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# BMW Club Bulletin



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# UPCOMING EVENTS

Our next planning/social meeting will be at the **Oak Bay Beach Hotel on Tuesday 13th September at 7:30 p.m.** Subsequently we'll meet there every second Tuesday of each month there after until December. We'll be discussing a few things from the BMW national, some issues concerning the club and future events.

October is looking pretty good right now with Victoria BMW and Dentex as possible Tech Sessions. November will offer a Slip and Slide by Driving Unlimited so sign up early to ensure you get a spot. This course is perfectly timed for our damp Autumn and winter months. Learn your vehicles wet weather handling capabilities. Details will be made available at the meeting and in the next bulletin.



**E 23. 1977-1986. The first generation 7 series. The E 23 went through 3 facelifts during it's run.**



**E 24. 1976-1989. The E 24 evolved in 4 stages, the most potent of which was the M6. The M 635CSi was also an extremely desirable model.**

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Victoria BMW will be holding a Garage Sale/Customer Appreciation Day on Saturday 15 October 2005. There will be some great deals on older Life Style products, used parts and other miscellaneous goodies (F1 stuff I hope). They will be having a BBQ for all to enjoy, as well as a draw for some prizes. This is a great opportunity to stock up on spares and look good at the next meeting.

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The next news bulletin will be sent out (in PDF format) to members owning computers with valid email addresses. For members who do not wish to have the letter sent via email should let me know so I can continue to send a hard copy. Obviously members who are not online, I will still send the news bulletin via mail. Any current member who does not wish to receive either should inform me, A.S.A.P. Our web site will have the news bulletin published so you can visit the site for the latest issue and news. This change should save the club approximately \$40.00 a month. The main thing for members using email is to ensure I have your correct email address. Email me at [bmwf1@shaw.ca](mailto:bmwf1@shaw.ca)

### FOR SALE

One E46 coupe roof rack. It fits all BMW 3 series 1999-2005. It is in like new condition and is for sale for \$150. New it would be about \$250 plus taxes. Interested ? Call Tony (250) 658-8566

Official Mailing Address:  
PO Box 30181, Saanich Centre  
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**1975 2002.** Red in colour. For further details contact Jason (250) 544-4399 or email [jness@shaw.ca](mailto:jness@shaw.ca)



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# COWICHAN VALLEY CAR PICNIC

This time of year usually has club events sparsely attended due to the holiday season. The Cow Valley Picnic was no exception. Four Bimmers met at Moxies for the convoy to Duncan, two of which owned by Les and Vivian Esplen. Myself and Lee Alder tailed the Esplens up to Duncan to rendezvous with car enthusiasts from around the island. The lazy cruise around the Mill Bay area was quite relaxing, but Vivian felt it was much too slow.

The four of us arrived at Brentwood College and parked on the lawn. Other members visited the show later in the day with Dale petty parking his beautiful 3.0 a few cars down. Les's newly acquired 2002 certainly drew some attention, while Lee Alder advertised his E36 convertible for sale attracted considerable interest. The highlight of the day certainly had to go to the outstanding weather. Thanks to all who attended.



## European Car Picnic

By Philip Emberly

A clear, beautiful 27C day greeted over 160 automotive specimens and their proud owners at the European Car Picnic on August 21st. The featured marque was Ferrari, and the prancing horse did not disappoint. The show's "drop dead and gone to heaven" feature was a restored Ferrari 275 GTB Four Cam, reportedly worth US\$700,000. Other notables included a 512BB and a bright yellow Testarossa.

BMW was well represented by both member and dealer cars. Steve showed his new gem for the first (but certainly not the last) time and it attracted a lot of attention. Another jaw-dropper was the 1990(?) BMW M3 Evo, belonging to Jim Baxter. With only 11,000km on the odometer, and an engine compartment cleaner than when new, the car drew a lot of gasps.

One of the most interesting parts of the show was hearing the owners talk about their cars. Every car had a story, and every owner was only too eager to tell it. The 1962 Mercedes with it's own name (Philip), bought decades ago in Arizona; the 2000 Rolls-Royce, with Bentley interior, designed specifically for the new millennium.....the stories were endless.

In the end, both the owners and their fabulous cars went home, satisfied that once again, they had entertained many car crazy fans.



Gurmal holding Austin over his 1988 Ferrari 328 GTS



The star of the show. A rare 1967 Ferrari 275 GTB Four Cam



Victoria BMW had a great turnout including 2 M3's, 2 Mini's and a 3