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July 12	**Social & General Meeting** – Private Residence - 6:00 PM Social; 7:30 Meeting. Register at events@bmwcsa.ca
July 22	**European Classic Car Meet** – 10:00 – 4:00 PM Stanley Park – details at https://vsccc.ca/event-5238424
Aug 5	**CC&C** – 10:00 to noon – Ricky's at Deerfoot Meadows across from Ikea
Aug 9	**Social & General Meeting** – Private Residence - 6:00 PM Social; 7:30 Meeting. Register at events@bmwcsa.ca
Aug 13	**Annual BBQ** – 3:00 to 7:00 PM – see article in Newsletter and President's Corner. Register at https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/2023-bmwcsa-annual-bbq-tickets-668548615907
Sept 2	**CC&C** – 10:00 to noon – Ricky's at Deerfoot Meadows across from Ikea
Sept 9	**Eurofest** at Sheni's Auto Trend – details at https://eurofest.net/
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Membership in BMWCSA

Membership is a family affair with many of our events devised with family participation in mind. The family membership of $80 for one year, $150 for two years and $200 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: https://www.bmwcsa.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/Membership-Application-R8-20230109-msword.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:

Rejoining Members:
Darren Seleshanko – 2015 535ix; 2022 Porsche Targa 4GTS

The President's Corner – Greg Walsh

Our annual grand event is coming. Mark your calendars for our Annual BBQ on Sunday August 13. The details and registration have been emailed to one and all and are also available on our web site. Besides the delicious BBQ food there will of course be a chance to show off your cherished Bimmer in the Show 'n' Shine semi-circle, score goodies from the Silent Auction and renew friendships with your fellow Bimmer enthusiasts. And not to be forgotten, there will be treat bags for each of the registered young 'uns, but the kids must be registered.

Our BBQ has become more popular with each passing year and with popularity comes challenges. The principal challenge is to finance this highly-subsidised event in the face of current inflationary trends. The food-service industry is struggling with increased charges for the food it prepares along with wage and other cost increases. Our cost to host a catered BBQ meal in a covered setting at a rural acreage now exceeds $90/person. Your Club is a not-for-profit organization and does not have the resources to fully subsidize such a cost. That is why we initiated an attendance fee last year and are setting that fee at $25/adult this year ($30 for late registration). We are still offering a great party at a very reasonable fee. I hope to see you there.

Our Father's Day Drive was a great success. Rain or shine we always have fun and this year we celebrated in both rain and shine. Nothing gets in the way of Bimmer-folk intent on a good drive. Please enjoy the recap of the day starting later in the issue.

CC&C continues to be enjoyable and, even competing with Canada Day, over 35 folk came out Ricky's on the First of July to show off their Bimmers and enjoy a good chat.

Other opportunities are upcoming this summer to polish your car and beam with pride. There is the European Classic Car Meet, July 22 at Stanley Park (details at https://vsccc.ca/event-5238424) and of course Eurofest, September 9 at Sheni's Auto Trend (details at https://eurofest.net/). Your Club will have a presence at both to promote membership and this works best when we are surrounded by fantastic Bimmers. So please mark thee dates and bring your shiniest BMW.

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

I wish you Joy of your BMW.

Greg Walsh

Annual Club BBQ

Sunday August 13th
3:00 - 7:00 PM

Auction, WinedUp, Kid's Loot Bag, Prizes, Great Events Catering

Subsidized Member Event ... but ... inflation is hitting us and fees have increased slightly

(Full information in this month's President Corner)

- **Members - $25** Early bird (to July 31st)
- **Members - $35** Late (Aug 1-6th)
- **Kids - $10** (must be registered to get Loot Bag)
- **Guests - $40**
  - o Please do NOT bring unregistered guests - $75 charge if they come at last minute
- **Registration link for BBQ and WindedUp:** https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/2023-bmwcsa-annual-bbq-tickets-668548615907

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Father's Day Drive – fun in the rain!

This year's Father Day Drive was absolute proof that an interesting drive and the promise of appetizing food and good cheer outweigh a cold and sometimes rainy day. Over seventeen cars and forty plus people including some younger tourers started on about a 300 km jaunt from the Royal Oak Shopping Centre.

This year's drive was diverse – we rolled through Calgary's answer to McMansions or the Church (Cody) Estates acreages heading north through the rolling farmland formed by Glaciers. The prerequisite stop is always the 122-year-old Bottrell Country Store, reputed to be the oldest remaining in Alberta. We are pretty sure our gang drops enough on treats in a few short minutes to equal the weekly revenue of the store and it is always a fun conversation with the store owner who also runs the adjacent campground.

From there it was a blast down some of our "test track" roads and especially the always scenic Grand Valley Road. We stopped at the North end of Ghost Lake where we expect to be running a Winter Driving School currently being organized by Rick Coutts.

After that it was down the twisty Highway 1A and nothing like Grandma telling the kids in the back of the X5 that this used to be the main highway to Banff in olden times. Pretty much on par with walking to school uphill both ways in the daily blizzard.

The end point was the Canmore Golf Course which was highly hospitable. They first cornered off a parking zone in front of the Driving Range so we could do a panorama of most of the cars with the mountain vista. A few good photos and some really bad Dad jokes on "Driving the Range" resulted.

The real treat was the $1500 Photo Opp. The Superintendent allowed us to bring a small number of cars onto the area that is normally reserved for weddings by the pond with the mountain vistas (at the aforementioned cost). Nifty and very generous of them!

So – we thought we had it covered with the Canmore Golf Course for lunch – but we ended up with more hungry souls then they could accommodate and we had to split the group into two with a somewhat democratic "draw a restaurant name" out of a hat. A bunch of us ended up at the Blake Brewhouse, which, although a tad expensive, had a very interesting Canadian Fusion menu meant for sharing. Because of our group size, we had to have a pre-ordered menu but one glance at their total menu and our experience there makes you want to come back to try more. However, the Canmore Golf Course group also enjoyed their meals and the place lives up to the adage that you can always go to a golf course for a decent bite and brew.

And one last treat – our annual Thelma and Louise Road Experience took a bit of a hit due to the general shortage of cars. However, BMW Gallery brought out the new $200K plus XM (see last month's mini report) – Heather Mercier, Rainer Kahl and Mateusz Sobczak managed to at least get a ride. As usually, your editor is badgering them for impressions and their photos which we hope to share with you soon.

Our Route (more or less):
https://goo.gl/maps/Cn8ik8ouLeUtvgm5A

Photos by: Andy Brown, Gerard Mercier, Victor Yuen and Chris Tworek

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Concept Touring Coupé

BMW is presenting the world premiere of its Concept Touring Coupé at the Concorso d'Eleganza Villa d'Este 2023. The closed two-seater, which was developed for one-off production, continues the tradition of legendary BMW classics: a timeless symbol of freedom on four wheels and the joy of travelling together.

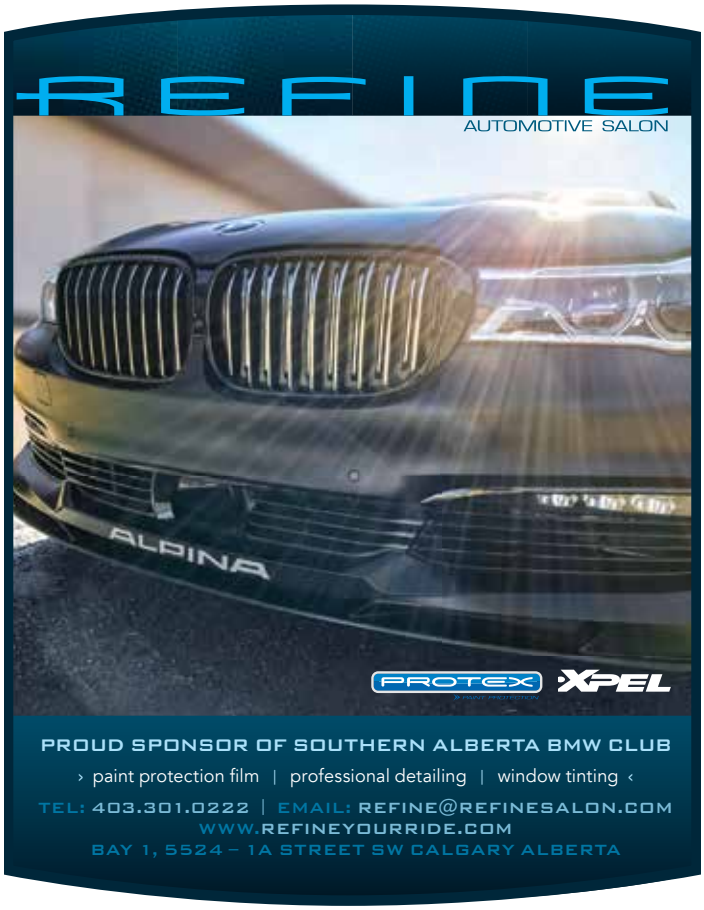
BMW Design has reimagined the traditional body shape of an elegant sports car, giving the vehicle a shooting brake concept. In the interior, precisely crafted leather surfaces from Italian manufacturer Poltrona Frau create a luxurious ambience. The compartment behind the seats provides ample room to stow luggage for spontaneous trips; the luggage itself was also exclusively custom-made at the Schedoni leather workshop in Modena.

The premiere of the Concept Touring Coupé at the Concorso d'Eleganza Villa d'Este 2023 places the vehicle in a historical context. Surrounded by classics from automotive history that have brought joy to their owners and observers for decades, this unique car will be presented in Cernobbio, Italy, as a tribute to the timeless fascination of the automobile.

BMW Concept Touring Coupé (05/2023)

The hand-crafted, one-of-a-kind BMW Concept Touring Coupé unites a body concept steeped in tradition with the technology of a purist modern-day sports car. Its proportions and name are reminiscent of the BMW 328 Touring Coupé that won the Mille Miglia endurance race back in 1940. The functionality of the shooting-brake concept is a nod to the BMW 02 Series model variants of the early 1970s, which featured "Touring" in their name to distinguish them from sedans. The styling of the signets on the rear and inside this unique vehicle was inspired by the model inscription of this historic predecessor. The Coupé is powered by the brand's hallmark six-cylinder in-line engine, with performance characteristics and refinement that confirm its status as a symbol of pure Driving Pleasure.

The design highlight of the Coupé is its sculpted rear end. Created from the flowing contours of the roof, which merge seamlessly with the rear side panels, the shape accentuates the car's athletic shoulders, while the flat rear window and clearly defined body surfaces emphasise the vehicle's solid stance.



Viewed from the side, the BMW-typical interpretation of the shooting-brake proportions is clearly recognisable. The long hood, streamlined roof contours and powerful rear section form a distinctive two-box design, while the elongated side window graphic with the Hofmeister kink and flared rear wheel arches underline its sporty elegance.

BMW Concept Touring Coupé (05/2023)

The Sparkling Lario exterior paintwork was specially created for the Coupé. With embedded flakes of blue glass, its grey-brown hues achieve a unique impression of depth. The effect is completed by silver-bronze accents and the specially designed BMW kidney grille with longitudinal bars. The exclusive light-alloy wheels, measuring 20 inches at the front and 21 inches at the rear axle, provide a logical continuation of these colour accents in the 20-spoke radial design. The intricate implementation and discreet gold-coloured surfaces underline the vehicle's elegant sporty character.

The interior ambience is defined by the brand's usual driver orientation in the cockpit, with maximum attention to the choice of materials, colour scheme and workmanship. The exclusive bi-colour option from Italian leather workshop Poltrona Frau divides the interior horizontally into two distinct colour segments: In the upper section, a dark brown tone aids concentration while driving; in the lower section, a light saddle brown brings comfort and warmth into the interior.

Precise perforations, as well as braided leather straps for the seat valences and slide bar, highlight the artisan character of the interior, which combines traditional craftsmanship at the highest level with modern design principles.

High-quality workmanship and attention to detail also characterise the luggage designed exclusively for the BMW Concept Touring Coupé by the long-established Schedoni leather workshop in Modena. The custom-made set consists of two large and one small weekender bags, plus a garment bag, all of which are perfectly coordinated with the vehicle.

2024 BMW 5 Series and i5

Can't make up your mind – ***buy two*** - BMW hedges bets by simultaneously unveiling both ICE and EV 5 Series:

- ICE - 530i, 530i xDrive, and 540i xDrive
- EV - i5 eDrive40 and i5 M60 xDrive
- World's first Active Lane Change system with eye activation
- Driving Assistant with Hands Free Driving to 130 km/hr
- BMW Canada is only importing the 530i xDrive and the i5 M60 xDrive for now

The i5 M60 is powered by an 84.3-kWh (useable) battery comprised of 324 cells in seven modules spread along the platform floor. A 335-horsepower electric motor on the rear axle and another 257 hp up front combine for 590 HP. It boasts 547 pound-feet of torque (605 lb-ft when M Sport Boost or M Launch Control functions are activated), with all-wheel-drive capability allowing 100 km/h in just 3.8 seconds.

The M60 EV is rated at 256 mi/412 km. Range Finder tests suggest that real life cruising at 125 km/hr might be closer to 350 km.

As for charging, BMW specifies that the peak charging rate is 205 kilowatts and specifies that the i5s can recharge from 10 per cent to 80 per cent of their batteries' capacity in 30 minutes. That's not particularly rapid and is a result of BMW using a 400V architecture rather than more avant-garde 800-volt systems like Porsche and Hyundai use.

The 2024 BMW 530i's TwinPower Turbo 2.0L four runs Miller-cycle combustion, which typically delays the closing of the intake valve and then compensates for the loss of compression with more turbo boost, for increased efficiency and more power. The 2.0L four produces 255 hp and 295 lb-ft of torque. With means its Launch Control system, it can accelerate to 100 km/h in 6.1 seconds.

The all-new 530i and i5 maintain BMW's Ultimate Driving Machine famed 50:50 front-to-rear weight distribution

Suspension includes updated double-wishbone front axle and the five-link rear end, with AWD models getting a new aluminum stiffening plate under the front axle support and all versions stiffened with a new "integral aluminum casting" support for the rear axle. The i5's underfloor battery casing has further increased chassis rigidity.

Both electric and gas powered 5s are now equipped with the latest version of electromechanical power steering with variable ratios as standard, while the M60 boasts Adaptive M Suspension Professional and rear-wheel steering. The electrified M60 also gets stroke-dependent suspension and is available with Active Roll Stabilization including Active Roll Comfort. In its latest guise, this system uses 48V electric swivel motors for fast and precise compensation of lateral roll forces. The standard wheels for the new BMW 530i xDrive are 19-inch alloys while the electrified i5 M60 rides on 20-inchers. Optional 20- and 21-inch light alloy wheels are available.

All new BMWs are packed with plentiful software updates and adds with the latest gimmick being an automatic lane change that can be activated by the driver's eyes. Yes – the smart car suggests that a lane change is possible. Then the driver confirms the lane change by looking in the corresponding outside mirror. The Active Lane Change system then automatically performs the necessary steering movements to swap lanes. An augmented-reality display of the car's surroundings, keeps the driver informed that all this automation is being performed safely. Good to 130 km/hr or your first accident whichever comes first.

The Automatic Park Assistant standard on all models. The system helps the driver select either parallel or perpendicular parking and takes over steering, accelerating and braking as well as the gear shifts necessary, both when parking and when backing out. (Editor's note: Just don't glance at the mirrors!)

But wait – got nothing to do while charging your i5? BMW is partnering with the gaming platform AirConsole to bring a unique kind of in-car gaming for the first time in the new BMW 5 Series. It allows the driver and passengers to play casual games while the vehicle is stationary as a way of passing time while waiting for the vehicle to charge, for example. For the in-car gaming experience, the players simply need their smartphone, which acts as a controller, and the BMW Curved Display.

The games selection includes racing, sports, quiz and music quiz games as well as simulation, strategy, jump-and-run and puzzle games. The portfolio of available games will be continually expanded.

Source: BMW Press Feeds

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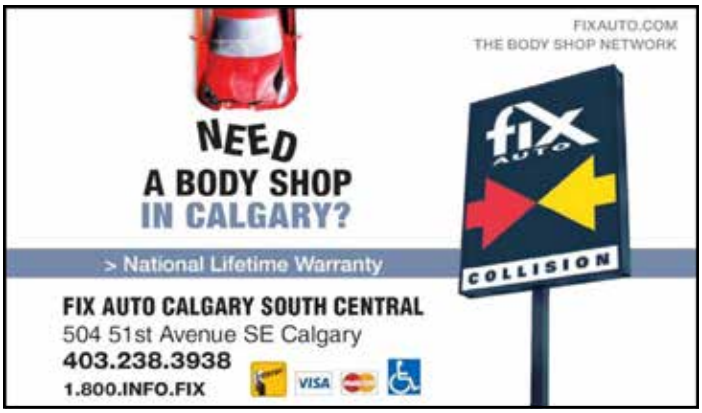


REMINDER

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:
  - 2% off MRSP up to $2000 (regardless of any other deal at dealership)
  - Applies to new vehicles and motorcycles
  - Applicant must have been a BMW Club member for minimum of 12 months
- **Prior to Purchase Club Member MUST:**
  - Fill in application form (see https://www.bmw-csa.ca/membership-overview/benefits/)
  - Email to Club President at walsh@bmwcsa.ca ***BEFORE PURCHASE***
    - ***It can take up to 2 weeks for processing so apply early***
  - **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
  - Letter is good for up to six (6) months on any new model
  - 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

Future Brake System (FBS)

Continental Automotive, a German Tech company founded in 1871 with current world sales of over $33 B USD, claims to have secured its first significant order for its semi-dry brake system called 'Future Brake System (FBS) with introduction scheduled on a North American car in 2025.

Semi-dry brakes represent the next generation of braking. Brake systems are becoming more intelligent to satisfy the needs of automated driving, electrification, and digitalization, while vehicle layouts are fundamentally changing toward a zone-based architecture.

What is FBS?

FBS is designed for the software-defined vehicle. FBS provides the automaker smart actuator hardware and controlling software. For safety and redundancy, these components are backed up on a vehicle's High-performance Computers (HPC) and with integrated Wheel Control Units.

Four dry wheel brakes (calipers or drums) plus a series of software function blocks make up a Future Brake System (FBS) brake system.

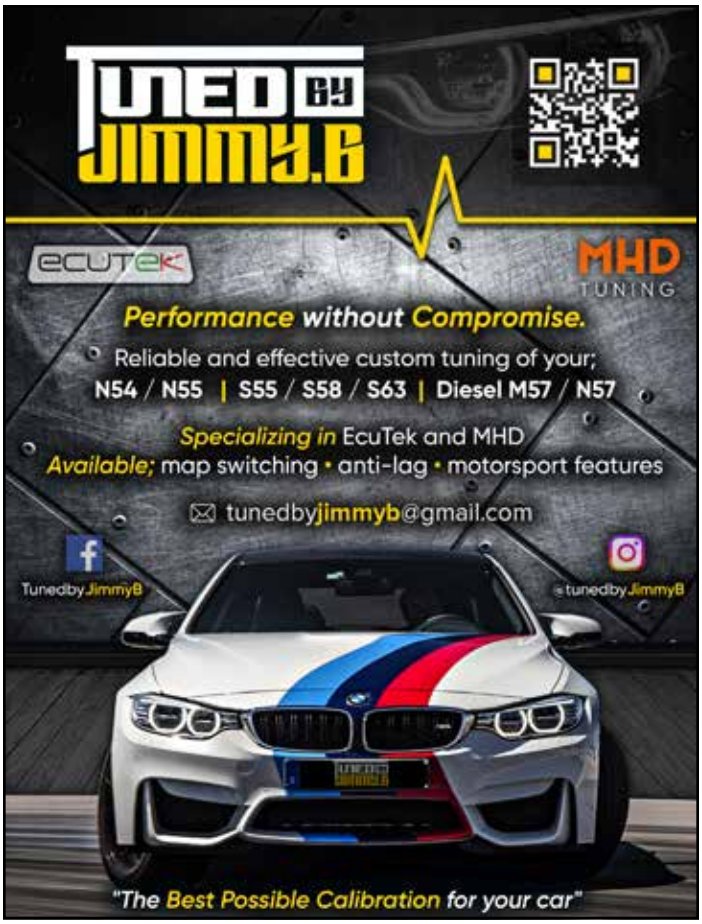
The semi-dry system has electromechanical brakes on the back axle controlled by Continental's MK C2 brake-by-wire system There is no brake fluid with these "dry" brakes.

The brakes on the front axle function hydraulically, much like a conventional "wet" brake. Instead of fluid, actuation is by the Continental Air Supply system which is integrated into the vehicle's air suspension system.

In a conventional car, it is pedal pressure that generates the braking signal and the pedal and actuator have to be located next to each other. In this fly by wire system, the designer is freed from that convention allowing more innovative layout and integration of the car's components.

Production of the MK C2 will start at Continental's Morganton, North Carolina, facility in the second half of 2023.

Source: Continental Automotive



Member Cars and Garages

Requiem for an ABS Module

The squeamish need not read further for there is a time that some nail will stop a king's army. In the case of my 2000 528i, owned for 22 years and a mere 348,385 KM, it was the ABS module. First it was that annoying dash light and then there would be a complete loss of speedo and the ABS function. A stop start would sometimes revive the system but it quickly returned to a failed state.

The car had an ASC module. The ASC controls front and back braking; cars with a DSC module get additional lateral control.

A valiant six-week attempt by Sheni's Auto Trend to try to find a workable used module went for nought; similarly searching all the usual parts places revealed that this particular Bosch unit was out of stock and only BMW Munich had one or two left for around $4400. So, a last-ditch effort was to find a module remanufacturer and send the unit to them as quoted prices from $200 to $400 seemed an affordable solution for an enjoyed but high mileage horse.

In there lies a tale of its own – there are easily a dozen rebuilders in North America. Your first clue that the one you picked may not be totally professional is when PayPal refuses service. A quick check of customer reviews usually shows a wide variety of dissatisfactions ranging from inoperable fixes to lengthy delays and unresponsive service.

I finally discovered that Cardone-Reman in U.S. and XeModex in Ontario were highly reputable. Placing an order with XeMODeX gets you UPS shipping labels and a form to fill out the issues and codes . In my case, I shipped my unit on Tuesday, got a call the next day (bad news – it was unfixable) and got the carcass back the day. XeModeX were extremely quick and honest – I got my refund back (other than $30 for shipping) and no charge for testing. If ever need this type of service – try them at https://xemodex.com/

And all I can say is many thanks to VISA, Calgary BMW, Sheni's Auto Trend, Alpine and Motorwerkes who kept this fun ride going for so many years but it has moved to a final chapter in its long career.

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