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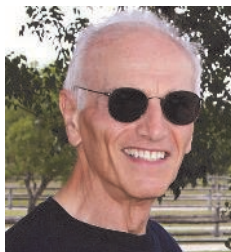


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### *INSIDE TRACK...*

From your Editor...

For complete photo line up from our events - Please use the following links: [www.bmwccaeverglades.org](http://www.bmwccaeverglades.org)

### **PHOTO GALLERY**

Photo gallery of Jon van Woerden's: "M6 on Route 66" images. [www.jonvanwoerden.com/M6\\_RT66](http://www.jonvanwoerden.com/M6_RT66) for the Bimmers, Coffee, & Donuts:

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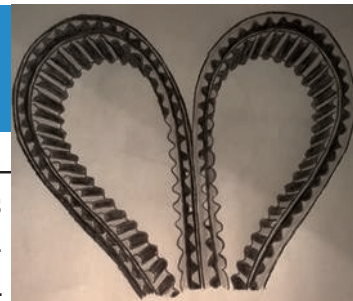
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## *Pole Position by President Bobbi Treen*



Here we are, once again, summertime in sunny (and sometimes liquid sunshine) South Florida. With so much to do and so many places to be – we do appreciate your presence at our events. We did the go-karting thing at PBIR – to be done again in the fall (COOLer Weather); monthly Cars and Coffees Events from Vero Beach to south Miami; the Father's Day –Dezer Collection Tour (WOW and WHOA WOW!) and a road trip to Fontana Dam NC including a drive on the Tail of the Dragon! There is still a lot to do and more things to see. After all south Florida is a very touristy place, so why not play the tourist every now and again! With us?

As of July 31, 2015 Everglades Chapter membership is at 1,393 members (includes 199 associate members). We thank all of you for renewing, and referring. Each one of your memberships is what keeps BMW CCA going as a social organization car club. And all things BMW! Please JOIN us for the fun and love of BMW's..... Even if you don't own one!

Sometimes this seems like a broken record but YOU can WIN some great prizes with the...2015 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE — for each new member you refer you will receive \$5.00 in “BMW CCA Bucks” and will be entered in for drawing for Great Prizes. We have membership applications and new “Recruitment Cards” custom designed for Everglades Chapter. (Contact an officer for cards) Ends Dec. 31-2015. For more info: [www.bmwcca.org/membershipdrive](http://www.bmwcca.org/membershipdrive). Car of your Dreams –You have seen the flyers with the Roundel and the online Email blasts... Tickets are on sale thru Sept 10. For more information: visit the website: [www.bmwcca.org](http://www.bmwcca.org) The opportunity to win a BMW for a \$25.00 ticket! HURRY, no seriously hurry, and buy your tickets. Tick tock tick tock!

We are very much a part of the social media environment – Facebook; email blasts; website etc... BUT it is your social media. AND not everyone is or wants to be connected in that way. As a chapter we have a responsibility and commitment to our members to provide you with a newsletter. We try. If you are not getting electronic Weekly Roundel from National or the email blasts from us (via Everglades Chapter Constant Contact) – we don't have your correct Email address. Or perhaps you have opted out. Please go online: [www.bmwcca.org](http://www.bmwcca.org) (you do have your own membership log in; follow instructions for new user) to update/verify your mailing address, Email address and contact information and you can also renew. Or contact the National Office directly. They maintain the database for our member's contact information that is provided to the chapters so we can communicate. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT to keep it all current. And if you opt out – you lose out. Please don't opt out. We are pretty certain that about 99% of our members have an email address! Please share the correct one with us!

Our newsletter will be going out electronically via our Constant Contact email blast.... This is not only an effort to lower the costs of printing and postage; but to be more eco-friendly – yes green with the environment. Michael Posner has taken over as your Editor

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## Editor's Corner by Michael J Posner

Welcome to the revised *The FLasher*, the Club Magazine of the Everglades Chapter of BMW CCA. With this issue we have started a new direction for the Club, with the goal of providing more information to our members by expanding *The FLasher* into a full sized, Bi-Monthly Club Magazine. However, to be successful we will need two ingredients, content from our members and advertising sup-



port from our community. As your new Editor, I look forward to your interest and support. We are also open to new ideas, guest columns, how-tos and the like, as we expand *The FLasher* going forward. Please send your ideas, comments, questions (including tech questions for Peter Shadowen of Road•N•Race) to Michael Posner at [mjposner1@gmail.com](mailto:mjposner1@gmail.com).

Our goal is to become the premier club magazine of BMW CCA.

In late June I travelled to the Biltmore Estates in Asheville, North Carolina to visit the Classics at the Biltmore event hosted by the BMW Car Club of America Foundation. Because I arrived at 1:00, and due to anticipated inclement weather (which did not arrive until 4:00), I missed many of the BMW cars on display. There were a brave few who remained and I got to see several beautiful BMW Classics including a Isetta, an M1, an E30 M3, a 2002 and an E9 3.0csi. There were several other classic cars, including two Jaguar "E" Types. The Biltmore is a spectac-



ular place, and I highly recommend a visit. My pictures of the visit can be viewed at <http://carfisheye.blogspot.com/>

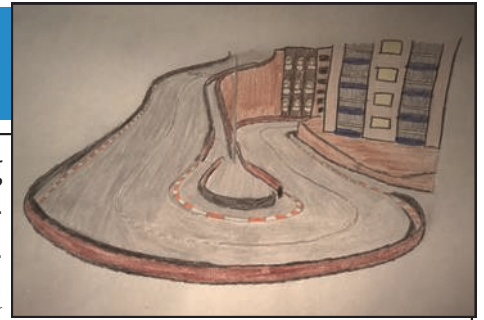
Michael J Posner, Editor

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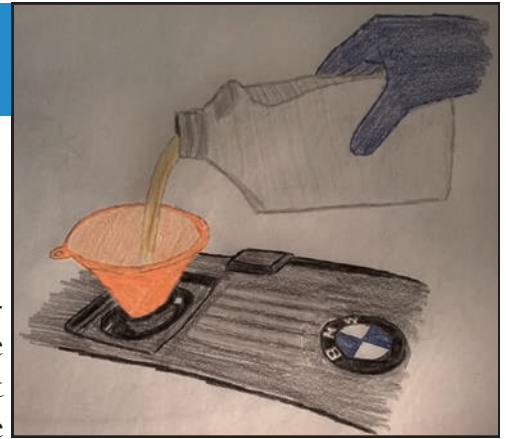
First a little background history. As a child and young man, I was always into cars, motorcycles, speed and roller coasters. I am still into the first three; roller coasters not so much anymore. I could barely wait to get my driver's license, and must admit that even before I had my license, on a few evenings when my parents went out in one of the family cars, I secretly located the keys to the other car, and took it out to try to practice and improve my skills, and otherwise test the limits of adhesion of the pre-steel belted radial tires it had (does anyone remember Polyglass wide ovals?). Anyhow, I grew up in an area that had some wonderful, curvy roads. On weekend nights, well after midnight, when I expected that not too many people would be out on the roads, I would take out one of the family cars (I was fortunate to have a father who was also into cars, so what we had was on the sporting side, one with a 4 speed stick shift) and I would conduct a reconnaissance lap of my favorite stretch of interconnected roads that was probably about five miles or so long. I would check for any construction areas, wet or sandy spots, and people walking dogs. Once I felt good about the "track," I would haul some serious ass on the way back. Early on I developed a sense for the need for some opposite lock steering to control a car. Nighttime was safer I believed for this endeavor because you could tell if there was an unseen oncoming car around a blind turn because of its headlights. That being said, I look back on this youthful and reckless behavior and I am so thankful I never caused any damage to person or property. Part skill perhaps, but certainly a very big part luck. So for any younger readers, do not do this at home! Go to a track! I did not have that kind of option when I was young. Now we all do.



Fast forward to circa 2000. My younger brother, who was also into cars, lives up in Ohio. He had an Audi S4 and is a member of the Audi Club. He tells me about some event the Club is having at the Mid-Ohio racetrack, where you can get some instruction and learn how to drive your own car on the racetrack. He asked if I was interested in joining him in sharing his S4 at the event. I told him to sign me up and bought my plane ticket that day. I foolishly and arrogantly did not think I would need much instruction, but I was all over the opportunity to drive on a racetrack.

The weekend in June arrived and I packed my motorcycle helmet and some blue jeans and long sleeve T-shirts, and anxiously flew to Ohio for the Saturday and Sunday event. We arrived at the track early Saturday morning and there were many other excited drivers (mostly men) waiting to learn about high performance driving. Everyone scoped out the cars

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### ***1. What is a timing belt and why must I change if car is running fine?***

A timing belt is a cog (toothed) belt that connects the crankshaft to the camshaft. This provides synchronization between the pistons and valves during each stroke of your engine. On most high performance belt-driven engines, there is insufficient clearance for the valves and pistons to avoid contact if the synchronization is lost. Put simply, your timing belt is critical to keeping your engine running. A timing belt is constructed of rubber and cords, both of which degrade over time and use. You aren't going to feel a timing belt degrading, and most of the time, your engine will continue to run fine...right up until it breaks, causing catastrophic damage to your engine and wallet. If your vehicle has a belt-driven engine, I highly recommend following your manufacturer's recommended schedule for replacement.

### ***2. Is BMW's claim of lifetime fills true or should I change my vehicle's fluids on a schedule?***

The consensus on this topic is that "lifetime" isn't a well-defined term, or perhaps, not defined at all. Is it the lifetime of the car? The lifetime of a component of the car? The lifetime you own the car? Manufacturers (BMW included) reason that most people do not keep their cars for more than 5 or 6 years, and fluids can often go that long without causing a fatal failure, therefore, they are "lifetime fluids." But if you want to keep your car longer, you may be trading away the longevity of the car (or one of its critical components) for the convenience of no fluid changes for a few years. Although some fluids may not break down as quickly as they used to, they still get contaminated from normal wear and these contaminants do not do your car any favors. In general, if you plan on keeping your car past the factory warranty period, I recommend having the condition of your "lifetime fluids" checked on an annual basis. Use your judgment if you drive an excessive amount of miles, or in extreme conditions. It is my opinion that fluids, and filters, can not be changed too often.

### ***3. Do I have to use premium gas in my BMW or can I use mid-grade?***

First off, there is a common misconception about high octane fuels. Most people believe high octane or "race fuel" will give their car more power. In fact, the opposite is true. Octane slows the burn of the fuel preventing detonation (pinging). If your vehicle was not designed for high octane fuel, the use of premium gas could actually reduce its power and efficiency. That being said, a car that specifies the use of premium fuel has been designed to achieve optimum performance and efficiency using fuel with the higher octane level. The occasional use of lower octane fuel on modern vehicles, will not damage your car (due to built in safety measures) but you will not get the performance that it was designed to deliver. Furthermore, it's likely that it will reduce your fuel mileage, negating any savings you thought you were getting by purchasing the lower grade fuel.

***Got Questions? Send them to Road N Race at [peter.roadnrace@gmail.com](mailto:peter.roadnrace@gmail.com)***



# Classifieds

## 1985 BMW M635CSi euro.

Cinnabar red exterior. Black leather interior, Stainless exhaust system, BBS Wheels, it comes with the factory tow bar (never installed), car cover, dash & steering wheel cover. Current mileage 99,531. The engine was overhauled at 86,000 miles. Very well maintained and garage kept. Asking \$39,000. More pictures upon request.

Contact Jim at [lianos635@gmail.com](mailto:lianos635@gmail.com)



## 1991 E30 318i

Unmolested 1991 BMW E30 318i sedan with 63K original miles. The car has all manuals and service records. Everything works and the car is ready to be enjoyed by it's next owner. I

bought the car for my son, as his first car. Unfortunately, he does not like the manual transmission and would like an automatic. I wish that I could keep it, but I recently purchased an E28 M535 and do not have the garage space. I can assist with shipping the car and get you a very good rate through a friend of mine. Please review the photos and feel free to ask any questions about this very nice E30. Pictures: <https://flic.kr/s/aHskfDhMti>

Contact: Alex at [collin380@yahoo.com](mailto:collin380@yahoo.com)



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Momo ALURAC Race Shift Knob \$50.00  
TWM Performance A6 Leopard Shift Knob Engraved with shift pattern \$125.00

Contact Michael at [mjposner1@gmail.com](mailto:mjposner1@gmail.com)

## 1988 BMW E24 M6 For Sale \$12,500 - Fort Lauderdale, Florida

1988 BMW M6 BMW NA (Canada Version ... 1 of 135 Produced for Canada ..... 1 of 73 1988) Royal Blue, Nature Interior. 180,000 miles S38 motor with Euro Headers Dash is very good, only two small cracks on leading edge of instrument cluster visible only from outside thru windshield. Back seats in very good condition, Front seats need re-upholstery along with mechanical work on drivers seat. Needs paint (Clear coat peeled on top surfaces) Has a few isolated rust spots, small dent on drivers side fender, metalwork under rear bumper needs to be straightened. Engine runs strong but needs tune up. Catalyst was replaced with straight pipes. Self leveling rear suspension has been replaced. Factory 16-inch Style Five BBS alloys from a late-model BMW 740i.

Contact Jon at [jonvanwoerden@gmail.com](mailto:jonvanwoerden@gmail.com)



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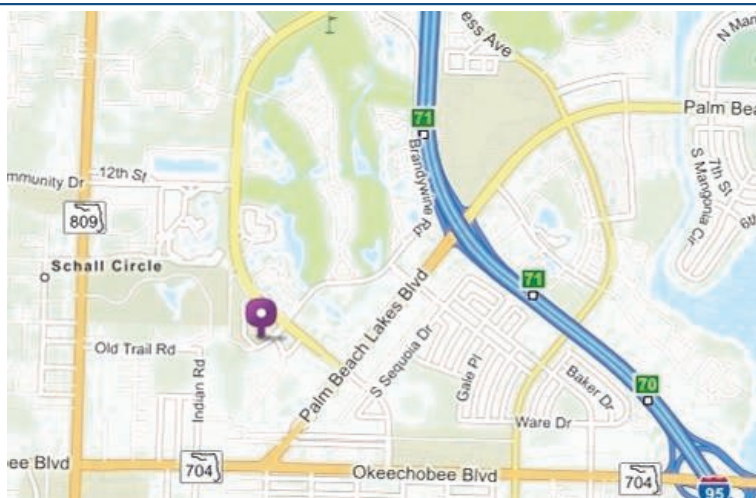




Everglades Chapter monthly Social Membership meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

**NEW LOCATION:**  
**Duffy's Sports Grill**  
**Village Commons**  
**721 Village Boulevard,**  
**West Palm Beach.**

We will have the private room from 7:00 PM until 10:00 PM



## *Events Calendar*

**September 12:** Z-Car in Vero Beach. BMW Z car owners meet at Riverside Park. Contact for this event is Rick Chuma: Email [Healeymk111@yahoo.com](mailto:Healeymk111@yahoo.com); and

Autogeek Cars & Coffee; 8:00—10:00 a.m. 7744 SW Jack James Dr. in Stuart

**September 15:** Club Social at Duffy's Sports Grill (location and time above)

**September 20:** Bimmers, Coffee & Donuts at Dale Labs; 8:30-10:30 a.m. 2960 Simms Street in Hollywood

**September 21-27:** The 46th Annual BMW CCA Oktoberfest held at the Stockton Seaview Hotel and Golf Club venue and New Jersey Motorsport Park

**October 4:** Cars & Coffee PB 9:00—Noon; at the Palm Beach Outlet Mall

**October 10:** "Ride to the Ranch" MacKay Tigerhead Ranch ([tinyurl.com/nqqc24k](http://tinyurl.com/nqqc24k))

**October 10:** Autogeek Cars & Coffee (location and time same as above)

**October 17:** Aircooled for Charity Car Show, 11:30-3:30 2216 Palm Beach Lakes Boulevard in West Palm Beach

**October 18:** Bimmers, Coffee & Donuts at Dale Labs 8:30-10:30 a.m. 2960 Simms Street in Hollywood

**October 20:** Club Social at Duffy's Sports Grill (location and time above)

**November 7-8:** Two-Day M School at the BMW Performance Center in Spartanburg. Info at [bmwcca.org](http://bmwcca.org)

**November 15:** German Classic Car Show hosted by South Florida Volkswagen Club, Weston Town Center 9:00-2:00



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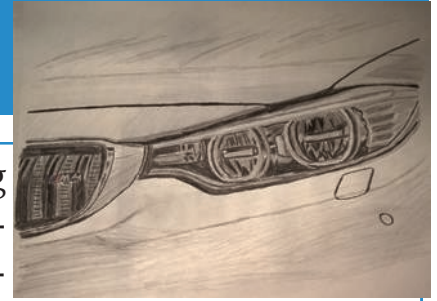
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with April Andrus assisting. They have some great ideas in place. In order for the chapter to be able to go to a color format and a larger size; we not only need to go electronically but we need advertising – lots of it. Anyone? Anyone? More importantly we need articles and pictures from YOU – our members. The content of the newsletter is not only the responsibility of the Editor or the officers – it is everyone! I have passed on my cattle probe to Michael and ask him to use it, gently. On another note on the newsletters: National is rolling out the “Regional newsletter” in the Pacific Region. This is an attempt to cut costs for the chapters by having one place doing the printing and mailing: from one location (mailed with the Roundel); with each chapter paying their fair share. The chapters will still have to provide everything for their portion of the regional newsletter. We will see how this program rolls out and if it becomes the program for all of BMW CCA. In the meantime we are going forward with our plans, the new look, and articles from our members.

Not too soon to mention the annual election of officers for our Chapter. IF you want to get more involved in your chapter, and its leadership, please contact one of the officers for information on a position. The process for nominations for the officers opens at the October social meeting. Members (in good standing) may nominate a member (in good standing with BMW CCA).

We hope that each of you have had a safe and FUN-tastic summer! Please check our website; [www.bmwccaeverglades.org](http://www.bmwccaeverglades.org) for the latest information and event planning for our members.

Safe Travels - Bobbi Treen—President



The M4 is one of BMW's 'ultimate' ultimate driving machines. So how do you know it is an 'ultimate' ultimate? Well, from the outside you can see the muscular bodywork all hunkered down over the big, fat wheels and tires.

Granted, you can order an option package for the standard version of this car (the 3/4 Series) that makes it look like this, but if you take a closer look, through the wheels to those massive disc brakes, and at the four exhaust pipes in the rear, you start to get an inkling that the M is something special.

Then, speaking of exhaust pipes, there is the sound it makes when you push the starter button. Pop the hood to see what is making that great, growly noise, you will find a twin-turbo six-cylinder engine that produces 425 horsepower and can blast the M4 from 0 to 60 miles an hour in under four seconds.

Impressive, but even so, the engine is only part of what makes an M the 'ultimate' ultimate. Everything about the car has been engineered and energized in that same way, from the suspension that was tuned at the Nurburgring racetrack in Germany, right down to little things you will never see – like the carbon-fiber driveshaft that reduces weight and helps the engine rev faster.

And speaking of revving faster, it is on the road that the true essence of M comes through. Punch the accelerator pedal and instantly the engine is howling like a wild animal and you are going very, very fast. Hit the brakes and bam!.. it feels like a line drive hitting the third baseman's glove. Take a corner and, well, it makes you wonder why they bother with brakes at all because you can pretty much go around any corner at any speed you want.

This being a BMW, all that brutal capability is wrapped up in layers of sophistication, some of it practical, like the head-up display, the voice-activated navigation system and cameras that see around corners. And some of it just for fun, like the extremely comfortable sport seats with the M badges that light up when you unlock the car.

What makes BMW the 'ultimate driving machine' is an almost magical mechanical formula honed over decades of engineering and winning races around the world. An ordinary car can feel dead, like you are driving a brick, or a pillow. BMW's magical formula brings a car to life and makes both it and you happy to be on the road, in motion and driving rings around every other car on the road. And the

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A beautiful display!!  
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M version of a BMW is the next step above that – a really big step. ***For more information on this or any other BMW Contact Joe Porco at [porco@bramanmc.com](mailto:porco@bramanmc.com)/561.242.3117.***

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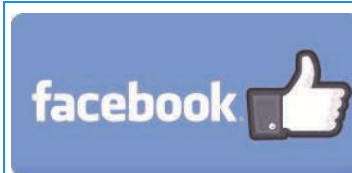
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in the paddock area. I learned then and thereafter, that most Clubs mostly do not discriminate against other marques participating in their events (though I imagine Ferrari Club events will not suffer non Ferrari participants). At this Audi Club event there were many Audis, but also BMWs, Porsches, Corvettes, Mustangs, Hondas etc. Most were completely stock; some a little less so.

The first thing that happens is the organizers get the group together for a welcoming speech, thank you and introduction of the instructors. Everyone is advised that this is a high performance drivers education (HPDE) event. It is not a race. No scouts are there to check out the talent. No trophies are given. For insurance reasons, no one should be timing themselves. You are there to learn about your car, driving technique, vehicle dynamics, the track and the preferred driving line around that track. Remember to stay hydrated, and have fun. We broke down into smaller groups to begin our instruction.

NEXT TIME: Let the learning begin.



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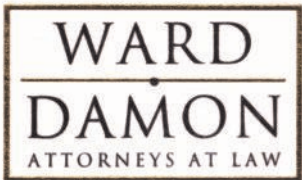
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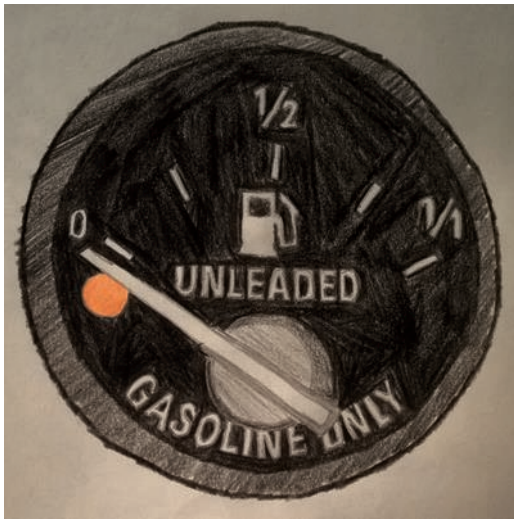
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