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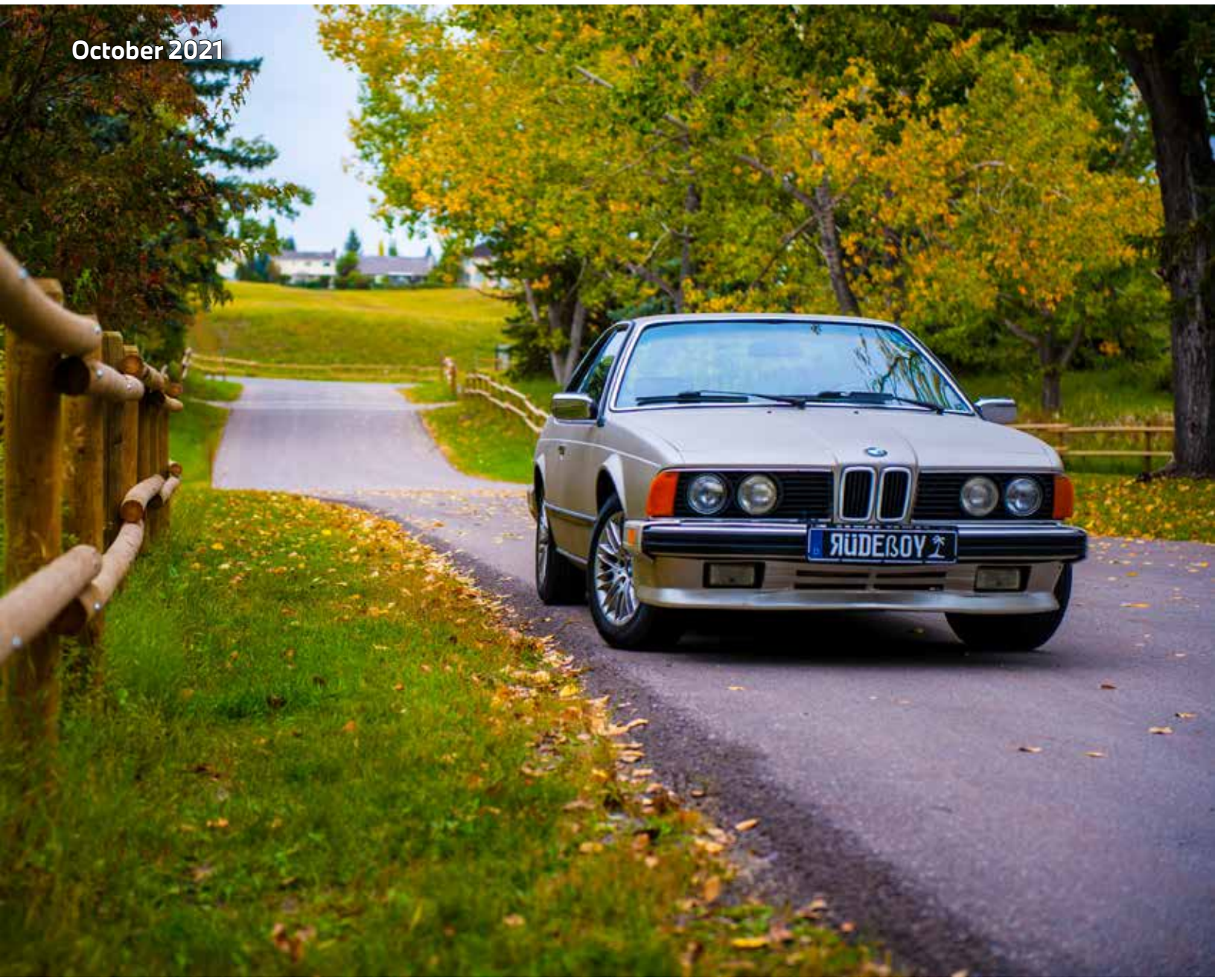

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On the cover: Aquille Lange's E24 at Shannon Terrace – Photo by Victor Yuen.

Kalender

Our Club uses venues that follow the City of Calgary Bylaws which are consistent with Alberta Restriction Exemption Program (REP).

Please be socially responsible when you attend our events!

Oct 2	CC&C – 10:00 to noon – Ricky's at Deerfoot Meadows across from Ikea
Oct 13	Social & General Meeting - 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm – VIRTUAL – contact walsh@bmwcsa.ca for invite
Oct 16	Sheni's AutoTrend – New 4-Wheel Dyno and Suspension Balancing Tech Session – 10:30 – 1:00 PM. EventBrite Registration
Nov 6	CC&C – 10:00 to noon – Ricky's at Deerfoot Meadows across from Ikea
Nov 10	Social & General Meeting - 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm – VIRTUAL – contact walsh@bmwcsa.ca for invite
Nov 20	Annual Christmas Party – Austrian Canadian Club – EventBrite Invite out in November
TBA	Cars Gone By Shop Tour / Aspen Crossing (Mossleigh) – stay tuned
Dec 4	CC&C – 10:00 to noon – Ricky's at Deerfoot Meadows across from Ikea
Dec 8	Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Monthly Meeting – stay tuned

Membership in BMWCSA

Membership is a family affair with many of our events devised with family participation in mind. The family membership of $60 for one year, $105 for two years and $150 for three years covers all household family members. You do not have to own a BMW to be a Club member!

To join the club, download the membership form from the link below and fill in your details: http://bmwcsa.ca/resources/Membership-Application.pdf

For more info, or to submit your membership application, please email Glen Cook or Victor Yuen at: membership@bmwcsa.ca

Membership privileges include newsletters and participation in many social and motoring activities, plus a 15% discount on parts & lifestyle accessories at BMW Dealerships. After one year of membership, you will also enjoy a 2% Rebate off MRSP on either a new car or motorcycle from BMW Canada. This discount is based on MRSP and not on your negotiated price.

Also many of our advertising sponsors, whose ads appear in our newsletters, offer discounts to members for parts and services. Please remember to show your BMWCSA card and identify yourself as a club member when purchasing parts, accessories and service.

We would like to welcome to the Club:

Peter Finnerty	2001 5 Series E39
Tejay Haugen	2021 M3
Tomasz Pasko	2006 850i E31, 2006 M3 E46
Graham Pond	2020 M440i
Ali Zeaiter	1988 E30

The President's Corner – Greg Walsh

I am pleased to report that five new members joined us through our booth at Eurofest continuing the small gain we have had in membership over the past few months. Next month's newsletter will carry coverage of Eurofest. We thank Sheni's AutoTrend and the other event sponsors for putting on this event for the third straight year.

It seems that we cannot escape the problems presented by the Covid-19 pandemic. Events for the foreseeable future will be constrained. You have a choice on how you respond to the pandemic. It is how we individually and collectively respond to our neighbours that defines our civilization. Our Club will use venues that follow City of Calgary Bylaws consistent with the Alberta Restriction Exemption Program (REP). Please be socially responsible attending our Events.

Our **monthly Social/Business** meetings will continue to be held via Video Conference (drop me a note at Walsh@bmwcsa.ca if you want to attend). The monthly **Coffee Cars and Chat (CC&C)** will continue on the first Saturday 10AM to noon at Ricky's Deerfoot (opposite IKEA). Socially responsible distancing will be the norm for the parking lot and REP requirements will rule food services. We are trying to arrange for the **annual Christmas Party** on the evening of November 20th; cross your fingers and stay tuned for details. See Kalender for other events.

Your Club has been able to conduct a variety of **Impromptu or Informal Drives** and it looks like we will be able to safely continue these. A few of these have been written up on previous newsletters and the latest to PaSu Farms is highlighted in this issue. The drives are "spur-of-the-moment" events for up to a dozen-or-so cars and usually involve a 2-3-hour country drive and a stop for refreshments – either a picnic or a restaurant (if allowed by Covid rules).

Several members have asked how to participate. Unlike our major and planned drives like the Father's Day Drive, these Impromptu Drives have always been run through a Sub Group of our club managed by Victor Yuen. The deal is simple – you put yourself on the list and when the email notice of a drive comes out, it's up to you to decide to go or not.

To get on the Sub Group list, see the latest MailChimp or just contact Victor at victor@bmwcsa.ca

Please note that we do not send out broadcast emails to the entire membership announcing Impromptu Drives, as there is limited interest in spur of the moment events and we respect your mail box. Also – we are always looking for interesting tours and if you have ideas, please pass them to Victor.

Although Covid-19 caused us to cancel our 2021 **Street Survival School** for young drivers, **we are planning for 2022.** So, keep this School in mind and a Saturday in early June open. When asked what good our Club does, the Street Survival School is a very positive example of our societal outreach.

Our Club succeeds because our members step forward. Thank you All!

I wish you joy of your BMW.

Keep Safe and Keep Positive!

Greg Walsh

Classified

Interested parties can refer to www.bmwcsa.ca for additional photos in many cases. Please see website classifieds for older ads.

For sale: 2011 335i xDrive Sedan, Black Sapphire exterior, Saddle Brown Interior, 191,000km. M-Sport Package

Includes summer carpet mats and winter Weathertech mats, summer and winter rims & tires (Pilot Sport 4S & GT Radial Winterpro) plus two additional brand-new Pilot Sport 4S tires for the rear. Burger Motorsports intake + stock intake. Diffuser + rear lip. Ceramic coat August 2021. Service records for whole period of ownership since 2016. Lots of stuff done on it recently including all the expensive stuff at this point of life in a car: new rear shocks, rear bearings, A/C evaporator and condenser, heater blower, starter. Airbag recall and wiring harness recall completed.

$15,000. Open to offers. Contact Jeff @ trost@bmwcsa.ca

Aquille Lange's 1985 635CSi E24

One of our new young members, Aquille Lange, showed up at the September CC&C in his 1985 635CSi E24 and we quickly sucked him into a story and photoshoot.

His previous ride was an E30. One day he was driving and spotted this sleek classic BMW. Not sure what it was he did research to identify the car and decided he had to have one. After a year or so of searching, he found an affordable and relatively decent model in April in Calgary.

The E24 was BMW's first grand tourer car replacing the E9 coupe. Manufactured from 1976 to 1989, it was originally based on the E12 5 series platform and upgraded in 1982 to the E28 5 series platform. Early and entry model variants are the 628CSi, 630CSi and 633CSi while the 635CSi and M6 variants are the upper echelon. The 1985 635CSi came with the M30B34 SOHC inline 6 with 3430 cc rated at 162 kW or 208 HP.

As usual with such finds, there are the inevitable refreshment issues. One such issue was that the driveshaft was hanging by a sole center bearing bolt. Also, as is typical, the car had rusted areas and tired paint.

Aquille is an aircraft mechanic by training and experience and set to work on his acquisition. The mechanicals were refreshed including new driveshaft components, brakes, wheels and tires. He removed the surface rust and welded in some new sheet metal in the quarter panels. He then sprayed the car with the OEM spec Bronzit-beige metallic paint and added a flat finish.

The car is a daily driver and recently hoofed its way to Vancouver and back.

Photos by Victor Yuen, Aquille Lange and Chris Tworek

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Born Electric

Despite all the help from political virtue signalling, successfully entering the EV market is a tough road. Roughly three quarters of today's market is still conventional SUVs and trucks, companies like Tesla have an early brand identity and, even with subsidies, the price, battery life and range anxiety are still concerning.

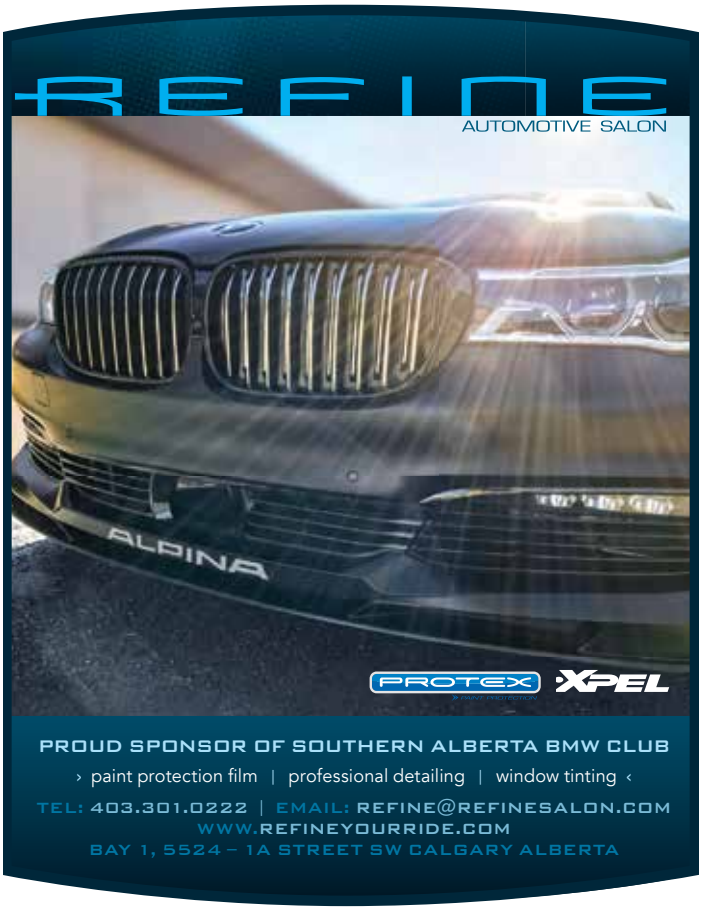
The recent peek at the BMW iX xDrive50 and i4 pre-production models at Calgary Dealerships leaves the impression that BMW has dramatically upped the stakes with two models, feature and technology packed, packed with a futuristic WOW factor that started with the i8.

- i4 eDrive40 with 335 hp and rear-wheel drive. Estimated range up to 475 km. Starting at $54990
- i4 M50 with 536 hp and all-wheel drive. Estimated range up to 385 km. Starting at $72,990
- iXDrive50 Sports Activity Vehicle (SAV) with 516 HP AWD. Estimated range up to 475 km and 4.6 second 0-100 km times starting at $89,990 CDN
- In the future - iX M60 - over 600 hp and the first all-electric SAV from BMW M
- Availability is expected in March of 2022; no date for iX M60.

While both vehicles are impressive, the following outlines some of the main cutting-edge technology of the iXDrive50 which is clearly the BMW EV Flagship. We are only hitting the "gearhead features" and there are numerous other features in both models shown in the accompanying photos. Look at the **BMW Canada website** for highly descriptive videos.

Also, as impressive as these vehicles are in the showroom, a long-term road test and perhaps some track time between battery charges (especially for the M variants), will tell the ultimate tale.

BMW calls the iX "a distinctive re imagining of a BMW SAV combining the functionality of the X5 with agility of the X6 and



the expressive appearance of the X7 ". Our impression was more like an elongated and expanded X1/X2 and "sized just right" to gracefully and easily enter and exit. The interior is spacious as there is no driveline hump and the panoramic glass roof with electrochromic shading eliminates the need for a headliner.

5th Generation eDrive Technology

The 5th generation eDrive is a single housing unit integrating electric motor, power electronics and transmission with a power density around 30 per cent greater than earlier electric drive systems.

The latest BMW electric motors have an efficiency factor of 93 percent versus around 40 percent in current combustion engines.

The excitation of the rotor in the BMW iX motors is by feed-in of electric energy and not induction by fixed permanent magnets eliminating the use of rare earths required for magnets.

Drive power is via a single-speed transmission – installed in the same housing – to the front and rear wheels. The centrally controlled electric all-wheel drive links up with the chassis control systems to enable extremely rapid and precise metering of drive power according to the driving situation, the road conditions and the driver's wishes.

Adaptive Recuperation of Energy

Adaptive and individually regulated recuperation of braking energy uses intelligently connected drive management to set the

amount of recuperation from the road situation, navigation data and driver assistance sensors. The recuperation amount can also be set by the driver. Graphics showing the driving status and energy flow can be monitored in the iDrive system's Live Vehicle menu which also includes an Efficiency Trainer function!

High-Voltage Battery

The lithium-ion battery has a gross energy content of 111.5 kWh and a net energy content of 106.3 kWh. The gravimetric energy density has been increased by around 20 percent to improve charging and discharging, durability and safety.

The batteries are mounted low in the vehicle floor in an aluminum housing which acts as an integral component of the body.

Integrated Heating and Cooling System with Heat Pump and Anticipatory Battery Thermal Management

The heating and cooling system is three circuits interconnected by electric valves with a shared expansion tank. A two-level cooling module, a refrigerant compressor, two evaporators, a water-cooled condenser and a high-performance control unit ensure optimum temperature control for both the eDrive components and the vehicle interior in any operating state and in all regular weather conditions.

The heat pump achieves high efficiency using ambient heat and heat from dehumidification and waste heat from the motors.

This system insures optimal temperature control for the battery in highly dynamic driving situations with high power requirements and during fast-charging from a DC charging station.

If the navigation system has scheduled a stop at a fast-charging station, anticipatory thermal management will automatically pre-condition the battery beforehand by either warming or cooling it. Optimum battery temperature allows quick and efficient charging at maximum capacity.

Thermal management takes several factors into account - current battery temperature and remaining range, predicted charging rate and the amount of charging planned – all as part of the overall route calculation.

Combined Charging Unit for Charging at up to 200 kW

The Combined Charging Unit (CCU) enables a high level of charging flexibility. It combines the functions of the voltage transformer, charging electronics and power distribution, plus the management systems for the drive, high-voltage and charging functions of the drive units, into a single package.

- A Level 2 AC charger (typical 110 v / 11 kW) gives 0 to 100% in just over eleven hours
- A DC fast charger (240 v / 200kW) starting with a battery sitting at 10%, gives 150 kilometres more range in 10 minutes and 10 to 80% in around 31 minutes

Body, Drag Coefficient and Chassis Design

Open the doors and spot the Carbon Cage – Carbon Fibre Reinforced Plastic (CFRP) is used for side frame, rain channels, roof frame, cowl panel and rear window frame. This is integrated with the aluminum spaceframe along with other steel and thermoplastic components.

The lighter weight and extremely strong and torsion resistant shell creates a low center of gravity benefiting safety, driving dynamics and electric power consumption.

The low drag coefficient (Cd) of 0.25 is due to the streamlined body including sealing of the underbody, the tapered glasshouse, flush-fitting door handles, extremely slender exterior mirrors and precisely crafted aero edges.

Functional aerodynamics include blocking off the kidney grille and the front bumper air intakes elements to lower drag and electronically opening them, as required, for brake cooling and operation of the heat pump for climate control.

The suspension has precise steering, handling and comfort from:

- Double-wishbone front and five link rear suspension with aluminium components
- Aluminum front axle subframe rigid connection to the body
- Aluminum shear panel combined with the high-voltage battery module for front end rigidity
- Extra hydraulic damping and individual control for each shock to progressively adjust the firmness with suspension travel.

- Servotronic speed-sensitive power assistance with a variable rack ratio.
- **Integrated Braking System** (electric actuator gives liner pedal feel managing brake activation, booster and control functions eliminating unwanted feedback from brake energy recuperation)
- Electric All-Wheel Drive, DSC and Near-Actuator Wheel Slip Limitation (Near Actuator is specific to EV enabling maximum acceleration on slippery surfaces)
- **Optional** Two-Axle Air Suspension (-10 to +20 mm range)
- **Optional** Integral Active Steering rear-wheel steering (enhances maneuverability)

Aerodynamically Optimized Light-Alloy Wheels and Noise-Reducing Tires

20-inch aerodynamically optimized light-alloy wheels are standard. 21-inch and 22-inch Air Performance wheels are optional and include an aluminum base wheel with inserts between the spokes for a flat design for smoother airflow and a 15% weight reduction over conventional alloy wheels.

The Air Performance wheels are fitted with innovative tires which have a layer of foam on the tire's inner surface. This absorbs the vibration noise in the tire's air-filled cavity which normally acts as a resonator.

An advanced Tire Pressure Monitor relays pressure and temperature from each wheel, generating Control Panel readouts. It factors data on the tires, manufacturer, dimensions and production date, from a QR code at the factory or service partner.

Exclusive to BMW, this system simplifies use of the iDrive tire pressure indicator. The driver has only to indicate whether the vehicle is partially or fully loaded to view information on both the ideal and current tire pressures and decide whether there is any need to adjust them.

A digital tire diagnosis function helps advise the owner of tire wear by processing the data from the Monitor together with the pressure, temperature and wheel speed readings to forecast the remaining tire life. The My BMW App will notify of required actions.

Great Entrance Moments and Digital Key Plus

"Great Entrance Moments" is the user welcoming experience and it can be integrated with the BMW Digital Key Plus. The Key employs ultra-wideband (UWB) technology already integrated into the vehicle and the smartphone's U1 chip. This

technology allows precise triangulation between the vehicle and the key or smartphone, meaning that the car knows the direction and distance the driver is approaching from.

Once the distance drops below ten feet, the vehicle carries out a choreographed sequence with a lighting effect using the exterior and interior lights, the light carpet, door handle lighting and unlocking. It then activates the entry assistance features along with the steering wheel and surface heating, plays a start-up animation on the Curved Display, loads ID settings and establishes a connection with the smartphone, before finishing with a customized welcome window showing a personal greeting with handy suggestions and information.

You can leave your phone in your pocket or put it into the wireless charging tray and drive away.

Precision Navigation and Additional Information with Augmented Reality Video

BMW Maps navigation has Augmented Reality unique to this automobile segment. A live video stream from the driver's perspective is shown on the control display augmented by additional helpful information. For example, for dealing with confusing turns, an animated directional arrow is integrated into the video image to help the driver take the best turn off.

As well as superimposing arrows, points of interest (POI) including parking spots can be highlighted in the live video stream. Tapping the indicated POIs brings up further information about them, such as user ratings, opening times or images.

Snapshots: A Glance Inside the Vehicle and Theft Protection with new Interior Camera

Selfies - the overhead interior camera can be used by voice command or touch control to take snapshots. It has HDR mode for low light conditions, a three second self-timer and an option to take a photo when at least one of the occupants is smiling. Scanning a QR code in the control display with any smartphone allows sharing.

This feature can be used remotely to check the interior. In the future, there will be a Remote Theft Recorder, triggered by the anti-theft system. And – yes – there is a raft of Privacy features and security.

BMW iDrive 8 and Advanced Driver Assistance System Sensors

The iX is the first BMW model to feature driver assistance systems that process 20 times more data than existing models, greatly increasing the scope of driving and parking systems.

The iDrive 8 takes the interaction between driver and vehicle further into the digital more user-friendly future with Controls reduced to the essentials. Its focus is on dialogue-based interaction using natural language and touch operation. New features include the expanded BMW Intelligent Personal Assistant, which now uses graphics to communicate - and - the BMW Curved Display – the all-new fully digital display grouping angled around the driver.

The powerful computing platform with all-new software couples with the latest generation of class-leading sensors to map the vehicle's surroundings: 5 cameras, 5 radar sensors and 12 ultrasonic sensors. Included is an industry first 8 MP front camera and front-mounted radar system with a 300-yard range and multiple vertical resolution levels. The radar employs a nanoscale vacuum-based coating process in its manufacture for the greatest possible precision. The camera and radar are integrated into the grill protected by a self-healing polyurethane coating. The front and rear cameras have a cleaning system.

With customer consent, all information can be sent to BMW for use in developing autonomous driving.

Shy Tech: People Take Centre Stage and Intelligent Technology Fades into the Background

The shy tech approach (i.e. technology manifesting itself when needed) includes speakers that have been integrated out of sight, delicately styled air vents, heated surfaces and the Head-Up Display's projector recessed into the instrument panel to make it almost invisible. The hexagonally shaped steering wheel, a rocker switch for gear selection and the Curved Display – which forms part of the next-generation BMW iDrive 8 – hint at the futuristic driving.

Speakers positioned beneath the surface in the head rest and lumbar areas enrich the acoustic experience. Seats have extensive multi-way electric adjustment and the option of heating, ventilation and massage.

The Curved Display teams up with iDrive 8 to deliver a totally new graphics experience offering customizable display options that provide the driver with precise information tailored to the current situation. Exceptionally intuitive operation using voice or touch control enables the driver to interact easily and safely.

THE BMW i4 eDrive40.

BMW GEN5
Electric drivetrain.

- 250 kW.
- < 6.0 sec 0-100 km/h.*
- > 16 < 20 kWh/100 km (WLTP).*
- Up to 590 km range (WLTP).*
- 164 km range per 10 mins max. DC charging.

* Preliminary figures.

Large tailgate for easy access to 470 - 1,290 litres cargo space.

Comprehensive BMW Charging Portfolio, incl. 11 kW Flexible Fast Charger. Attractive per kWh price rates for AC and DC charging, including IONITY.

Centre of gravity 53 mm lower than BMW 3 Series.

Wheelbase: 2,856 mm

Length: 4,785 mm

Max. 1,600 kg trailer load.

BMW Curved Display.

Total lifecycle CO_2 emissions approx. 2/3 less than comparable gasoline model.

Total cost of ownership approx. 1/3 less than comparable ICE model.

THE BMW i4 M50.

Additional bracing elements.

Adaptive M Suspension as standard including VDC dampers and Variable Sport Steering.

Increased track width.*
- 26 mm front.
- 12 mm rear.

Increased negative camber at the front axle.

Gurney flap for reduced aerodynamic lift.

Bracing elements for the rear axle.

Rear axle with air springs.

37 mm lower center of gravity.*

Axle load distribution 48.2 / 51.8 %.

Max. tire dimension 255/35 R20 97Y XL 285/30 20 99Y XL diameter line 680 HP tires.

First time use of Gen5 in xDrive (AWD) layout.
- Rear axle electric motor 230 kW.
- Front axle electric motor 190 kW.

200 kW DC / 11 kW AC charging (3-phase).

Highly integrated drivetrain unit 400 kW / 544 hp.

Adaptive Recuperation during Coasting and Braking; up to 195 kW.

BMW GEN5
Battery-electric drive train architecture components.

* In comparison to BMW 3 Series.

Panoramic Glass Roof with Electrochromic Shading

The optional panoramic glass roof spanning the entire interior gives a lounge like ambience and exceptional head room. It uses electrochromic shading for optimum protection against ultraviolet rays while providing acoustic comfort.

A steel frame contains three layers of film sandwiched between two glass panels. The upper glass panel's triple silver coating maintains a comfortable climate in the cabin. The roof is the only one of its kind to employ PDLC (Polymer Dispersed Liquid Crystal) technology for shading rather than an interior liner. Its transparency is altered by applying a voltage to the middle layer of film. The liquid crystals, dispersed as droplets in a polymer matrix, are aligned evenly by the electrical energy to allow light to pass into the interior. When de-energized, the crystals distribute themselves in a disorderly pattern to create shade in less than a second.

My Modes and Acoustic Pedestrian Protection

Three modes create special experiences: PERSONAL, SPORT and EFFICIENT. They activate settings for the drive system and chassis, display styles, ambient lighting's colour scheme, drive unit's interior soundtrack and the seat backrest width.

Acoustic Pedestrian Protection, active up to driving speeds of 30 km/h, uses an artificially generated brand-typical soundtrack, to warn pedestrians.

The acoustic experience, set by My Modes, delivering authentic feedback to every movement of the accelerator, can also be enjoyed in the interior to spark an inspiring acoustic accompaniment for the all-electric driving experience. This sound was a collaboration between film music composer and Academy Award winner Hans Zimmer and BMW's Renzo Vitale.

Sustainability

BMW is a leader in sustainability and key components include closely monitored raw materials extraction, the exclusive use of electricity from renewable sources in the production process and an extraordinarily high proportion of recycled materials.

Source: BMW PRESS FEEDS

REMINDER

BMW Canada Loyalty Discount for BMW Club Canada Members

Members are reminded to follow the proper process to avoid losing the discount

- **This is a BMW Canada Plan** – BMW Clubs only administer the application process
- The Loyalty Discount:
  - o 2% off MRSP up to $2000 (regardless of any other deal at dealership)
  - o Applies to new vehicles and motorcycles
  - o Applicant must have been a BMW Club member for minimum of 12 months
  - o Some models may be periodically excluded so check Club website
- **Prior to Purchase Club Member MUST:**
  - o Fill in application form (see https://www.bmw-csa.ca/membership-overview/benefits/)
  - o Email to Club President at walsh@bmwcsa.ca ***BEFORE PURCHASE***
    - *It can take up to 2 weeks for processing so apply early*
  - o **Only the Member may submit the application, no Dealership nor anyone else may submit it on their behalf**
- Upon membership verification by the BMW Club, BMW Canada emails ***discount letter*** to member
  - o Letter is good for up to six (6) months on any new model
  - o Member presents discount letter to Dealership during purchase process – ***cannot be done retroactively!***
- Each member may use only one (1) discount in any 12-month period but can apply for a letter multiple times
- Questions – contact Greg Walsh at walsh@bmwcsa.ca

Informal Drives: How many times have you driven by that sign?

Our informal drives are a way for a small group to get out and do what we like to do best which is to drive and explore. The events are highly informal and usually involve stopping somewhere for a bite or ice cream.

They are also an avenue to explore our own back yard – how many times have you driven by some sign for an attraction, wondered what was there, but kept on going?

So, it was with our recent drive to PaSu Farm, Boutique and Restaurant. Glen Cook and Victor Yuen decided it was high time to go and 10 people signed up. It would have been too easy just to go up HWY 2 and turn west by the sign that we have all passed a hundred times. Nope – we started at the Rocky Ridge Co-Op off 12-mile Coulee road and took a serpentine path through some fancy shacks and with Bearspaw Road, Hwy 567, Horse Creek Road and Grand Valley being the fun roads before got to the Bottrell Country Store. A short stop for refreshments and then a few more kilometers and we arrived at PaSu.

The drive was magnificent on a sunny day with golden fields and foliage turning into autumn colours. However, the real treat was PaSu. This is no run of the mill tourist trap – the owners, originally from South Africa, have run the Farm, Restaurant and Boutique for over 40 years. Their warmth and humour, especially at dinner makes you feel like you are at a festive family dinner. And while dinner was more than we usually spend on these drives, it was worth every penny and an experience in itself! The four-course meal easily turned a gearhead into a foodie – take a look at the photos and the PaSu site: http://www.pasu.com/

And ... well ... there is more to the story. The guys decided to leave the ladies at the Boutique and spacious deck (with wine and truffle oil popcorn) while they took a quick jaunt to see Rocky Mountain Motorsport progress ... we will leave the rest to your imagination!

If you are interested in Informal Drives, let Victor Yuen (victor@bmwcsa.ca) know.

And as to Rocky – much progress and some of the paving has started. Subsequently, there was a RMM Members controlled drive on some pavement in late September and there is a rumoured October 16th opening.

Annual BBQ 2021

Our longstanding BBQ event and meal is free to members and their families plus our advertisers. There is a token charge for guests.

The 2021 Event was held on Sunday August 15th. Much like all of events this summer, the mood was all about fun and enjoying each other's company and cars. The following is how one of our young new members, Misia Rajzyngier, enjoyed the experience.

The annual BBQ was hosted by John and Lyla Chipperfield at their beautiful acreage outside Priddis. The location has changed a handful of times but for the last few years it has been in Priddis. Their acreage can hold quite a number of cars and guests. This year had a record turnout. Over 120 guests and over 60+ cars were at the show.

My introduction to this event came from working at Sheni's AutoTrend. Working at there definitely has its perks. The front-end staff and some guests got to drive out together from the shop, in a convoy, to the event in style. With our collection of BMWs, many of us raced off into the prairies while some of us ... i.e. Sheni, Mike, Rob and I, had fallen a tad behind... Sheni had mistakenly taken a wrong turn on the new highway while myself and Mike followed trying to stay together. Meanwhile in the parade of our lineup of cars the other boys - Adrian and Tariq raced off to get to the BBQ, Rizwana was racing behind to catch up in John Herbst's car, and Jozef... well it was usually quite hard to tell where that man was headed in the zippy Z4M Roadster.

When all of us finally pulled up as a team, we started to park the cars, one by one, beautifully directed by Victor Yuen. This was my first time at this annual BBQ, so I believe I can attest to some "first-timers" perspective. There were a lot of cars. Some older vehicles and some newer ones, ranging from old classic E30's to a lineup of brand-new M cars. From SUV's to luxury sports cars like the i8, the options were endless. I truly enjoy the diversity of the car club. We all enjoy BMWs but everyone's taste ranges all over the place. There were definitely some strays like Matthew Sobczak's VW... I mean Porsche. There was even a 1923 Model T Bucket Hot Rod, which in my short 24 years on earth, was the first time I saw one in person and, boy, was it a beaut. The car club sure did not disappoint with variety when it came to cars in the lot.

The event was catered by Great Events Catering - from the choice of chicken, vegetarian or the brisket with salads, baked beans and corn - the food was delicious and beyond filling. The food in the spacious tent certainly caps a fun event. Thank you to Mr. Bruce Borstmayer for coordinating and arranging everything from the food, the tents (which were paid for by Calgary BMW), sound systems and those good ol' porta potties. It also takes many other hands to make everything else run smoothly and the club volunteer effort is much appreciated.

If you were at the BBQ, you may have seen 5-year-old Nico Schenk, John and Lyla's grandson, with his collection of BMW 2002s laying on top of his family's 2002 that happened to have made an appearance. I approached him right away to admire his collection of little Hot Wheels and he even let Rob, my boyfriend and sidekick photographer, capture it up close. Nico is the future of the BMW club. An enthusiast at such a young age! At one point in the event he ended up drawing his own name in the box of ballots and ended up winning a Refine Detail kit. What are the chances, HA! Now that's a memorable moment to say the least.

By the way, all kids got a lot bag with a small LEGO kit and both a Hot Wheels Surprise Pack and a Regular car.

The Silent Auction is a great way to engage club members with companies that sponsor and are tied to the club in one way or another. From dyno runs and oil change packages, to BMW items for purchase - the silent auction is a great way to attract club members to the BBQ.

During the event there was also a Wined-Up draw. If you enjoy wine and lots of it, this Wined-Up draw is for you. The premise of it is everyone who would like to partake donates $20 dollars and brings a bottle of wine for the raffle. All the money goes towards Driver's Ed Programs like Street Survival and all the bottles collected go towards a handful of raffle winners. A total of 22 bottles were collected. 1st place received 12 bottles while 2nd and 3rd received 5 bottles each. So, it is quite the 'win-win' for everyone involved. Stuart and Deb Payne even made up their own BMW wine stickers - Bloody Marvelous Wine - which made for a nice touch. Go Club Members go!

There were plenty of things to do at the BBQ. One would be able to not only walk around with old or new friends but they

were able to do so amongst some incredible personal cars. The food was delicious and the hosting was phenomenal. Not to mention the gloomy weather during the first bit of the barbeque cleared by late afternoon - making for a beautiful day.

It takes a lot of behind the scenes work to make the BBQ what it is every year and as a first comer I am excited to say that I will attend events like this from now on. Sundays are made for fun cruises, good food and wonderful people and that can all be found here through the BMW Club.

Article by Misia Rajzyngier and Photos by Rob Hartley-Robinson; additional photos by Victor Yuen

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BMW World

Individual Colors

BMW Plant Dingolfing is piloting a new overspray-free painting process that allows several paint colours to be used and designs to be applied without stencils or masking the vehicle. The innovative application increases individualization for customers and contributes to sustainability by reducing waste and energy consumption. The technology is being used for the first time in 19 BMW M4 Coupés, which will soon roll off the production line at Plant Dingolfing with custom two-tone paintwork and M4 identification on the Hood and trunk.

Plant Leipzig also has a new paint supply system and a mixing area allowing 160 Individual colour options for the BMW 1 Series and BMW 2 Series Gran Coupe.

The lead time for special finishes in a preferred Individual colour is about ten weeks. Customers can even create their own colours, which will be specially mixed and used on their car only.

The paint shop can now paint five vehicles a day in Individual colours. Special colours mean extra work compared to standard finishes. Some processes, such as sign-off, can no longer be carried out by automated means and have to be performed manually. For matt finishes, the process is especially time-consuming and complex, as defects cannot be treated in the conventional way that is used with gloss finishes. Each matt-finished car takes 30 minutes longer to prepare. There are currently two matt colour options: Frozen Black and Frozen Orange.

Speed Yellow, San Marino Blue, Verde Ermes Green and Nardo Grey are currently popular and 180 BMW 118d vehicles in Hockenheim Silver, Ruby Red and Sepia Violet are destined for BMW Japan.

The full range of options can be experienced via the BMW Individual Visualiser:

https://visualizer.bmw-individual.com/lpps/bmwoac?market=80001-de&pdf=1&qrcode=1&header=1&page=imc&lang=en&dc=1-1#top

Member Cars and Garages – September CC&C

The September 4th CC&C was on a glorious day and filled with a record number of interesting cars, great conversations and much fun.

Notable was Neil Taniguchi's "garage find" 2002 which we hope to feature in an upcoming article.

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One "wow" was Sky to Sea Exotic Rentals bringing out the i8 roadster parked beside member Stuart Payne's i8. You too can rent this baby for a mere $999 per day – insurance extra!

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