

Welcome to the Allegheny Chapter's Annual Gathering At the 2014 Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix

On behalf of everyone on our PVGP volunteer staff, we would like to extend a warm welcome to the 32st Annual Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix! The PVGP is one of the most unique automotive experiences in the county and we are thrilled that you will be attending our event! We are sending this email to provide answers to some of the questions we most frequently receive.

1. Registration.

If you registered through the PVGP's website, you should have received a receipt confirming your registration. If you registered by mail, no receipt is sent. We do not issue tickets or other confirmations in advance of the event. The receipt is not needed to enter our event but feel free to bring it along in case we make a mistake. Upon arriving on site, please check in at our registration table during one of the times below. Our registration staff will provide you with welcome materials, wristbands for entry into the hospitality tent and other items.

Registration times:

Friday - Liberty Mutual Tent in Schenley Park – 8:30 to 9:00 am.

Friday – Liberty Mutual Tent in the Double Tree Parking Lot – 3:00 to 4:30 pm. We will not have a registration table set up at the Sewickley Car Store. We will have your name on the list at the door and you will be given wristbands to enter the dinner.

Saturday and Sunday - Registration open from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at the BMW Corral Tent in Schenley Park.

2. Thursday Evening.

We have named Pittsburgh's Hofbrauhaus as a gathering spot for those who arrive in town early. The evening dinner at the Hofbrauhaus is very informal and is simply intended as a gathering point for those arriving early. Although we will try to have a BMW sign so you can find us, there will not be any formal club presentations. We have made arrangements for a complimentary shuttle from the Double Tree to the Hofbrau. The shuttle will leave the hotel at 7:00 pm and return at 10:00 pm. The shuttle seats 10 people and will be first come, first served. Gather in the lobby a little before 7:00 to catch the shuttle.

3. Friday Ligonier Drive.

The designated starting point for our Friday Drive is the race grid in Schenley Park. The race grid is located at the corner of Hobart Street and Beacon Street in Schenley Park. Registration will take place between 8:30 am and 9:30 am. A driver's meeting will take place at 9:30 am and the tour will depart thereafter. Hobart Street will be blocked for race purposes. Tell the gate

guards that you are with the BMW tour and they will direct you as to where to park. By Friday morning, there are usually many race cars already in the paddock. After registering with us, take a moment to walk around.

For those staying at the Double Tree, directions to the park are included as part of the Tour directions. We will make sure those directions are at the hotel. Additionally, one of our volunteers will be leading a group from the Hotel to the Park. Please meet in the reserved BMW parking area at 8:30 to be part of the group drive.

The tour covers a little over 150 miles with the after lunch portion of the drive being slightly longer than the morning. Lunch will be served at the Ligonier Tavern in Ligonier, PA. Because of the number of folks attending this lunch, we have made arrangements for a buffet lunch featuring a green salad, pulled pork, chicken, house chips, and potato salad. Beverages include iced tea, lemonade and coffee. The cost for lunch, \$20 per person, was not included in the online form and will need to be collected at registration. The lunch fee includes an afternoon stop at Sarris Candies. Sarris Candies is one of Pittsburgh's finest chocolate stores and features an old fashioned ice cream parlor. Lunch stop should be around 11:45 am and the return to the hotel will be between 4:00 and 4:30 pm. There will be time to refresh between the conclusion of the tour and the Welcome Dinner.

4. Friday Welcome Dinner.

We thank Sewickley BMW for letting us host this event in their showroom. Sewickley BMW is located at 526 Ohio River Blvd Sewickley, PA 15143. The BMW dealership is located behind the Porsche/Audi dealership. To get to the BMW dealership from the hotel, take I-376 west 3 miles to I-79 North. Travel 8 miles north to Exit 66 Sewickley (Rt. 65 North also known as Ohio River Blvd.). Travel 2.5 miles and make the left turn onto Chestnut Street just before the Porsche/Audi dealer. If you miss the turn, do not make the left turn onto the Sewickley Bridge as you will not be able to enter the dealership.

Sewickley BMW is providing cocktails, beverages and a full dinner for the event. Dinner will be served in the showroom. We have made arrangements for 1980's cars and memorabilia to be in the showroom. When arriving at the dinner, please follow the directions of the parking staff. The front lot of the dealership will be reserved for e30's and earlier cars, however, there is plenty of parking for all.

The dress code for dinner is casual. Recommended dress for men is polo shirt and khakis with corresponding dress for women. Shorts are permitted but no cut-offs or sleeveless shirts. The cocktail reception will start at 6:30 pm. Dinner at 7:30. Erik Wensberg's presentation will occur after dinner.

As we did last year, we will conduct a silent auction during the cocktail hour and will also be selling tickets for a Charity Laps with Mike Renner in the new M4. Proceeds will benefit the PVGP charities.

5. Procedures for Entry to the Schenley Park Corral – Saturday and Sunday

Follow directions to Schenley Park. Enter the park from Forbes Avenue and Schenley Drive. This is by the white Schenley Park club house. Schenley Drive will be one-way into the park. Corral parking opens at 9:00 am. PVGP asks that cars be in place by 11:00 am and remain until after 3:00 pm. Please follow the directions of the PVGP volunteers. They move up to 2500 show cars into the park in a matter of 2 hours. Proceed down the hill to gate E. If you arrive in a BMW, you will be directed to the BMW corral. If you are flying into this event and have a rental car, please email us so we can make special arrangements. Once in our corral area, please follow the directions of our Chapter's parking staff. Park your car first, then if you have not already registered, come to the tent to get your materials.

6. Miscellaneous Matters and Helpful Hints.

- a. If the weather is nice, we may see over 250 cars!
- b. As a reminder, we are generally very efficient but we are volunteers. If there is a problem, be patient but let us know. We will try to help!
- c. If this is your first PVGP, there are many, many cars to see. Consider looking at show cars on Saturday and watching the races on Sunday.
- d. Picnic blankets and folding chairs are welcome. Sorry, but individuals are NOT PERMITTED to put up folding or pop-up tents! Additionally, once you park your car, you will NOT be permitted to drive to other vantage points to watch the races. You will likely find that the BMW club enjoys a view of one of the best corners on the track.
- e. The PVGP takes place within 3 miles of downtown Pittsburgh. There are 3 million people who live in the metropolitan area. We do our best to plan around it but you may find yourself in traffic at different times throughout the weekend, especially those arriving around rush hour on Friday afternoon. During the Friday afternoon rush, I-376 typically backs up both inbound and outbound near the Fort Pitt and Squirrel Hill tunnels.
- f. A detailed schedule will be in your welcome pack and the race schedule is in the PVGP program which you will receive with lunch registration. Our lunches typically are served from 12:00 to 1:30 and we have award presentations in the lunch tent at the first race break after 3:00 pm both Saturday and Sunday.
- g. Our efforts at the PVGP are designed to benefit PVGP's charities, the Autism Society of Pittsburgh and the Allegheny Valley School. In addition to enjoying America's most unique automotive weekend, please help us help others.

We hope you have a great visit with us!