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Drive For a Cure on June 18th

The 11th Annual BMW Drive For a Cure on behalf of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation will be held on Monday June 18th at Bill Dodge BMW in Westbrook.

As in the past years the sponsors have asked the Pine Tree Chapter for volunteers to drive the cars to the next location at the end of the day. This year there will be nineteen (19) cars that need drivers and again this year it will be to Stratham, N.H. A bus will bring us back to Westbrook, and food and beverages will be provided.

If you are interested in participating or would like additional information regarding this event please contact Baer Connard via e-mail at ursabmw@hotmail.com or by phone 207-221-8268.

You will need to be at the dealership prior to 5:30 pm in order to register and receive instructions. It is always a great event, and one that has produced some interesting experiences over the years. As always, for each mile we drive, \$1.00 is donated to the foundation by BMW.

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Since the program's inception in 1997, the event has raised over \$10 million dollars for breast cancer research, education, screening and treatment programs. In 2007 you can continue to make a difference by taking a test drive to help BMW reach their goal: donating a grand total of \$11 million!

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Monthly Meetings

The Pine Tree Chapter of the BMW CCA meets at Pedro O'Hara's (next door to Gritty McDuff's in Freeport). The meeting is held on the second Monday of each month at 7:00PM.

These are informal gatherings of fellow BMW enthusiasts who swap tales, ask advise, give advise, eat great food and lie about other non-mentionable Bimmer activities. We also occasionally discuss club business issues and upcoming events. This is a great opportunity for members to meet, and find out what's happening in our local chapter. It's also a chance to check out some great Bimmers driven by fellow club members. Mark your calendar and join us for the next meeting!

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President's Letter

Well, the snow is finally gone and better driving weather is here! I don't know about you, but the never ending storms kept my snow tires on far longer this season than I ever would have imagined. With my 21 year old son out of state being served breakfast in bed for Mother's Day was not going to happen, so I venture out early hoping to make my tire swap quick and painless. I soon realized that many others had the same idea. (Who would have thought that Mother's Day would be such a busy car day!) After two hours and traveling to two locations, I successfully accomplished my first task of the day and was thrilled to see the tires and flashier wheels back on. What a difference! I immediately felt a sense of parental pride wash over me as I fell in love with my car all over again. It was then on to my second task of the day. I was not so successful in purchasing a new lawn mower at Sears, but somehow ended up with a new bikini. After all, it was Mother's Day, but that's another story.....

For those of you who have not been able to make it to the last few monthly meetings, I am excited to report that we have had large and lively turn outs with quite an impressive array of BMWs filling the parking lot. It's been wonderful to meet new members as well as existing members who had never previously attended a meeting. We look forward to you all becoming meeting "regulars"!

We continued to hold our March and April meetings at Gritty McDuff's and finally settled in at Pedro O'Hara's for the May meeting. The delay was due to building renovations at Pedro's taking longer than expected, but it appears to have been worth the wait. The new restaurant is colorful, the wait staff friendly, and the group consensus reported favorably on the food. Our Treasurer was out of town and unable to attend

the May meeting so the sky was the limit on the food bill. (Just kidding Peter!)

Some exciting news.....The Pine Tree Chapter now has a computer message board thanks to member Dan Morency who has done a fabulous job getting it up and running in a short period of time. This will be a great place for members to find the latest updates on club meetings, activities etc. Please refer to Dan's article on page 5 for specifics on how to access the message board and check it out!

A chapter officer update.....Long time member Baer Connard was voted in as our new Pine Tree Chapter Vice President at the April meeting. Congratulations Baer! Baer will now oversee the planning and preparation for club events. Baer has done some great work in connection with club events during the past year, and I'm sure he'll appreciate your suggestions for future events!

Happy Driving! **Sheila**



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Summer Schedule

This is shaping up as a summer that is filled with opportunities for members of the club to take their cars on the roads and enjoy the company of other club members. While each event may not appeal to every member, there is enough variety that each and every member of the club should find one or more of the events to their liking.

The current schedule is as follows:

Monday, June 18

The Ultimate Drive to benefit the Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. Bill Dodge BMW Westbrook

Saturday, June 30

Open House & Car Show at Ayer European Auto Service & Restoration in Gardiner from 11AM to 2PM.

Friday, July 6

Driving School at New Hampshire International Speedway In conjunction with the Boston Chapter of the BMWCCA

Saturday, July 21

Founder's Day at Paris Hills. A chance to tour one of the best collections of vintage cars in the country.

Sunday, July 29

Second annual caravan to and cookout at Sebago Lake Park

Also stay tuned for the announcement of exact dates of the following:

- Mackworth Island Show & Shine
- Steam Cleaning event at Voit's new facility in Freeport
- October antique car and air show at the Owls Head Transportation Museum

Voit's New Location

After over two decades of providing expert BMW service in central Maine, serving many of Maine's BMW owners and aficionados. Owner Voit Ritch is relocating Autowerkes Maine from Gardiner to Freeport! The new location is at 353 U.S. Route One between I 295 exits 17 and 20, just north of the "big Indian".

Autowerkes' new home is more spacious, modern, and convenient for customers' needs. There now is a nice comfortable waiting area and clean bathrooms and complete handicap accessibility. There also is much faster availability to suppliers and deliveries as well. While this location is different, unchanged is the quality service using OEM parts, resulting in the long-term customer satisfaction and loyalty the shop is known for.

Voit's history of working on and learning about BMW's since the '70's continues. As an enthusiast being involved in the BMWCCA since b&w Roundel magazines among many other industry organizations, keeps his shop current with BMW's advanced technology. This is a big edge in getting cars diagnosed and repaired properly! The shop continues to utilize factory diagnostic machines and technical service information. Voit is constantly researching new ways to keep up with the fast changing world of modern automobiles. To improve on the shop's ability to repair these cars in an efficient and economical manner that Autowerkes reputation is known for.

All are welcome to stop by and see for themselves the professional level facility Autowerkes Maine has been growing towards since it's humble beginnings in Vassalboro years ago. As the Pinetree chapter has chosen Freeport as a convenient central location for monthly meetings, so has Autowerkes for it's new facilities.

Visit Autowerkes on the web at www.autowerkesmaine.com or call 865-6600 for more information.

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New Message Board

Many thanks to Dan Morency who has setup a message board / discussion forum for use by our BMW CCA members. It is located at: <http://pinetreebmwcca.freeforums.org>

If you click on this link you can setup an account; the link to do so is in the upper right hand corner. Once you have setup your account a message will be sent to the administrator (Dan) to activate your account. This delay was desired as the membership wished to have access for club members only. If you know of a member that is from another region who wishes to be able to access the forum, we can also work something out to allow them access.

This medium can be used to improve club communication and post events, items and services for sale etc...Please remember that this is a free service forum so it may be slow.

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MONTHLY MEETING INFORMATION FOR PINE TREE BMWCCA

The restaurant that our club has used as a monthly meeting spot has been sold, the new restaurant name is: Pedro O'Hara's. We have been in contact with the new owners, and they are very enthusiastic about hosting our monthly meetings. For those of you that have not been to a meeting, the location is at 175 Lower Main Street in Freeport, right next door to Gritty McDuffs.

The next meeting dates are:

Monday, June 11
Monday, July 9
Monday, August 13

The meeting starts at 7PM and a portion of your meal is paid for by the club.

See you there!

The Second Time Around

After the last newsletter came out, I got several calls and emails of concern. Mostly along the lines of: "Are you okay Amy? Why are you selling your M3?"

March '07 was a time of big change for me. After two years, I left my job as Operations Manager at Autowerkes, with no definite plan for future employment. My husband and I had purchased a 1887 brick school house in Gardiner last year (to be closer to my work ironically) and we were eye-ball deep in renovations to make habitable. It seemed only logical to ignore my heart and listen to my head: "Sell the M3, you're going to need the money!". Fortunately, things have a way of working out. When Autowerkes decided to move to Freeport, it left a vacancy in the Ayer European Auto building, just a mile and a half from my house (as it is). It wasn't long before I was teamed up with two talented, energized partners to open a new European Auto service facility in the same location.

Aaron Murphy, who is considered to be one of the country's top European Auto Master Technicians, and former Lead Tech at Autowerkes, is one of my partners. The other is a fellow named Haywood May who is a European Auto enthusiast and professional business consultant, and a long time friend of Ayer European Auto. In April we got together and started making plans for a new business. The legal name is "AHA" (for Amy, Haywood, Aaron) but we are calling the new business **Ayer European Auto Service & Restoration**. We are extremely pleased that Trevor Buck has decided to stay in Gardiner and work with us. Trevor is one of the most talented, hard working and honest auto techs that I've ever known.

With Haywood's business expertise, my organizational skills and Aaron's technical expertise, it wasn't long before we had a solid business plan in place, including a lengthy list

of specialty tools and factory level diagnostic equipment which needed to be purchased.

Fast forward a month and here we are.... equipment has been purchased... Vendor accounts are established, renovations are well under way... and we will be ready to open shortly

As for my 1995 BMW M3... I took it out of storage in May. After washing it, checking the fluids and adjusting the tire pressure, I filled it up with a fresh tank of gas. She seemed more than ready to be out on the road for some fun (sideways down the on-ramp to 295).

Suddenly I vividly recalled how I felt after selling my '73 Datsun 240Z some 20+ years ago (wasn't practical with two small children) and I came to a realization: If I sell this car, I will regret the decision for a very long time. My M3 is not just a car... It is *me* expressed as an automobile. It responds to my touch as if it knows what I'm thinking. I will not sell this car... I love this car. I won't make this mistake a second time. After all, you don't always get a second chance...

Now back to the painting, cleaning, and installation of all the new equipment for our shop that officially opens June 1st. If you'd like more information, or want to make an appointment, give us a call at 582-2302. Our plan is to run the service shop for a few months, and then assimilate with Ayer's Body Shop to make it one business, which, combined with Ayer European Car Sales, will offer one-stop-shopping for European car enthusiasts.

I am excited... maybe not sideways down the on-ramp excited... but pretty darn close.

Catch me if you can! Amy



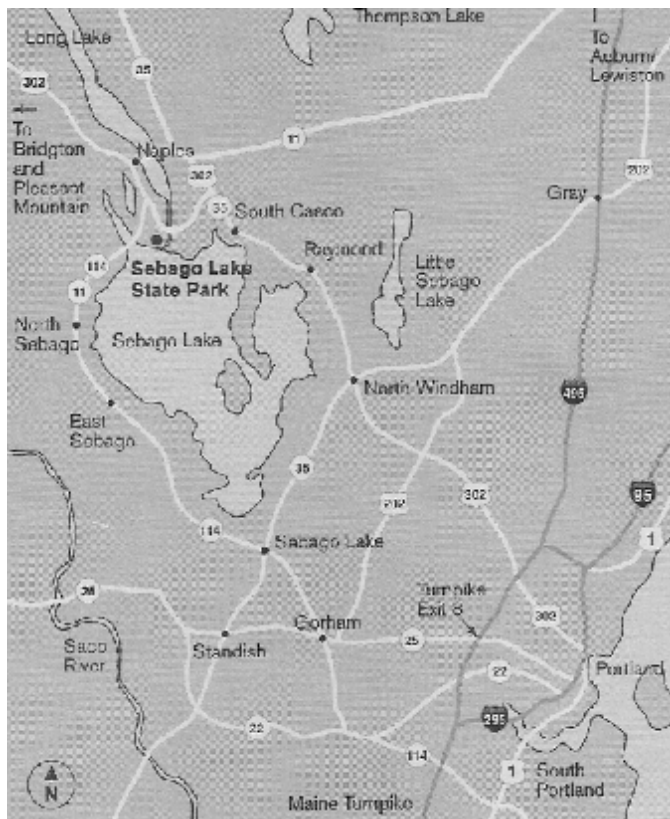
Sebago Lake Cookout ... July 29th!

On Sunday, July 29th. The Pine Tree Chapter will be hosting the second annual caravans to and cookout out at Sebago Lake State Park. Family and friends are also invited....We have reserved a group picnic site close to the warm lake water, perfect for swimming. The site has picnic tables and grills. Changing rooms are located near by. The club will supply the food, drinks and desserts. All you need to bring are your sunglasses, swim suit, towel, and do not forget the sun block.

Please RSVP to Baer Connard by Friday July 20th. At ursabmw@hotmail.com or calling 207-221-8268 to confirm that you are planning to attend the cookout, how many people will be in your party and if you wish to caravan to the park with other club members. Once I have a feel for the number who wish to caravan, and where they are coming from, I will select appropriate meeting points.

Please note the map for those who wish to meet us at the park. We will plan to fire up the grills around 11:00 am. The entrance fee is \$4.50 per person for ages 12 and up, \$1.00 for ages 5-11.

Please note that alcoholic beverages are NOT allowed in the park, and while dogs are welcomed, they must be on a leash of no longer than 4 feet at all times and are NOT allowed on the beach.



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