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Monthly SOCIAL MEETINGS

3rd Tuesday 7:30pm

MAR 17 ~~ APR 21

MAY 19 ~~ JUN 16

We are no longer meeting at the
Avanti's at Asherwood located in
Winston Trails

**Join us at our social
meetings!**

Current NFO: check website; face book;
or
watch for Email blast—Constant Contact

POLE POSITION

Everglades Chapter membership is at 1,364 members (includes 188 associate members). We thank all of you for renewing, and referring.

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

National Elections: Dwayne Mosley Elected South Atlantic Regional Vice-President; Tim Beechuk Elected North Central Regional Vice-President; Steve Johnson - President. Congratulations to all.

We are seeking a new location for our monthly meetings. It will be posted on the website and an Email blast will be sent out; as we do with all of the latest and greatest, current information for our members. Your Officers have been very busy planning some interesting events. That is what is so great about living in South Florida – so many choices. IF anyone in Broward/Miami area is interested in finding a location for a monthly –in your area as well— a Meet N Great – Beers and Burgers... whatever you want to call it... We are open to suggestions.

Here are a few of the things we have been working on and are hoping that we will be able to do these things – and have a great turn out from our members. The annual chillin’ and grillin’ picnic, we are planning for an APRIL date at John Prince Park in Lake Worth – Larger parking area for the car show. IF someone knows of a park we can have a second picnic in the south Broward area; please contact Raul or myself. Anyone interested in an overnight road trip to Ft Meyers? Riding the train and solving a murder! Oh MY! The Mystery Murder Dinner Train Ride will cost approximately \$132 p/p. A Tour of the Dezer Collection at the Miami Auto Museum (June 21?).

We are trying our best to make your membership with benefits—more exciting but we can’t do it without YOU!!! Please contact us with suggestions, plans; and great ideas! Join the excitement!

Safe Travels -

Bobbi Treen—
President



Everglades Chapter monthly Social Membership meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the Month 7:30pm –

NEW LOCATION:

**We are no longer meeting at
Avanti's at Asherwood in Winston Trails Country Club.**

Check website—look for an email blast

MAR 17 ~ APR 21 ~ MAY 19 ~ JUN 16 ~ JUL 21

EVENTS

March 22— AutoGeek.net Detail Fest Car Show—Stuart see page 9 for complete details

April 25—The BMW Event sponsored by Active Autowerke at Homestead Miami Speedway
For details and to register car show Go to www.thebmwevent.com

BMW CLUB RACING: the 20th Anniversary of BMW Club Racing at Sebring International Raceway May 1– 3. We need Chapter support for this event.

SCCA Club Racing schedule: www.flscca.com

May 16-17 and November 7-8 in Spartanburg, SC

Members Only BMW Performance Center Two-Day M Schools:

Course cost: \$3,395 (normally \$3,995) Performance Center—for nfo www.bmwcca.org
To register for the school, please call BMW Registration at (888) 345-4BMW.

May 22–24: The Vintage in Winston-Salem, NC

This is the largest gathering of vintage BMWs in North America. The trip is worthwhile for the owners of vintage Bimmers of all varieties.

For more information or to register visit www.AtTheVintage.com

July 16–19, 2015: Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix

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August 14, 2015: Legends of the Autobahn

Monterey, California - For information and registration, www.LegendsOfTheAutobahn.org.

Oktoberfest 2015: the 46th Annual BMW CCA Oktoberfest held at the Stockton Seaview Hotel and Golf Club venue,—and New Jersey Motorsport Park: from Monday, September 21 through Saturday, September 26, 2015.

Mike Willette Member of the YEAR

The love of cars and specifically sports cars started very early in life with me and my dad going to car shows and me being completely taken by the stories my dad would tell of this car or that car. He seemed to have a great memory of a lot of the models and makes that we would see. Then, as I got older my best friend and I would go with his dad to Sebring each year for the sports car races. The first time I was there, I was hooked. The (to me) exotic foreign cars like the Porsche 911's and Ferrari's and, of course, the BMW's were real race cars. At that time the e30 M's were tearing up the track and looked so cool! I knew I had to have a BMW when I got old enough. My best friend beat me to it, a 1974 Malaga red 2002ti which we worked on and drove all over the place! I couldn't believe that such a plain-jane little car could be so much fun! Oh, I wish I had a 2002 now!

My first Bimmer was actually my wife Janice's' car. We bought her a new Montego Blue E90 328i from Braman in West Palm Beach. We traded her Mercedes C230K in on it and it took me some convincing, "It is not as smooth driving as the Mercedes. I feel the road too much", she said. I convinced her that the car was supposed to feel that way. To truly drive you had to feel the road and the car's response. Now she will not leave BMW! Another convert! Well, while in the show room, I noticed an E93 Crimson Red convertible with saddle-colored interior. Beautiful car, but I was driving a sweet Honda S2000 convertible that was so much fun to drive. Still though, the Bimmer was calling me. Long story short, I bought the car two days after my wife's car was delivered. That salesman loved me!

I joined the BMW CCA the same day I took delivery and quietly wandered in to my first meeting a few weeks later. Everyone was so nice and welcoming. Since that day, I have been very active in the chapter and have even served as Membership Liaison, Parliamentarian, and now this year, VP of Operations. The best part of the club is really not the cars (don't shoot me!), it is the relationships that are made around the cars. I love to hear the stories of the members' love affairs with whichever model they have, their first BMW, the race or events that they have been to. It is really amazing to me to think about all the great people I meet from all walks of life that share the same passion for cars and driving. It kind of takes me back to the early days of cars shows with my dad, listening to him share stories with the folks we met at the shows.

I never forgot my love for the E30 from my days with my buddy at Sebring either. I knew that the E93 328i was great but it was not an M3. So, at 4 years of ownership, and the car pristine and beautiful, I looked at trading it in for an M3. The E92 M3 was finished production in that May and it was June. I really didn't want to wait over a year for the new M3/M4 arrival, and I was not that excited about a six-cylinder turbo, so I got serious. I found my car (again at Braman) by accident. I went to see a Blue competition package 6-speed manual car that just arrived but it was at the overflow lot. My salesman said, "let's take this Mineral White M3 up there so you can try the DCT. UGH! I never wanted a white car, or an autobox transmission. Well off we went, and lo

and behold, the Blue car was not a competition package or even a manual. It had been mis-labeled in inventory and was a base of the base model. No thanks, I said, but I kinda like this one. So, I ended up with a Mineral White over Fox Red with factory carbon fiber interior and carbon fiber mirrors, splitters, and rear deck spoiler. It really is an awesome package, that I learned was ordered special by the GM at Braman under the BMW Individual program that BMW opened up to dealers for "stock" inventory during the last production run. My car was built in March 2013, so it was one of the last M3 produced in the E92 chassis. In fact, when I searched for a car to buy there were only 13 left on lots in all of the USA and several of those were premium due to the BMW Individual program (5-8K paint jobs). I just made it, before they were all gone.

I still long for my E30 M3 even though they are going so high in price. Now though, I have a new dream. I plan to keep adding to my stable with the ultimate goal of acquiring not only an E30 M3 but also an E36 M3 and E46 M3. Cinnabar Red, Interlagos Blue and Laguna Seca Blue respectively. Notice the pattern of the M stripes!

To finish this up, I am very honored to have been selected as member of the year and to serve the chapter members as VP of Operations. I hope to see all of you at an event or one of our chapter meetings. So you know a little bit more about me personally, I am married 25 years to my wife Janice and we have two grown children. My daughter Danielle is married and lives with her husband Brian and my two grandchildren, Matthew 6 and Ava 2 in Virginia. My son Stefan is also a Bimmerphile and bought his first car last year, an E46 ZHP sedan, and recently purchased an E30 325is brilliant red over black and is currently restoring her. Stefan is also a member of the Everglades chapter and is active at events and meetings. He is an Aerospace engineer and works for Belcan engineering in PB Gardens. My wife Janice is an RN working at Palm Beach Gardens Medical Center in surgical recovery. I pay my bills by working at JFK outpatient therapy as an occupational therapist specializing in hand/upper extremity rehab.

Anyone who knows me knows that my weekly de-stressor is to wash and detail the M3. I also go to plenty of cars and coffees and car shows where I proudly represent for BMW! So, if you are at a local show or cars and coffee, look for me and my Mineral White ///M3!



Jim Storch our first (1999) Member of the Year with Mike

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On March 21-22, 2015, Autogeek will host the 10th annual Detail Fest & Car Show, offering a unique opportunity for car enthusiasts from around the globe to gather and celebrate their shared passion for cars! Detail Fest is a FREE, two-day event that is open to the public and will feature car shows, product demonstrations, mini-detailing classes, food vendors and live entertainment. Detail Fest provides a chance for fans and professionals alike to meet industry insiders and celebrities in a fun and casual setting. Each year, awareness of Detail Fest grows and AutoGeek is looking forward to the biggest event every this year as we celebrate our 10th annual Detail Fest.

This year we will have Chris Jacobs from Overhaulin, Dennis Gage from My Classic Car, Wayne Carini from Chasing Classic Cars, Matt Steel from TruckU and Matt Steele Outdoors, Bruno Massel from TruckU, Garage Squad and NHRA World Champion, Barry Meguiar from Car Crazy, John Greviskis Ship Shape TV, and our very own Mike Phillips. It's a fun week-end packed with lots of great cars and would love to have you or your car club participate. We will be doing this event to raise money for Autism Project and for Teen Challenge. There would be no charge for you to show at the Car Club Show on Sunday March 22nd. There is also an open car show on Saturday March 21th that has a \$15 entry fee that will be judged if you are interested in that as well. Great place to meet some Car Guys from some popular TV shows and get your photos taken with them and your car. Please share with your car club friends, the more the merrier!

If you have any questions you can always contact me at @772-286-2701 x207 or email me at Meghan@Palmbeachmotoring.net

Detail Fest Sign up page for Sunday Car Club
<http://www.autogeek.net/detail-fest-sunday.html>

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(neat new addition to Detail Fest)
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Detail Fest Open Car Show on Saturday- Judged Show
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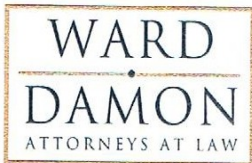
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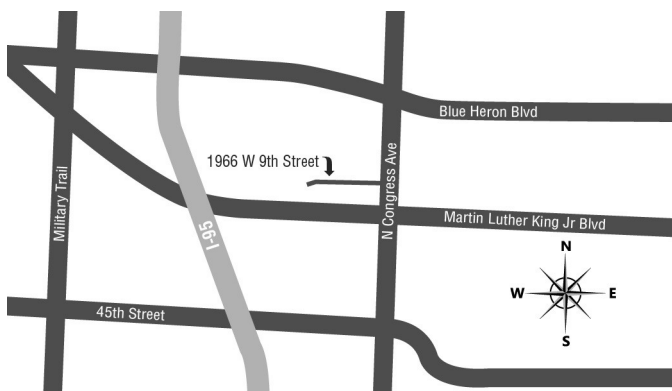


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