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PHOTO GALLERY

Visit our chapter Photo Galleries to view and download photos of our ongoing events at: bmwccaeverglades.org/photo-galleries and Fisheye for the Car Guy: car-fisheye.blogspot.com

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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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of Palm Beach Lakes
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**The Club has a private
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PM**



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Events Calendar

October 14: Autogeek Cars & Coffee; Stuart; and Cars & Coffee @ Xtreme Action Park Ft. Lauderdale

October 14: Aircooled for Charity, PA BBQ, PBL Blvd., West Palm Beach; 11:30-3:00

October 17: Everglades Chapter Social Duffy's Sports Grill, Village Commons, WPB

October 29: PB Outlets Cars and Coffee 9 to Noon, West Palm Beach

Oct. 31-Nov 4: Oktoberfest in New Orleans

November 11: Autogeek Cars & Coffee; Stuart and Cars & Coffee @ Xtreme Action Park Ft. Lauderdale

November 19: PB Outlets Cars and Coffee 9 to Noon, West Palm Beach

November 21: Everglades Chapter Social Duffy's Sports Grill, Village Commons, WPB

Please check our website for updates and specific event details.

New Members

Rene Infante	Coral Gables
Patricio Rafael Gonzalez	Coral Gables
Trudy VanKirk Mosey	Pittsburgh
Patrick Madsen	Boca Raton
Gary Dale Harrington	Stuart
Skyler Page	Delray Beach
Frank P Rampersad	Fort Lauderdale
Ken Bracewell	North Palm Beach
Carl Gersh	Pompano Beach
Daniel Corrada	Coral Gables
Christos Parlionas	Deerfield Bch
Jeffrey Brooks	Pompano Beach
Sara Brooks	Pompano Beach
Allen Peerson	Jupiter
Ken Wolfe	West Palm Beach
Gabriel Albala	Margate
Jim Belviso	Miramar
William Kotewicz	Boynton Beach
Andrew Beckler	Delray Beach
Glenda Jayson	Fort Lauderdale

Pole Position by President Bobbi Treen



Annual Election of Chapter Officers. The nomination process will begin at our monthly social meeting (October 17, 2017). Nominations will be accepted by our Election Chairperson, Janice Willette for one month; closing nominations on November 16. The election chairperson will contact the nominees for their acceptance.

For the term 2018-2019 the following three positions are open for nominations:

Vice President – Operations; Treasurer; and Vice President – Social

You may email Janice willettejanice@yahoo.com with your nominations beginning October 17. Please include your membership number and the membership number of the nominee. Any member, in good standing, of Everglades Chapter is eligible to be nominated, by another member in good standing of our chapter. If you are interested in one of the elected positions, 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

ROAD Trip to All Things BMW: What a fantastic Road trip! I took my grandson, Aiden (11) along as my navigator and partner in crime – not really crime but it would have been a crime for him to miss out on such a historic event. In the many stages of planning, and understanding that the Heroes of the Bavaria was closing at the end of August – it was announced that the exhibition will continue until January 2018. We did have a few members change their August plans for a later date. Other chapters that joined us – Sunshine Bimmers, First Coast, Peachtree, Sandlapper and Tarheel! We did have over 40 attendees at the Saturday event. As far as the drive itself – it was like herding cats. But I am very thankful for those that were familiar with the concept and helped to keep everyone one – on track – so to speak! I for one, was very happy to have my Rand McNally large print road map, in the hands of my navigator and readily available. There may be an APP for that but WHO got lost? NOT this girl!

The Performance Center was another exciting visit. I had worked with Mike Renner to secure a mini-tour of the facility. Our host, Derek Leonard, reviewed with us everything the Performance Center has to offer. They were busy that day with a corporate driving school. We had the opportunity to enjoy very exciting “HOT LAPS” – Aiden and everyone, was very excited about that. Later, we toured the Zentrum. Indeed, a beautiful collection of BMW’s. Including the very first BMW off the South Carolina production line, a 1994 BMW 318i. It is perched in a corner window with the “autographs” of the employees at the plant – at that time. Indeed, a very special display! Currently the BMW Manufacturing Plant is closed for tours. We did invade the National Office but it was late in the day and only Frank and Steven (Elliot) were there. Which was probably a good thing because they are JAMMED in that office space! Friday evening, we went to downtown Greenville for dinner. Several of us walked around before returning to the hotel. A great walking town and lots of nice stores. Now for the highlight of our road trip! At the Foundation, Michael Mitchell, Foundation Curator, Jackie Bechek, Foundation Trustee, volunteer Neil Baer, Scott Dishman, Foundation Executive Director and Dwayne Mosley, South Atlantic Regional VP, assisted us with our tour, answered questions and spending money!



I had the opportunity to catch up with TC Kline. It has been years since I have seen him. Apparently, Aiden talked Michael and TC into taking the hood off one of the race cars so he could look at the engine. I believe he had asked them a question about the engine. We were each given a poster for our visit. Aiden now has a framed poster – Heroes of the Bavaria for his room. The collection of 75 years of BMW Motorsport is indescribable! The museum itself, all of the collections of BMW items, the cars, the motorcycles, posters, pictures and truly the history of BMW. We saw the BRICKS for Foundation: laid out in the temporary placing around the museum floor. It is our museum – the members museum. You owe it to yourself to plan a vacation to Greer SC – and see all things BMW. Maybe O’Fest 2019 is not that far away for you to plan that vacation! To finish up our road trip as promised, CURVY ROADS: After lunch, Dwayne headed up the afternoon drive on some very curvy roads to Caesar’s Head State Park. What a stunning

view of the mountains. It was great to see so many BMW Friends make this road trip with us. I want to thank every single one of you for joining me on this journey. It was great fun. Pictures are posted on the website. Thanks Jon for taking the pictures.

Membership: We currently have a total of 1383 members with 199 of them Associates. Please continue to refer your friends and family. Check out the national website – www.bmwcca.org to see what is available! SO MANY Benefits are available to members of BMW CCA.

TIRE RACK STREET SURVIVAL: We are negotiating for a location and if all goes well we may have a location in the north end of the chapter. Thank you, Skip Hudson for working on that area. And thanks to Mark and Maria Forbes for their efforts to acquire a location in the south end of our chapter. Check our website www.bmwccaeverglades.org or www.streetsurvival.org for complete information. When all of this happens, a chapter Email blast will be sent out as soon as the details are finalized.

A BMW CAR CORRAL you say? Yes – in Georgia at Road Atlanta! Petit Le Mans Corral - Peachtree Chapter: Road Atlanta October 4th – 7th For more information: visit their website: www.peachtreebmwcca.org link to MotorsportsReg: Registration

Our thoughts and prayers are with those effected by the devastation caused by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria. Puerto Rico, USVI, the BVI and all the islands, the Florida Keys and areas of Florida, Texas and Louisiana –ALL of it! A safe and speedy recovery to all. The rest of us can be very thankful for the damage we may or may not have suffered.

SAFE TRAVELS to all! Bobbi

Editor's Corner by Michael J Posner

As I write this it has been a few days since Hurricane Irma. I hope everyone in the Club survived. The power of the storm reminds us of the power of nature, especially after Hurricane Harvey. As someone who killed a car in a flood, I have first hand knowledge of the danger of storms.

On the BMW car front, my M6 just hit two milestones, 50,000 miles and five years old. Her birthday present was a set of Michelin Pilot Sports 4S tires. I was hoping to get a few thousand more miles out of my old pilots, but the tire Gods were against me. Driving down PGA Boulevard, I got a left tire low pressure warning. I switched to my tpms screen (which had be coded to show actual inflation numbers through the Carly App) I saw that it was at only 16psi....way low I thought to myself. Suddenly it was 15, 14 and so on. I pulled into the Wells Fargo as it counted down to one. Two hours later the two truck flat bedded the M6 to Ernie Bello Motor Sport for the birthday tires.

I personally also had a milestone, my 30th wedding anniversary on August 23 (one day after my M6 was born). To celebrate my wife and I are taking a long over do trip to Scotland. While I am there I will be on the lookout for two rare BMWs, the E30 Touring and the Z1. If I see one, and the price is right, I may just bring it home under the 25 year or older exemption.

Thinking about a new or used BMW and wanted to know the build/option information, then point your browser to <http://bimmer.work> and using the last seven of the BMW's vin, you get tons of vehicle information, a build sheet, if you will, including production date, standard equipment and a full options list (but not grouped in US style "packages"). The site also gives an exterior, interior and interior 360 degree picture of newer BMWs.



Stay Safe—Michael



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



Protection from Hurricane Irma. Rennie Bryant stored his 1995 BMW K75 inside his workshop! How did you protect your BMW?

Downtown Greenville— Aiden sitting next to Mr. Joel Roberts Poinsett., South Carolina Statesman, Diplomat, Botanist (among many accomplishments), he brought the flower named after him—to US from Mexico, the poinsettia . A very nice tribute!



Meanwhile, back at the FOUNDATION—
Photos by Jon VanWoerden

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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ROAD TRIP —

By Shannon Wadsworth

We journeyed over 700 miles each way, from South Florida to South Carolina the weekend of August 5, 2017. We left one of our members behind to start her internship with BMW. We visited BMW Zentrum, BMW CCA National Office, BMW CCA Foundation and rode together in a car caravan to the 3208' elevation point at the Lookout over Caesar's Head State Park in the Great Smoky Mountains.

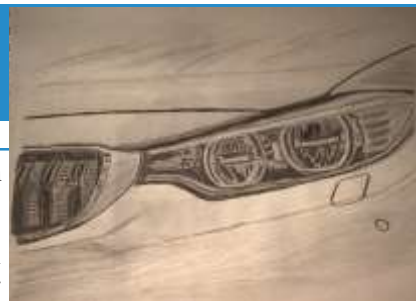
The early departure on I95 NB from Broward, Palm Beach and Martin Counties, northbound to Jacksonville, Florida checkpoint where we collected members in four other late model BMW full of members and had others join us along the way.

We stayed at the Crowne Plaza IHG Hotel, where BMW typically stays while in Greer, South Carolina. The food was tasty at the hotel restaurant and breakfast was included, compliments of our partner, IHG Rewards Program at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Ideally the hotel kitchen preparing the food is Ruth Chris' SteakHouse and the burgers are apparently the best some of our members have ever tasted. The hotel is conveniently located to the Interstate, where Zentrum and Performance Center is easily reachable. A short distance to Greer and Greenville, SC to the BMW Car Club of America National Office and Foundation.

First visit was to BMW Performance Center with introduction to the facility by Derek Leonard, and hot laps with Jim Clarke and Chief Instructor, Matt Mullins. A delicious lunch was prepared in the BMW Cafeteria and we enjoyed an informal setting (while full of adrenalin!) after our experience with the Performance Center driving instructors. We visited the BMW Performance Center Shop and were able to purchase mementos designated only to this location, die cast scale model cars and BMW items not available through the dealer!

Later we caravanned over to the Zentrum, went inside the Mother Ship and were able to do a group photo by a fellow from Florida taking delivery of his new M3. Can't go anywhere without meeting fellow BMW enthusiasts!

Getting around downtown Greenville was quite comfortable, and the southern hospitality of our South Atlantic Regional Vice-President Dwayne Mosley brought a special welcome to us in this quiet yet historic community.



We visited our National Leaders, Executive Director Frank Patek and Director of IT Stephen Elliott at BMW CCA National Office, where BMW CCA Club Racing and BMW history is displayed.

At the Foundation, the Heroes of Bavaria exhibition was the reason for our journey as we wanted to see the amazing collection of 75 years of BMW Motorsport in one place, certainly a highlight of our trip. (Ed: visit our website to see ALL of the photos captured!)

BMW CCA Foundation Executive Director Scott Dishman, Curator Michael Mitchell, Trustee Jackie Bechek and dedicated Volunteers opened the doors to us on a day they are usually closed, on a special Saturday Chapter Day where we felt more than welcome. The experience of seeing the finest examples of BMW you could ever see in NA, with TC Kline's builds for Scott Hughes brought history to life all under one roof! The Foundation staged the cars in a setting like a garage. Everything you could ever want to know about BMW is at the Foundation, and the Heroes of Bavaria exhibition has been extended until January, 2018.

The Foundation Brick program now has the display and we were proud to see our members permanently housed, thank you Bobbi for making Bud Merrill's brick hold a special place where he will be remembered always.

The entire weekend and events scheduled was organized by our very own Chapter President, Bobbi Treen. Special thanks to Bobbi and Grandson Aiden, the best navigator! Thank you to all of our members in attendance. What an amazing weekend, to experience all things BMW together and the memories of the wonder and joy of BMW, a time to celebrate!



Hot Laps at the Performance Center and Drive up the curvy road
Photos by JonVanWoerden



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FLasher Contest

With the Support of Bavarian Auto, a fine purveyor of BMW parts and accessories, we are having a contest. We are giving away three Gift Certificates, two valued at \$25.00 and one valued at \$50.00. Winning is easy and fun, simply be the first three Everglades Members to submit a letter or article explaining either: (i) why they joined the BMW CCA; (ii) why they stay a member of BMW CCA; or (iii) their likes and dislikes about their current BMW. Rules are simple, the submission must be at least 250 words, and if you choose to write about your BMW you must submit a photo as well. The contest will run until all three certificates are awarded.

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