

# BMW Club Bulletin

J U N E 2 0 0 4 I S S U E



<http://www.bacvi.bc.ca>

## UPCOMING MEETING

### *BMW Archaeological Browse and Shop Session*

*Sponsored by,  
Bimmer Parts  
2839 Roberts Road, Duncan*



Al Carlson and Bimmer Parts has been a friend of BMW enthusiasts and the BMW Club of Vancouver Island for many years.

We encourage you to attend the June Club Meeting at Bimmer Parts in sunny Duncan. This will be a browse and shop session headed and hosted by owner Al Carlson and his team of mechanical and strip specialists. He and his team have traditionally hosted at least one session for the Club and they are always interesting and enjoyable with many BMW bits and pieces to review and a fascinating strip and scrap yard to wander.

We look forward to seeing you and encourage you to bring your wish list of bits for your vehicle. Chances are Al and Bimmer Parts have the one you're looking for.

See you on the 8<sup>th</sup>.

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

## UPCOMING EVENT

### *German Car Club Picnic at Gyro Park Sunday June 27, 2004 10:00am to 3:00pm*

Bring your family, bring your lunch and bring your Bimmer-baby to show off and share, in the annual German Car Club Picnic at Gyro Park. This has become a tradition with the Club and always is a wonderful event to share the German car mystique with the Porsche, Mercedes, Audi and Volkswagen Clubs. Thanks to the Porsche Club for organizing this event this year, yet again.

## UPCOMING EVENT

### *Botanical Beach Family Drive and Picnic Saturday July 17, 2004*

The drive to Botanical Beach has become a BMW Club of Vancouver Island tradition. The long relaxing scenic drive out to the West followed by a family picnic and walks on the beach can't be beat.

Stay tuned for details on where to meet and time.





<http://www.bacvi.bc.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: [editor@bacvi.bc.ca](mailto:editor@bacvi.bc.ca)

### Top Factors in Car Crashes by New Drivers...

Speed \* Alcohol and drugs \* Ignoring right-of-way \* Tailgating \* Improper passing and driving to the left of center \* Fatigue \* Reckless Driving

Courtesy <http://www.teendriving.com/crashes.htm>

## Learning to Drive *Again* Makes a Difference

Thanks to Roger Harmston

*It is possible to teach an old dog new tricks.* I'm not referring to chronological age, but mental attitude.

For many years in a former life I did a lot of parking lot slalom racing. Auto-crossing as the Americans call it. This is a test of holy matrimony between vehicle and driver through a challenging series of construction cones laid out like a race course - but generally in a large parking lot. You learn a lot of things about your driving ability and the agility of your vehicle. I did reasonably well, and collected a whole bunch of dash plaques each year, and had a lot of fun against cars that were supposedly a lot quicker than mine with drivers considerably younger, and with supposedly faster/better reaction times than mine (they generally spend time with video arcades).

Those 60-second adrenalin rushes were followed by about eight years of developing bad habits just driving on the street like everyone else.

The opportunity arose for a track day at Mission Raceway with Ross Bentley, Danny Kok and Tony Riddle of Driving Unlimited. The morning session was dry and cool, but the afternoon provided the proof of the lessons learned in the morning. It rained and rained and then rained some more. All the rubber balls from the previous season oozed to the surface. Now you understand balance and smoothness again.

The track day was followed up the next spring with a "Slip and Slide" school at Western Speedway. Braking exercises were interspersed with in line slalom and accident avoidance. The highlight of the day involved At 30 km/hr there were literally zero traction. We were treated to things that wouldn't happen until you were doing 3 or 4 times that speed under normal circumstances.

The goal of all the exercises is to help the driver gain 1 second of reaction time, and to learn what to do with that one second gained. If every driver were to learn these skills, studies have shown that over 80 per cent of all accidents would be avoided. Think of the cost savings to car owners, insurance companies, and healthcare systems. Contemplate the number of families that would still have loved ones intact and not murdered or maimed.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2004

- June 8<sup>th</sup> Bimmer Parts Browse and Shop Session, Duncan
- June 27<sup>th</sup> German Car Club Picnic at Gyro Park
- July 1<sup>st</sup> Semi-annual Dues due
- July BMW Club BBQ (TBD – date confirmation pending)
- July 17<sup>th</sup> Botanical Beach Family Picnic Drive
- August 8<sup>th</sup> Cowichan Valley Car Picnic
- September 26<sup>th</sup> Vancouver Island Wine Tour
- October Oktoberfest Celebration with Seattle BMW Club (TBD – date confirmation pending)
- 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)



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