The Allegheny Chapter’s annual gathering at the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix (PVGP) is one of the most memorable events of the year. The PVGP is a week-long automotive festival featuring two weekends of vintage racing—including a BMW CCA club race at Pittsburgh International Raceway—and multiple car shows. There are several top-notch parties as well, including a jet-setter party that ranks with some of the finest in the country. Club racers rave about the red-carpet hospitality they receive at PittRace, and the Allegheny Chapter’s members organize and provide an army of volunteers who make many of the other events possible.

The PVGP culminates with races in Schenley Park, the only place in the country where vintage racing still takes place on city streets. A city golf course and historic park turn into a race track overnight. In any given year, multiple 2002s and the occasional pre-war 328, 700, or 1800 take part. Over 3,000 cars are on display in the beautiful park, while the Allegheny Chapter hosts a scenic drive, meals, and a corral featuring nearly 300 BMWs. After the formal activities conclude, more fun is had simply enjoying the spirit of BMW in the parking lot of our host hotel.

The PVGP raises funds for autistic and intellectually/developmentally disabled individuals in the Pittsburgh region. Over the past ten years, our chapter’s activities have raised over $350,000 for these charities, including a record $126,000 during 2018’s O’Fest activities. Race week 2020 runs July 17–26, with the Schenley Park events taking place on the weekend of July 24–26. We hope to see you there!