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"flash" their headlights at each other*

**BMW Car Club
of America
Everglades Chapter**



The Officers of Everglades Chapter BMW CCA

Invite you to attend

Annual Holiday Party and Charity Event

Saturday, December 16, 2017

Ten in the morning until Four in the afternoon

Morikami Park, Lake Biwa Pavillion

Located on Jog Rd at park entrance

4000 Morikami Park Road

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Raffle Items and a 50/50 Cash Raffle to benefit

BMW CCA Foundation Tire Rack Street Survival

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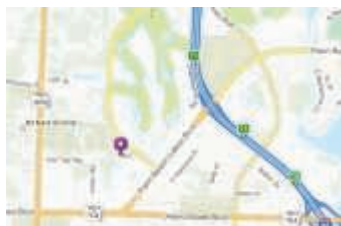
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monthly Social Membership meetings
are held on the third Tuesday of
each month at 7:30 p.m.
Non-Alcoholic Drinks and Desert on Us!
Duffy's Sports Grill, Village Commons,
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**The Club has a private
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PM**



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Events Calendar

November 29 – December 3: Sebring Historics Sebring International Raceway

December 3: PB Outlets Cars and Coffee 9 to Noon, West Palm Beach

December 9: Autogeek Cars & Coffee; Stuart; and Cars & Coffee @ Xtreme Action Park Ft. Lauderdale

December 16: Everglades Chapter Annual Holiday Charity Party. 11AM till 3PM. IT is a Picnic Gathering! at Lake Biwa Pavilion at Morikami Park, Delray Beach. RSVP: rsvp4evergladesbmwcca@gmail.com

December 19: NO MEETING. Everglades Chapter Monthly Social

January 5-7: the Florida Region SCCA – Majors at Homestead Miami Speedway visit www.flscga.com for information

January 12-14: Central Florida Region SCCA – Majors at Sebring International Raceway. Visit www.cfrscga.org for information

January 13: Autogeek Cars & Coffee; Stuart and Cars & Coffee @ Xtreme Action Park Ft. Lauderdale

January 16: Everglades Chapter Monthly Social Meeting and the ANNUAL Meeting Duffy's Sports Grill, Village Commons, West Palm Beach

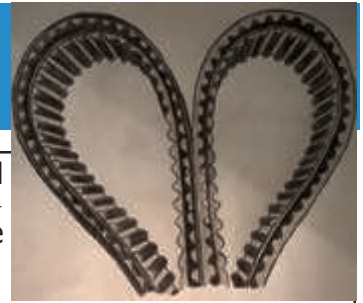
January 28: PB Outlets Cars and Coffee 9 to Noon, West Palm Beach

Please check our website for updates and specific event details.

New Members

Richard Battin Delray Beach
 James Nobel Jupiter
 Robert Bennett Plantation
 Carlos de la Cruz Key Biscayne
 Robert Chaiklin Boca Raton
 Christopher Gatewood Pompano Beach
 Michael Yocum Plantation
 Frank Carson Vero Beach
 Randy Simon Plantation
 Elliott Laws Fort Lauderdale
 Tim Rector Fort Lauderdale
 Walter Mathews Fort Lauderdale
 Brian Press Delray Beach
 Edward Kramer Delray Beach
 Nettie Kramer Delray Beach
 John Snider Delray Beach
 Roger Wells Miami Springs

Pole Position by President Bobbi Treen



The checkered flag is about to wave for the end of 2017! As we wrap-up the final months preparing for the end of the year, family visits, holiday parties, and a well-deserved nap, let us all be safe, happy and thankful. Membership numbers have dropped – as of October 31, we are at 1366 total with 201 associates.

RAIN or shine Holiday Party Charity! Come join your BMW CCA family for a good time! Door Prizes! We will have raffles to benefit BMW CCA Foundation Tire Rack Street Survival. Lunch will include beverages – ice tea, lemonade. We will have coolers with ice and water available. BYOB – the park allows beer, wine and champagne.

Great door prizes and raffle items from the Foundation, the CCA Store and of course SmileAmazon.com! Car show – shine them up! And our Annual long running Member of the Year announcement. Come and spend a COOL day with us, under the breezy palm trees of the Lake Biwa Pavilion in Morikami Park (along Jog Rd (NOT in the back where the Museum is located). The Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens will be open for your strolling pleasure (check their website for information, hours and fee). Join us, your BMW friends, as we close out the year with a holiday celebration! RSVP and I will save your place at the picnic table! **See page 6 for RSVP INFO!**

SHOP SHOP SHOP ... not only Holiday Shopping but for every day of the year! Household shopping, a car, gifts for whomever you give a gift to! SmileAmazon donates back to the charities you select – and every little bit helps! The Foundation Store has many items that are from members' collections – rare books, posters, prints, model cars and much more. Also available are shirts, hats with the Foundation or the TRSS logo – can't buy that anywhere else! Support the Foundation!

Didn't get your name engraved in stone? You still can Buy a Brick! Your purchase of the bricks is tax deductible (within IRS limits). Support the Foundation – literally! Go to their website: www.bmwccafoundation.org for information.

We are in final negotiations to have Tire Rack Street Survival location. Skip Hudson (thank you a million times!) has been working very hard on this contract to benefit our chapter and the driving teens of south Florida. Hopefully within the next few weeks all will be signed, sealed and delivered and we will have a date. Stay tuned! If you want to be an in-car coach/instructor for TRSS – the requirement is to take an online certification course – please email me for the link.

On Saturday, November 18 several of us, with M Power BMWs or not, went to Lauderdale BMW of Ft. Lauderdale to be featured in a video. The new Ft Lauderdale dealership was one of four in the US selected to compete in a video contest – global. Bill Kotewicz, Parts Manager arranged for the video crew (drone, cameras, etc.), the police escort and a day of sunshine! Fantastic job Bill. The Ft Lauderdale Police did an amazing job – directing and stopping traffic – WE went over the 17th Street Causeway with not another car but a long line of beautiful, in the sun, sparking BMW's..... Then the special M cars- the five generations – went over to A1A – which was closed for our BMW's, and they did a photo shoot and video and took more pictures... It is going to be a great video. We won't know until the beginning of the year that Lauderdale BMW – took first place! Along with Bill's effort for everything, I also thank Rennie Bryant for helping to get more cars to the event (really – shuttling them!), Danny Menkin for loaning us his collection of vintage BMW's and Dirk deGroen for bringing his M1 and all the rest of you that got up so early to participate at your shot of fame! Or at least your BMW's FAME!

With the nominations closed for the election of officers, I am happy to announce that Raul Reyes – VP Operations; Jon VanWoerden – VP Social have accepted their nomination and will continue for the next two years. Although Margaret Mitchell was nominated to continue as Treasurer, she has declined the position. I thank Margaret for her time and dedication; it is greatly appreciated. As President, I will be appointing someone to fill this position.

So, as I close out another year – I have lots to be thankful for. How about you? But shouldn't everyday be a day of thanks? Safe travels to each of you – Hope to see you at the holiday party, the monthly social meetings, a random event, a car show or two or maybe at Publix! Happy Holidays to all!

—Bobbi Treen
President and Foundation Ambassador

Editor's Corner by Michael J Posner

With the holiday season fast approaching, its time to consider gifts for our BMWs. Why not try some E30 Decals, they make great stocking stuffers (see page 11). The Store on the BMW CCA national website (tinyurl.com/y99cfz2) has hats, pins, badges, umbrellas and even a limited edition watch. My own BMW is asking for an intake, tune, downpipes and exhaust for Christmas, but I am still debating whether she has been naughty or nice. We also encourage our members to support our sponsors, including Bavarian Autosport (the contest is still open, see Page 12).

We had a full room turnout at our October monthly Club meeting. It's a great social and information event and we encourage members to come out and visit. Since I am sure you are all tired of seeing my BMWs/Ghost, I am going to include the BMW Member Ride of the Issue, highlighting cars from the meetings. This month's beauty:



Red Start/Stop Engine Button

I saw an interesting new product for those having

red start stop button envy. Apparently it is an easy swap to go red. Simply pry out the module, disconnect the cable, remove the cover and push out the old dull black button and install a nice shiny new red button. <https://tinyurl.com/y9j2h996>

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and that you all have a wonderful holiday season.

—Michael Posner



Cars & Coffee

Come join us every 2nd Saturday of the month for Cars & Coffee. Cool cars, great company, a 30 minute class taught by Mike Phillips and it is all conveniently located in the Autogeek Show Car Garage, in sunny Stuart, FL. The coffee starts flowing at 8 am. See you there!

Hours: 8 am to 10 am - 7744 SW Jack James Drive, Stuart FL 34997 - 800.869.3011

BMW CCA CHAPTER FINANCIAL STATEMENT WORKSHEET 2016			
FEDERAL ID	65-0782045	EVERGLADES Chapter	
ASSETS			
Cash in bank accounts	38,261.18		
Inventory	.		
Equipment	.		
Accounts receivable	.		
Prepaid expenses/deposits	.		
Other:	.		
Total assets	38,261.18		
LIABILITIES & EQUITY			
Accounts payable		(-894.76) prepaid 2015	
Other: <i>Net Income</i>	9036.95	(-874.32) Adjustment to Retained Earnings	
Equity/retained earnings	30,993.31		
Total liabilities and equity	38,261.18		
INCOME STATEMENT		MISC/OTHER	
INCOME		Misc./other income:	
Membership dues	18,390.63	Charity Raffle	730.00
Rebates from National	385.00	Picnic Refund	80.41
Advertising revenue	950.00	TRSS lunch	220.00
Driving school fees	0		
Street Survival Rebates/CCC	5508.17		
Other event fees	0		
Merchandise sales	0		
Interest	0		
Total Misc./other income	1030.41		
Total Income	26,264.21	Total misc./other income	1030.41
EXPENSES		Misc./other expenses:	
Newsletter costs	2878.34	Charity Foundation	1810.00
Postage	1418.20	STATE FL Corp	61.25
Insurance	463.82	PO Box Rental	106.00
Driving school expenses	0	Bank Fees	24.00
Street Survival/CCC expenses	0	Door Prizes	2184.34
Meeting expenses	3912.82	Business Supplies	760.31
Other event expenses	2528.36	AWARDS	704.65
Telephone expenses	375.17		
Total Misc./other expenses	5,650.55		
Total expenses	17,227.26	Total misc./other expenses:	5650.55

Please RSVP for our Annual Holiday Party and Charity Event

Saturday Dec 16 at Morikami Park: Please RSVP before Sunday, December 10, 2017 EMAIL: rsvp4evergladesbmwcca@gmail.com, Call 561.818.4269 – (leave a message) Who and how many are attending. There is no cost to our Members, Associates, a guest or children under 12! We may ask for a nominal fee of \$10 per additional guest.

Delicious BBQ – 'yes and all the yummy fixins'; ice tea and lemonade! BYOB Please bring cash and/or checks for this event – we are unable to accept credit cards. Proceeds from the raffle will benefit the BMW CCA Foundation Tire Rack Street Survival



Photo by Jon van Woerden

Why I am a Member of Everglades Chapter

- Get to hang out with fellow BMW enthusiasts
- Free non-alcoholic drinks and desert at the Club Social (3rd Tuesday of each month at Duffy's in West Palm Beach)
- *Roundel* Magazine
- *The FLasher*
- Street Survival (the more teens learn to drive, the safer we all are).
- The National Website (free classified postings, its where I found my perfect E30 only 70 miles away)
- Road Trips (next up, Spartanburg)
- 15% discount on purchases at many BMW Dealers (parts not cars JJ)
- The new car rebate. I have pocketed \$1,500 so far on two new BMW purchases: (www.bmwcca.org/vehicle_rebate)
- The Annual Picnic/Car Show.
- The network of support from other clubs. What does this all costs you ask? Hundreds? More? No, annual dues are only \$48.

So next time you wondered why you were a member, or were thinking of not renewing your membership, keep in mind all the benefits that are available.

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2013 Limerock M3

VIN -WBSK69C54DJ593290. One of 200 and one of 62 issued with Black M wheels, has a DCT 7-speed transmission, 4029 miles, garage kept vehicle, never tracked, never power launched. Dinan stage 1 remap update, Dinan under drive pulley and Dinan 28MM front swaybar upgrade, all work performed at Braman Jupiter Dealership, vehicle comes with all service documents. We need to find a good home for this very special club racer.. Asking price \$80,000.00 negotiable. Jupiter, FL and may be seen by appointment. Contact: Henry Gonzalez Cell 908-656-6017 or Email: rmscorpusa@aol.com



1995 BMW M3 E36 Coupe

Mugello Red with Black Leather Interior. 2 owners, 5 speed manual transmission, BMW Motorsport 17" Wheels. Car is in immaculate condition inside and out. Interior is in excellent condition and remains in it's complete original form. The exterior is in great condition with no major imperfections, all black trimming pieces are free of cracks or fading. Recent Service Performed: Full System Flush and Replenish, New Valve Cover Gasket, New Water Pump, Thermostat, and Thermostat housing. New Power Steering reservoir and hoses, New Belts, New Shock Mounts and Trailing Arm Bushings. Original Window Sticker, 2 keys and books. Mileage 28,910. For additional information please contact me Giancarlo Motta [305-803-5172](tel:305-803-5172) or email autosourcegroup@gmail.com for information and pricing.



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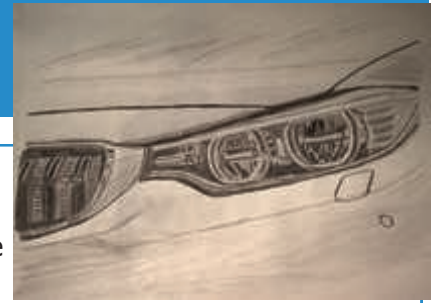
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Member Profile —Raul Reyes



For this Flasher issue, we want to get to get know a little more about Raul Reyes, Everglades Chapter's 2015 member of the year. Raul was born and raised in Bogota Colombia and moved to States in 2007. Currently living in Port Saint Lucie with his beautiful wife Astrid and their 2-year-old princess, Valentina; their family of three will soon become four with the arrival of their second princess, daughter Juliana, in March.

You have a very interesting career; can you tell us a little bit about it? Astrid and I own a court reporting and interpreting agency providing services to several law firms and insurance companies in the state. Happy with it and working hard to make it better! Tell us what you do for fun, do you travel? Where would you say is your favorite vacation? I do like to travel and enjoy trips with adventures. Costa Rica is one of my favorite places that I have visited; I enjoyed all the adrenaline and extreme tours they offer. I would recommend it to anyone!

So Raul, let's talk BMW, and the Car Club:

What BMW do you currently own? Previously have owned? My Only BMW now is a 1987 E30 325i Convertible, previously I owned a 2008 E60 550i.

When did your "passion for" or your "interest in" BMW begin? When I was about 5 years old and started to see them on the road or on TV.

How long have you been a BMW CCA member? What Chapters have you belonged to? The only Chapter I have been a member of is the Everglades Chapter, I've been a member 4 1/2 years now.

Why did you join the BMW CCA? When I bought my E30 I wanted to find a community with the same interests and after some time of searching I found out about a "BMW CCA Picnic", I attended and became a member that same day.

What keeps you renewing your membership? I continue to renew every year for many reasons; Roundel, Flasher, parts discounts and social events. Most of all for the people I've met.

If money was no object which BMW would you own? 3.0 CSL.

What is your favorite BMW? (owned or not owned by you). I like all BMW's but my favorite is the E30. Getting back to your BMW, do you do the basic maintenance of your BMW? No, I wish I had the time to play more with it, I take it to a shop for all maintenance.

What is your level of activity with the club? I try to stay active, attend the meetings, help with projects, attend and help with social events.

Which events do you attend? - local or national. (monthly meetings, cars & Coffee, Concourse, etc) I try to attend most local events.

Have you done any Autocrossing? Yes, I actually did it through a BMW event down in Miami.

Have you attended an O'Fest (how many? And/or where). Will you be attending O'Fest this year? I haven't been able to attend an O'Fest yet but I look forward to the opportunity.

What events would you like to see the chapter provide? I definitely enjoy the social events more than anything. Just meeting new people, talking cars and appreciate each other's cars.

How far have you driven to attend an event with another Chapter Regional or national event? How far would you drive to attend an event? Not too far, the furthest was a road trip to Key Largo



Photo by Jon van Woerden

Have you, are you or would you want to, go to Germany for European delivery of a BMW? Yes, hopefully not too long from now, we want to pick up an SUV.

If money was no object to travel – where would you go or what would you do? I would take at least a year off and travel the world without much planning, just deciding what to do and where to go by the day.

What are your hobbies? Interest? Do you "collect" anything? Of value or for fun?

I like to collect 1:43 scale cars. We also like to go out on the boat and explore different areas of our waterways, and of course I like to enjoy a nice drive, top less.

What are your favorite foods, beverages? With this Florida heat I am definitely a beer drinker, love to visit and try the local breweries. Due South in Boynton Beach is a great example.

Food – I could never say no to a good steak.

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Favorite dish? Prepare a meal or go out to eat? I like both, depends on the moment. When I have the time I like to grill at home.

Favorite dessert? My mom's rice pudding

Last question, if you had a three (or a four) day weekend – with absolutely no plans, what you you do? I would plan to visit the BMW CCA Museum and the Zentrum.

Thank you for your time Raul, it has been a pleasure getting to know you better through this conversation.

-Wendy van Woerden

CHAPTER THANK YOU LETTER

Hello Bobbi and our Everglades friends-

Thank you!

We're very grateful for your Chapter's year-end gift towards the Foundation programs. You've reached Level 2 Rewards for 2017, and you've also – incredibly – reached the \$10,000 total giving mark and will be recognized permanently on the Museum's donor wall when it's completed.

You've all been very generous toward this shared effort. Your commitment to the Club, the Foundation and our programs is admirable, and very much appreciated.

And YES...let's get Street Survival going in Florida again! Skip Hudson has worked very hard to solve the venue problem...and we're getting close. Thanks Skip!

Enjoy your Sunday, and thanks again-

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