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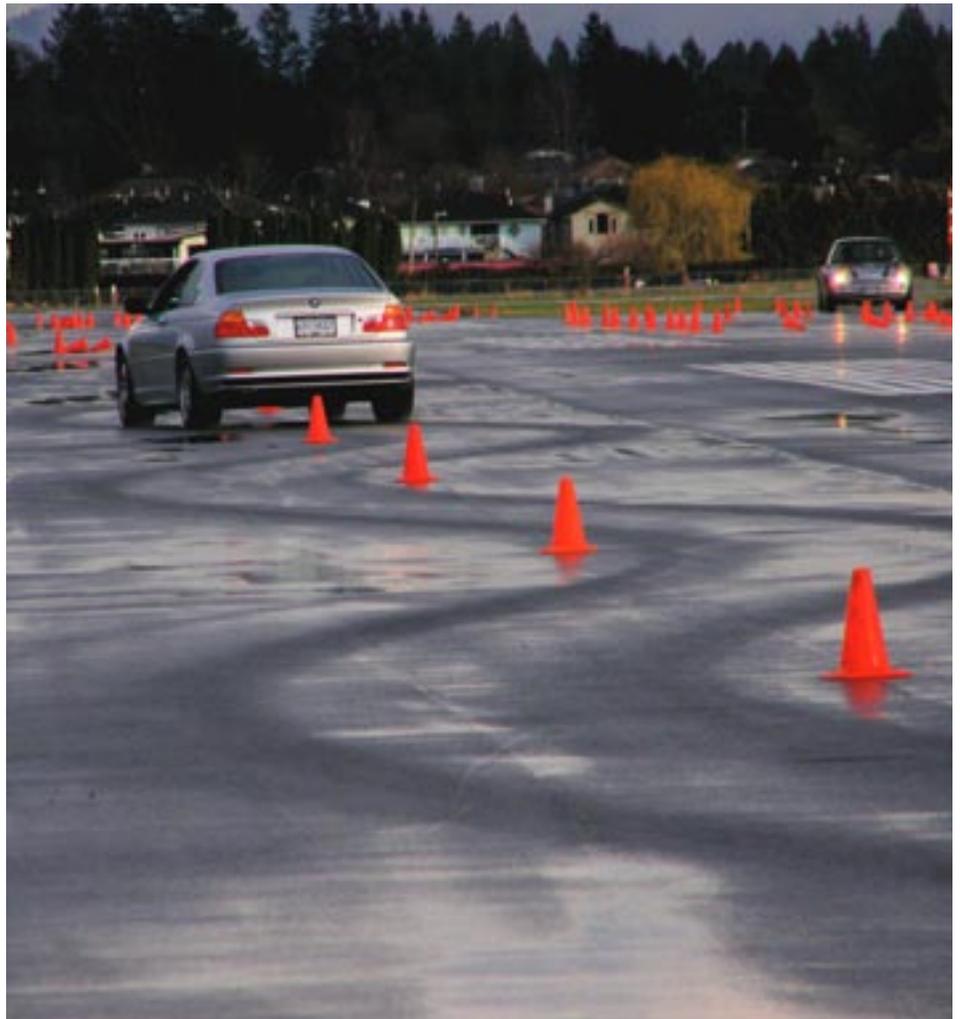
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*Working the slalom course at Car Control Driver Training Day.*

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Additional BMW Club of Canada Member Clubs info and web links can be found on page 5.

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## Upcoming Events Quick Overview

Events are listed by date, event title, and contact person.

**Please Note! - Events are subject to change and should be confirmed first.**

For more info on each event, check Road Ahead section in the newsletter or contact the event organizer listed for that event.

## 2007 Preliminary Dates

Mar 18	Spring Fahrt Ins Blaue
Mar 26	PIR with Driving Unlimited
Apr 5	Tech Demo Softouch
Apr 17	Tech Demo Dents Unlimited
May 5	Car Control Diriver Training
May 27	Harrison Fun Run
Jun 4	Road Skills Driver Training
Jun 17	Fathers Day Fahrt Ins Blaue
Jun 24	German Car Festival

Full calendar listing and additional event info and details are listed in the Road Ahead section starting on page 6-7.

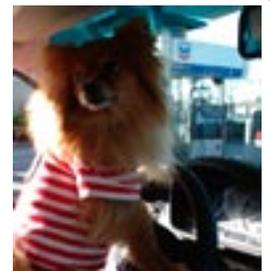
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**We keep the web site current  
with the latest info.**

*Visit our current events calendar on our web site at [www.bmwccbc.org](http://www.bmwccbc.org) and follow the main menu link to our online calendar.*

*If you don't have web access, be sure to call one of the event coordinators to confirm the event.*

### Trixies Tips



Trixies Tip: To avoid disappointment and missed events, be sure to use the clubs registration partner and sign up for events via Karelo.

## President's Message

by Stephen Nemeth- Club President

In my inaugural President's message to the BMW CCBC membership, I would first like to thank Bob and Jim for their stewardship of the club over the last few years. The club has grown in membership, enhanced existing activities and added new events. Most importantly, the club has retained a diverse, inclusive and friendly atmosphere. I hope to match previous achievements. Thankfully, Bob and Jim are staying on as Directors to lend their expertise and help keep me from committing too many mistakes! I would also like to welcome Doug Temlett and Alan Donaldson on as new directors. Their passion for BMWs and the enjoyment of driving will be greatly appreciated by all members. These additions will compliment a strong returning cast of directors. I thank all of them for their continued commitment to our club.

My next conundrum was to contemplate and ponder the purpose of this President's message. Obviously it needs to relate to issues of interest to club members, but how broadly? The range of activities the club organizes in a year is quite varied. With dozens of activities including day trips, social functions, car shows, driving schools, tech sessions and more, there are a lot of options. The BMW CCBC has an event for virtually any type of automotive buff.

That got me thinking about how and why I joined the club. A friend and co-worker, Dean Schindell (a former director and uber BMW-phile!), suggested I should try the driver training course to improve my driving skills and the enjoyment of my new car (in the interests of safety, no brands will be mentioned). I was initially a little reticent. First, in my estimation, I was already a good driver (aren't we all!). Second, from past experience in some other car clubs, I was sceptical about how a non-BMW participant would be received. Fortunately, Dean was persuasive, and I attended a collision avoidance session at Boundary Bay. The experience was

awesome and humbling at the same time. The opportunity to explore and improve my driving skills was excellent. The small, simple tips on seating posture, mirror positions, and how to improve your safety and performance by using your vision produced significant results not just for me, but all the participants. But the most enjoyable aspect of the event was the opportunity to meet fellow automotive enthusiasts. These people were not brand snobs or narrow interest elitists; they were first and foremost car buffs.

The students and members I meet were exceptionally friendly and the participants were as varied as their vehicles. I was hooked and have attended virtually every driving school since. As I attended more club activities, I began to appreciate the behind the scene work done by the directors to organize and stage the club's events. Since I was at most of the driving schools anyway, it seemed appropriate to step in and help out with the running of the driving school program. I have had a great time working with Driving Unlimited and our club directors to maintain and build on the success of our driving schools. Joining the club has not only enriched my automotive hobby, but also created many new friends. I am sure it has done or will do the same for all of you.

As the largest BMW club in Canada, the BMW CCBC has a deep pool of knowledge and talent to draw upon. I encourage all club members to step up and try new activities. Where time and interest align, please participate in making the club's events program even better. Please give me or any of our directors your feedback and suggestions, the club is only as good as our collective efforts. I look forward to seeing you at our events in 2007.

Best regards, Stephen Nemeth

## New Members

We welcome the following recent New Members since our last new member list

Chris Moone	1006
1987 E30 - 3 Series 325i	
Brock Mackay	1007
David Harper & Dale Drewery	1008
2006 Lotus Elise	
2002 MINI Cooper	
Janis Hauser	1009
1997 E31 - 8 Series 840ci	
Maurice Iglesias	1010
Monica Belfon-Caines	1011
2004 E46 - M Series M3	
Tom Sponarski	1012
1997 E36 - 3 Series 328is	
Alvin Sholzberg	1013
2001 E46 - 3 Series 330Ci-c	
Mike Adamson	1014
2000 E39 - M Series M5	
Beng Tek Yu & Hersy Yu	1015
2006 E86 - M Series M Coupe	
Rod Dagneau	1016
1999 E36 - 3 Series 318ti	
Ben Shafiei	1017
2004 E85 - Z4 Roadster Z4 2.5i	

Our club currently consists of 463 members which represents 360 master memberships and 103 associate members. We are proud to be the largest member club of the BMW Club of Canada. Not a member yet? You should join us, it's easy, just follow the links on our web site.

## Membership Milestone

We started handing out member numbers back in 1998. In November 2006 we handed out membership number 1000. It is great to see that we keep adding new members even in the non driving season.

The BMW Car Club of BC is a club for enthusiasts and owners.

If you have a friend with a BMW that is an enthusiast and is not a member yet, why not invite them to an event and also invite them to join the club.

**it is easy to join or renew  
take care of things online 24/7 at  
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## BMW Club of Canada Member Clubs Info

National [official umbrella club]  
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## Maintaining Contact

by Rolf Drommer - Member Services Team

OK, as I write this, despite the drizzle outside, I'm already planning on how and when to take the hardtop off so I'm ready for the upcoming year of driving and fun events.

The year ahead looks promising for events. We have already had our first Car Control Driver Training session. [See the photo feature on it a few pages ahead]

Adam and Doug were out this weekend checking the roads for the Spring Fahrt Ins Blaue. Lets hope the weather cooperates so we can have a fun outing followed by an opportunity to socialize over lunch.

Thomas has organized two tech demo sessions for April, and Jim has made the reservations needed for our annual Harrison Fun Run in May.

In June we have Road Skills, the Father's Day FIB and we'll be the lead club for the German Car Festival.

In July expect a new location for member day, and the possible return of the Vancouver Island Sunshine Coast Circle Tour.

August bring the Duffey Lake Tour, the Mount Baker Day Drive and our Annual Concours, followed by two driver training session and the Okanagan Wine Tour in September.

In short, we are well on our way to a busy year of a variety of event for members to participate in.

Whether you are a recent member, or have been with the club since we started back in April of 1998 I'm sure you will find the club offers something for you.

It is after all a club about and for enthusiasts and owners of the BMW marque.

As we move forward, we'll be updating and providing more details on the preliminary list of 2007 events shown below. There are options for a few more events and more details as we explore the year. Your best bet is to check the web site, and be sure you are on the club news email list.

As many of you know, we don't do sit down meetings, instead our club is driven by

our enthusiast members, and outings and other events that make it possible to meet and enjoy our passion for cars.

Hopefully the event coverage in Ausblick provides you with enough of an overview of what your club has to offer.

I hope to see you at one or several of the many events we have planned so far for 2007.

*Rolf*

### Event and Club Years Math Trivia 101

When it comes to counting event anniversaries, it becomes clear there is not a '0th' Annual event. The first instance of an event is called the 1st Annual, and of course as the years go by, the instance of the event, and the actual year of club life may appear to be out of sync because we tend to celebrate a birthday at the conclusion of a year.

So although we will not have been around for a full 10 years until April of 2008, we are currently in our 10th year as per the example below

Year 1 1998 - 1st Annual

Year 10 2007 - 10th Annual

Confusing yes, but that's the way it is.

## The Road Ahead 2007 Planned Club Events Calendar

### January 2007

Jan Indoor Karting

### February 2007

Feb 11 Driver Training - Car Control

### March 2007

Mar 18 Spring Fahrt Ins Blaue  
Mar 26 PIR with Driving Unlimited

### April 2007

April 5 SoftTouch Tech Session  
April 17 Dents Unlimited Tech Session

### May 2007

May 5 Driver Training - Car Control  
May 27 Harrison Fun Run

### June 2007

June 4 Road Skills Driver Training  
June 17 Father's Day Fahrt Ins Blaue  
June 24 German Car Festival

### July 2007

July 8 Member Day  
July TBC VI Circle Tour

### August 2007

Aug 11-12 Duffey Lake Road Trip  
Aug 18 Mount Baker Day Trip  
Aug 26 Concours & Heritage Event

### September 2007

Sept 16 Driver Training - Car Control  
Sept 24 Road Skills Driver Training  
Sept 29 Okanagan Wine Tour

### October 2007

Oct 14 Fall Fahrt Ins Blaue  
Oct 21 Winter Skills - Driver Training

### November 2007

Nov 24 Annual General Meeting

### December 2007

Dec Christmas Dinner Social

*Check our web site for up to date info on events.*

If you require additional info on the events listed here, or wish to R.S.V.P. to attend an event (instead of using Karelo), you may contact us either by email: [events@bmwccbc.org](mailto:events@bmwccbc.org), or call Rolf on the member services team at 604-671-5843

**The Road Ahead - Upcoming Events****Event Details and Registration Info****Spring Fahrt Ins Blaue****Sun Mar 18, 2007**

Date: Sunday Mar 18th, 2007

Meeting Location: Guildford North Lot

Meeting Time: 10am for 10:30am departure

Details: A simple day trip fun drive followed by a lunch option.

Registration info: Please use the Karelo RSVP link for this event so we have a head count for maps we need to provide and info for the restaurant. [You can also RSVP by email or contacting member services at 604-671-5843]

**PIR with Driving Unlimited****Mon Mar 26, 2007**

Date: Mon. Mar 26th, 2007

Event Location: PIR Portland Oregon

Event Time: 8:30am to 4:30pm

Details: An advanced driver training session for those who have completed more than one PIR skills session. PIR will be repeated in the fall, so we've moved from October to March. Mark your calendar now.

Registration info: Unfortunately this event has been cancelled due to poor sign up.

**Cancelled****Planning for 2007**

Notes: some club events may require registration, and certain events may have restrictions or give preference to club members for registration.

Event dates and details may vary, so please be sure to confirm event info first. Our web site will normally have the latest details on any given event. When in doubt check the web site or contact the event organizer or contact person listed for the event.

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**karelo.com****April Tech Sessions****Apr 5 and Apr 17, 2007****SoftTouch Tech Demo Session  
April 5, 2007****Dents Unlimited Tech Demo  
April 17, 2007**

Details: Thomas has been busy with some club sponsor supporters to organize Tech Demo Sessions for members.

We have two booked so far, and there may be more to follow.

Registration and sign up info: Space is limited at both events, and we'll give first preference to new members at the Dents Unlimited session. You can RSVP or Register to attend via Karelo using the links that will be on the club home page, or send an email to thomas@bmwccbc.org Or call Rolf @ 604-671-5843 for other options.

Sign up early to avoid disappointment, don't delay!

More info on other sessions will be via the club email list.

**Car Control - Driver Training****Sat May 5, 2007**

Date: Saturday May 5th, 2007

Event Location: Pitt Meadows Airport  
Driver Training area

Event Time: 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

Details: A full day of skills development driver training fun. We'll start by covering the basics, and work our way into some fun afternoon exercises that combine what was learned in the morning. Course fee includes on site catered lunch. Instruction provided by Driving Unlimited

Registration and sign up info: Course is open to all. Registration fee for the full day including on site catered lunch is \$190. Register and pay via Karelo using the link on the club home page. Or call Rolf @ 604-671-5843 for other options.

Sign up early to avoid disappointment, don't delay!

More info on Driver Training and photos of the Feb event start on page 10.

**Harrison Fun Run****Sun May 27, 2007**

Were you at 1st Annual Harrison Fun Run?

This May marks the 9th year since the founding of our club, and our 10th Annual Harrison Fun Run to celebrate the founding. We invite new and old members alike to join us for this outing.

It is a day trip outing to get together with fellow club members, enjoy a scenic drive and spend some time talking about cars, socializing and generally enjoying the day.

Whether this will be your first Harrison Fun Run or your 10th, we invite you to join us for the drive and an opportunity to celebrate the club we all enjoy.

Event Date: Sunday May 27, 2007

Reservation Status: RSVP or Karelo registration requested.

Meeting Location: Guildford North Lot

Meeting time; 10:00am for 10:30am departure after a drivers meeting

Event Details: After gathering and meeting at Guildford, we will head out for the approx 110 km drive to Harrison, where members can partake in the fabulous Sunday Brunch in either the Lakeside Room of the Harrison Hotel, or our own room depending on group size. Costs: There are no event fees for the drive, but members wishing to participate in the buffet lunch should budget to spend about \$25 per person. Each person is responsible for their own meal costs.

To register for the 10th Annual Harrison Fun Run, please use the Karelo registration link on our calendar page, or if you prefer, contact Rolf Drommer of member services by email at info@bmwccbc.org or by phone at 604-671-5843

## News Bits

### IC 2008 YVR

No doubt you have noticed the International Council of BMW Clubs logo on the cover of our newsletter and on our web site.



The International Council has been around for 25 years.

As it states on their web site: *Enthusiasm for unique vehicles links more than 200,000 BMW enthusiasts in about 600 BMW Clubs with all over the world. The umbrella association of all BMW Clubs officially recognized by BMW is the International Council of BMW Clubs.*

We've been pleased to be one of those active clubs since 2000.

Since 2002 we have been an active member club in the BMW Club of Canada, and that involvement lead to Jim Westmacott of our club being an observer for national at the 2003 IC meeting in Rottach-Egern, Bavaria.

That lead us to nominating one of our members for an IC award in 2004, followed by a national decision in 2005 to have our club with the endorsement of the BMW Club of Canada take the lead in proposing to host an IC meeting in Vancouver in 2008.

We are pleased that the BMW Club of Canada proposal to host the 2008 Council meeting was passed at the 2006 meeting in South Africa.

Jim Westmacott has been designated by our club to be the local team leader for this prestigious event. So over the course of the next 18 months we'll keep you posted on our clubs involvement in this event planned for September of 2008.

You can find out more about the International Council on their web site:  
[www.bmw-clubs-international.com](http://www.bmw-clubs-international.com)  
 You'll also find links to it on our site.

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**[www.bmwccb.org](http://www.bmwccb.org)**

you can join or renew club membership online  
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## Board of Directors Meetings



Feb 28th Directors Meeting using the board room at Brian Jessel BMW thanks to Doug Temlett for capturing the board in action

### Board of Directors update

It took us a while to catch up on business, but at the recent Feb. 28th board of directors meeting we did catch up.

In addition to working on event planning and taking care of club business, one of the items on the agenda was the selection of club officers.

The result is that we have a new president and vice president this year. Bob Balbirnie choose to step down as president, but will continue to be active on the board. Stephen Nemeth is taking the helm, and Alan Donaldson will take over the role of vice president.

Richard Shore continues on as Treasurer and Rolf Drommer as secretary.

Jim Westmacott will be busy with the 2008 IC meeting team. Adam and Doug have volunteered to work on FIB events. The rest of the directors will continue with their proactive roles of promoting the club offering their points of view and being available to answer member questions and concerns.

Our directors come from a variety of backgrounds, have a variety of cars, but all share the same thing, an enthusiasm for the marque, and a desire to share that with others.

Somewhere along the line each of them got caught up in the club, and now they help organize events and tend to the more mundane operations needed to make the club run and operate smoothly.

Next time you are at an event feel free to contact a director. We have a wide selection to choose from, and we're sure one of them will share some of the same interests you do. If not, speak up.

#### How to contact a Director

Your best bet is to catch them in their native environment at a club event. But of course that would mean you too would have to attend an event, which of course is not a bad thing to do. The other option would be to contact them by email.

They do respond to emails about club related things, but not to SPAM and such.

#### 2007 Board of Directors

[Listed in alphabetical order]

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**8th ARRWBTT — Annual Russian River Wine Barrel Tasting Tour, Santa Rosa, California****An E31 Event Recap**

by Tom Carter

March 02-04, 2007 — The ARRWBTT is the longest consecutive running E31 event in the world, Held annually in and around Santa Rosa the attendance by E31 owners grows each year. This year, 56 owners from as far away as Maryland, Ohio, Utah, Arizona, Alberta, British Columbia and Washington joined owners from California meeting at the Flamingo Hotel event headquarters on March 2nd. Following registration, attendees took part in a social hour and dinner followed by an overview of the weekend by Steve Cohen, event Coordinator. Also at this time were three inductions into the 8-Fest Hall of Fame. Honoured this year for their contributions to the E31 community were Paul Michael Brown, Mark Fling and Tom Carter, These three individuals joined previous inductees Steve Cohen, Marty Saracino and Ed Raether. For more information see: [www.8-fest.com](http://www.8-fest.com).

The Northwest contingent departed BC Thursday morning for the 1550 km drive to Santa Rosa. We overnighted in Canyonville Oregon at the Seven Feathers Resort and Casino before heading south to Grants Pass then via Hwy 199 to Crescent City and the Pacific Coast highway.



Pictured cars: Linda Christenson, Sherry Carter, Jamie Van Poele, Rob Scott, Tom Carter, Chris Knauer

Unfortunately it rained steadily from the time we left BC until the weather Gods finally noticed we had crossed into North-

ern California and the skies cleared and temperatures rose into the 20's. By then all the cars appeared as if they had been off-roading. We arrived at the Flamingo around 5:00pm Friday in time for Registration and the welcome Dinner/Presentations.

Saturday morning we gathered at our hosts' home bright and early (7:00am!) for a potluck breakfast and to see if we could stuff 53 cars on his lawn. — We did!



After breakfast we gathered for a drivers meeting and overview of the day. Then it was "Ladies and Gentlemen, Start your engines" as we headed out of Steve's place off to our first winery.



All three wineries we visited were primed and ready for us and even allowed (only) us to park on their grass.



After the last stop of the day we headed back to Steve's place for a potluck dinner and wine sampling for the rest of the evening.

The next morning saw us head off to the coast to visit historic Fort Ross. The Park Rangers were very receptive to us parking on their grass for a terrific photo op and allowed us to leave the cars there while we toured the grounds and enjoyed our boxed lunches.



Steve got to fire one of the Forts functional cannons signaling that it was time to leave.



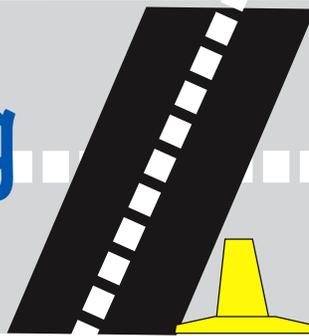
From there we toured further up Hwy #1 until we came to a side road which at first looked like a seldom used farmers lane. It turned out to be a well used (by car clubs and motorcyclists) paved narrow road 47 miles long (no services) that was chock full of twists and turns with no straightaways longer than 100 yards for the whole distance. Was quite a workout and put our local drives on the "twisties" to shame. At the end of this delightful drive was a beautiful overlook of the Sonoma Lakes and the official end of the 8th ARRWBTT.

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## BMW Car Club of BC

# Driver Training

Promoting safer driving through skills improvement



## 2007 Driver Training Program Info

### Vision up Looking Ahead

If you missed the February Car Control Course, you missed a great event, however you can still qualify for Roads Skills in June by taking the May 5th Car Control Course.

If you have been thinking about taking one of our excellent programs run by Driving Unlimited, there is no better time than now to make the commitment, if the trend of sold out sessions continues you won't want to wait. So check the dates we have confirmed here now, and consider signing up promptly for the course you want. Perhaps the photo coverage of the February Car Control on the next three pages will tempt you to participate.

### Upcoming 2007 Program Details

Sunday February 11th 2007 8:30am to 4:00pm  
Car Control Session at Pitt Meadows Thanks to all who participated.

Saturday May 5th, 2007 8:30am to 4:00pm  
Car Control Session at Pitt Meadows  
Register via Karelo, limited to 24 cars. Event fee is \$190

Monday June 4th, 2007 8:30am to 4:00pm  
Road Skills Session at Mission  
Register via Karelo, limited to 24 cars. Event fee is \$275

Still in planning stage:  
Summer Safety Clinic at Pitt Meadows

Unfortunately for Advanced Drivers, PIR with Driving Unlimited has been cancelled. Despite the fact many told us they would participate, by the time we needed to put down deposit \$ with Portland our sign up level missed the needed target number. Next time.

Our BMW Club Driver Training program is a graduated program operated for the club by the professionals at Driving Unlimited. Car Control is our entry level course and is open to all. Participation in Road Skills requires the successful completion of a Car Control Course.

BMW Car Club of BC Driver Training Program is run by the fine folks at Driving Unlimited.



Reasons to take BMW Club Driver Training  
Our club Driver Training program is about learning and practicing skills that are essential to safe driving. The role vision plays, panic stops, and emergency maneuver control are all skills we work on.

Consider this quote by a student: "I learned to look farther ahead, anticipate more, run "what if" scenarios through my head, and acquired practical skills as well, such as how to steer a car under full ABS braking"

And it is all done in a fun controlled safe environment with qualified instructors.

Did you know? As a member, completion of one of our Car Control Course comes with a certificate that can save you \$'s on insurance with CDI, as they recognize the value of our course in improving daily skills.

We run a graduated program, and you need to complete a Car Control course before moving on to the more challenging Road Skills program.

### 2007 Driver Training Dates

Feb 11	Car Control
Mar 26	PIR with Driving Unlimited
May 5	Car Control
June 4	Road Skills
Sept 16	Car Control
Sept 24	Road Skills
Oct 21	Winter Skills

Still in planning:  
Summer Safety Skills Clinic



### The photographer

We are always fortunate that club members take the time to take and share photos. Above is a shot of Doug at work taking the photos you see on the next three pages.

Car Control in photos

by Doug Temlett



Tony explains to the class what the day is about.



Straight line braking exercise



Avoidance exercise - Z4's this way please...



just flying through...



Avoidance exercise - M3's stop please...



a moment to reflect



Avoidance exercise - white cars this way please...

**Learn skills and have fun**

Hopefully these three pages photos of our Feb. Car Control give you a good idea of why you should attend a course. The next Car Control Course is May 5th. Sign up early



The slalom exercise is all about vision and what's happening down the road



the braking on a turn exercise [above] and emergency lane change [below]



Feb 11, 2007 Car Control in photos

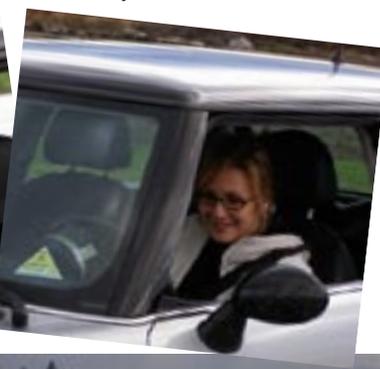
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More emergency lane change maneuver. Good thing we use cones.



Is driver training worth it and fun? Let the smiles tell the story.



The afternoon slalom. These telephoto shots really put it into perspective.

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After a great steak dinner at the Cattlemen Restaurant in Santa Rosa we headed off our separate ways and prepared for the long drive home.

Morning came all too early and we headed north bright and early on a straight thru 950 mile/1550 km drive, three of us cruising north on I5 in a mini convoy.



Many stops (gas, biological and food) later we arrived back home after 17 hours on the road, tired but filled with many great memories of a truly fantastic weekend.

This was an event put on by E31 owners with a passion for the car and also for the people who own these cars. In BC, we have over 50 examples of this fine model and over 30 of those owners are active in the BC 8's SIG locally. We have lots of other local formal and informal events planned for this year and planning is underway for another PNW 8-Fest next year on 08/08/08!

For more info on the ARRWBT this year visit:

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Tom Carter ([wuffer@shaw.ca](mailto:wuffer@shaw.ca))  
03/08/07



The ARRWBT Eights grace the entrance road to Fort Ross.



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## DIY Project Update

by Thomas Fink

### E30 Control Arm Bushing: 2 Year Update

It has almost been 2 years since I installed modified control arm bushings on my '84 318i, so I thought it would be time for an update.

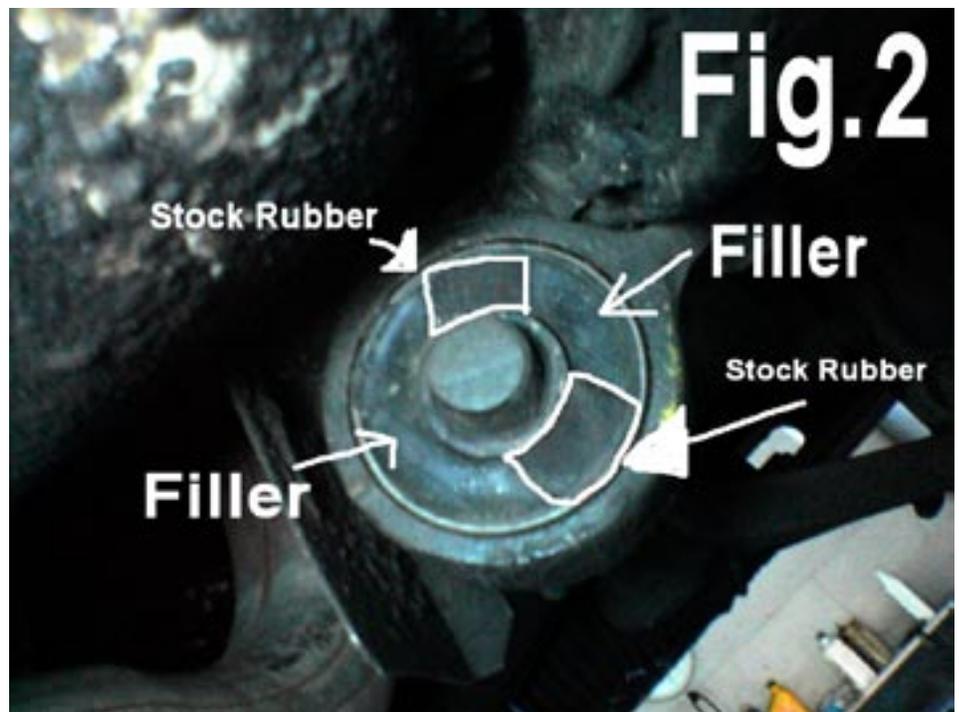
Figure 1 shows the old bushing after removal... you can clearly see cracks throughout the rubber part of the bushing, as well as the rubber separating from the inner metal sleeve (lower right part of where screwdriver is pushing on rubber).

The "modified" control arm bushings I installed, are nothing more than OEM replacement parts with liquid Urethane poured into the "empty spaces" of the bushing... which after several hours of curing (overnight), turns into a slightly flexible solid. Having the stock rubber bushing surrounded by a solid, increases the strength of the bushing and allows less flex at the same time... this "stiffens" the feel of the steering input to the driver, but at the same time also eliminates steering wheel shimmy that is all too common when these bushings age and begin to crack.

When looking at Figure 2, you can see the (almost 2 year old) modified bushing as it is installed in my car, with no signs of cracking in either the stock rubber bushing or the Urethane that had been poured in.

My initial concern had been that the Urethane would be pushed out over several thousand kilometers of travel or x-amount of years. From the looks of things, it does not appear that this is ever going to happen!

Ausblick Vol.8 No.2 2005 had my initial write-up (for those who have not been around long enough) and is available via PDF for those who wish to read it.



If you have any DIY stories, tips & tricks... I'm sure other fellow members would be interested in reading them, so please e-mail me your DIY stories and we will make sure they get published in future issues of Ausblick. Send article & pictures to [Thomas@bmwccbc.org](mailto:Thomas@bmwccbc.org)

Thomas

## 2006 Annual Christmas Dinner Social

Past Event Coverage

Sharing some Seasonal gemütlichkeit

Over 45 members and their partners attended the 2006 Christmas Dinner Social event held at the Old Bavaria Haus in New Westminster. A perfect setting for a gathering of Bavarian Motoren Werke enthusiasts.



photos courtesy Nathalie Davidson



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# Do It Yourself Tips & Tricks

## What's in your Toolbox?

by Thomas Fink



### What's in your Toolbox?

No matter who you are, what you do for a living or how many tools you own... everyone has their own favourite tool. It might be a hammer, a voltmeter, a screwdriver, a telescoping magnet or even the tool box itself. I'd like to start a DIY Tricks & Tips Column, where in each issue, a useful piece of advice will be printed that members can use when working on their beloved BMW(s).

2 tips that I'd like to share...

1) Keeping your hands clean with rubber/vinyl/latex gloves is always a good thing, but putting gloves on after a fresh hand wash or when they are sweaty/greasy can be a pain. So keep a bottle of baby powder next to your tool box, put some powder in your hands, rub together and the gloves will slide on like butter... your hands will smell nice too!

2) Installing spark plugs can be a pain depending on the location of the plug. When installing in a blind hole, it is important to not cross thread the plug during installation. A simple yet effective way to get plugs started, is to plug a vacuum hose (of suitable inside diameter) to the top end of the spark plug. Once on, the vacuum hose can easily guide the spark plug squarely into the hole



because the hose is able to flex.

Have a tip or trick you'd like to share with Club Members? E-mail them to [thomas@bmwccbc.org](mailto:thomas@bmwccbc.org) and we'll get them printed. Oh, and include pictures if you have them!

Thomas

For those that may not know, Thomas has been active in the club since the beginning. In addition to the work he does for member services, and the many photos he has taken at events, he loves to work on his car and share tips. Thanks Thomas for getting the DIY corner and tips section going.



## Club Gear Grill Badges and Club T-Shirts



*We have a variety of club gear for members to show their pride and participation in our club.*

*Club T-shirts are always a popular item. Available in white or grey in most size ranges they are high quality, locally produced, and are available to members either via on-line ordering or by contacting Thomas of the member services team.*

*We also still have a few of the high quality German made grill badges available. National (BMW Club of Canada) grill badges will be available soon*

*You can also buy sew on patches that are great for putting on caps and other clothing.*



Actual size of the sew on patches is 61 mm wide by 76 mm tall. They are machine stitched with over 10,000 stitches in the colors of our club emblem. They work great on caps and jackets and other gear.



Actual size of the grill badge is 61 mm wide by 76 mm tall. They are 3 mm thick. This is no flimsy tin badge. Nickel plated with baked enamel finish is what we have chosen. They come with two attachment holes.



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### BMW Club name Tags and Lapel Pins

We have two new items that will be available to members. We now have a card printer that can do high quality name tags. We also have a supply of lapel pins.

Once we have a lanyard supply located, we'll offer members the option to purchase permanent name tags.



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If you have a friend with a BMW that is an enthusiast and is not a member yet, why not invite them to an event and also invite them to join the club.

### Are you on the email list?

We have a private members only email list we use to send out event notices and other pertinent club event information. It is a controlled list, and we work hard to keep it up to date, clean and SPAM free. We do not rent out or otherwise distribute the list.

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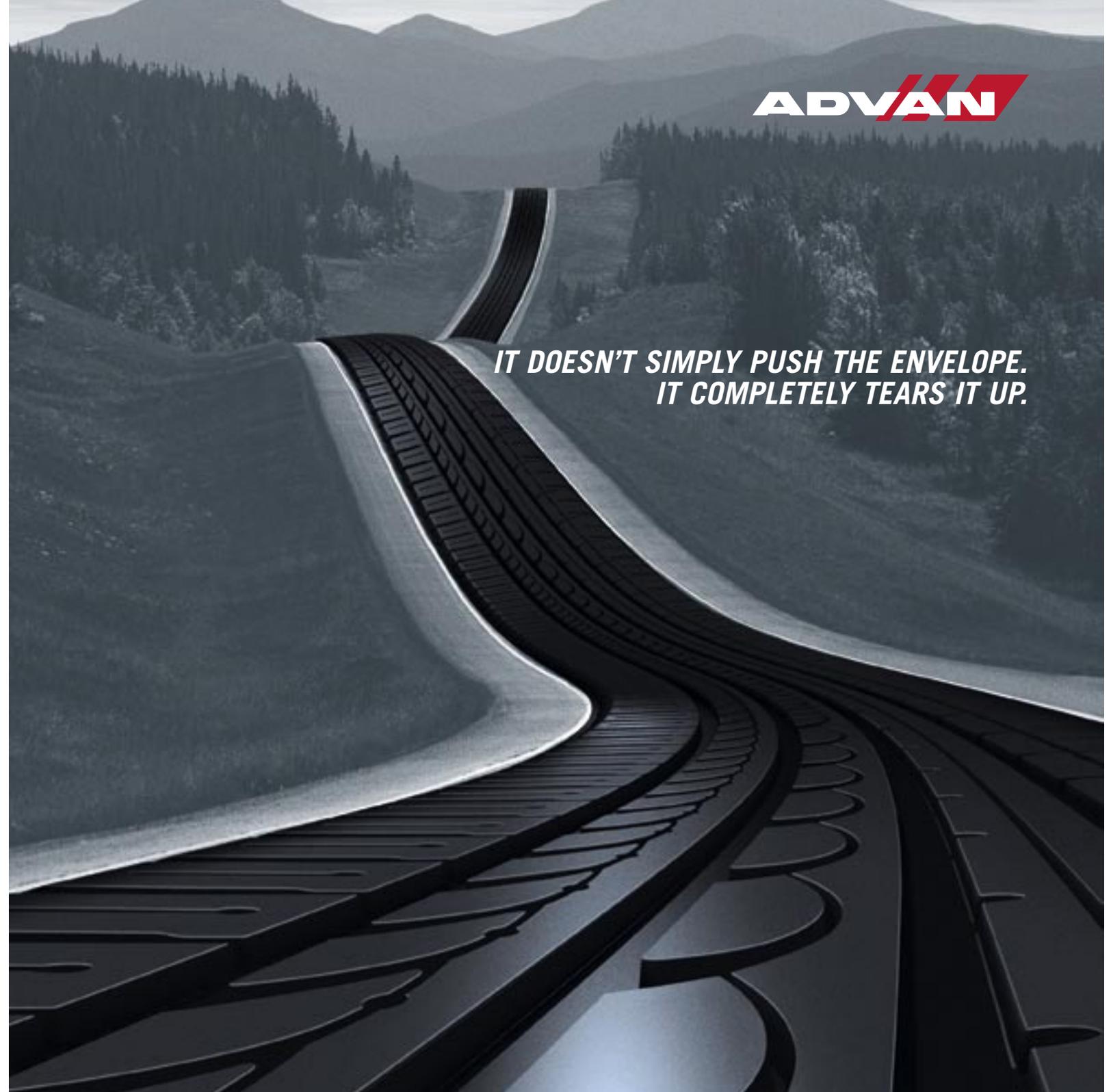
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