

BC8s Sunday Outing - Social Distancing

Sunday, June 7, 2020 ~ the Lower Mainland of BC

June 7 was to be the BC8s annual drive from Vancouver to the British Columbia resort town of Harrison Hot Springs – about a 1 hour and 15 minute drive from our usual meet point, Open Road BMW. But because of COVID-19 and the restrictions in place, Harrison Hot Springs has been closed to visitors from outside that community since early March. An alternative plan was created – E31's local drive with several planned stops for social distancing and taking in both mountain and water views. Meet point – the rear parking lot at Tsawwassen Mills Mall. Eight cars plus one BMW motorcycle attended the event. Tim Horton's, ever popular in Canada, was just a short walk away for coffee and breakfast snacks. Everyone brought folding/camp style chairs (I personally call mine 'car show chairs'!) to relax and enjoy E31 camaraderie, using social distancing rules of course.

After 45 minutes at the mall, we packed up and drove the short distance to the general aviation, Boundary Bay Airport, just outside of Vancouver for photo ops and mountain views. Those who have watched the Fifty Shades of Grey film trilogy, would quickly recognize the outside of the main terminal building as the airport used by Christian Grey for his private aircraft.



Line-up at Tsawwassen Mills with their E31s (from l to r): John T., Andrew, Glen, Vic, Dave, Graham, Henry, and Tom.



Riding Along: Martin's BMW K1600GTL.



Itching to start from Tsawwassen Mills.



Starting the Journey: Glen's 840CI.

Our next stop was to cruise the beach community of White Rock, near the U.S. and Canadian border. The speed limit through this area is 30KPH, or just under 20 MPH, which allowed time for ample viewing of the water and people watching. The line of E31's driving the White Rock main drag water front created a lot of double-takes and cell phones snapping photos of our cars. All great fun.

Our last stop was the BC8s usual Cars & Coffee hang-out/parking lot near Wuffer's Garage and Spa. Here our chairs came out again as we were parked with other classic and collector car enthusiasts - and another Tim Horton's as well as an A&W restaurant for draft root beer and hamburgers - take out only!

The day started at 11AM at the mall and ended at 3:30PM - a great way to spend a sunny day, in June, with other E31 8 Series owners! BC8s attending: Martin (on his Beemer motorcycle), Dave & Melinda, John & Erica T., Graham, Adrian, Vic, Andrew, Tom (Wuffer), Glen, and Henry.

IMPORTANT: Please monitor your *Inbox* for updates and confirmation from Tom Carter regarding events listed below.



Rising up on Marine Drive in White Rock, BC with the Pier in the background: The rides of Glen, Vic, Graham (with Adrian) and Dave.



Convoy of E31s on Marine Drive led by Tom (Wuffer) with pedestrians looking on and pointing. (White Rock, BC)



Stopping for lunch at A&W and more socializing in Surrey, BC: Vic, Andrew, Tom, and Glen (l to r, foreground) plus Adrian, Dave, and Graham (l to r, background).



During the lunch stop, Henry catching-up with Erica, spouse of John T., while seated in her husband's E31. (Surrey, BC)



Flying Paparazzi: With Graham safely at the steering wheel, trigger-happy Adrian jumps out to photograph Andrew's 850i.

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2020 **June Events**

- PENDING - July 12: **Cars & Coffee at RX Autoworks**, North Vancouver. Time: 8AM to 11AM. Last year we had four E31's in attendance. We arrived together and received a lot of attention. This is a popular event and parking is limited! More details and confirmation to follow as this date nears.
- July 18: **WrenchFest** at Wuffer's Garage & Spa, 19950 46 Avenue, Langley, BC. Doors open at 9AM. Bring your own snacks/beverages/lunch. Meet other E31 owners and discuss common problems.
- PENDING - July 19: **German Car Festival** at Waterfront Park, North Vancouver. This is our premier event of the summer. BC8ers park on the upper field. Fee: \$20 and food donation. All go to the local food bank - a worthy cause.
- July 26: **German Car Festival** at Cedar River Park, Renton, WA. This is organized by the BMW Car Club of Seattle. More details and confirmation to follow as this date nears.

