

# BMW Club Bulletin

AUGUST 2004 ISSUE

## UPCOMING SUMMER CLUB EVENT

**19<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL  
Cowichan Valley Car Picnic  
at Brentwood College, Mill Bay**

**Sunday, August 8, 2004**



Have you ever noticed how automobiles, like most products of the modern age, have been subject to fashion extremes and technological crazes? Introduced with much fanfare by one manufacturer, these dubious developments often promise drivers the look or performance of the future. They become popular for a time and are widely copied by other car builders. Then, somehow, the public begins to recognize the sheer

excess or impracticality of these features, and they quietly vanish from the motoring scene. Steam engines, cycle cars, rumble seats, tail fins, push-button automatic transmissions, air-cooled rear engines, vinyl-covered roofs, 8-track tape players, retractable headlights, and four-wheel steering are all styling or technical innovations that once had their day, whether that was the 'teens, the '30's, the '50's, or the '70's. Each has come to symbolize a particular era, and the sight of a carefully preserved old vehicle sporting any one of them can bring a smile and a flood of memories to the passer-by who can recall when it was the latest thing.

According to spokesman Mike Bieling, the annual Cowichan Valley Car Picnic offers a great chance to see and enjoy a wide range of collector cars, trucks, motorcycles, and other vehicles from every era, with all of the unique characteristics of their times. "This year we are planning our 19th Car Picnic for Sunday, August 8th", says Bieling. "We're sticking with our tradition of having an open event with only one entry rule – that the drivers must believe that their wheels are 'interesting', for whatever reason – and we want to extend an invitation to owners of all makes and vintages of vehicles to join us. Last year, for example, the 250 entries included the 1994 Ross Type 35, a classic British-style roadster custom built in Victoria by Ross Pelletier, a 1920 Detroit Touring Convertible owned by Ken and Linda Newcombe of Victoria (which won the People's Choice Award), a 1976 Lamborghini Uracco belonging to Jeff Wells of Shawnigan Lake, a 1946 'Art Deco Series' Chevrolet 1 ½ Ton Pickup Truck with 1952 Scudabout Teardrop Trailer combo owned by Bruce Grey of Saltspring Island (which won the Travelling Kitchen Sink Award), and a 1976 BMW R75/6 motorcycle brought over from England by visitor Ken Foster. The oldest car was Jim and Melanie Morley's 1914 Cadillac 7 Passenger Touring Car from Nanaimo; the newest, a 2003 Caterham Super 7 GSXR 1300 Hayabusa Roadster manufactured by Super 7 Cars of Chemainus."

Victoria Car Picnic participants will meet at Moxies at 10:45, leaving at 11:00 for Brentwood College. Up Island participants will meet at the City of Duncan parking lot at the Train Station, between 10:30 and 11:00.



<http://www.bmwccvi.ca>

CLUB EXECUTIVE	
PRESIDENT	Dave Bourke
TREASURER	Art Chambers
SECRETARY	Lorraine Kecker
PAST PRESIDENT	Murray Bradley
NATIONAL DIRECTOR (non-voting) Roger Harmston	

Prizes will be awarded at 2:30 p.m. A \$10.00 donation per car includes a dash plaque. Spectators are free. The Picnic is being held on Brentwood College grounds alongside the 'art-a-fair', an outdoor, interactive venue for the performing and visual fine arts.

REGISTER NOW ! online at:

<http://www.bmwccvi.ca/eventsignup.htm>

*(this will give us an idea of expected turn out)*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

*Make sure to visit the website for details. Check reverse for dates.*

**European Car Club Picnic**  
Formerly called the German Car Club Picnic, we were petitioned last year to rename the event European Car Club Picnic. Given the drop in guests of other marques it seemed appropriate. This event has become a tradition. Don't miss it; see you at Queen Alexandra Centre for Children's Health. Thanks to the Porsche Club of Victoria for hosting this annual event.

**Vancouver Island Wine Tour**  
Celebrate the harvest and the bounty of Vancouver Island's own vineyards. Join us on the annual wine tour of the Cowichan Valley.

*Regular BMW Club Meetings Begin September.*



<http://www.bmwccvi.ca>

The Club Bulletin is produced monthly by the BMW Club of Canada, Vancouver Island.

We welcome your comments, suggestions and contributions. Many contributions will be made available on our website if they are too involved for this publication.

Thank You.

Official Mailing Address:  
PO Box 30181, Saanich Centre  
Victoria, BC V8X 5E1

Email: <mailto:editor@bmwccvi.ca>

### Desktop Themes to Tempt

- Download BMW 8 series: [8 Series](#)
- Download BMW MZ Coupe: [MZ Coupe](#)
- Download BMW Z8 by a House: [Z8 House](#)
- Download BMW Z8 by a ocean, road: [Z8 ocean](#)
- Download BMW Dixi: [Dixi](#)

Courtesy:

[http://www.bmw-power.8m.com/desktop\\_themes.htm](http://www.bmw-power.8m.com/desktop_themes.htm)

## ATTENTION BMW SHOPPERS!

BMW of CANADA Grille Plaques  
Now Available?

*Well they will be – pending sufficient interest.*

If you are interested in purchasing a BMW of CANADA grille plaque, please visit the website and register your interest. We will review Club member response, compile them with other expressions of interest from other clubs and let you know if the purchase will take place. Cost will be approximately \$50.00 per unit. They will be fabricated from coated bronze or copper with a silver and enamel finish.

Show your support for our National Club identity.



<http://www.bmwccvi.ca/plaqueorder.htm>

## Care to Serve?

It's not too early to start thinking about running for our Executive in 2005. Please contact our President, Dave Bourke at [president@bmwccvi.ca](mailto:president@bmwccvi.ca) for details.

ALSO,

There are ancillary support positions, Website Manager, Bulletin Editor and Driving Coordinator. We need individuals to fill those roles **now**. As above, please contact our [President](#).

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- |                            |   |
|----------------------------|---|
| July 1 <sup>st</sup>       | Semi-annual Dues Now Due  |
| August 8 <sup>th</sup>     | Cowichan Valley Car Picnic  |
| August 29 <sup>th</sup>    | European Car Club Picnic at Queen Alexandra                               |
| September 14 <sup>th</sup> | BMW Club Tech Meeting, Victoria BMW                                       |
| September 26 <sup>th</sup> | Vancouver Island Wine Tour  |
| October 12 <sup>th</sup>   | BMW Club Tech Meeting, Big O Tires  |
| November 9 <sup>th</sup>   | BMW Club Tech Meeting, Oak Bay Beach Hotel                                |
| November                   | BMW Family Bowling Night (TBD – date confirmation pending)                |
| December                   | Christmas Toy Run with Mustang Car Club (TBD – date confirmation pending) |
| December                   | BMW Christmas Dessert Party (TBD – date confirmation pending)             |
| January 11 <sup>th</sup>   | BMW Club Annual General Meeting and Elections                             |



**Other Meetings and Events are in the process of being scheduled; stay tuned for updates.**