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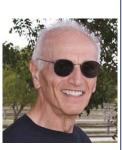
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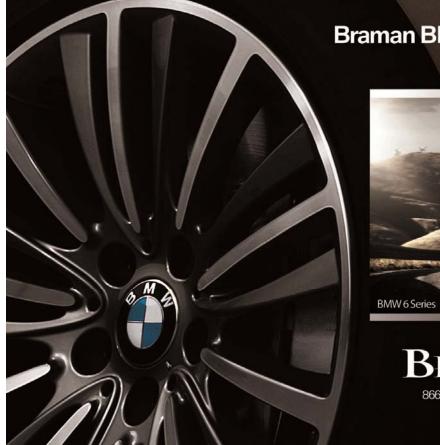
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Photo gallery of Jon van Woerden's: "M6 on Route 66" images. www.jonvanwoerden.com/M6\_RT66 for the Bimmers, Coffee, & Donuts: tinyurl.com/bcd0215
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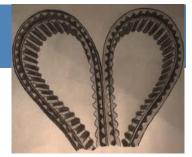




# Pole Position by President Bobbi Treen

I could actually make this edition of the Pole Position – my random thoughts. It could be similar to one of those family letters at Christmas time: "the YEAR in REVIEW". Or maybe not.

Everglades Chapter Membership is at 1,434 members with 204 associate members. We started the year with 1,370 members including 192 Associates.



We had a variety of activities this year. And contra to what was said to me at the TRSS event – We are very much alive and active. We understand that not everyone can attend all of our events or our monthly social meetings, but we appreciate the interest that has continued to grow. South Florida has several "Cars and Coffees" across the chapter region that are growing in attendance and interest.

We have had a lot of success with our own Bimmers, Coffee & Donuts – at Dale's Photo in Hollywood. It is scheduled for the third Sunday of each month. The donuts, coffee and water are from Everglades Chapter BMW CCA. Josh Lehr has offered the parking lot of his business for the chapter. Review the calendar and advertising within the FLasher for locations of other meetings of "Cars and Coffee!"

Palm Beach Motor Group/Autogeek.net Mark your calendar for their Annual DetailFest in March and the car club challenge. Information can be found at www.autogeek.net

We hosted a Tire Rack Street Survival at Homestead-Miami Speedway on Sunday, December 13, 2015 teaching 29 eager teens driving skills, car control and what they need to do while driving on different road conditions. Thank you Mother Nature for the downpour! The skies opened up just when we needed it the most... and like most of the storms in South Florida, clear skies in no time at all. It was a very long, but exciting day. We recruited new in-car coaches – TRSS requires they be certified to instruct. Our long time, been doing this for years, coaches are all certified as well. At this event we had several parents helps us out and also a few take the test so they could instruct as in-car coaches. (But not in the car with their own family members. That is not allowed). Half of the students were under 17. It seems that many teens are not in a hurry to get their driver's license as most of us were. In speaking with some parents, they have their cell phones, social media, and other means of staying touch. We cannot thank our volunteers enough for their time and dedication – sharing their skills and knowledge. I am very proud of our group, even the one that Santa left him a little bag of coal!

I do hope that we can do at least two Tire Rack Street Survival events in 2016. Michelin provided the funding for the "pavement" at HMS. With the generous help of local sponsors and the "pavement" being inexpensive –the program is doable. If there is anyone out there that can help us in any way to make this happen more frequently – we welcome your feedback and assistance. For information on the program – BMW CCA Foundation: www.streetsurvival.org

The Holiday Get Together was last minute planning with a terrific turn out. We met at the Old Key Lime House in Lantana and we had almost 40 members and family in attendance. Their deck was a beautiful location – blue skies nice breezy and on the water. In my book, it was a Chamber of Commerce kind of day. We celebrated great times with great friends. We also announced the Chapter's Member of the Year – Raul Reyes.

Congratulations to Raul! And I thank you.

Wishing you and yours a very HAPPY New Year! Safe travels to all and to all.... See you somewhere soon.

Bobbi Treen, President

# Editor's Corner by Michael J Posner

While traveling back from the mountains in North Carolina, I stopped by the BMW Zentrum in South Carolina between Spartenburg and Greenville. While still open that day, the gift shop was already packing up as part of a renovation to the Zentrum facility. BMW reports that the Zentrum is scheduled to reopen in late 2016. The small museum hosts about two dozen cars, motorcycles, a multimedia



theater, various engines and other BMW memorabilia. Not much had changed since my last visit in 2008, except the inclusion of two new show cars (*http://tinyurl.com/ hovt5de*) and a few more modern X vehicles. I suspect that is one reason for the renovation.



In November I attended the South Florida Volkswagen Club's

German Car Show. While mostly a VW

show, there was a good showing of BMWs, all in various shades of red. At the show were two E30s, a 325i convertible an M3, two E34s, an M5 and a recently imported 520i German Fire Chief's car replete with sirens and flashing lights. A nice E24 was also in attendance.

Chapter members considering attending the 2016 show should go to: *http://tinyurl.com/jyh9dzo* 

I was hoping that by the this issue we would receive more feedback from the members regarding what they want to see in *The FLasher*. Please do not hesitate to send me articles, tips, questions or free classified ads at mjposner1@gmail.com. **This is your Club Magazine! Michael J Posner, Editor** 



# On Track by Conrad Damon

In the last couple of On Track columns, I talked about love of cars and speed and signing up for your first high performance driver education (HPDE) event. I discussed classroom preparation and learning a little about the track and a cars weight shifting and demands on tires as you go around a track. So now, it is time to actually take your car out on track.



A few car and personal preparation reminders are in order. The demands on a car on a track are much more than on the street, particularly on the brakes, tires and the engine. Make sure you have plenty of material left on your brake pads since it will get used up. Might be a good idea to get your brake system bled and filled with high temperature brake fluid to help avoid brake fade. Make sure all your lug nuts for the wheels are tight. Check with your owner's manual or someone who knows the proper lug nut torque values. I torque my lug nuts at 85 pounds of torque. You may want to drop your tire pressures down a few pounds per square inch, since the heat generated from going around the turns of a track increase tire pressures substantially. Your instructor should go over these things with you before you go out. Make sure to drink plenty of water in advance to stay hydrated, since you will sweat. Wear appropriate closed sneakers/shoes (no sandals), that will allow your feet to work well on your gas, brake and clutch (in manual transmissions) pedals. You will need your helmet.

So you are ready to go out and anxious and excited and full of information and anticipation. I think the best first approach to the track is to have the instructor drive you around first. That way you can

see and begin to learn the track from inside the car without having to think about driving. The instructor should try to show you the general "line" around the track and where the flagging stations are, as well as where you enter and exit the track. In manual transmission cars, you will also get to see what gears to use. In general less is more. That is, the fewer shifts you make the better. This helps to avoid upsetting the bal-



ance of the car with each up shift or downshift and allows you to focus on the line and steering and smooth use of the brake and gas pedals. On most tracks you will mostly use 3rd and 4th gears and sometimes 5th gear. In my five speed M3, I hardly ever use 2nd gear once out on the track. As a rule, in brake zones, you decelerate with the brakes and you do not use downshifting to slow the car down. If you are on a long straight in 5th gear and are coming to a 3rd gear turn, use your brakes to slow the car, and then shift directly into 3rd gear to take the turn, rather than shifting into 4th gear



and letting the clutch out and then shifting into 3rd gear.

After a few laps, the instructor will come in and switch seats with you so that you can go out and drive. The first order of business is to just become familiar with the track layout and being able to anticipate that you have an upcoming right or left turn. The instructor will help to prompt you on the line and where you want to be on the track. Once you have gotten somewhat comfortable with the track layout and general line around the track, you can start thinking about driving technique.

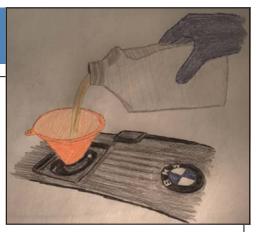
Try to concentrate on looking well ahead of your car, to where you want to go, rather than where you are. Look into the turns and

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# Tech Session by Peter Shadowen

### Will modifying my (new exhaust, tune, etc.) car affect my BMW warranty?

You should refer to your specific warranty for this type of question. In my experience, a dealer may look to the other way if you have a modified exhaust and come in for an oil leak, but if you come in for an emissions problem, they may not. Dealer-installed performance upgrades should not run into a warranty problem.

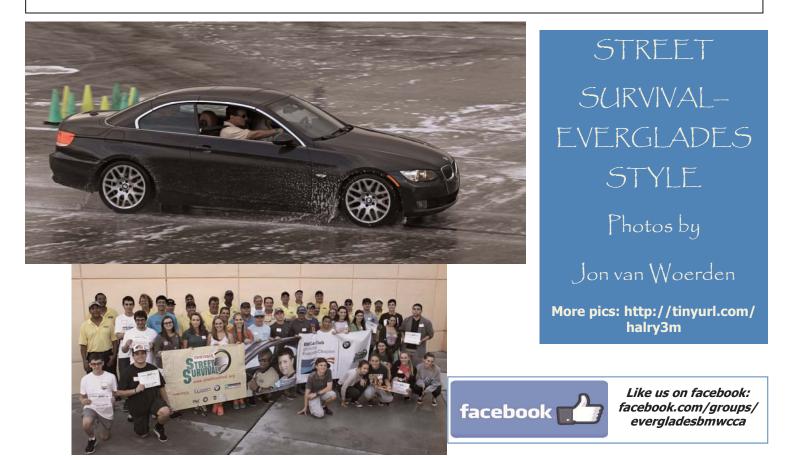


# My radiator is low, should I refill with tap water or do I need a special fluid?

Ideally, it should be topped off with the appropriate ratio of water and BMW antifreeze. However, in emergency situations, it could be topped off with tap water with no short term damage. If you are having to do this repeatedly, have your vehicle checked for a leak and get the coolant mixture checked for proper antifreeze:water ratio.

### I lost the key to my 2012 335i, can I just buy one online or does it have to programmed by the dealer.

Every car model could be different; however, a new key will need to be programmed. Whether or not a particular dealer is willing to program a key you have brought in yourself, is going to be up to the individual dealer you work with.





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SFVW German Car Show Photos by Michael J Posner

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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* 



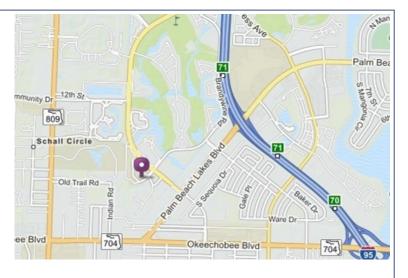
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### **Bimmers, Coffee & Donuts**

Presented by Everglades Chapter and hosted by Dale Photo and Digital in Hollywood, we will have a monthly event of Bimmers, Coffee and Donuts!

We are planning for the third Sunday of each month BUT that is subject to change. Check the website for up to date postings! Please join us from 10:00 am till Noon. ale Photo & Digital, 2960 Simms Street, Hollywood, FL 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 PM until 10:00 PM





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**January 3:** Cars and Coffee Palm Beach; PB Outlet Mall; 9 -Noon CONTACT: carsandcoffeepb.com for info.

January 8-9-10: SCCA Majors: Florida Region SCCA: National Sports Car racing: at Homestead Miami Speed-way. volunteers needed: www.flscca.com

January 9: Autogeek: Second Saturdays: autogeek.com/ carsandcoffee

Z owners. If you have any questions or if you do plan on attending these Z-car meets please email Rick at healeymk111@yahoo.com Z-car Group meets on second Saturday of the month, 9:00 a.m. at Riverside Park, Vero Beach.

**January 17**: Cars and Coffee at Dale Photo & Digital (page 13)

January 19: Club Social at Duffy's Sports Grill (page 9)

January 24: Coffee and Classics: the Classic European car gathering LAST SUNDAY of each month: 8-10am; at A1A and Los Alos Blvd (Public Parking lot) Ft Lauderdale contact info email Martin: tiitouring02@yahoo.com

February 16: Club Social at Duffy's Sports Grill

February 21: Cars and Coffee at Dale Photo & Digital

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as you enter, and let your eyes keep scanning further and further ahead. Your hands on the steering wheel will have a natural tendency to follow your eyes, as you may have noticed when driving on I95 and you look at a car or truck in the lane next to you and you find that your car starts to move into the next lane and you have to make a correction. Try to think about smooth inputs in both your turning of the steering wheel and what you do with your feet on the gas and brake pedals. For example, when braking hard for a turn, once you have slowed to substantially the speed that you want to be at, do not just abruptly release the brake pedal, but rather ease out of it. This affects the all important balance of the car.

Under braking, the weight shifts forward, and the front tires get a lot of grip from this weight transfer. If you abruptly take your foot off the brake pedal, the front suspension springs of the car will have a tendency to bounce the front end back up, causing an abrupt weight transfer off of the front tires, leading to a loss of grip. You will hear it over and over again: BE SMOOTH. It is easy to say, but harder to do out on the track. I probably have 150+ track days under my belt, and I still have to concentrate on looking ahead and trying to make my steering and pedal inputs smooth, but it is key to successful track driving. Do not overdrive and try to go fast from the getgo. Work on the line and technique, and speed around the track will come to you.

This is a very general overview of what to expect. Track driving is like learning to ride a bicycle. You cannot just read about it. You have to go do it to learn it. The most important part is to have FUN, of which there is much abundance to be had at track events. Part of the joy of track days is at the end of the day, when the track shuts down to cars, but the paddock is still filled with the drivers and their coolers filled with cold beverages, and the drivers share a beer and talk and laugh about the track and their cars and their fun day with both. It does not get much better than that at times. Be safe.

#### **ENJOY!**

## View From The Driver's Seat by Peter Frey

#### BMW X1 All-New For 2016

The X1 is the 'little brother' in BMW lineup of SAVs. Introduced in Europe in 2009 and in the US in 2013, it proved a pioneer for similarly diminutive SUVs from other manufacturers. Now, after a surprisingly short production run, comes the second-generation X1, and the differences are substantial.

The most dramatic change is that the all-new 2016 X1 xDrive28i has changed platforms, from those

sis for the 3rd-generation MINI, as well as the 2series Active Tourer and Gran Tourer people-movers sold in Europe. BMW will also make a front-wheeldrive-only sDrive model available later in 2016.

As a result, the X1 will no longer feature an optional straight-6 engine; the only available powerplant is a twin-turbo 2.0-liter four-cylinder that produces 228 horsepower and 258 lb-ft of torque. In normal driving, 100 percent of the torque is sent to the front wheels; if conditions warrant, part of it is sent to the rear wheels through a multi-plate clutch.

The system helps maintain proper balance and eliminate both over and understeer. The X1's has an extremely lightweight chassis that uses aluminum wheel carriers and swivel bearings as well as highstrength steel control arms and rear subframes. The end result is a level of handling and vehicle control that will please BMW purists.



The transmission is an 8-speed automatic, and owners will have the option of shifting for themselves with the steering wheel-mounted paddle shifters that are part of the M Sport Package, which also includes a firmer suspension, an M steering wheel, and sport seats.

While the appearance sticks with BMW's proven styling language, this new architecture makes possible an increase in overall height (and seating position, giving the driver a more commanding view of the road), as well as interior and cargo room. The new X1 is somewhat lighter than the original version, with performance that includes zero to 60 acceleration in 6.3 seconds, and a top speed of 130 mph (143 mph with the M Sport version).

The interior has also undergone major revisions, with the new version having a more 'masculine' feel with crisp lines and curves, and materials that are expensive-looking to the eye and solid to the touch.

As with all BMWs, the list of optional equipment is extensive, including adaptive LED headlights, adaptive cruise control, Panoramic Moonroof, heads-up display, new power-folding rear seats and power liftgate with hands-free operation. Available driver aids include lane-departure warning, forward-

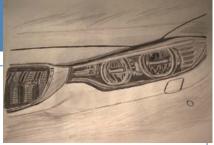


collision warning, and automated parking. BMW's connectivity options are the best in their class, with the ConnectedDrive app integrating Facebook, Twitter, Spotify, iHeart Radio, and Life 360.

The level of technology and sophistication available in the X1 takes it out of the 'baby bimmer' category and makes it simply a smaller version of its more high-end big brothers.

Braman BMW in West Palm Beach and Jupiter are among the top dealerships in the US, and have a wide selection of new X1's in stock. Visit

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



## 2015 Everglades Chapter BMW CCA Member of the Year

Honored to be chosen as the 2015 Everglades Chapter BMW CCA member of the year, I am very happy to be part of this family!

For those of you who don't know me, I want to tell you a little bit about me and my experience with BMW. I was born and raised in Bogota, Colombia, where my passion about cars started. In February of 2007 I came to the United States where I later met my beautiful wife Astrid, now we work together in our office where we offer court reporting and interpreting services for law firms and insurance companies. I am very happy to share with you that we very recently had our first baby, Valentina, who currently "drives" her BMW Baby Racer III! We enjoy going to the different BMW CCA events and meetings as well as the Cars & Coffee at the Palm Beach Outlets and Autogeek, when we are not attending any car events we like to travel or have friends come over to our home in Port Saint Lucie and BBQ.

My passion with BMW's started when I was about 5 years old, and I saw a black E30 convertible in a movie and immediately I told my parents that was the car I wanted to have when I grew up, at the time, I didn't realize that my dream car was going to be twentysomething years old. 24 years later, I get to buy it! A 1987 325i convertible with the triple black color combination (exactly as I saw it in the movie) and has been my garage princess ever since. Another BMW that marked me, was back in Colombia, when I found for sale a 1988 E32 735iL that was a "retired" presidential vehicle. I was just starting to go to college so of course I could not afford to buy it; I got my dad's authorization to sell his daily driver, a Renault Clio, to buy the 7 series. After some work and effort finding a few parts for a vehicle that was not common at all in the country, we finally got to drive around town in the former presidential Bimmer. Years later and already living in the US, in 2010 we got a 2008 E60 550i that we loved and hated; unfortunately right after the warranty expired it started to give us so many problems that we replaced it with one of BMW's competitors. Understanding that it was a matter of luck, we are patiently waiting for our lease to expire to be back on the wheel of the ultimate driving machine! I am not sure what we will get but of course we'll keep the baby in mind!! If money and customs were not a problem, I would go for the 2016 Alpina B5 Wagon that our friend, photographer and now social events coordinator Jon Van Woerden tested in Germany, Lucky guy!!

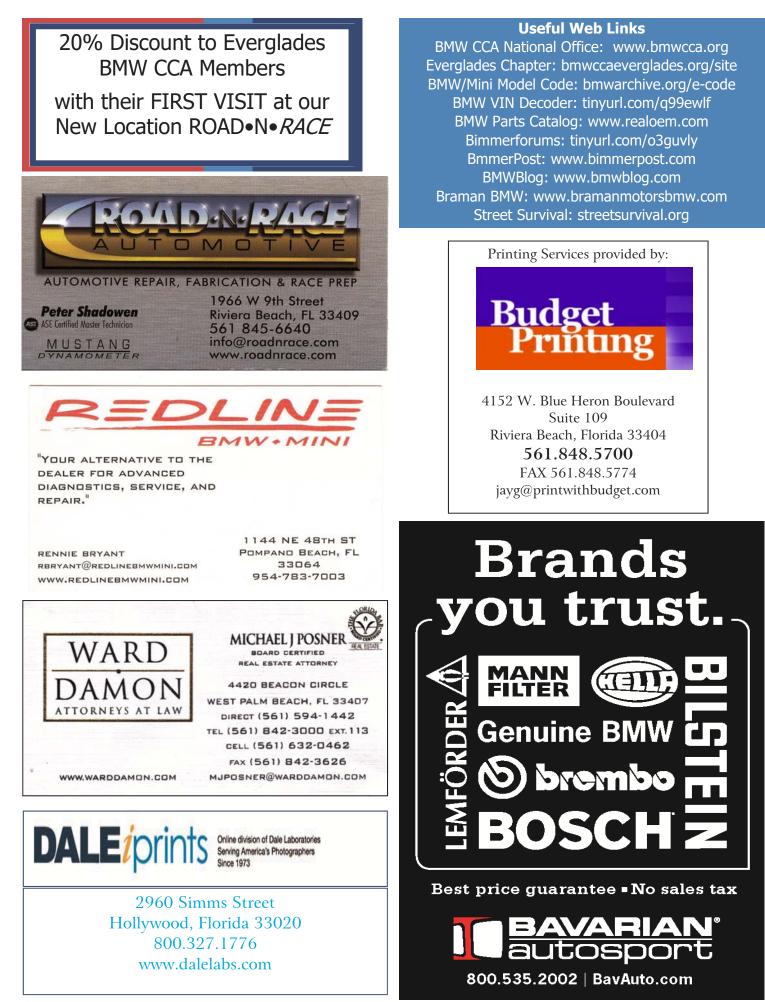
For this 2016, I was elected as the VP of operations. I promise all of you that I will work hard to continue to make this club better every day. Thanks to all of you that supported our events this past year, we hope to see you again in all the events that we will have in 2016. The other board members and I will be open to new ideas and we will always accept an extra set of hands, so if you have an idea of an event or trip that you would like; contact us and together we will make it happen. Raul A Reyes Honrado de haber sido escogido como el miembro del año del BMW CCA capitulo Everglades en el 2015, Estoy muy contento de ser parte de esta familia!

Para aquellos que no me conocen, quiero contarles un poco de mí y de mi experiencia con BMW. Nací en Bogotá, Colombia, donde comenzó mi pasión por los carros. En febrero de 2007 llegue a los Estados Unidos donde luego conocí a mi hermosa esposa Astrid, ahora trabajamos juntos en nuestra oficina en donde ofrecemos servicios de taquígrafos e intérpretes para diferentes firmas de abogados y compañías de seguros. Me alegra mucho poder compartirles que acabamos de tener nuestro primer bebe, Valentina. Quien actualmente "conduce" su BMW baby racer III! Nosotros disfrutamos de todos los eventos y reuniones del BMW CCA asi como también de los cars & coffee del condado de Palm Beach y de Autogeek en Stuart. Cuando no estamos en eventos de vehículos, disfrutamos viajes o de la visita de amigos en casa acompañados de un buen asado.

Mi pasión por BMW empezó cuando tenía más o menos 5 años, vi en una película un E30 convertible negro e inmediatamente le dije a mis padres que ese era el carro que iba a tener cuando creciera (en el momento no pensé que ese carro iba a tener veintipico de años). 24 años más adelante, logre comprarlo. Un 1987 325i Convertible con pintura, interior y techo negro (tal cual lo había visto en la película). desde ese entonces ha sido el rey de mi garaje! Otro BMW que me marco, fue cuando estaba en Colombia y encontré a la venta un 1988 E32 735iL que era un Vehículo presidencial "jubilado", yo estaba apenas empezando la universidad así que por supuesto no alcanzaba a comprarlo. Obtuve permiso de mi padre para vender el carro de la familia, un Renault Clio, y así pudimos comprar aquel 735. Después de algunos trabajos y lucha para conseguir unas partes para este carro que no es nada común, finalmente pudimos viajar por la ciudad en el antiguo vehículo presidencial. Años después en 2010, ya en los Estados Unidos, adquirimos un 2008 E60 550i que amamos y odiamos; desafortunadamente al acabarse la garantía comenzó a darnos tantos problemas que resolvimos remplazarlo por un carro de la competencia. Entendiendo que fue únicamente una cuestión de mala suerte, pacientemente esperamos a que nuestro lease se termine para volver a conducir "The ultimate Driving Machine"! No estoy seguro de que carro escogeremos; sin duda, si dinero o aduana no fuera problema, escogería el 2016 Alpina B5 Wagon que nuestro amigo, fotógrafo y ahora coordinador de eventos sociales Jon Van Woerden probo en Alemania, Que suertudo!

Para este 2016 fui elegido como Vicepresidente de operaciones. Les prometo que continuare trabajando fuerte para hacer de este club algo mejor cada día. Gracias a todos los que apoyaron nuestros eventos este año que pasó, esperamos seguir viéndolos en todos los eventos que tendremos en 2016. Los demás miembros de la junta directiva y yo, estaremos abiertos a nuevas ideas y siempre aceptaremos una mano amiga, así que si tienen alguna idea para un evento o un viaje que quieran hacer, contáctenos y juntos lo haremos posible.

Raul A Reyes



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