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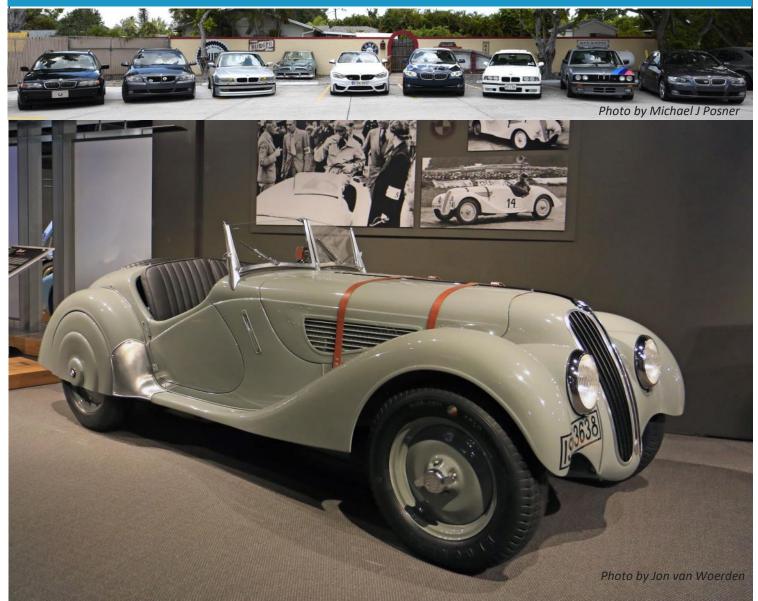
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# Pole Posítion by President Bobbi Treen

There is a saying that a picture is worth a thousand words, hence the reason to have more pictures in an article then the words. Right now, I wish I had more pictures to complete this blank canvas! BUT, As we are completing this issue - the fourth quarter, we are also "working" on completing the First Quarter 2020 issue (deadline is Nov 1). This change of the newsletter format and many other items with BMW CCA are still unclear, such that we are not entirely sure of or have been made aware of yet. It is all a secret (ok, so that is me rambling). Your January Roundel will (editor—may) be replaced with the CHAPTER Regional newsletters. The Chapter Regional Newsletter for each of our regions (Everglades is in South Atlantic Region) will, twice a year, replace the Roundel Magazine. That was the latest version of their plan, today – and today is late September). I do understand their reasons for wanting all members to get a newsletter covering other chapters. After all, a member could be travelling and want to see what was happening in that part of their region. But what if you live close to another region? Vacationing outside the other chapter/region? HMM... I thought that is why we have websites, contacts, and emails. Just sayin'.

We thank Shannon Wadsworth for serving on the board as Parliamentarian for the past few years. The BOD decided that the position was no longer needed and not required. There are very few, if any, chapters that has a position of parliamentarian. Raul Reyes, VP-Operations recently resigned his position. BUT he is not going to be a stranger, just a past officer for now. Raul and Astrid have two little girls and their time and activities are demanding. He felt he could not offer the quality time and dedication needed to be an officer. We understand Raul. I personally thank Raul for his time and dedication in the past. There were many things I could not have done without his help. We welcome Mark Forbes to our Board – he has replaced Raul. Mark has been a member for many years, involved with our HPDE Programs (years ago), and since day one – a TRSS Instructor and is our TRSS Chief Instructor. We welcome Mark... and thank you!

Everglades Chapter membership continues to grow, and we are retaining our members. Our total chapter membership is at 1790; with 1582 primary members and 208 associates. The three-year membership and the dealer incentive with the rebate program are a major contributor to our increased numbers. As stated before (and the date changed!), the **annual membership dues are increasing on January 1**, **2020**... If you are so inclined, you can renew to extend your membership and save the additional \$10 per year(s). The associate membership is \$10 per year. Great Holiday gift too! Do not forget to renew!

Good Luck to our members that bought ticket(s) for "The Car of Your Dreams" raffle. Yes, you must buy a ticket to win and then maybe, drive off in that really cool BMW! The grand prize is awesome, and the other prizes are not so bad either. They have had some interesting FLASH sales with

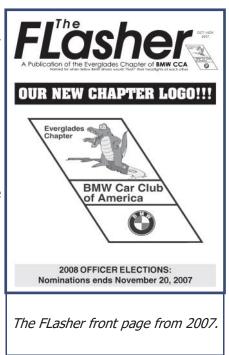
a little more incentive to BUY MO' Tickets! Each year it gets better.

We are continuing to do our **"Member Profile" and "My First BMW"** but the only way to continue is for YOU the MEMBER to send articles and pictures for *the Flasher*! They don't need to be lengthy just interesting! That's all we ask. Of course, we will accept other type articles from our members that are car (BMW) related – i.e., first (or always) time at a track (spectator or driving); your first HPDE, autocross; TRSS – the list is a long one. Have you completed something (BMW CAR related) on your bucket list? Attended O'FEST 2019? It's your newsletter!

**New event: Meet & Greet New Members and any members**. At the Urbano Steakhouse in North Miami on **Sunday November 10 at noon**. Additional details will be sent in an email blast. We are in the planning stages of our ANNAUL Holiday Party – It will be at Morikami Park, same pavilion-Lake Biwa on **Sunday December 8**. A NON-BBQ catered Event. Maybe German food?

Be Kind and Safe travels!

Bobbie



# Editor's Take by Michael J Posner

# My Dream BMWs

BMW has made many fine cars over the years, but sometimes, due to either economics, estimated low demand, or prior failures, the company has refused to either export to or even make certain models that BMW fans claim to clamor for available in the USA, though rarely place their money despite the demand. (I am looking at you wagon sales and the E36 318ti).



My first dream BMW was the Z1, sold only in Europe and for only three years. Now eligible for import thanks to the 25-year rule, values have climbed too high to add one as a weekend toy. A nice example can be seen at the Zentrum Museum. Another dream car for me is a 635/M6 Convertible. For sharp eyed viewers, a chopped top 635csi was featured in the second installment of Back to the Future.

Photo Courtesy Classic Driver

ferings here in the United States. BMW has only made two M wagons, the E34 and the E60. Both were Europe only models and were very low volume cars. Like the Z1, the E34 M5 wagons can now be legally imported, but prices are now sky high.

My last dream BMW is a 1M/M2 Convertible. Neither car was ever offered as a convertible, with BMW believing that a 65-

70k estimated price tag is simply too high for a 2 series (or too low and might hurt M4 sales). A tuner in Germany, Lightweight

For wagon lovers, BMW has made few of-

Performance has created an M2 homage using an M235i Convertible as the starting point. You can buy one for only \$90k but importing to the USA would be tough, even as a one-off show and display exception.

So when it is time for my M4 to go, what should I buy? Maybe a the Z4 will get a six speed after all. One can dream!

Drive Safe—Michael

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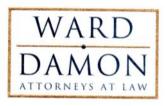
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- Get to hang out with fellow BMW enthusiasts
  - Free non-alcoholic drinks at the Club Social
- Three monthly social meetings at a location near you!
- *Roundel* Magazine
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- Street Survival (the more teens learn to drive, the saf-• er we all are).
- The National Website (free classified postings) •
- Club Road Trips
- 15% discount on purchases at many BMW Dealers (parts not cars/repairs)
- 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. 0
- The Annual Christmas Party •
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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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# Member Profile-Roy de la Espriella



### How long have you been a BMW CCA member?

I have been a member since 8/2018, the same month I bought my first BMW. I belong to the BMW CCA Everglades Chapter.

Why did you join BMW CCA? And What keeps you renewing your membership? A friend, who's also a member, told me about the membership so I decided to join to receive the Roundel Magazine and to keep me updated with the latest news in the BMW world.

### What BMW do you currently own? Previously have

**owned?** I currently own a 2018 M3 (F80) Individual color, Laguna Seca Blue. It has been a car I've always wanted to own since the E46 M3 came out. It is my first BMW and, by far, the car I've enjoyed the most. In the household, my wife drives a 2019 X3, so we are very happy BMW family.

If money was no object which BMW would you own? I would love to own an M1, is has a beautiful design and it is a very exclusive car.

What is your favorite BMW? My favorite BMW is always the M3 platform. I think I'd always like to own the latest M3 generation. It's a great family car that you drive your kids to school and then drive off to a track day.

When did your "passion for" or your "interest in" BMW begin? My dad was a car guy. I grew up in Colombia so we did not have the same amount of BMW vehicles in the road as we have in the US. But my dad once owned a 635i (E24) 6mt. Ever since I've been in love with BMW. When I came to the States, the M3 was always on my radar. The e46 came out and I test drove one with SMG transmission. I've always been a manual transmission type of guy, but



that SMG with the autorev match when downshifting stole my heart. I thought to myself that the only way I would drive an auto transmission is if it had a dual clutch. Never happened, as the M3 I own is manual.

Do you do the basic maintenance of your BMW/ vehicles? No I let the dealers do it.

What is your level of activity with the club (i.e., only read the *Roundel* for the cool pictures). Read Roundel and attend some car meets.



Which events do you attend? - local or national. (monthly meetings, cars & Coffee, Concourse, etc.) I attend Cars and Coffee (Miami, Key Biscayne and Palm Beach), Miami Bimmer Club meets and some Track Days (HPDE).

Have you attended a BMW CCA HPDE? (Instructor/or student) Which track? If so, what track is your favorite? And which track – whether you have driven on it or not, would you like to drive on? Palm Beach International Raceway. FYI, that track loves to eat the front left tire, even with chamber adjustment. So my relation-

ship status with PBIR is not in good terms LOL. all.

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