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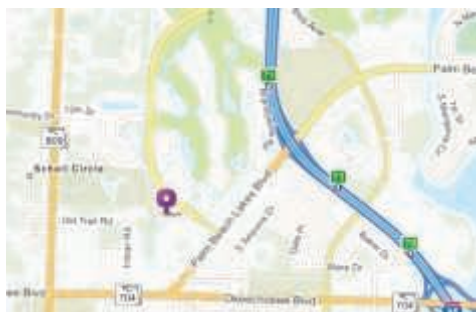
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# ***Events Calendar***

**April 7-8-9 BMW Club Racing VIR**

**April 8: Autogeek Cars & Coffee; Stuart**

**April 9: PB Outlets Cars and Coffee 9 to Noon, West Palm Beach**

**April 18: Everglades Chapter Social Duffy's Sports Grill, Village Commons, West Palm Beach**

**April 22&23 SCCA PBIR**

**April 30: Chapter Picnic at Morakami Park**

**May 7: PB Outlets Cars and Coffee 9 to Noon, West Palm Beach**

**May 13: Autogeek Cars & Coffee; Stuart**

**May 16: Everglades Chapter Social Duffy's Sports Grill, Village Commons, West Palm Beach**

***Please check our website for updates and specific event details.***

# ***New Members***

Gary Trezza - Plantation	Margarita Weinbaum - Fort Lauderdale
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Roy Watson - Port Saint Lucie	Christopher Ormsby - Delray Beach
Paula Perez - Miami	Jay Stahler - Boynton Beach
Francisco Leon de la Barra - Pinecrest	Jerry Coldiron - Boca Raton
Shea Smith - Fort Lauderdale	Gerald Peters - Port St Lucie
John Cummings - Oakland Park	Philip Pointer - Parkland
Bert Berry - Lake Worth	Nikki Denson - Miami
Chris Gibson - Jupiter	Jose Irizarry - Port St Lucie
Gregory Chin - Cooper City	Mauricio Pennini - Coral Springs
Alberto Volovitz - Hollywood	Scott Meier - Jupiter
James Bayles - W. Palm Beach	Andrew Harper - Vero Beach
Brendan Formeza - Pembroke Pines	Jonathan Gilbert - Jupiter
Hunter Noy - Boca Raton	Kevin Griffin - P. Bch Gardens
Bryan Davis - Greenacres	Carl Paluck - Lake Worth
MARIO DIAZ - Miami	Jesse Salmeron - Fort Lauderdale
Kevin Kirn - Jupiter	M McGeachy - Pembroke Pines
Adlai Jourdin - Lake Worth	Slava Parshin - Sunrise
Dennis Lyles - Fort Lauderdale	Kishore Parhi - Weston
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Scott Rosen - Fort Lauderdale	John Debello - Boca Raton
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Abraham Anzardo - Miami Beach	Massimo Debello - Boca Raton
Ed Ogilvie - Dania	Jonathan Werman - Light-house Point
Darryl Appleton - Boca Raton	Michele Porreca - Plantation
Alejandro Lopez - Coral Springs	Demetrius Cyrus - Tamarac
Bernard Horowitz - Key Biscayne	
Henry Wulf - Riviera Beach	
Erik Rosenstrauch - Delray Beach	
Sergio Mendoza - Miami	
Giancarlo Motta - Doral	



## Pole Position by President Bobbi Treen



First of all, I apologize to our Editor, Michael Posner, for the delay in my article and other "stuff" I provide to him. The printing of the newsletter, *The Flasher*, has been delayed due to me. (*it is okay—ed*)

It has been a whirlwind of a year! And it is one-fourth over! All those new year resolutions; getting your taxes done; giving things up for Lent: How did that work out for you? IT is working out great for me. One thing I will admit to and maybe a few of you noticed: the time I spend on Face Book, it is almost non-existent! I do answer my FB messenger (PM) and I occasionally go in and check different things on certain friends, and of course "our" chapter page, but I stopped commenting and sharing. The news feeds I now get are limited. For some 'friends', FB is a lifeline and for others entertainment, for me it was wasted time. IMHO, IF you are not getting something positive out of something in your life, then you really need to re-evaluate, change things and move on. Otherwise, if you're happy, and you know it, clap your hands!!!

And what have you done to experience and enjoy your BMW (or your other ride)? Our members **do not** HAVE to own a BMW to be a part of our BMW experience – merely a love for the BMW marque and all things BMW. Be understanding in their lack of judgment in owning a Porsche or a MB. I have had both (by default). Do not judge! I truly love the BMW car, the people and the experience it offers. I am very passionate about our BMW CCA! IF I was a person to have a tattoo – I would have a (small) BMW tattoo, in motorsports colors, of course! BUT a tattoo is not going to happen on my body. NEVER. So for those that think they heard a rumor, not true; not happening! (*not what I heard—ed*) For me, I have not always had BMW's. I have had many different cars, for many different reasons but I have owned (ME) three BMW's (and the 2005 Range Rover that had a BMW engine and the interior of a luxury 7series!). IT is true, I have always WANTED a BMW (since my high school days!). And now I do. Again. I know some of you are saying, "Three that's all? – I have three BMW's in my driveway right now!" And having more is important to some of us. You multiple offenders, you know who you are! But for now, I have MY very own BMW 328i.

Not new but new to me. Was I shamed into buying a BMW because of my prestigious position as President of the chapter? – oh heck NO! Did I impulse buy – maybe; did I buy the right one for me? Absolutely! I enjoy driving it (OHHH do I enjoy it!) I am hankering for a road trip! Aren't you? How does this sound? A trip to Greer, SC – to visit the BMW CCA Foundation and the Zentrum? And whatever else we can fit in? The Foundation has, on display, MAY-AUG the 75 years of BMW Motorsports. How about a weekend in August THE 18th or 25th. Does August work for you? Let us know by sending an email to robertatreen@gmail.com subject "ROAD TRIP SC."

The Annual PICNIC is April 30 at Morikami Park in Delray Beach. We had a great turn out last year and lots of fun. Please RSVP (rsvp4evergaldesbmwcca@gmail.com) - Full details elsewhere in this issue. We do need more participation from our members – whether you provide pictures or articles for your newsletter, or help out by planning and organizing an event – "we" cannot do all of this, all of the time. We need some changes and we need your help. And yes I am still trying to get a representative from different areas of our chapter so we can better serve them. The volunteer position is open. We would like to have someone from the Miami area, Ft. Lauderdale, and yes the Keys! I am only asking for one but I will take two. THANK YOU.....



Membership: as of March 1, we have a total of 1392 members – of that 201 are associates. Do not let your membership lapse! Refer your friends and family! There are so many benefits for having a membership with BMW CCA. You get the national publication magazine – (a top reason), *The Roundel*; rebates for purchasing a new BMW or Pre-Owned; Hotel and Rental car discounts; Brooks Brother discounts! (refer to [www.bmwcca.org](http://www.bmwcca.org) or the Roundel for complete details.) Raffle tickets for the annual drawing of a new BMW – members only. I heard rumors of HOW awesome the GRAND PRIZE car is

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## Editor's Corner by Michael J Posner

I joined BMW CCA in 2002, after purchasing my first BMW, a 1995 325i Convertible. It lacked some power so I sent her to Rennie at Redline for some upgrades. Since then, I have been hooked on BMWs, and like many of the members of the Club, owning multiple BMWs at certain times. I have many fond Club memories, but I think the best were the special interest group gatherings known as BMW Roadster Homecoming. Started in 1997 by a group of loyal BMW Z car owners who trekked to Spartanburg to bring their Zs back to the factory, it quickly blossomed, and by 2001 over 500 Zs were in attendance. The event was fully sponsored by BMWUSA, and became an annual ritual for 1,000 Z owners. I attended the last two event in 2007 and 2008, the 11th and 12th Homecomings. Each year there were over 600 Z3s, Z4s and a smattering of Z8s in attendance. The events included a factory tour, dinner on the factory floor, and driving events at the performance center. Cost was negligible, as BMW covered most expenses. Many Z vendors were present, with the Z Series Car Club of America hosting the event ([www.zscca.org](http://www.zscca.org)). In fact, it was the largest gathering of BMWs ever in America, far larger than even BMW Oktoberfest.

After the factory stopped producing Z cars (they only make X SAVs today), the BMW Roadster Homecoming became the ZFest, and it continues annually ([www.zfest.com](http://www.zfest.com)). If you are a Z owner, I highly recommend getting involved in the group, and if the opportunity arises, attending a ZFest. This year's event is in Ventura, California on June 21-25.

My oil usage saga in my 2013 M6 continues. I was instructed to keep track of oil use, and my last three warnings were after 674, 674 and 594 miles. Back to the dealer for 3 days. A Senior Tech bearing a single sheet of factory produced info told me that the factory now says 1.5 liters per 1,000 kilometers was acceptable use (that's 1.58 quarts every 621 miles for Americans, Liberians and Burmese J). This contradicts prior statements that 1 quart every 700 miles was considered normal usage. Since my M6 was above 393 miles a quart, it was deemed normal by BMW. In another twist, I was told that when the car asked for one quart of oil I was to install two. This would, of course, extend the refill events to over 1,200 miles. I wonder what the overfilling will do to the engine long term. Potentially the crankshaft will hit the oil and froth it up, creating bubbles in the oil which can lead to inefficient/poor lubrication. BMW says that while standard refill is 9 quarts, capacity is actually 9.5 quarts, so the extra quart will not cause issues.

For those with smaller hands (no political jokes necessary), or for those that drive at 10-2, reaching the paddles in an M car can require hand movement or pinky shifts. To resolve this I installed Pinalloy Paddle Extensions ([tinyurl.com/gpf7ps3](http://tinyurl.com/gpf7ps3)). Instead of removing the wheel to replace the paddles, these slip over the existing paddles and are held on by three tiny set screws. While not as elegant, they are far cheaper (\$50) and much easier to install. I also upgraded my chrome trim to carbon fiber so my M6 wheel is looking very sharp.

*Have a great Spring—Michael*



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# Owning a Classic E 30 by Michael J Posner

Last month I told you about my new to me 1990 E30 325i Convertible. Purchased on the club's national website from a Vero Beach owner. I have to say it was money well spent. So far, I have sold off the unwanted hard top (I barely use the soft top) and the windscreen, reducing my purchase cost by \$1,900.00. Money saved means money to spend and so far, I have spent nearly \$1,000 in improvements.

New tires were first, as the car came with ten-year-old rubber. Unfortunately, the only tires left in the stock 14" size are all season. I would have preferred summer sport tires, but I wanted to keep the stock look (at least until I find a set of 15" BBS or Ronal LS wheels). The next biggest purchase was replacing the ugly air bag steering wheel with an M Tech 2 wheel purchased on eBay from a Latvian seller that is re-wrapped. The 385mm wheel costs \$300 shipped, but I still plan to get the more expensive 370mm wheel in the future.

A new M shift knob, a used Euro real license plate trim, aluminum pedals and dead pedal and a front half bra were installed. The only flaw in the car was a dead cassette player, so in



*Selfie by Princess Ghost Anne*

order to stay stock I installed an Audiovox Wired FM Modulator which lets me use the radio to play my iPod on an unused FM channel (works far better than the wireless models). Chrome tips and a Gargastic front strut bar are on order, to be installed next week.

Mechanically, I have replaced the spark plugs and air filter (which based on the full-service history are factory originals). Ernie Bello Motorsports tackled the fluidectomy, changing the differential, transmission and brake fluid. No more mechanical issues are expected until 2018 when a new timing belt and water pump are installed and a valve service is completed.

The E30 was very clean, but still has cosmoline covering parts of the engine and engine bay. Getting this off has been slow going, with more work still to



*Photos by Michael Posner*



come. May have to remove the cylinder cover to paint. The exhaust header is rusted, so that will eventually be powder coated or replaced. I reconditioned the leather interior and have coco mats on order to add a little color (black/red).

Owning and driving the E30 has been a lot of fun and I look forward to many years of enjoyment.

-Michael



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## 1985 BMW M635CSi euro.

Cinnabar red exterior. Black leather interior, Stainless exhaust system, BBS Wheels, it comes with the factory tow bar (never been installed), car cover, dash and steering wheel cover. Current mileage 99,531. The engine was overhauled at 86,000 miles. Very well maintained and garage kept. Asking \$35,000. -OBO. More pictures upon request. Contact Alyse at 772-678-1895 (leave message or text) or Email mb93ag@gmail.com



## 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



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 E30 era Model KE-83ZBM (Pioneer) Powers on, nothing more, sold as-is for \$25.00  
 Contact Michael at mjposner1@gmail.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 or email auto-sourcegroup@gmail.com for information and pricing.



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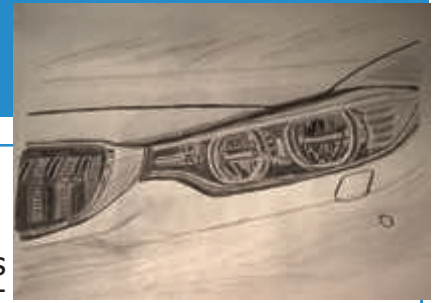


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### **BMW G12 7 Series --- The Evolution of a Flagship**

You would think that, having produced an all-new 7-series that is as much starship as flagship just a year ago, BMW would be content to rest on their laurels for a bit, but nooo... they have still have the high-tech afterburner blasting and with twenty-five new technologies versus the previous generation, the model year 2018 G12 7 Series is still by far the most innovative vehicle in its class!



Advances include the latest iDrive 6.0 system with an updated look and configurable 'live' tiles that allow users to display their favorite functions at a glance. In addition, the Media / Radio tile shows all relevant meta data for the active audio source; the Navigation tile can be configured to either map or arrow view; and the Communication title shows the current date, incoming / active calls, and the primary phone connected to the vehicle. The ConnectedDrive

tile can be configured to a subset of all available Online Apps, such as Weather and News. In the notification center, the driver and passengers will see the number of all unread messages divided into three categories (email, SMS, and CheckControl messages), and the My Vehicle tile can be configured to show driving style analysis or consumption history.

Not only are all the features of the iDrive 5.0 system carried over, including Gesture Control recognition (with touch-screen functionality that includes scrolling-swiping between menus and pinch-zoom for maps), but the updated system features significant improvements to the Voice Command system, including Natural Language Understanding, automatic over-the-air map updates up to four times annually and wireless compatibility for smartphone apps.

In addition, the Display Key with the LCD touch screen is now standard equipment, but additional upgrades to the 7 series tech arsenal include options such as Active Parking Distance Control,



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Heads Up Display with a projected image 75% larger than previously and an Active Lane Keeping Assistant that is also designed to prevent side collisions.

But wait, there is more. The Parking Assistant will automatically and unassisted, perpendicular (straight in) as well as parallel park your 7 Series and the Traffic Jam Assistant lets you 'glide along' at in dense traffic by not only maintaining a safe distance from the car ahead but also taking over the steering and keeping you in your lane. The Surround View camera system now offers a 360-degree view, the WiFi Hotspot comes with a three-month or three gigabyte trial period and the 7-



inch Touch Command Tablet is integrated into the rear center console for charging and storage.

Finally, although at this rate of evolution, who really knows, the new 7 Series offers wireless charging as a standard feature. It should be noted that iPhones do not offer wireless charging, but there is a case available for the 5S, 6 and 7 series models that lets you charge cordlessly.

Add all this new technology to a car that is already not only one of the most high-tech vehicles on the road today but is also a genuine driver's car and you have a potent case for making the new G12 7 Series your transportation of choice.

Please note, if all this seems a bit... daunting, fear not. Braman BMW in both West Palm Beach and Jupiter has a comprehensive 'Genius' program that will show you how it all works... and then show you again when you forget. And then show you again when... well, you get the idea. If a conversation with a genius sounds like exactly what you need at this point – whether you're contemplating a new 7 Series or have already bought one contact Tiffany White at (561) 242-3417 or [tiffanythegenius@bramanmc.com](mailto:tiffanythegenius@bramanmc.com). If you have yet to treat yourself to a test drive – and it is a treat – call Joe Porco at 561-242-3117. (All photos courtesy of BMWUSA)

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Membership \$48.00 a year with discounts for multiple year renewals. The fee for an Associate membership (must live in the same household) is \$10.00 a year. Associates have the same benefits of a member without delivery of a *Roundel* or chapter newsletter. Lifetime Memberships \$1,000.00. Add your Associate member for \$155.00.

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going to be –a BMW XX xxxxxx! A member only ONE OF a KIND! The more tickets that are sold the more cars (M4?) that will be raffled. Raffle tickets go on sale June 1. And of course, there will be little FLASH sales and incentives along the way. Aside from all of the benefits that are offered with your membership, the most valuable of all, the people that you meet, that become friends and the BMW family you embrace.

It is your club, your membership. Make the most of it and enjoy the experience.

Safe Travels,

Bobbi Treen

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## ***Annual Chillin' & Grillin' Picnic & Car Show***

***SUNDAY April 30—10am till 3pm; Morikami Park at the Lake Biwa Pavilion, 4000 Morikami Museum Park Rd ~ Delray Beach. (the entrance to the park is on the west side of Jog Rd.). Use the entrance to the parking area where the pavilion is located is off Jog Rd. The Wells Fargo is directly across the street from this unmarked entrance. The directions you get from a GPS may take you to the Museum area. Check the museum website for fees and times.***

***CAR SHOW: Open to all members of BMW CCA ONLY BMW's. It is a People's Choice and not a judged event- No Q-Tips ~ No white gloves. REGISTRATION for the car show will be opened until 11:45. All cars in the car show will be provided a NUMBER and will park in a designated area.***

***Lunch will be provided by Joey's Kitchen, a catering company that offers their fine dining cuisine Food Truck. The menu for the day will be Chicken, Brats, German Potato Salad, etc. Beer, Wine, water, Ice tea and lemonade will be provided. We will offer hot dogs and hamburgers for the kids. Members/Associates are free and guests are \$10.00 a person. Children under 12 are free. One Lunch ticket per person and a second serving of food is \$10./ pp.***

***PLEASE RSVP – with name/member number and number of guests. (And children). RSVP by April 24; Rsvp4evergladesbmwcca@gmail.com. Or text 561 818-4BMW(4269) (ONLY if you do not have email)***

***We will be having a 50/50 Raffle to support the Tire Rack Street Survival Program***