

# BMW Club Bulletin

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## UPCOMING SUMMER CLUB EVENT

### *Port Renfrew and Botanical Beach Family Drive and Picnic*

**Saturday July 17, 2004**



Join us for a drive along Sooke Road/West Coast Road (Hwy 14) to Port Renfrew, where we will picnic at the famous Botanical Beach, located about 2 hours drive from Victoria.

The Botanical Beach Provincial Park is only a few kilometres from the Port Renfrew village centre and will be our final destination. Established as a marine station for the University of Minnesota in 1900, Botanical Beach offers abundance of marine life forms and lots of areas to explore.

For more information visit: <http://www.portrenfrew.com/botbeach.htm> or <http://www.vancouverisland.com/ParksAndTrails/Parks/details/?ID=419>.

Our day will start with the traditional departure for the Victoria-based members from Moxies in the Town & Country Shopping Centre at 8:15 a.m. For the Up-Island members, the rendezvous point will be at the Frayne Centre, just south of the Mill Bay Village (at the top of the hill) where you will depart at 8:00 a.m. Why so early in the morning? To take advantage of the low tides at Port Renfrew! (1.3 feet at 8:09 a.m. rising to 7.2 feet at 2:49 p.m.).

All members (Victoria and Up-Island) will meet in Sooke by the Sooke River Store/Park & Ride at the Junction of Sooke River Road (Potholes Road) and Sooke Road at approximately 9.00 a.m. and continue from there to Port Renfrew.

Along with all your picnic goodies, make sure that you pack a sweater or windbreaker for the climate at the beach can be quite different from that of Victoria.

**See you at the beach!**



*The drive to Botanical Beach and family picnic have become a tradition with the BMW Club of Canada Vancouver Island. Between the breathtaking scenery and lots of curves, this family outing is a must for all members to enjoy.*

#### CLUB EXECUTIVE

PRESIDENT	Dave Bourke
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Roger Harmston	

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

**Cowichan Valley Car Club Picnic**  
Always a fun-filled event with neat cars from all marques, prizes and entertainment. Bring your lunch and a buff cloth for a last minute polish on your baby. Thanks to the Cowichan Valley Chamber of Commerce and the Duncan Rotary Club for hosting this annual event.

**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 Gyro Park. 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 Tech Meetings Begin again in September.*



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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.

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### Blaming the Victims

CAA (Canadian Automobile Association) Saskatchewan and the Saskatchewan Government state that, "In the majority of collisions between cars and big trucks, the car driver is responsible for the collision."

**The scientific basis for blaming car drivers in this way is highly questionable.**

For full report:  
<http://www.web.net/~crash/newsletter/july98.html>

## High Performance Driving – Tip #1

*Thanks to Ross Bentley, Senior Instructor, Driving Unlimited and Professional Race Driver*

The other day I was asked if the advanced driving instruction I give was "defensive driving". I immediately responded "no", and then tried to explain what "advanced driver training" really is. That's when the old sports saying, "the best defence is a good offence" came to mind.

In today's driving world, being "defensive" is not the best tact to take. Instead, being somewhat "offensive" seems to be a better solution. Now, don't get the wrong impression here! I'm not talking about going around forcing people off the road, driving at excessive speeds, and being overly aggressive. What I'm really talking about is being pro-active in your driving - what I call a "high performance driving".

What is a "high performance driver"? First, what it isn't. It's not someone who races around the streets at high speed. It's not necessarily a race car driver. Being a "high performance driver" means many things: always driving in control of your vehicle and the situations and conditions around you; always driving smoothly and with finesse; being confident and sympathetic; and always thinking about what you're doing behind the wheel. In other words, you can be a high performance safe driver - being safer than the average driver.

The bottom line is "high performance driving" means driving at the highest performance level – driving at your very best - in whatever you do, whether that be driving a twisty mountain highway, competing in a slalom event, avoiding a collision on a busy city street, controlling a skid on an icy road, or just creeping along comfortably in rush hour traffic. In fact, smoothness is key. Driving smoothly - driving with finesse - is the most important technique of a "high performance driver".

However, it's more than good skills and techniques. It also takes the right attitude and that's an open mind - a willingness to always want to improve and learn more about driving. The best "high performance drivers" are always the ones who are ready to learn something new every time they get behind the wheel.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- July 1<sup>st</sup> Semi-annual Dues Now Due
- July 17<sup>th</sup> Botanical Beach Family Picnic Drive
- August 8<sup>th</sup> Cowichan Valley Car Picnic
- August 28<sup>th</sup> European Car Club Picnic at Gyro Park
- 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
- October Oktoberfest Celebration with Seattle BMW Club (TBD – date confirmation pending)
- 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 Tech Meetings are in the process of being scheduled; stay tuned for updates.**