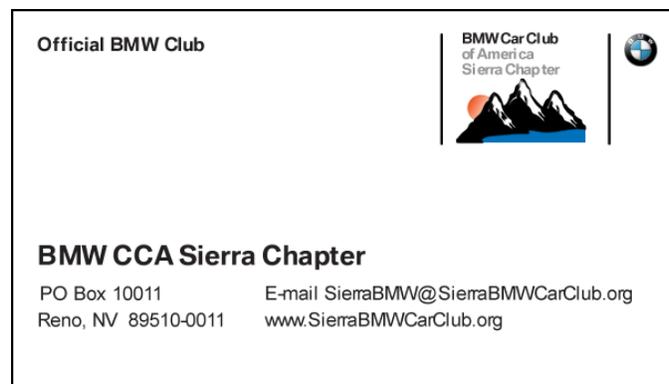
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