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EVERGLADES FLASHER



Membership: As of the June 30 2016 Report we have 1204 Primary members with 5 secondary and 211 Associates bringing the total membership of Everglades Chapter to 1420. We have 17 new members and 59 renewing members. The chapter had 22 lapsing members

– which could mean they didn't renew their membership by the end of the month – or are not renewing at all. This lapse in their membership will effect their club benefit of the rebate program with BMW NA. ALL of those details and rules are in the monthly editions of the Roundel or online www.bmwcca.org

National membership drive ongoing thru the end of the year: Each year, BMW CCA members are eligible to participate in our annual membership-drive. Besides maintaining the health of the Club, members can earn BMW CCA Bucks—and be entered to win great prizes! Check out all the latest rules and information at the national website www.bmwcca.org_Here's your teaser! **1st Prize:** One-day M School at the BMW Performance Center, plus two nights lodging for one, not including

1st Prize: One-day M School at the BMW Performance Center, plus two nights lodging for one, not including transportation. Referring members will receive one chance to win an M School per new member referred. New Members referred by a current member during this period will also be entered to win an M School.

2nd Prize: 2017 Oktoberfest Social Package Registration

3rd Prize: \$200 American Express Gift Card

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<u>Car raffle Car of your DREAMS</u>: Annual raffle is happening – BUY your \$25.00 ticket and a chance to win that car of your dreams. Tickets are on sale thru Sept 15, 2016. Raffle tickets are only \$25 each. You could win the Grand Prize M4 GTS, an M2 with a full complement of M Performance Parts, or an M235i! There is no limit to the number of tickets you can purchase, and proceeds benefit all the BMW CCA programs you know and love to keep the Club fun, exciting, and accessible for members across the United States. Check the website or Roundel inserts for rule and additional information. Check the timeframe for the ongoing drawings for winning a "Gift Card" for purchasing raffle tickets – Michelin Tires; Best Buy or AMEX.

National Navy UDT-Seal Museum: Thanks to all that came out for the tour of the museum on July 9. Everyone enjoyed themselves. It was fascinating to see so many items that were actually used in training the Navy SEALs or used in the dangerous missions they carried out. There really is a lot to see and watch. There is an emotional September 11 Display including part of the structure from the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center. The museum has an outside display as well, that includes an obstacle course; Navy Seal Memorial; Apollo Space Capsule (training); Special Operations Craft; Navy Seal Mural along with many "boats"... Andy Brady gave us the "low down" on the museum and how it came to be. November 4-6th is their 31st Annual Muster and Music Festival weekend. There are many planned activities to participate in or be a spectator. The 5k Beach run/walk (limited number of entries) –Navy Seal K-9 demonstration and much more. It is located in Ft Pierce on Hutchinson Island. They are closed on Mondays. They have a store with some really cool things. Yes, Aiden (my grandson) talked GrandMomE(me) into a purchase or two! Admission is \$10.00 per person. The museum is a 501 (3)(C) organization. www.navysealmuseum.org

TRYING to engage ALL of our members in our geographical area of Everglades Chapter: We do have a little over 300 members in the Miami-Dade/Homestead/Keys area; Fort Lauderdale/Broward has 408; Palm Beach County area 555 members and over 120 members in the area north from Stuart to Vero Beach. We have several scattered in and around that cross over to other Florida Chapters. It is a very costly endeavor to form new chapters and the National Office is not going to agree to a new chapter from the Everglades area (the question has been asked). There is actually a possibility of changing existing chapter geographic areas to make them larger. We have tried to have events in different areas but sadly, not much of a turn out from the locals. I am AGAIN reaching out for a member to represent a specific area – to be a Chapter Region Representative (or something like that) and be responsible for that area. It would be necessary to have a monthly get-together meeting. This function would be the responsibility of this regional rep: find a location, secure a timeframe; inform the membership (the main chapter would send out email blast.) Several chapters have broken down the geographical area of their chapters to do just that and it works. It really works! We are very lucky to have such a diverse membership and we need to make everyone feel welcome and enjoy what all the chapter and BMW CCA has to offer. We recognize that although YOU MAY SEE thousands of BMW's on the road not everyone is interested in belonging to a "club". And not all of our members are interested in doing anything with the chapter is need to make those joining our chapter feel welcome and enjoy the ride! Are you interested? Do you have the horsepower to make the drive to the starting line and finish at the checker? Contact me!

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E ditor's Corner by Michael J Posner

BMW has and continues to produce fantastic cars, but it is clear that for many people, the prices of the new versions may be too expensive. Leasing can help, and it is estimated more than half of all new BMWs are leased. However, thanks to depreciation, many fine late model BMW cars can be acquired for less than half the cost new, including may certified pre-owned vehicles (CPO).

For example, Braman West Palm is offering a 2016 loaded 435i convertible for with 10,00 miles for \$59,994, which is an \$8,000 cost savings over new, and when combined with the BMW Elite program, it still has four years of warranty with coverage to 65,000 miles. Plus, you can still get a rebate from BMWCCA of \$250.

Buyers should be aware that BMW has made several changes to its CPO program. First there are now two levels, the tradition CPO program that extends the factory warranty for two additional years (to six) and the maximum mileage another 50,000 (to 100,000). The new program is called Elite and it cuts the coverage in half, adding one additional year of warranty coverage (to five) and reducing the additional maximum mileage to 25,000 (to 75,000). The CPO benefit used to be tied to the car, so buying a CPO at a private dealer carried no risk of cancellation of coverage. However, for CPO cars sold after January 1, 2014, the coverage is only assignable in a private sale, and an application must be completed along with a \$200 fee (http://tinyurl.com/z9jtp96).

A second option for a used BMW is to check out the BMWCCA website classified, where members get to post there for sale cars for free. A perfect example of the benefits of deprecation is a fully loaded 2014 328ix Sport Wagon with 14k miles for \$35,000. This is roughly 66% of the equivalent costs new, and the car includes an extended warranty for an additional year (http://tinyurl.com/j8ezdlm)

Craigslist and eBaymotors also offer plenty of late model BMWs at steep depreciated discounts. A Craigslist add for a 2016 X5 xDrive50i with a msrp of \$88,695 is being offered for only \$68,891, nearly a 25% price reduction in less than one year (http://tinyurl.com/zrxnwuh). With a late 2015 production date, the X5 has 3.5 years/43k miles left on its factory warranty.

One final source is the used car superstores, like the national chain, CarMax, and the local group, offleaseonly. CarMax has good prices, and if you always wanted a 750i bit have less than 40k to spend you can pickup a 2012 750i at CarMax for only 33k, which is 60% less than new. Then purchase CarMax's extended warranty for about 3k and get at least 3 years/36k miles of worry free protection. My on recent purchase at offleaseonly of a 2013 BMW M6 saved me more than half the cost when new.



Photo by Michael Posner

Florida E 30s by George Fuentes



In September of 2015 a handful of individuals who share a common passion for the BMW E30 gathered for the first time at a local Cars & Coffee event in Palm

Beach County, Florida...a few weeks later, Florida E30s was formed. In just a short period of time the group has added over 150 members. Florida E30s has forged friendships which enable members to buy/sell/trade parts, share expertise, troubleshoot, and work on each other's cars to help keep them in pristine condition.

As we continue to grow, we would like to host events beyond our local community with the goal that one day, Florida E30s will be recognized as a group that other vintage BMW owners would like to associate themselves with. One of the group's goals is being fulfilled with an event called Spectober Fest.

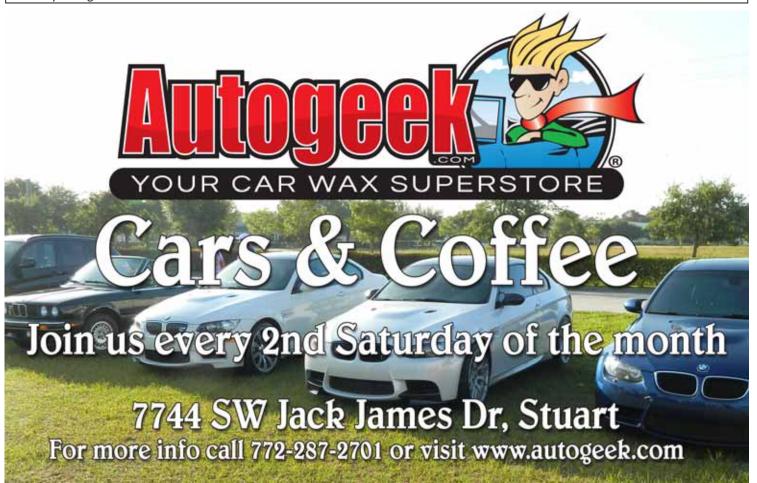
On Saturday, October 1st, 2016, Florida E30s is teaming up with Condor Speed Shop, Mad Motorsport and the National Auto Sport Association (NASA) to host a large BMW meet at Sebring International



Raceway. We encourage you to drive up to Sebring with your friends and BMW clubs and join us for the day as the Spec E30s race in the last event of the season. This event will have various options for drivers and spectators to participate. You can sign up with NASA for a track day with HPDE instructors or autocross with Martin Sportscar Club. (First- timers can reach out to Condor Speed Shop directly for a \$100 off coupon for the HPDE option!)

Photo by George Fuentes

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Let's GoBMWCCA Club Racing by Margaret Mitchell

Many of you are obviously very fond of driving your BMWs and I suspect wish you could have the opportunity of driving your car on a race track some day. BMW CCA provides many avenues for members to get track experience in their vehicles. Many chapters, some not too far from here, organize High Performance Driver Education (HPDE) events as well as driving and racing schools and BMW club racing events.

I recently attended a school, HPDE and race event organized by the Peachtree Chapter at Roebling Road, which is a picturesque track just west of I-95 near Savannah, Georgia. Its only about a six hour drive from West Palm Beach.

The weather looked to be promising for the weekend. However, on Friday, the temperature soared, and aided by the high humidity, it felt like it was over 100 degrees. With lots of shade trees in the paddock and with the help of available electricity and big fans, it was not totally intolerable. The camaraderie in the paddock was awesome, and the drivers and their crews, as well as the officials, were sharing their cooling tricks to make life more comfortable. After an air-clearing thunderstorm on Friday afternoon, the heat index relaxed into mid-80s for Saturday and Sunday, with no more rain.



There were three groups of students and HPDE entrants, and the drivers were split into the groups based on their current level of expertise behind the wheel. Some of their vehicles were set up more like race cars, while some were pretty much bone stock and had been driven to the track and back. There was also a special group for instructors.

The race group was not as well attended as the HPDE and school had planned, and we only had eleven race cars competing. But this did not stop them from being very competitive and their races were fun to watch. They had practice, qualifying and an endurance race on Friday, and qualifying and a sprint race on Saturday and Sunday.

After the Sunday race, the racer group got together for an awards ceremony where they received recognition for their efforts and every racer received a contingency award. There were also t-shirts to commemorate the event, which was named the "BMW Beach Bash."

A good time was had by all participants. I would highly recommend that you take in one of these events, even if just to watch. The drivers, their families and crews are very friendly and are very willing to share their experience, mechanical tips, shade and maybe even an adult beverage at the end of the day. They are also pleased to be able to help anyone that needs it with mechanical talent and tools to get a disabled car back together so no track time is lost. So do not be shy and come on out!

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For attendees that want to go on the track, but do not want to drive at the limit, can take a parade lap at noon. There will also be ride-alongs sponsored by Mad Motorsports, if you want to know what it is like to drive at the limit from the passenger's seat. Please visit Condo Speed Shop's Facebook page for updates and more details. The excitement is through the roof for our group to assist in hosting this type of event, and we encourage all BMW owners to be there to support the cause and enjoy the great racing action.

Please do not hesitate to follow Florida E30s on Instagram @Florida_E30s and join the group

"Florida E30s" on Facebook where you can get information about upcoming events and meetings. The Florida E30s community is awaiting you! Special thanks to the BMW CCA Everglades Chapter for the great opportunity and support they have provided us.



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August 13: Cars/Coffee Autogeek, Stuart

August 14: PB Outlets Cars and Coffee 9 to Noon & Everglades Chapter, Euro Car Cruiz-in, Carolina Ale House, Weston

August 16: Everglades Chapter Social Duffy's Sports Grill, Village Commons, WPB

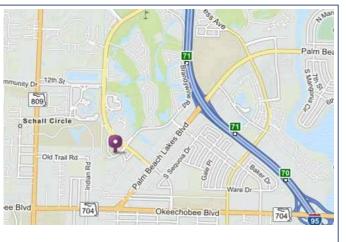
Sept. 10: Cars & Coffee Autogeek, Stuart

Sept. 11:PB Outlets Cars and Coffee 9 to Noon & Everglades Chapter, Euro Car Cruiz-in, Carolina Ale House, Weston

Sept. 20: Everglades Chapter Social Duffy's Sports Grill, Village Commons, WPB

Please check our website for updates and specific event details. Everglades Chapter monthly Social Membership meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Duffy's Sports Grill Village Commons 721 Village Boulevard, West Palm Beach. We will have the private room from 7:00—10:00 PM



M3 Road Trip Machine –3,577 Miles in Two Weeks

By

John O'Connell

I've been an M3 fan for years and was finally fortunate enough to buy one three years ago. I've always been impressed by the 'swiss Army Knife" nature of M3's. They are cars that can be used to drop the kids off at school and be tracked without a problem. Mine has been a lot of fun but it had one glaring fault that needed to be corrected; it had never crossed a state line. My only excuse for this is that I live in South Florida where the nearest state line is a five hour drive away. With two weeks off from work, that problem was rectified.

Fortunately I was due for service before the trip so a trip to my BMW service center had my engine, transmission and rear differential fluids changed as well as new spark plugs installed under the factory maintenance program. Tire pressure and wheel torque checked, we were ready to go.

After several hours we reached Daytona and realized this is a great long distance highway car. It revs high at freeway speed but is so smooth that unless you were looking at the tach it would be hard to guess the engine speed. Range was indicated at 360 miles per tank, but with my three daughters on board we stopped more frequently. The first day had us stopping for the night at my brother's house in Virginia Beach. The last 70 miles of that were on rural Virginia roads in a heavy rain. The car is amazing in the rain and we avoided a jail trip by keeping it at the speed limit.

The next day the rain stopped and we left as the sun was rising. At this point my brother joined us in his 911. Watching the sun rise over the Chesapeake Bay from the bridge tunnel was amazing. We broke up the driving by taking the Cape May-Lewes ferry across the Delaware Bay.

When in NJ the car proved to be a competent back road car and was happy to take us to a local farm. The devastation we saw from Sandy was still evident.



We were lucky that our trip coincided with Track Night in America at New Jersey Motorsports Park. This is a great facility and the SCCA did a fantastic job running the event. There was a delay because of rain, but we were kept well informed and got some wet laps in when the rain stopped.

The second half of the trip took us to Asheville, NC. It should not come as much of a surprise that a Bavarian car was great in the blue ridge mountains. The S65 engine

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Photo by John O'Connell



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View From The Driver's Seat by Peter Frey

Defining the Modern Sports Car – The 2016 BMW Z4: Automotive terminology has evolved so much in recent years it is hard to keep track... I mean, who ever heard of a "crossover" until a few years ago? And what exactly does it mean?

But the term 'sports car" has always had a very specific meaning. It describes a small car with a peppy engine up front driving the rear wheels. It also means a stiff suspension, two seats, a convertible top -- and a bare minimum of "stuff" to get between you and the joy of driving.

By that definition, the BMW Z4 is every inch a sports car. It started out as a single car 2002, but has now grown until there are several versions of the Z4 available, including a 240 horsepower turbocharged 4-cylinder as well as a pair of BMW's famed straight-6 engines, both turbocharged, one producing 300 horsepower, the other 335.

Even with the "little" engine, the Z4 squirts from 0 to 60 in 5.6 seconds (and around 4.8 with the 'big' engine), and while the term "sports car" usually implies a manual transmission - which is certainly available -- it is such a blast working your way up through all seven gears using the paddle shifters that the automatic transmission is an alternative worth considering.

Like any true sports car, the Z4, particularly when it is equipped with the M Sport Package, has suspension that makes the car feel like it is welded to the road. Add to that to the super-fast, super-precise electric power steering, and the strong, smooth power-plant under that long hood and you have a stylish rocket ship built for two. However, it should be said that when those two set off on a journey, they do not necessarily need to be contented with just the clothes on their backs. The Z4 actually has enough luggage space for a pair of small carry-ons, as well as a pass-through interior that lets you carry small golf bags, or even skis.

The other principal joy of the Z4 is the terrific convertible hardtop; push a button for 20 seconds and it transforms the car from a high-speed tanning booth into a quiet, secure sanctuary far away from the sun, weather and the outside world. It should also be noted that you can order sport seats covered with a specially-treated leather that is designed to reflect the sun and keep the surface cool (-ish).

In addition, the options list includes the full range of BMW style, technical and performance accessories, allowing you to configure your Z4 as a thoroughly modern sports car. If this sounds good to you, stop by Braman BMW in West Palm Beach or Jupiter for a test drive and they will be happy to help you figure out just how modern you



want to get.

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Visit www.BramanBMW.com for more information, or call BMW Client Adviser Joe Porco at 561-242-3117 to arrange a test drive.

<u>Photo courtesy of BMW USA</u>

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UPCOMING events: Jon van Woerden is working on an **ice cream social** event in the Ft Lauderdale area. The Xtreme Action Park (Powerline RD) has so much to do under one roof. This location may also be great for a cruzin' car display event – in the evening; as the "warmer" temperatures are taking a toll on attendance at the morning cars and coffee events.

Road Trip: We are still working on the sunrise to sunset road trip in the fall. Rumor has it – that it is all being planned! With a few touristy stops along the way... we will make a weekend of it! Stay tuned – it will be a blast!

SEBRING International Raceway-- Oct 1: Condor Speed Shop, along with, **NASA** (National Auto Sport Association – Florida), will be hosting this race weekend event including a HPDE and an Autocross. Condor Motorsports (located in Ft Lauderdale) – and the E30 racing group will have a BMW presence for the weekend.

Get ready for the first ever **Spectober Fest**, **Saturday** October 1, 2016! Condor Speed Shop will be hosting a large BMW meet at Sebring International Raceway during a NASA Spec E30 race weekend. Head up to Sebring with your friends/clubs and join us for the day as we race in the last event of the season. If you want to drive your car on the track, no problem we have a few options. Sign up with NASA for a track day with instructor. First-timers can reach out to us directly for a \$100 off coupon. You can also sign up for the autocross with the Martin Sportscar Club, (www.martinscc.org/). Those of you who want to go out on track but don't want to drive at the limit can take a parade lap at noon. There will also be ride-alongs, sponsored by Mad Motorsports, available if you want to know what it's like to drive at the limit from the passenger's seat. NASA will be hosting an awards dinner with catered BBQ and beverages for those that want to stay into the evening. Tickets are \$20. More info to come!" (NOTE: reprinted from the FaceBook Spectober Event page)

Annual Election of Chapter Officers: It isn't too early to mention our annual election of Chapter Officers. The nomination process will begin at our monthly social meeting (October 18, 2016). Nominations will be accepted by our Election Chairperson, for one month; closing nominations on NOV 18. The election chairperson will contact the nominees for their acceptance. I will appoint someone to be our Election Chairperson. All positions are open for re-election each year. Any member, in good standing, of Everglades Chapter is eligible to be nominated, by another member in good standing of our chapter. The exception for the role of President: Only those members that have previously held an elected position (officer) with Everglades Chapter can be nominated and/or elected for the position of President. If you are interested in an elected position, please contact me or any of the officers for a quick job description. The Chapter by-laws, with the description for the elected positions, are posted on our webpage.

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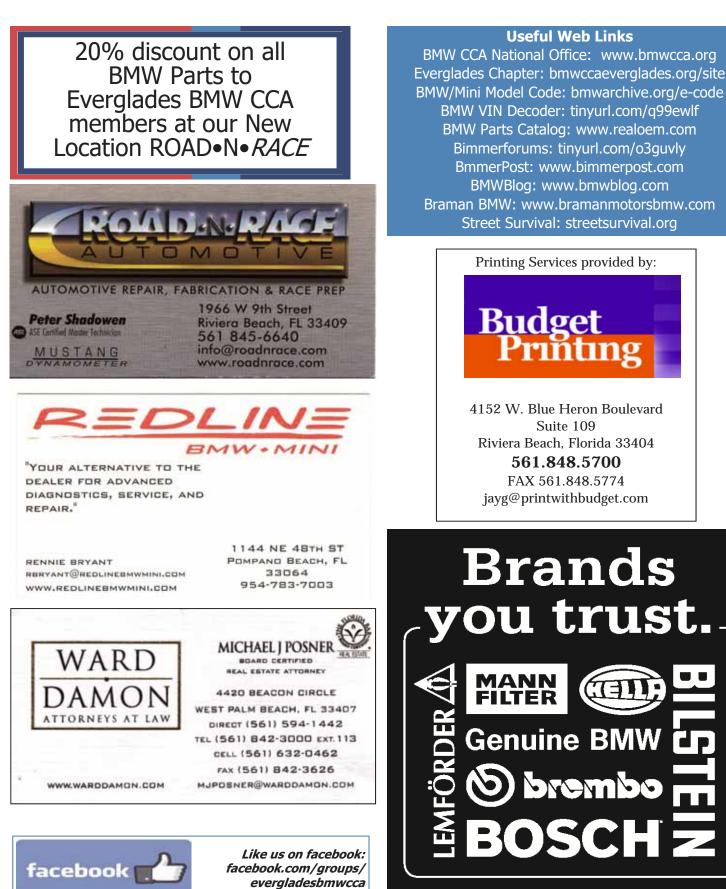
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makes plenty of torque, and even fully loaded, the car handled amazingly well. Our trip in Asheville included some off-road driving at a gem mine. Well, off-road for an M car, at least. Steep dirt roads were no problem! Coming down from the mountains and back to Florida was easy and uneventful, although a bit messy.

In retrospect, some road film would have been a good idea. Ultimately not a problem though, as the car made it back home and is ready for the next adventure. After all was done, the trip was 3,577 miles with an average fuel economy of 21.5 mpg, with some great mountain and track driving. My daughters had a great time, and we are already planning the next adventure.

