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UPCOMING EVENTS



On **October 18th at 7.00.pm** we will have a Tech Session presented to us by **Dentex Paintless Dent Removal LTD.**

Various members have used this service with outstanding results. Owner Colin Vogel will show us the secret to getting rid of those unsightly door dings without breaking the paint surface or the bank.

This is your chance to see the techniques used to make your Bimmer look its best. Join us at Dentex, **located at #4 Hillside Ave, behind Victoria Acura.**

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GET COMMITTED SIGN UP NOW!

Victoria is known for its fantastic drivers and their brilliant regard for the rules of the road. Don't get caught out driving in the rain suddenly trying to figure out why your vehicle didn't do what you wanted. The young woman with the "N" on a now crumpled rear end figured you knew she would stop in the right lane to answer her phone, fix her hair and suck on her smoke, all at the same time of course. Its up to you to know what you and your car will do in less than ideal motoring conditions.

This course is a perfect opportunity to learn how to react in wet conditions and to understand the dynamics of your vehicle. Collision avoidance is just one of the many subjects taught by the instructors at Driving Unlimited.

Date: 5th November

Place: Western Speedway

Cost: \$85.00 for bmwccvi members, \$100.00 for non-members

Vehicles must be safe, good mechanical condition. For more information and to **register** contact **Roger Harmston.**

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Victoria BMW Customer Appreciation Day & Garage Sale

We will be offering some incredible discounts on New and Used Parts, Accessories and Lifestyle items for both MINI and BMW

Come and enter our draw for a BMW Chair !

We have everything from Car Care Products, to Wheels, from Furniture to Posters, Small odds and ends parts to Mufflers.

Have a hot dog and a pop on us and remember to take a brochure with information on various BMW and MINI accessories and lifestyle items!!!!

When: **October 15th, 2005**

Time: 10am-3pm

Where: Victoria BMW
1101 Yates Street





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RUDI'S PLACE

By Steve Cockerill

On Tuesday 20th Sept the club had the incredible opportunity to visit Rudi Coniczeks' Sanctuary. Most Victorians have no idea an Artist of this calibre exists within our midst, at least those who are not car buffs. The only indication that something interesting may be beyond the black Iron gates is the Gargoyles perched on the gate pillars.

Past the creatures the road winds down to Rudi's house, a picture of peace and tranquility. The sound of trickling water could be heard coming from the water features in the front yard. Across from the main house was a small building with Baron Rudi's coat of arms on it. Beyond its door was something truly amazing, something that was somewhat hidden, something we were about to see.

Rudi greeted us and gave a brief introduction about him self, his business and his devoted family of employees. Inside the door was Rudi's office. It was full of models, toys from his childhood, pictures and memorabilia. I think he was a collector and a restorer of fine things from a very early age. I looked at some of the Dinky and Corgi toys, some still in the original boxes, I could imagine these items on Ebay would fetch a fortune; a prelude of what was next.



We followed our Host up a narrow staircase, at the top was a 300SL convertible pedal car, I very much wanted to put baby Austin in it. I peered through a door into the show room, I thought I was going to weep (Phil Emberly was). Tania and I looked at each other in amazement. Only three other places in the world have a similar view of these Stuttgart masterpieces in various stages of restoration.



Rudi's forty years of experience with Mercedes Benz and the restoration of these timeless classics were evident. Gull Wings and convertibles surrounded us in various stages of restoration, immaculate paint, faultless interiors; it was truly an amazing sight. Antique electric testing equipment and a 1935 supercharged engine were among the three-point art. The 67 Ferrari 275 GTB and a rare Porsche Carrera 2 were in good company, unfortunately we ran out of time to see "The Barn" which houses 3 Ferrari Dino's and lord knows what else. Rudi's place is surely the best eye candy for anyone who appreciates fine automobiles and automotive history.



After an extremely short hour and a half our host bid us farewell but not before showing off his BMW. A vintage motorcycle...nice. Our tour of this hidden automotive sanctuary was a privilege, and definitely a highlight of the year for me. I hope the members who were able to attend got as much enjoyment out of the visit. I can't wait to go back. Thanks to Rudi and his family and crew for sharing their passion with us.



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