

BMW Club Bulletin

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UPCOMING MEETING

Technical Session

*Sponsored by,
Island Motorsport
632 John Street, Victoria*



Tuesday May 11, 2004

Island Motorsport has been a BMW Club of Vancouver Island sponsor for many years.

We encourage you to attend the May Club Meeting at Island Motorsport. This will be a technical session headed and hosted by performance specialist and mechanic, Gurmah Thouli. Gurmah is the owner of Island Motorsport. He and his team have traditionally hosted at least one session for the Club and they are always interesting and enjoyable.

Gurmah is going to be offering an "open session", so bring your questions and notebook for some solid mechanical consulting as relates to your vehicle.

See you on the 11th.



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UPCOMING EVENT

Crow & Gate Drive & Dinner

*Saturday May 15, 2004
Starting at 1:00 --
Town & Country Mall*

What a way to start off the club's social calendar! A drive through the scenic Cowichan Valley followed by a dinner at one of the nicest English pubs on the island.

This wonderful little pub is located in Cedar, just south of Nanaimo but to get there our drive will take us through Cowichan Station, Glenora and some lovely backcountry roads behind Duncan.

And since we don't want anyone to get lost we'll make sure that route maps will be available at the rendezvous locations. Rendezvous points will include, Moxies at the Town and Country Shopping Centre at 1:00 in Victoria, the Malahat Mountain Inn at approximately 1:30, and Duncan's municipal parking lot at 2:30 before heading up island via the scenic route. For more information on the Crow & Gate Pub check out their web site at

<http://www.shift.to/crowandgate/>

Look forward to seeing you!

Crow & Gate Event Organizer, Frank Van der Have.



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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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Ross Bentley's High Performance Driving Tips

SHIFTING TECHNIQUES

You can tell a lot about a driver's abilities and skill by the smoothness and finesse of his or her shifts. The first rule in shifting is: speed is not as important as a good clean shift. You won't gain anything with a real fast shift, other than possibly a broken transmission. Smoothness, precision and finesse are the keys. Treat the shifter like it is an eggshell - be gentle, and firm with the movements.

Three very important rules to remember here: First, when finished making a shift, get your right hand back on the steering wheel! Don't ride the shifter. If it's not shifting, it should be steering. Second, don't ride the clutch pedal with your left foot! Use the "dead pedal", or rest pad, to the left of the clutch pedal to brace your body when not shifting. And third, don't slip the clutch! It's better to briskly let out the clutch than to slip it. It will last much longer that way.

Proper downshifting is a must for extracting the full potential of your car. It is not easy - it requires timing, skill and practice - but once mastered, smoothness and improved car control will result. It is also something you can practice every time you get behind the wheel.

Invest in your driving...

Before buying the next go-fast widget, invest in the most tunable component yet... the driver's mind.

Ross Bentley

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2004

- May 11th Island MotorSport Tech Meeting
- May 15th Crow & Gate Drive and Dinner
- July BMW Club BBQ (TBD – date confirmation pending)
- July 17th Botanical Beach Family Picnic Drive
- August 8th Cowichan Valley Car Picnic
German Car Club Picnic (TBD – date unknown)
- September 26th 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.