



ALLEGHENY CHAPTER BMWCCA

2006 Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix

-Geoff Kao

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Time does fly when you are having fun! It's time for the annual Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix again! Remember all the fun time we had last year? The Schenley Park weekend events are going to be July 15th and 16th and the Allegheny BMWCCA Chapter is once again setting up tents in the BMW area and picnic for the weekend. Remember to mark your calendars and bring your car, friends and family to join us once again! You will find the registration forms enclosed in this newsletter issue. Please sign up early! If you are going to bring your car in for the car show, please fill out the separate car show registration and send it to PVGP directly. For more Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix related news and information, you can go to the PVGP official page at www.pvgp.org. -continued on page 3



2006 Calendar
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • July 15&16 PVGP at Schenley Park • July 15 Monthly Meeting at the PVGP 2:30pm • August 10 Monthly Meeting at Peter's Pub • September 14 Monthly Meeting...TBD <p>Check www.alleghenybmwcca.org for more information & updates.</p>

Sunday, July 2 (first car off at noon)	Kickoff Rally
Weekend, July 8&9 (9am-5pm)	PVGP Historic Races at BeaveRun Motorsports Complex.
Saturday, July 8 (6:30pm)	Black Tie & Tailpipes Gala at Fox Chapel Golf Club
Monday, July 10 (5pm-9pm)	Crown Royal Walnut Street Car Show (Show cars by invitation only)
Tuesday, July 11 (4pm-10pm)	PVGP Car Cruise at Waterfront in Homestead
Wednesday, July 12 (11am-2pm)	Downtown Pittsburgh Car Display (Show cars by invitation only)
Thursday, July 13 (7pm)	PVGP Charity Concert at Hard Rock Café / Station Square
Saturday, July 15 (9:30am-4pm)	Schenley Park Combined Car Show & Vintage Race Qualifying
Sunday, July 16 (9:30am-4pm)	Schenley Park Race Day, Opening Ceremonies, Vintage Races, Larry Smith Car Show

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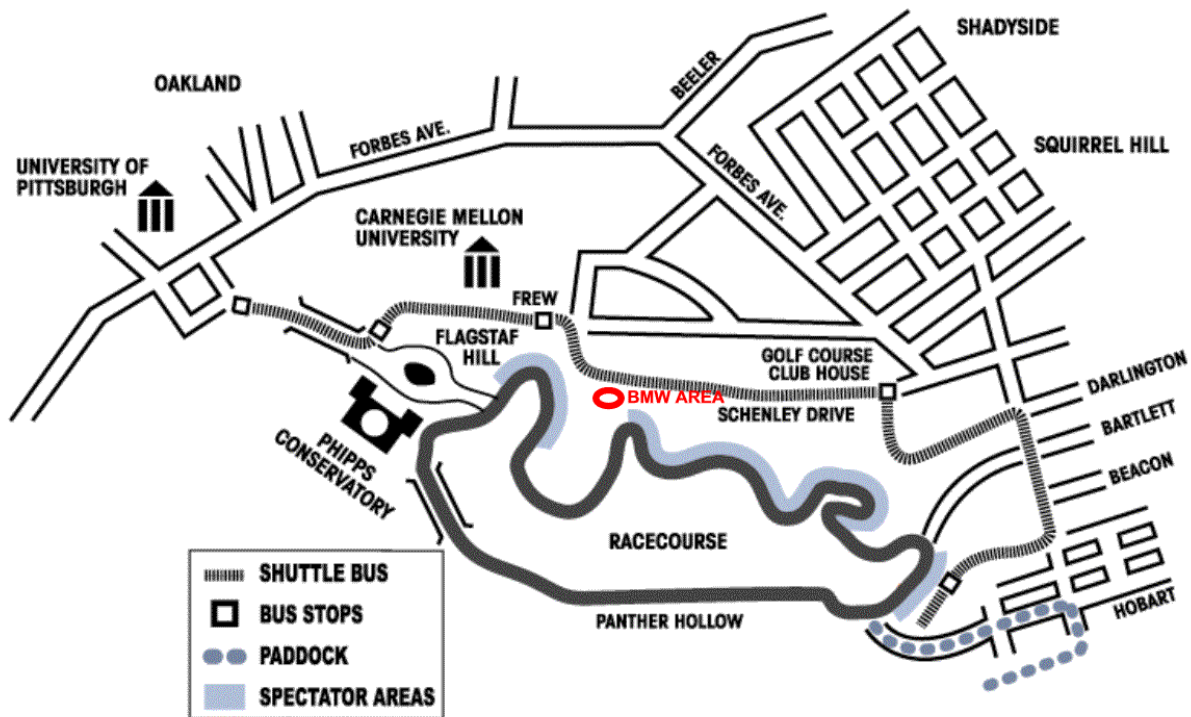
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Important Announcements

- The annual Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix is taking place this year on the weekend of July 15 &16, please fill out the registration form and get them in the mail soon if you are planning on attending, it'll help us get a rough head count.
- We are looking for volunteers for the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix weekend, we need volunteers with greeting, registration, car show parking, food serving, and other general staff work. Please contact the co-chairs Geoff Kao (meisterschaftmotor@yahoo.com) and Kevin Murphy (kmurph91@comcast.net) if you can give us a hand!
- If you are interested in submitting and sharing your articles in the Allegheny BMWCCA newsletter, please contact Geoff Kao at masterschaftmotor@yahoo.com for submission, the dead line for the September issue is August 25th, and the deadline for the December issue is 24th.

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The map below shows you the general layout of the golf course and the location of the BMW area for the weekend. Please feel free to contact us if you need help with directions.



How to Maximize the Performance and Longevity of Track Tires

-Permission to post from www.meisterschaftmotor.com

Tracking your car is an inherently fun and expensive hobby. As many of your track junky peers will tell you, tracking is also extremely addicting! Tire costs should be budgeted into your projected tracking expenses early in the season. With proper preparation and management, you can greatly extend the life expectancy of your tires and maximize their performance.

Heat Cycling

Heat cycling increases the life of a tire because it allows the chemical bonds within the compound to break down when first heated and then to reform and align when subsequently cooled in such a way as to provide a consistency and strength that was not there before. Common methods of heat cycling include use of the tires during a single track session, repeated parking lot figure eights in both directions, or 100 miles of highway driving. The advantage of these methods is their cost. Although the highway driving method will probably

provide sufficient flex for a decent, evenly distributed heat cycle, the potential risk of cutting the soft tire surface exists. Commercial methods of heat cycling are also available. Proper heat cycling is done by spinning the tire at speed under pressure from a large roller which acts to flex and heat the tire.

Shaving

If you run treaded track tires like the Toyo RA-1's, shaving them will be the single most important factor in extending their longevity under strenuous track conditions. However, several other DOT-R tires come from the manufacturer molded to this depth so that shaving is not necessary. There are two reasons for shaving:

- Shaving makes the tread blocks shorter. This keeps the tread from rolling over during cornering and prevents the building up excessive heat - two factors which can lead to chunking and thus premature wear. Shaved tires will ultimately last longer for track use!
- Shaving makes the tire faster sooner. Excessive tread block movement makes the car feel unstable and loose. By shaving the tire, it will be immediately more responsive and strangely enough also helps the tire last longer.

Suspension setting

Suspension setting is very important to extend the longevity of the tires and also to maximize their traction. In the case of an understeering car, the front tires are working hard to deliver directional loading, but at the same time wasting much of its grip to fight lateral loading, commonly experienced when the front end of your car feels like it's "plowing" or "washing out". Much of the vehicle weight shifts to the outside shoulder of the tires during hard cornering, causing the tire to roll on its outer edge, resulting in excessive heat build up and wear on the

outside shoulders. This can lead to premature tire wear and eventual failure when the tires are run down to their cord. Negative camber is a must for correcting this type of wear. By unloading the weight off the outside shoulders and evenly distributing it across the contact patch of the tire, shoulder wear will be greatly reduced and with the added traction on the front tires, you now have dialed out some of that nasty understeer!

Storage

For off season storage, tires should ideally be kept indoors with low humidity, away from ozone producing equipment or where electronic welding is taking place. Put the tires in dark plastic bags or tire totes for storage. Keep them dry and out of the sun and heat. Winter or cold weather storage of the tires is also important. The tire should never be stored during the off season in temperatures below freezing.

BMW / Porsche / Corvette / Miata Autocross Challenge

The Allegheny Region Porsche Club of America has asked us to join them along with some other car clubs in an autocross on August 20. This Autocross is part of they Inter Regional Autocross Series for Porsche but they have invited the Allegheny Chapter BMW CCA and a few other car clubs to participate. The entrance fee is \$25.00. The proposed format is:

- Each participant will get 6 runs.
- SCCA PAX times will be used.
- 4-5 of the fastest cars from each marque will have a one run shoot-out.
- The PAX times from the one run shootout will be totaled to determine the winner.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Kevin Murphy at kmurph91@comcast.net.

From the newsletter editor

-Geoff Kao

Hello everyone, I want to welcome you to the June issue of the BMW Allegheny Chapter newsletter! In this issue of the newsletter, you will find information and registration material for the upcoming annual Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix held here at the Schenley Park golf course. For more info, please read on in the PVGP related material in this issue of the newsletter. I have received article submissions for the newsletter from some members and I encourage you to continue your contribution in servicing our members. Do you have any suggestions or ideas of fun and interesting events that you like to see our chapter take part in preparing or sponsoring? Feel free to contact any of the officers or, better yet, come and share your ideas at the monthly meeting, have a good meal, talk about Bimmers and make new friends! We are looking for volunteers and helpers for the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix, drop us a line if you want to come out to check out some cool cars and yummy summer picnic!

From the Webmaster

-Kevin Murphy

Well, It's already June which means that the PVGP is approaching quickly! As some of you may have already noticed, I have added a PVGP section to the Chapter website. I've also updated the meeting dates and locations. As always, send me ant questions and/or comments regarding the website.



Allegheny Chapter BMWCCA
Monthly Meeting Minutes

By: Jacob Rice

Date: April 13, 2006

Location: Sesame Inn

Began: 9:40 pm

Ended: 10:46 pm

Present: Bob Briggs, Rudi Flavin, Geoff Kao, Kevin Murphy, Lee Plummer, Jacob Rice, Susan Robishaw, Tom Wettach

March Minutes: Minutes were read, amended and approved. **Bob 1st Tom 2nd.**

- **News From National**

Total Members: 75,469

Raffle and Special Bylaws change

Chapter Congress: April 27-29, 2007: Chapter President, Treasurer, and Membership Chair attend free.

Oktoberfest 2006: Grand Rapids, MI. July 23-28

BOD Meeting: June 16- 18, 2006 in Cincinnati, OH.

2005-06 Membership Drive continues through July 15th 2006

- **Treasure's Report**

Foundation

Checking

- **Membership Report:**

As of March 27, 2006

Primary Members: 535

Associate Members: 67

Renewing Members: 32

Renewing Associate Members: 12

Non-renewing Members: 9

New Members: David Bobro Mark Bolton Byron Foster
Thomas Grenell Dwight Heron Joe Kelley
Alan Marthinsen Gary Sefcik Jon Sweringen
Gordon Vytlacil Bruce Wesley Lee Willetts

- **Newsletter:**

Newsletter to go out 4/16.

- **Website:**

Should include National Events.

PVGP information to be posted.

- **Committee Reports:**

PVGP: Kevin would contact Peggy at National for insurance info.

Certificate of insurance to be submitted to National 30 days prior to event.

Bob Spears to head Car Show.

Sponsorship for event was discussed. (i.e. dealers)

By-Law Review:

Should owning a BMW automobile be mandatory for a member to vote, as stated in the by-laws, was discussed.

Driving Events:

A two day event at BeaveRun would cost a minimum of \$23,540.00. This figure was incorrect. Actual amount corrected at future date.

Tom would look into prices for entrants.

79 students at a cost of \$300 would be necessary to break even.

Meetings:

- May 11th Roland's (Strip District)
- June 8th Hoffstot's (Oakmont)

- **New Business:**

Allegheny Chapter to sponsor Club Race at BeaverRun in conjunction with PVGP. \$500 expense to chapter. Bob 1st Tom 2nd
Create a member survey for club feedback.

- Nominations- President: Bob Briggs
Susan Robishaw
- Vice President: Kevin Murphy
- Treasurer: Gene Kern
Lee Plummer
Tom Wettach
- Secretary: Jacob Rice
- Member at Large: Rudi Flavin

Nominations approved. Bob 1st Tom 2nd.
Ballots to be sent out in April Newsletter.

Meeting adjourned 10:46 pm. Bob 1st Tom 2nd.





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Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix
July 15-16
MEAL REGISTRATION



Car Show registration must be done through the PVGP. Forms are available at pittsburghvintagegrandprix.com. On the day of the car show, participants should be directed to the BMW area (Flagstaff Hill) by PVGP personnel. For more information, please visit www.alleghenybmwcca.org.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____

BMWCCA Member? Y/N _____ if Yes, Which Chapter? _____

Car Information

Make _____ Model _____ Year _____

Menu (subject to change without notice)

Meals will be served between 11:00am - 2:00pm on each day

Saturday, July 15

- Pulled BBQ Pork
- Chicken Breast Strips
- Pasta Salad - no meat
- Vegetable & Dip Tray
- Fresh Fruit Tray
- Assorted Cookies
- Drinks Included

Sunday, July 16

- Beef Kebab
- Chicken Kebab
- Fresh Fruit Tray
- Rice Pilaf
- Assorted Cookies
- Drinks Included

Price: \$22.00/person

Price: \$17.00/person

Day	Number of Meals	Amount
Saturday, July 15	x 22.00	
Sunday, July 16	x 17.00	
Additional Donation:		
Total Amount		

Please write checks to Allegheny Chapter BMWCCA.

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CAR SHOW REGISTRATION FORM



**2006 PITTSBURGH VINTAGE GRAND PRIX
CAR SHOWS ON SCHENLEY PARK GOLF COURSE
AND VINTAGE RACES THRU THE STREETS**

Join Over 1,500 Show Cars - July 15 & 16, 2006

All special interest cars of any make and age are welcome. Use this form to pre-register and you'll get a complimentary PVGP Race Program & Dash Plaque at the gate on Saturday. Drive-up registration is available, but does not include program or dash plaque. All proceeds benefit the Autism Society of Pittsburgh and Allegheny Valley School – over \$1.9 million has been raised since 1983!

**Includes admission to Car Shows & Vintage Races Saturday & Sunday. Enjoy picnic atmosphere with no judging. Gates Open at 9:30 AM. Cars Displayed from 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM both days.
Jaguar is the 2006 Marque and requires the Marque of the Year form available at www.pvgp.org
British cars should sign-up through the Western Pennsylvania Triumph Club at www.wptriumph.org**

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email address _____

Make _____ Model _____ Year _____

Combined Car Show Registration - \$20 for the weekend Includes Saturday and Sunday entry, PVGP Race Program and dash plaque.	\$ _____
Special Registration for Larry Smith Car Show (Sunday July 16 only) Display area is on clubhouse side of golf course. \$10 for those registered before June 1, 2006 All entries after June 1 must pay \$20. Includes dash plaque for all participants	\$ _____
"For Sale" Sign -\$10 donation	\$ _____
"In Spirit" Donation	\$ _____
Total	\$ _____

Mail-in and online registration deadline is July 3, 2006 - after that date all participants must pay at gate. You can register & pay online with credit card at www.pvgp.org or complete this form and send with a check made payable to the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix Association

Mail to: PVGP Car Show Registration • Box 200475 • Pittsburgh, PA 15251-0475

Waiver of Liability – Required

The undersigned hereby releases the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix Association (PVGPA) and the City of Pittsburgh from any responsibility for any and all damages and personal injuries sustained by me or my property from any cause whatsoever, while driving to and from and while participating in the car shows and all other PVGP show events. It is understood that this release is given in consideration for permission to said event.

Signature _____ Date _____

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