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Wasatch Chapter



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

EVENTS

- Sept 5 - Snowbird Resort Oktoberfest
- Sept 8 - Rally Drive to Miller Motorsports Park
- Sept 14 - Board Meeting
- Sept 18 - Fall Drive - Hill AFB through Ogden Canyon
- Oct 1-3 - Las Vegas Driving Event weekend
- Oct 10 - Car Control Clinic
- Nov 6 - Tech Session - Kevin's Toy Box
- Dec 5 - Holiday Party at Lugano's Restaurant
- Stay tuned to our website for up to date information and announcements



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Hello Club Members! I hope everyone is having a great summer! Ok, I won't waste time. So here we go! Many changes are happening with our Chapter. First off, if you haven't gone to our website, ***please do so***. You will find an all new look and format as well as Forums where questions can be asked and spontaneous events can be announced by anyone in the Club! Log on and use it! Much thanks to James for the new design and look.

I would also be remiss if I did not give John Lange huge kudos for all of the work he has done over the years with our website. He has decided to pursue other interests. Thank you again John! That being said, we are looking for a new webmaster. Any volunteers, please email me at president@wasatchbmwcca.org. If anyone has

any suggestions on ways to improve the website, please email the webmaster at webmaster@wasatchbmwcca.org. We want your input!

We also have a new logo! We feel that it encompasses the whole state of Utah and our region a little better. We hope you agree.

One major change that is not just merely symbolic is this: **we are already expanding our driving events!** We are currently meeting at Miller Motorsport Park to take part in Wide Open Wednesdays, which occur every month. At the moment and for insurance reasons, this is NOT officially sponsored by our Chapter, but will be in the near future. See website for details!

If Facebook is your passion, check out details about events/activities on our

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KEEPING THE ROAD CLEAR IN THE WET PIAA WIPER BLADES BY PERCY CHOW

As much as I like horsepower and handling, it's all pretty useless as soon as the wet stuff starts falling from the sky. Now, unless your car is a rally-prepped, all-wheel-drive model - and you have a few trophies with something like WRC Champion etched on them—then perhaps this is a good time to put some of that upgrade money toward safety. So this month, let's take a look at PIAA's Super Silicone series wiper blades.

PIAA is a Japanese performance company known mainly for their lighting systems, which are of incredible quality and durability. Aside from lighting, they also sell wheels and other accessories. PIAA was one of the first companies to introduce silicone technology

into wiper-blade systems about ten or twelve years ago. You probably won't see these wiper blades at a local Walmart or Kragen, since PIAA sells blades exclusively through their dealer network. The PIAA Super Silicone wiper blades mainly do two things:

1. Leave a thin silicone coating as they wipe,
2. Last longer (due to their silicone rubber compound).

In California, we don't get a lot of rain, which means nine months out of the year wiper blades do nothing but sunbathe and dry out. By the time it does rain, the old-style rubber blades can streak, squeal, scrape, and do everything but get the water off the windshield. From my observation, the \$10 blade inserts (\$20 if you buy the assembly) from Trico or

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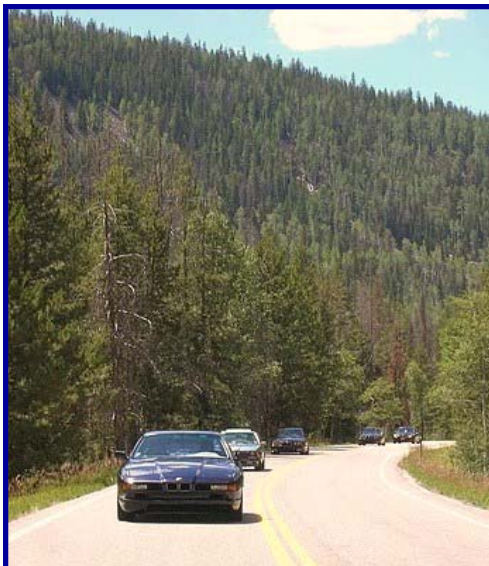
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New Members for August 2010

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*I will include new members for May-July
in the next issue.*

Welcome to the Wasatch Chapter !!

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Bosch will, at best, last about one season. But if you demand the absolute best visibility—as I do for my 80-mile-daily commute—you want your blades to work when you want them to, and not have to buy a new set with every rainstorm.

My quest for better quality came after buying two sets of non-PIAA blades in a span of four months—one new set at the end of the spring-rain season, followed by a summer cooking, and then a set for the fall rains. I looked around online and got a deal on a set of PIAA Super Silicone assemblies (blade insert and wiper frame) off eBay.

Installation was a snap: Lift wiper assembly from windshield, undo the pull-hook fastener, slide old wiper off, slide new PIAA blade on, slip pull-hook fastener back on. No special tools needed. You can wipe the PIAA blade with the provided alcohol swab to "activate" the blade's special sauce (but that seems like marketing hype to me). An easy-to-remember way of increasing blade life is, after squeegeeing your windshield at the gas station, pull up the wiper and use the wet paper towel to wipe the blade edge.

The result of the switch to PIAA blades? Like all new wiper blades, they worked great in the beginning—nice clean, streak-free performance in the wet. But what about the long run? I was still using the same blades two years later. That's four rain seasons and two summers! I'm sold!

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EVENTS CALENDAR



Sunday, September 5 - Oktoberfest - Snowbird Resort - *Come join us for a drive up Little Cottonwood Canyon for Snowbird's Annual Oktoberfest, for German food, drink and music. Bring your lederhosen and sing along! You can ride the Tram to Hidden Peak (11,000 ft) and hike down if you are ambitious. Go to Snowbird's website to view all their Summer Activities. Fun for the whole family. We will meet at 11:30am at G.K. Gilbert Geologic View Park located at 9788 S Wasatch Blvd in Sandy. Admission is free. Sadly, the food and drink are not.*

Wednesday, September 8 - Rally Drive to Miller Motorsports Park & Wide Open Wednesdays at the Track - *Come join your fellow club members for a fun hands-on driving event. The Wasatch Chapter will be conducting a Rally drive from the parking lot of the Whole Foods Market in Cottonwood Heights (at 5:00pm) to Miller Motorsports Park. We had a great time in August. So come on out this month for a great time. See details on page 7.*

Saturday, September 18 - Fall Fun Drive - Hill Air Force Base through Ogden Canyon - *Our Fall Fun Drive will start at the Hill Aerospace Museum in Ogden. We will then head up Ogden Canyon for lunch. Those club members living in SLC can circle back home via East Canyon. Bring family and friends, good times and good food as always. Meet at 10:30 am at the Aerospace Museum.*

Friday-Sunday, October 1-3 - Las Vegas Driving Events Weekend - *see details page 6.*

Sunday, October 10 - Advance Car Control Clinic - E Center - *Come join us for this years Advanced Clinic. See complete details on page 7.*

Saturday, November 6 - Tech Session - Kevin's Toy Box - *More details available soon. We're not sure what we will focus on, but it will be fun. We might even be able to tear something apart. The "toy box" is big enough for about 6 cars and lots of people! Kevin has been gracious enough to host this annual event for many years now.*

Sunday, December 5 - Holiday Party - Lugano's Restaurant - *More details available soon.*

For updated information and cool BMW stuff, check out [wasatchbmwcca.org](http://www.wasatchbmwcca.org)

You can also follow all Club Events on Facebook and Twitter





Dear BMW Club Member,

We need your feedback! Because that's the only way we can improve BMW Classic's services in line with the needs of our customers – and that includes you.

So we would really appreciate it if you could spare a little time to take part in a survey of all the BMW Clubs. To give the other members of your BMW Club a chance to submit their opinions as well, please forward this email to all your members.

Clicking on the following link will take you to the online survey. It shouldn't take more than eight minutes of your time to answer the questions. Go to:

www.staffadvance.net/bmwgroupclassic/31

Your answers to the questionnaire will be treated in absolute confidence. The evaluation will be based on the average values of all respondents. **May we kindly ask you to complete the questionnaire by August 31st 2010.** Many thanks for your support!

Kind regards,
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Facebook page at facebook.com. Log in and type "wasatchbmwcca" in the search field. You will find pics of the latest activities and future events as well! Post your own comments or questions!

Additionally, we have a new events chairman, or should I say chairwoman! Congrats to Sara Russell. For event ideas, email her at events@wasatchbmwcca.org.

We also have a new Vice President. Congrats to Gregg Bambo! For any questions/comments for Gregg please email him at vicepresident@wasatchbmwcca.org.

Last but by no means least, we are also holding a regionwide major driving event October 1-3, 2010 in Las Vegas! We will have a car control clinic, a Street Survival course for younger drivers 16-19 years old and a High Speed instructor led class on the Las Vegas Motor Speedway. This promises to be a very exciting event. The whole family can come! Shopping sprees will be available as well as activities for the kids!! See the website, Facebook and check your emails for details!

Well, I am panting over all the new changes and great activities coming up! Get involved and most importantly, bring your friends! More changes to come!! JOIN THE FUN! For comments, email me at president@wasatchbmwcca.org



With much respect,

Rich Getty

Help!

We are searching for a volunteer newsletter editor who can meet deadlines. Is there anyone out there who is willing to put together our Switchback, which is about 4 issues per year?

Please contact Rich Getty at 801-330-2779 or

gettybmw@yahoo.com.



The MINI Countryman R60 Offroad. For MINI, this will be the first factory backed MINI rally effort since 1960s. According to their sources, MINI will officially launch the car next year in Rome, before the May's Rally D'Italia Sardegna, but the car is not expected to compete in any of the first four rounds of next year's World Rally Championship. Testing of the new machine is expected to begin soon and it will use BMW's 1.6 liter turbo-charged engine.

CLASSIFIEDS

- **18" Wheels For Sale!** - 18" tire rack wheels with winter tires mounted. They were mounted on a 2006 BMW 330i. The tires have one season left. Asking \$300. Call Rich — 801-330-2779.
- This is one of the nicest vintage 735i's anywhere. This car drives like a dream. I have spent \$4,000 dollars completely rebuilding the front end and tuning the motor. It drives like it were new. If you are looking for classic at a great price. It has very low miles - 79,000. \$10,900 OBO. Must sell! John 801.898.7600
- 2002 540iT Sport Wagon, Blue Water, Black Leather, Nav, BMW phone, 74.5k miles, \$14,000. Fantastic road car. Very good condition. 25 mpg freeway. Purchased from original owner in Newport Beach, CA. You'll love this car. 801-520-9941 Lenny
- **SEEKING TO BUY:** an E46 330ci 2004-2005. contact Dave Cianto—801-750-2973. Thank You.

Las Vegas Driving Events - Something for Everyone

Seven Pacific Region Chapters are co-hosting three days at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway on **October 1, 2 and 3, 2010**. From first timer to club racer, we have it covered.

The weekend starts Friday with Instructor Training Classes, Club Race Practice, the first of three days of Advanced (A+) Driving School and an optional practice day for B students. Saturday's schedule has an Intermediate Driving School, a newly formatted Novice's Driving School, Car Control Clinic and Club Racing. The weekend finishes on Sunday with more Driving Schools, more Club Racing and a Tire Rack Street Survival School.

Bring your family. There's plenty for them to do while you are at the Speedway. Vegas has family activities, spas, swimming, museums, shopping and lots more for non-track-junkies. Evening activities include shows, fine dining, people watching or just relaxing.

Registration is open now at <http://www.wasatchbmwcca.org>. All participants (instructors, students and staff) need to submit the appropriate registration form.



It's been many years since a CCA chapter went to LVMS and it may not happen again for several years.

DON'T MISS IT - Sign up NOW.

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Rally Drive

To Miller Motorsports Park for Wide Open Wednesday

Wednesday, September 8th from 5:00 - 8:30 pm

Whole Foods Mkt near 6930 Highland Drive, Cottonwood Heights
to Miller Motorsports Park

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Come out and join your fellow club members for a fun hands-on driving event. The BMWCCA Wasatch Chapter will be conducting a Rally Drive from the parking lot of the Whole Foods Market in Cottonwood Heights to Miller Motorsports Park. The BMWCCA sponsored event ends at the entrance to Miller Motorsports Park.

Club members can choose to attend Miller Motorsports Park's Wide Open Wednesday event if they wish. All driving events at the track are hosted by Miller Motorsports Park and helmets are required. If you do not have a helmet, sharing is allowed, or rentals cost \$15 at the track.

WOW Event Costs: \$25 for a lap around the race track. \$1 per autocross run or \$10 for unlimited runs. \$35 for unlimited laps on the big track and on the autocross course. \$10 for 10 laps on Miller Motorsports Park's world-class kart track.

For more information or to RSVP, email the Wasatch Chapter's Events Coordinator Sara Russell or President Rich Getty.

For those traveling from longer distances that can't or don't wish to meet for the %pm Rally Drive but would still

2010 ADVANCED CAR CONTROL CLINIC! SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10TH AT THE 'E' CENTER

THE WASATCH CHAPTER OF BMW CLUB IS OFFERING A NEW, BIGGER AND BETTER CAR CONTROL CLINIC. Any adult bringing their 16-18 year old driver(s) will pay only \$50.00 for each minor (the Parent must also register and pay \$75). We have special paperwork for minors that must be signed by BOTH parents prior to the event . . . call Rich to get it.

You do not have to be a member of our BMW Chapter and most cars are acceptable (call me if you are in doubt). We will be "wetting down" most of the courses laid out with a water truck to facilitate easier "sliding/out of control" scenarios. This will not "hurt" your auto.

THIS EVENT IS VERY DIFFERENT FROM WHAT MANY OF YOU HAD PARTICIPATED IN THIS PAST YEAR. Our goal is to increase your skill level and to make you a safer and more confident driver. These exercises cannot be performed safely "on the open road", but are safe under the controlled environment at the "E" Center. This is an all day event, from 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM. Attendance is limited to the first 40 participants who register. There will be plenty of "behind the wheel" time as well as classroom sessions. Cost is \$75.00 per driver.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Rich Getty at 801-330-2779.

Please go to our website at wasatchbmwcca.org for Registration Form & mail to:

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