



# Picnic is a family affair on Aug. 2

by Steve Cunningham

It's time once again to mark your calendars for the Blue Ridge Chapter annual picnic and pinewood derby races. This year's event will be Sunday, Aug. 2, 2009. Same location as the past few years: Darden Towe Park in Charlottesville, on Route 20 about a mile north of US 250. Turn left at the first light on Route 20, when the road comes to a T, turn right, and the shelter is at the end of the parking lots.

The party starts at noon, with lunch served around 12:30. Racing gets under way by 1:30 and usually takes no more than 2 hours. Rent-a-racers are available on race day. Rental fees and car sponsorships go to benefit this year's charitable cause, Recycled Rides.

Tasty picnic fare and beverages are provided by the Club, so come hungry. But be sure to RSVP! Contact Steve Cunningham at 434-962-9540 or email 2cunninghams@comcast.net by July 25. If you'd like, bring a dessert to share, but it's not required. As always, my wife will make that treat y'all love—the "crack."

Bring the family for an afternoon of fun, food, and cars to enjoy!

**RSVP by July 25 to Steve Cunningham at 2cunninghams@comcast.net or 434/ 962-9540**

# Be cool and cruise in for ice cream June 27

by Byron McCauley

June should be heating up and what better way to cool down than with ice cream. Join your fellow Blue Ridge Chapter members on Saturday, June 27 at 2 pm for FREE ice cream cones at Kohr Bros. on Rt. 250 just outside of Charlottesville. Take exit 124 off I-64, go east on Rt. 250 and Kohr Bros is just a little way ahead on the right.

Take a break and come relax, swap stories and kick tires with your fellow club members....see you there!

# Beautiful day for spirited driving and sipping some Virginia wines

by Brad Day

Every year for local wineries the month of mid-spring promises one certainty: the invasion of tasting rooms by the Blue Ridge Chapter. This year's Wine Tour succeeded in filling the tasting rooms (and parking lots) of three local vintners with a fun run through twisty central Virginia back roads as a prelude to each stop.



**Yee-Ha:** Jim and Janie finally receive their trophy as this year's winners. (photo by Frank Gorse)

We began on the morning of April 25th, filling the parking lot of the Ruckersville Food Lion with 30 or so examples of the blau mit weiss (along with a couple of MINIs for good measure). In short order we were on our way to the first destination by way of a leisurely stroll along High-

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## from the editor

The search is on a little more earnestly now for the Cunninghams' next BMW. We've narrowed it down to most likely a 530i from the year range of 2000–2003. We're hoping to have found the perfect one in time to drive it to Pittsburgh next month for the Vintage Grand Prix.

Byron & Sueann and Frank have cooked up an itinerary for a caravan and associated group outings. All the details are on page 4 along with some further info from the Allegheny Chapter on page 5. It looks to be an outstanding event. I'm excited about making the trip! Pittsburgh's a great city with a lot of Old World charm and a stunning baseball park. We'll be catching a Pirates' game for sure!

Another item on the list is a tour of Frank Lloyd Wright's Fallingwater in the Laurel Highlands outside Pittsburgh. We visited a few summers ago and it's just an astounding piece of residential architecture. Well worth seeing if you haven't already.

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If you haven't already heard, the race viewing event at Buffalo Wild Wings in Richmond has been canceled due to the race no longer being televised at a reasonable hour.

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Picnic time is also just around the corner. Steve's contacting caterers now to arrange this year's spread. The company we'd been using is no longer in business (for personal reasons) so we'll have a fresh take on the picnic fare this year. As always, lunch is on the Club, so don't feel like you have to bring a thing. But if you'd like to make a dessert to share, that would be most welcome. I'll be making the always-popular "crack" (aka saltine candy) as at this point, it just wouldn't be a BMW picnic without it!

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Oktoberfest arrives at Road Atlanta from Sept. 28 through Oct. 2 for a week of driving and social events celebrating the 40th anniversary of the club. Check in with Byron & Sueann if you have any interest in attending whether for the whole week or just a couple of days. They're old pros and enjoy nothing better than helping new attendees get the most out of the time and activities.

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'Til next time, happy motoring!

—Lisa Cunningham

## A satisfied customer

At this year's chapter dinner, I bid on, and won, a certificate for a complete (\$150) detail at Blueridge Motor Works. I finally took advantage of it on the Wednesday prior to Vintage at the Vineyards, hoping they'd have my M6 looking nice for the event.

The results were, by any description, stunning! The exterior looked so good that I was asked if I'd just had the car repainted! They somehow were able to remove all the dirt and grease from the (white!) interior! They even did the engine compartment! Honestly, I was just amazed. When I picked up the car, the 2 guys who had done the work (an entire day's worth!) were doing a final wipedown. They both broke into the biggest smiles when I walked up and complimented their efforts. It was clear to me that they took the job very seriously and genuinely wanted my car to look special.

You can imagine my surprise when I was told that I was the first chapter member to ever actually use the certificate! Actually, I sort of hope it stays that way, since I'll sure be bidding again!

—Rob Yarmey

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Check out the Blue Ridge Chapter web site for calendar listings, announcements, back issues of the newsletter, and more! If you have comments, suggestions for features to include, or images of your car to add to the photo gallery, drop Brad Day an email at [ub3r02@yahoo.com](mailto:ub3r02@yahoo.com)

## Classifieds

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**Where's the calendar?  
Now exclusively on the back page!**

### Keep saving cell phones and printer cartridges

Blue Ridge Chapter is continuing to collect used cell phones and printer cartridges of all sizes and types to send to a program that recycles them and donates proceeds to local SPCAs. Don't send those items to a landfill when you can give them to Sueann and make a contribution to animal care!

### Old linens, too

Blankets and sheets are used to keep cats cozy during spay and neuter clinics. Sueann is collecting these items, too.

# Itinerary set for Blue Ridge trip to Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix in July

by Frank Gorse

With the 2009 Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix fast approaching, we're hard at work on an itinerary that takes in the racing and car shows at the downtown Schenley Park and some of Pittsburgh's other cultural and culinary offerings, plus a side trip to one of the 20th century's most revered architectural achievements. For those attending, feel free to pick and choose from among the planned activities.

Though not yet entirely set in stone, here's the plan:

## Friday, July 17

**8:30 AM:** Depart from the BP Station at Routes 15 & 231 in Gordonsville. Tanks full and bladders empty, as we like to say. Richmonders who'd like to can meet at 7 AM for breakfast at the Panera Bread at 11703 West Broad Street (across from Short Pump Town Center), and depart at 7:30 AM for Gordonsville.

**8:30 AM to 4:00 PM:** Drive to Pittsburgh, avoiding the interstates in favor of BMW-worthy roads where possible. We'll stop for lunch in Berkeley Springs, WV.

**Evening:** Check into the Green Tree Radisson in Pittsburgh (special PVGP rate available). Assuming an early enough arrival, enjoy the "Good Fridays" drinks and exhibits at the Andy Warhol Museum (\$7.50 admission and cash bar). Dinner at Lidia's Italy. Yes, for you foodies that's Lydia Bastianich of PBS fame.

## Saturday, July 18

**Morning and early afternoon:** Take in the free car shows and qualifying races at Schenley Park, where BMW is this year's featured marque. The Allegheny Chapter is organizing optional BMW-centered activities, including special parking, lunch and refreshments on both weekend days, poster, program, dash plaque and Sunday parade lap. The cost is \$95 per car and driver, plus \$15 per day per person for additional passengers. A portion of this money goes to charity. See page 5 for details

**Afternoon and evening:** Free time to explore Pittsburgh's sights and have dinner on your own. Baseball fan? See the Pirates take on the San Francisco Giants at PNC Park. Or, step back to the gilded age and tour the house, gardens and collections at the Frick Art & Historical Center. Spend more time at the car shows. Hit one of the tiny Italian restaurants in Shady-side or the nearby Church Brew Works.

## Sunday July 19

**Late morning through afternoon:** Seven groups of vintage racers take to the city streets and Schenley Park roads from noon to 5 PM.

Race groups include pre-war cars, formula cars and sports racers, and more. The day culminates with the featured BMW race for which we're expecting a number of historic racers, along with a host of 2002s. Admission to the park and the races is free, though for those wishing to participate at an additional expense, the races will be preceded by the BMW parade lap, and we'll enjoy BMW-only parking and lunch at the BMW Pavilion (see details above).  
**Evening:** Group dinner at the Sharp Edge Creekhouse, featuring an exhaustive beer list (81 different beers from Belgium . . .)

## Monday July 20

**9:00 AM:** Depart for the approximately 90-minute drive through the scenic Laurel Highlands, on the way to two Frank Lloyd Wright houses

**11:30 AM:** Tour the timeless Frank Lloyd Wright masterpiece Fallingwater. The cost is \$18, and reservations and advance ticket purchases are essential here!

**3:00 PM:** Tour the nearby Kentuck Knob, another Frank Lloyd Wright home. Once again, a reservation and advance ticket is critical. The cost is \$16.

**Afternoon and evening:** A 90-minute drive to Clarksburg, WV. Group dinner—location to be determined. Spend the night at the Hampton Inn.

## Tuesday, July 21

Leisurely drive home over scenic back roads.

### What you need to do in advance:

- As soon as possible, and no later than July 1, let either Frank Gorse (Richmond) or Sueann Meskell (Charlottesville) know you're attending. See "Who's Who" on pg 3 for contact info. As much notice as possible will help us tremendously with dinner reservations.
- Make your own hotel reservations for Pittsburgh and Clarksburg, as appropriate.
- Register, at your option, for the Marque of the Year package. If you're riding along with someone and want to take advantage of the lunch and refreshments at Schenley Park, coordinate registration and payment with your car-mate.
- Purchase advance tickets for the Monday Falling Water and Kentuck Knob tours (see times above).
- Bring family band radios if you have them to facilitate inter-BMW communications during the road trips.
- Plan and make arrangements for your chosen Saturday afternoon/evening activities.

### Helpful addresses, phone numbers and websites:

#### Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix—

[www.pvgp.org](http://www.pvgp.org) or  
[www.allegheneybmwcca.org](http://www.allegheneybmwcca.org)

**BP Station** in Gordonsville—109 Gordon Ave., Gordonsville, VA 22942

**Green Tree Radisson**—101 Radisson Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15205, 412.922.8400. For reservations and special \$99 rate, go to [www.pvgp.org](http://www.pvgp.org), select "About Us," "Hotel Partners" and "July 17–19 Weekend in Schenley Park." Promo code is "BMWV09"

**The Warhol**—117 Sandusky St., Pittsburgh, PA 15212, 412.237.8300 [www.warhol.org](http://www.warhol.org)

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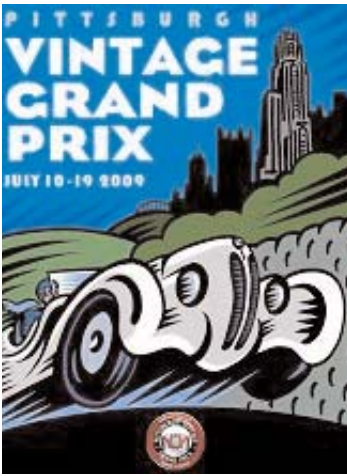
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# BMW Marque of Year for 2009 Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix

by Eric Zagrocki, Allegheny Chapter

BMW is the Marque of the Year for the 2009 Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix and the Allegheny Chapter of the BMW CCA has a very special 10-day BMW Celebration planned!

The highlight of the PVGP is always the Schenley Park Weekend, July 18–19. Getting things started prior to the weekend, we will have a vintage car Covered Bridges tour on Thursday, July 16. After a Thursday evening welcome reception, we will take a scenic tour to the Laurel Highlands on Friday, July 17 with lunch at Nemaocolin Woodlands resort followed by a tour of the Frank Lloyd Wright designed house, Fallingwater. The Allegheny Chapter expects that 300 BMWs will participate in the show at Schenley Park on July 18–19. Members of the BMW Vintage & Classic Car Club of America will be attending and several historic racecars should also be on display. Registration for Schenley Park includes catered lunches, program, poster, parade lap of the circuit and other benefits.

The PVGP is the only vintage race in the country that takes place on city streets and in 2009 the PVGP will host a BMW only marque race featuring 2002s, CSLs and other vintage and historic BMW racecars. So far, it looks like we have 3 CSLs committed to race. We should also have a few 328s from the 1930s, a 502, Isettas, a whole gaggle of 2002s and several other rare cars in the show. *Roundel's* Mike Miller will give a tech talk presentation on Saturday. We should also have several other special guests.

Other activities planned over the 10 days include a driver's school at Beaverun on July 10, a club race, car show, picnic and gala on July 11 and 12 also at Beaverun, car shows and cruises on July 13, 14 and 15, and multiple receptions and tours through the balance of the week. Whether you have a vintage or historic race car, a 2002 or a new M3, the PVGP will offer a BMW Celebration like no other in 2009! For more information visit the Allegheny Chapter website at [www.alleghenybmwcca.org](http://www.alleghenybmwcca.org).

Over the past 27 years, the PVGP has raised over \$2.6 million for the Allegheny Valley School and the Autism Society of Pittsburgh.

Registration and hotel information available at [www.pvgp.org](http://www.pvgp.org). Inquiries; [ejzagro@aol.com](mailto:ejzagro@aol.com)



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# Vintage @ the Vineyards impressive event

by Sueann Meskell with Susie & Aubrey Hall, Paul Coakley, and Linwood Mingis

The 6th annual Vintage at the Vineyards, sadly, is over. The event was held on Saturday, May 23 at the Shelton Vineyards in Dobson, NC. But before that, caravans from all across Virginia and North Carolina, the entire USA and even Puerto Rico and the Netherlands were on their way. Beth and Paul Coakley and Rob Scott comprised a mini-caravan from Richmond, while Blue Ridge members Linwood Mingis, Leonard Love, Don Elliott, Rob Yarmey, Byron McCauley and Sueann Meskell were joined by Connecticut Valley members Bob and Sheila Morin for a backroad, twisty route to V@V, stopping at Savoy-Lee Winery for lunch.

**Linwood:** Friday night in Mt. Airy (Mayberry) was a blast, and the end of the evening at the movies was fun. It was great seeing Steve McQueen in the longest Porsche commercial *Lemans*.

**Sueann:** The movie, sponsored by BMWCCA Foundation was shown at a vintage theatre on Main Street, complete with marquee billing and popcorn. We cruised “Main” several times checking out the action, just like we did a long time ago.

**Paul:** We found a parking lot full of 2002s. More '02s, Coupes, old Threes, Fives and Sixes, and even a cherry 1970 *Neue Klasse* 2000 lined both sides of Main Street for several blocks. Tourings, tiis and Turbos, oh my!

**Paul:** Having attended several Vintage at the Vineyard events at its former location, I thought I knew what to expect, but was simply amazed by the scene that greeted us: The hill top literally covered with older Fives and over 75 e24 Sixers; the entrance road lined with e30 Threes; rare convertible, Touring and Turbo 2002's gathered in the middle; other 2002s and 1600s surrounding the lake and lining both sides of the creek (or crick, I suppose); probably a dozen graceful 2800 and 3.0 Coupes on the heights above the creek with a handful of nice e21s on the next little hill over. Not to mention the aforementioned 2000, an even rarer Glass GT, an original (as in 1938) 328 *plus* an M1!

**Sueann:** The official Scott (Sturdy) count was 279 cars on display.

**Susie and Aubrey:** The weather and the setting could not have been better. We had plenty of room with cars parked up and down the hills forming quite a scene in a park surrounded by grape orchards. We had a great time seeing our old friends and making new ones.

**Paul:** Everywhere there was a glorious expanse of trees and water and grape vines and wonderful people. It's easy to get lost in the automotive glory, but the best part of this event is the people. Everybody is just so darn happy to be there and glad to meet you. We met folks who *drove*,



*for gosh sakes*, from as far way as California, Canada, Texas and Maine in cars that in some cases were older than their owners. Without airbags or air conditioning!

**Sueann:** So many friends and so many cars, we got too involved visiting with our extended BMW family that we really didn't get time to go look at the cars. Luckily the car gazing, story swapping and even some wrenching continued into the night at the hotel parking lot—have '02, will have mechanical issues according to Susie Hall. She said that 3 different cars had alternators that “gave up the ghost.”

**Paul:** But wait, there's more! On Sunday morning, while one bunch headed off to Asheville and the famous Biltmore Estate, a group of nearly 28 other cars (that included BRC members Paul and Beth Coakley, Brad Day, Anne Marie Vincent, Leonard Love, Susie and Aubrey Hall) headed north along the Blue Ridge Parkway. The overcast weather was perfect for a drive in a 40 year-old, un-air conditioned car and the light traffic let us properly exercise our aged ultimate driving machines on the twisties leading to the Parkway. We even got to witness a live act of mechanical ingenuity when 2002 celebrity Mike Self, of *Roundel* fame, fixed the brake light switch of a certain Blue Ridge Chapter member's 2002 with naught but a pocket knife and some WD-40. Try that on your new 750!



**Sueann:** The group overnighted at the Peaks of Otter Lodge after the grueling 120 miles driving. The lodge is in a beautiful setting, the buffet was great—how about a chapter outing?

All of us from Blue Ridge Chapter had a fantastic weekend. It was like a mini-Ofest. A tremendous thanks to Scott and Patti Sturdy for organizing V@V, to Liberty Mutual for the sponsorship, to Shelton Vineyards for the primo location, and to all the 02 Group in the “inca” tees that arranged the cars so well.

According to an '02 license plate holder spotted by Susie Hall, “IN 1976 GOD STOPPED MAKING BMW'S” but, whether you own an old or new BMW, Vintage at the Vineyards is an event that you don't want to miss—mark your calendars for May 29, 2010.



(photos by Brad Day)

My girlfriend Bonnie and I had the good fortune to attend the 2009 Vintage at the Vineyard at Shelton Vineyard in Dobson, NC, over Memorial Day weekend. This being my first major BMW CCA event, I wasn't at all sure what to expect. What a feast for the eyes and ears! I have to say, it was the largest and most impressive display of beautiful cars I've ever seen. The icing on the cake, for me at least, was the participation of the Southeast Sharkfest 2009 group. Since I drive an M6, ogling sixty-some 6 series Bimmers, most in primo condition, was an experience I'll not soon forget!

Other highlights of the weekend: Our six-car caravan to Dobson (and wine tasting lunch), ably organized and led by Byron and Sueann; parking next to the amazing and awesome 500+ hp 666 CSi at the show; the gorgeous M1 on display; the incredible collection of like-new 2002s; meeting so many nice, fun, interesting people. A special thanks to Byron and Sueann for taking me and Bonnie under their wing and helping to make the weekend so special!

—Rob Yarmey



Family reunions can be a dreaded affair, but when your family is a vintage BMW crowd, reunions are totally different. It has been several years that I have been attending Vintage at the Vineyards, on Memorial Day weekend, in North Carolina.

What is especially great is that it's a gathering, not a show. There are many cars that are show worthy though it is not a requirement to participate. Awesome! Vintage BMWs with a bit of patina receive the respect that they deserve.

Sadly, I have not completed my 1974 2002 "clone" of an original Turbo, but that hasn't discouraged me from gathering with my brethren. It's a community of kindred automotive addicts, everyone enabling, supplying, and supporting one another, this Vintage at the Vineyards "thing." It's euphoric and freeing.

This year was my wife's first Vintage trip. She loved it! She's motivated and encouraging me to get on the completion of my (now our) project.

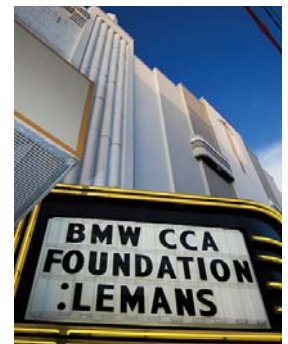
If you own a vintage Bimmer let me strongly encourage you to drive it to next year's Vintage at the Vineyards. You do not have to hammer down an interstate highway to get there. You can travel the Blue Ridge Parkway for a more relaxed pace.

Come on! It's a reunion, and your "family" is waiting for you.

—Randy Bryant

I had a really good time as well. Sueann and Byron made the trip there a really fun day with the lunch stop at the winery and the "twisties" for a fun drive. Friday night in "Mayberry" was a blast, and the end of the evening at the movies was fun. It was great seeing Steve McQueen in the longest Porsche commercial *Lemans*...it's been years since I saw that! Saturday was a real treat—a real visual overload with all the cars. I had some interesting conversations with some of the owners and enjoyed hearing stories of their cars. I just cannot get over some of the really rare cars there and the over-the-top restorations and loving care that went into so many of the cars. And yes it was good to see some old faces from past years when I attended Sharkfest.

—Linwood Mingis



(photos by Brad Day)

# Let our local experts help make your O'fest visit an experience to remember

by Sueann Meskell

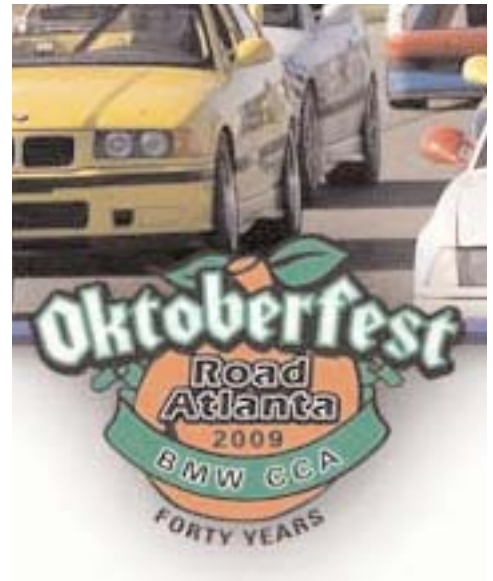
By the time you receive this newsletter, the countdown clock for the 40th Oktoberfest will be less than 100 days. It isn't too late to make plans for this celebration.

Kicking off the week will be the ALMS race at Road Atlanta on Friday, Sept. 25, with the 12-hour race on Saturday the 26th. For more info, check out the site at [www.americanlemans.com](http://www.americanlemans.com).

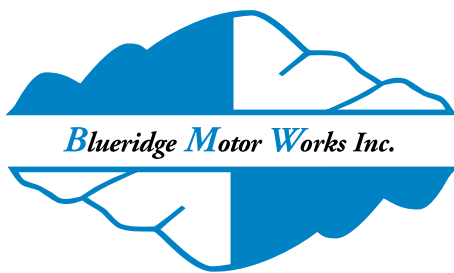
Official Oktoberfest festivities begin on Monday, September 28th with check in and registration at the Legacy Lake Lodge and a beach party ( car cleaning started Sunday). Concours and Barbeque is slated for Tuesday. Wednesday is a full day of TSD rally, factory and Zentrum tours, gymkhana and Performance Center activities. Thursday and Friday are full days of autocrossing and fun rally. Thursday will feature an evening buffet in the vendor area at Road Atlanta. Everyday at Ofest 2009 is for drivng schools, Saturday and Sunday too. And of course, what's an Ofest without the Friday banquet . If an entire week of BMW fun is an overload, then how about just a couple of days?

The Legacy Lodge near Burford, GA, is the host hotel. Check out the BMW CCA website for more information, registration and merchandise. Reminder— registration rates go up on August 1.

Please contact Byron and Sueann if you are planning to attend Oktoberfest. We will be planning a drive south and are able to answer all your questions concerning this event—what to wear, how to compete, food and fun—you name it, we have done it all, and would love to help you make your O'fest experience one to remember!



**When: September 28–October 2, 2009**  
**Where: Lake Lanier/Road Atlanta**  
**The Scoop: [www.bmwccaofest.org](http://www.bmwccaofest.org)**



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# wine—continued

way 33 and spirited jaunts on winding back-road byways. We arrived at Cross Keys Winery for a lovely tasting in their hand-somely finished events room. We downed a round of their finest offerings and were back on the road thereafter. Leaving valley-nestled Cross Keys, we headed south to the sun-drenched veranda of Barren Ridge Vineyards just north of Fishersville. There we enjoyed the legendary sprawling Wine Tour lunchtime spread. With fine wines provided by Barren Ridge, we were content to enjoy the springtime sun and sample the multitude of goodies provided by Wine Tour participants. And since the annual Yee-Ha award presentation was hampered by the lack of a trophy at our Annual Dinner in February, winners Jim Gaston and Janie Jacobs were presented with the award at Barren Ridge for their BMW-fueled spirit and club enthusiasm. Thanks Jim and Janie!

Our final journey took us east back over the mountains to the intersection of Nelson and Albemarle counties. Just off of the Rockfish Gap Turnpike (a.k.a. highway 250) we converged on Pollack Vineyards. At Pollack we were treated to an exclusive group tasting in their wine-making room surrounded by oak barrels and aging wines. And for those still looking for nourishment, a spread of fruits, breads and cheeses were provided while we drew names for door prizes provided by Jerry Davey from Crown BMW of Charlottesville who also joined us on the tour. The remains of the afternoon drifted away as we sat admiring the amazing mountain views of Pollack Vineyards.

Thanks to everyone who joined us and to our host wineries Cross Keys, Barren Ridge and Pollack as well as Jerry at Crown BMW of Charlottesville. We'll see you all next spring!



**Tasting notes:** The indoor special event room was a comfortable spot to enjoy the wines and the views at Cross Keys Winery. (photo by John Griffiths)



**Pretty Bimmers all in a row (above):** As always, a variety of models made an impressive display. (photo by Byron McCauley)



**Lunch in the sun (left):** The umbrellas did provide some shade for our picnics at Barren Ridge Winery. (photo by Frank Gorse)

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# Spruce up your car with new Roundels

from [www.pelicanparts.com](http://www.pelicanparts.com)

One easy way to improve the appearance of your BMW is to replace a worn or faded Roundel. In this tech article we will discuss replacement of the roundel, and should take less than 10 minutes to perform. What you will need is a new Roundel and two plastic grommets, (available from Pelican) - shown in Figure 1 and Figure 2.



The first step is to remove the existing Roundel. As you can see in Figure 3, the existing Roundel is worn and fading. The method of removal varies, but the end result is the same, you must gently pry the old Roundel off. In this case we simply used a credit card as a fulcrum point, then inserted a flat-head screwdriver between the Roundel and the hood. Remember to use caution when prying off the old Roundel. Go slowly and using light force, and it should come right off. (Figure 4)



Step two is to remove the two grommets left behind sitting in the hood as shown in Figure 5. If your grommets came off with the Roundel, you can skip this step. Simply remove them with a pair of pliers, they should pop right out. This is also a good time to clean the base for the Roundel, for as you can see it is covered with dirt.



Next, simply push the new grommets onto the new Roundel as seen in Figure 6. You may have to use a little force to get them on there, but use caution as it is possible to break the studs they slide on.



Finally, simply line up the studs with the corresponding holes in the hood, and press down with the palm of your hand, til the Roundel goes no futher (Figure 7). That's it, you're done!

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## the tool box

**Aaron Rhodes, tool steward**  
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If you'd like to borrow a tool, contact Aaron and he'll make arrangements to get the tool to you.

### The tools:

- Electronic troubleshooting manuals on CD for e23, e24, e28, e30, e31, e32, e34, and e36 models. Easily navigated wiring schematics (in English) showing colors and sequence of wires and connectors.
- Hub and rear wheel bearing R&R kit
- Master bushing kit for subframe bushings
- 16 1 050 - fuel line disconnect tool
- LT-940 - fuel pump retaining ring removal tool
- Tool for removing cooling fan from older models
- Reset tool for service indicator lights
- Windshield lock trim tool
- Anti-theft radio screwdriver
- Clutch alignment tools for various models
- Bentley manual for the e30 (3-series 84-90)
- Bentley manual for the e34 (5-series 89-95)
- Bentley manual for the e36 (3-series 92-98)
- Parts CD BMW Mobile Tradition: includes e12, e21, e30, motorcycles to '69.
- G-Tech accelerometer
- Pressure brake bleeder by Motive Products
- Tie rod end puller
- Complete set of hex wrench sockets

### RICHMOND TOOLS

contact **Jeff Gilbert** at [newbmw@aol.com](mailto:newbmw@aol.com)

- Reset tool for service indicator lights
- Pressure brake bleeder

## Reminder: Merchandise is now on the website

by **Brad Day**

Swing on over to our chapter website ([www.blueridgebmwcca.org](http://www.blueridgebmwcca.org)) and check out our new merchandise. We've moved the production of our chapter shirts and other items to [cafepress.com](http://cafepress.com) which will give our members many more new choices for chapter apparel. The link for our merchandise can be found on the left hand side of the chapter webpage. Please feel free to send me an e-mail at [ub3r02@yahoo.com](mailto:ub3r02@yahoo.com) if you have any questions about shopping at [cafepress.com](http://cafepress.com) or if there is an item you'd like added to the shop.

# Foundation hosts open house on Sept. 27

from News from National

Are you looking for something to do on Sunday, September 27, following Petit Le Mans at Road Atlanta? Well, now you have something to do between the race and Oktoberfest! The BMW CCA Foundation will hold an open house that day between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. EDT. If you are driving to O'Fest on Sunday, make a detour and stop by the office; they would love to give you a tour of their new home.

The Foundation recently moved into a new facility located just a couple of miles off I-85 in Greenville, SC. Foundation curator Michael Mitchell says, "We not only have room to display and grow our archives, but we can also display a car." Currently they have the Ray Korman E30 M3 (serial number 001) on loan. Additionally, CCA members can view a trailer—made from the rear end of a 2002ti—which is permanently displayed at the office.

Please note: The Foundation office will not be open during the week of O'Fest, as the staff will be at O'Fest and you can visit with them there. If you have anything you want to donate to the Foundation—books, brochures, magazines, or just about anything automotive- or motorcycle-related—bring it with you to the open house. Please RSVP by September 15—and feel free to contact Michael Mitchell if you have any questions. (mmitchell@bmwccafoundation.org)

## CCA Raffle time!

The raffle has begun! If you haven't been to the website recently, stop by and click on the Car-Of-Your-Dreams Raffle Link: <http://www.bmwcca-raffle.org>. From there you can even buy your tickets online—for a chance at the car of your dreams! Our Grand Prize is your choice of any BMW up to an MSRP of \$102,100. (What a coincidence! That's the price of a new M6!)

The First Prize is your choice of any BMW up to a total MSRP of \$66,650. Then, depending on the number of tickets sold, we will likely award several Main Prizes—any BMW up to an MSRP of \$42,000. (BMW 135i, anyone?!)

As always, only BMW CCA members—including associates—are eligible to purchase tickets and win prizes. You must be a member in good standing as of 5:00 p.m. EDT, Friday, August 31, 2009, to qualify to purchase tickets. The maximum number of tickets available for purchase will be ten (10) per valid membership. Tickets are available for purchase on the website at [www.bmwcca.org](http://www.bmwcca.org).



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# on the horizon

## JUNE

27: Ice Cream Cruise In, Kohr Brothers, Charlottesville, see page 1

## JULY

1: Richmond monthly gathering, contact frank.gorse@patientfirst.com  
17-20: Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix, BMW featured Marque. See page 4  
25: RSVP deadline for Picnic

## AUGUST

2: Picnic at Darden Towe Park, Charlottesville, see page 1  
3: Submission deadline for July/August newsletter  
5: Richmond monthly gathering, contact frank.gorse@patientfirst.com

## SEPTEMBER

2: Richmond monthly gathering, contact frank.gorse@patientfirst.com  
20: Fall Fun Rally, Shenandoah Valley area

## OCTOBER

5: Submission deadline for Sept./Oct. newsletter  
24: Street Survival at RIR, see page 1


For autocross dates, visit [www.vmsc.org/?hf=schedule](http://www.vmsc.org/?hf=schedule).

Where's the Who's Who? Moved to page 3!


**New Venue for Richmond First Wednesdays**

The next Richmond area first Wednesday informal gathering is July 1 from 5:30 to 7:30 PM, and will be at Champps at 9202 Stony Point Parkway, Richmond, VA 23235. Phone number there is 804.323.6063, and the website is [www.champps.com](http://www.champps.com). This place, at the Stony Point mall, is more centrally-located and maybe better for the folks who live south of the river. Frank says he's not sure that we'll keep it there—we'll decide after we test drive it a time or two. Contact Frank at [frank.gorse@patientfirst.com](mailto:frank.gorse@patientfirst.com) for more details.

The Charlottesville area group meets infrequently at 12th Street Taphouse. Contact Brad Day for information or to suggest a new venue.



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