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of our Volunteers
No calls after 9 p.m.**

Pole Position by President Bobbi Treen

Is it spring cleaning time in your household? Time to organize the garage, clean it up and throw it out? I am not talking about car parts you really, really had to have or really, really thought you needed because someday, I will use it on something. Is it time to start downsizing? Maybe a quick out with the old: re-cycle it and/or re-purpose it? Toss it, start using it again or donate it? Or maybe you are thinking of all the treasures you have that only hold a value and a memory for you. Are you kids going to want it? Seriously, how long are you going to hang on to it? And sadly, it ends up in a landfill! That is one of the many things I have been reading about, what are you leaving your children... to clean up? Do they want what they may think is merely "crap or junk or useless" BMW stuff? And, yes, I shudder at the thought. If they don't have any interest in your treasures, who does? Many of us are grandparents/aunts and uncles with treasures all over the house. I am not only talking about BMW memorabilia or other car stuff, I am talking about your other stuff, on display or not! There are many BMW friends and non-profits to donate your treasures. How many drawers or shelves stacked with event T-Shirts? College T-shirts? Those shirts with all those memories can be re-purposed into a quilt or a throw blanket (google it!). Get some use out of it. Maybe there is a younger member that would like to treasure your treasures. The first step might be to put it all in writing, as to where or to whom it should go to. The BMW CCA Foundation will be glad to accept your "treasured treasures." Maybe we should have a chapter "my treasures – your treasures" event? Maybe the chapter picnic (May 12) is THE place to re-purpose your treasures to a younger member? Think about it!

Membership for Everglades Chapter at the end of February was at 1374 with 202 Associates. We thank you for joining and for renewing. Keep renewing and do not let it lapse! The rebate program offered by BMW NA for the purchase or a lease for qualifying BMWs, is very strict on the "membership rule." It is their requirement and enforced by BMW NA, not BMW CCA. We cannot adjust your lapsed membership.

We are looking for a **new location for our monthly social meetings**. After several years at the Duffy's Sports Grill in WPB – their private back room is no longer private or a back room. VERY SOON the Email blast will be sent out and it will be on our chapter website – Announcing our NEW and suitable location for our monthly social meetings. We are open for suggestions. AND stay tuned for a SECOND monthly social meeting located in Ft. Lauderdale – I heard a rumor it might be the Old Heidelberg Restaurant!

Ride to the Ranch: First Coast Chapter BMW CCA will be hosting, along with the Florida Chapters – a BBQ event at Al MacKay's family ranch (north of Orlando) located east of The Villages and north of Leesburg. It is still in the planning stages but mark your calendar Saturday, May 19. Their final details will be on our website and/or in an email blast with other breaking news! Check online: www.firstcoastbmw.org

Under the heading of up and coming - **National Events:** May 18 is the opening of the ICON 2002 – Fifty Years at the BMW CCA Foundation in Greer SC. This event will be sold out fast and soon. Limited tickets are available – go to their website for details. www.bmwccafoundation.org. The same weekend is The Vintage in Asheville, NC area. www.atthevintage.com for all your information needs. I understand "host" hotel rooms are getting scarce. Registration has opened for Oktoberfest 2018 in Pittsburgh PA July 9th thru 15th.

Donations for the BMW CCA Foundation has brought us to a level of receiving back from the Foundation. One of the many gifts we received was a HPDE certificate for a lucky Everglades Chapter Member. Your officers are not allowed to use it. RULES: it must be used at a BMW CCA hosted HPDE – anywhere. The chapter member will be responsible for all expenses incurred to attend the HPDE. You will need to pay for the HPDE and then submit your receipt for the HPDE along with the certificate within 60 days of attending the school, to the Foundation and they will reimburse you for the cost of registration of the HPDE. IF it is a two-day school – you will receive a refund equivalent of the one-day school. The BOD discussed the options of getting the word out and it was decided, we will have a raffle at \$25.00 a ticket, for those interested in attending a BMW CCA Chapter HPDE. Tickets on sale at the PICNIC – we announce the winner at our annual picnic May 12. Check the National Calendar for HPDE

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Editor's Corner by Michael J Posner

My open letter to Mike Miller the Tech Talk columnist at Roundel:

My 2013 M6 has burned about 1 quart of oil every 650-700 miles since purchased used at 32k miles. BMW insists this is normal. After continued complaining they gave me SI B11 03 13 (tinyurl.com/ycw6oes3) and also told me that they have a new procedure:

"Procedure: Engine oil - Topping up - When one of the above vehicles displays a message to add 1 quart of engine oil, BMW recommends adding 2 quarts of engine oil instead. The engine's oil sump design allows the additional quart; the result is a total capacity of 9.5 quarts (9.0 liters) of engine oil."

Following this I get about 1350 or so miles before the warning. However, since then I have lost a valve cover gasket and an air mas meter (which the tech said was covered in oil residue). Coincidence? Car now has 55k miles, and drives fine otherwise. Thoughts?



Mike Miller responded, "If you are using something else, switch to Lubri-Moly or Red Line 10W-60 engine oil. This engine does not like low viscosity engine oil, and the BMW oil tends to test out "finished" upon oil analysis at 4,000-5,000 miles. Reduce oil and filter change intervals to every 5,000 miles using one of these two products, and have analysis performed: www.blackstone-labs.com. That said, BMW considers one liter engine oil consumption every 500 miles to be normal in M cars. I disagree."

I am due for an oil change this summer, so I will switch to Red Line and see if that makes a big difference in the oil burning. Having Mike Miller as a club asset is fantastic and I follow his answers in Roundel every issue. My M6 has become homesick for the dealer...three service calls in 1500 miles, first a valve cover gasket, then the air mass meter and now a faulty driver's seat. Glad I purchased that extended warranty, I am sure with the third repair I would be in the red (especially at Braman's \$256 per hour charge for M car repairs). With only seven months left of coverage I am getting nervous, should I get another warranty or bite the bullet and buy a newer BMW.

-Michael J Posner



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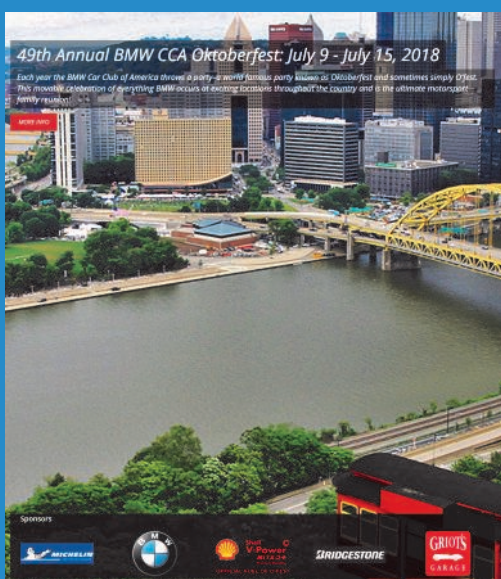
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Each year the BMW Car Club of America throws a party—a world famous party known as Oktoberfest and sometimes simply O'fest. This movable celebration of everything BMW occurs at exciting locations throughout the country and is the ultimate motor-sport family reunion. This year we are fortunate enough to have our family reunion presented by Michelin once again!



O'fest 2018 will be the next chapter in our storied history of celebrating everything BMW. The host hotel for O'fest will be the Sheraton at Station Square and the track is the Pittsburgh International Race Complex.

Check out the O'fest website for more details and registration: ofest.bmwcca.org.

O'Fest 2019 will be in Greenville/Greer SC celebrating 50 Years for BMW CCA! You know that this will be the ultimate PARTY for the ultimate car and Car Club – BMW CCA. Members from 1969 celebrate 50 years as a BMW Family! How long have you been a member?

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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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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



1988 BMW M6 E24

Zinnobrot Red with Silver Grey Leather. 2 owners, 5 speed manual, 15 BBS One Piece Cross Spoke Wheels. Equipped w/ Electric Sunroof, On-Board Computer, Electric Seats, AM/FM and Air Con. Restored, no mods. Complete Collector Grade condition. Exterior had glass out respray and restored trim. Interior remains in original form, shows minor expected wear. No rips, tears or discoloration. All electronics work, AC Ice Cold. Mechanically very tight. Additional photos are available upon request. Recent Service Performed. More info at tinyurl.com/y98kgukg. Asking \$89,990. Mileage 23,600. For additional information please contact me Giancarlo Mot-ta 305-803-5172 or email autosourcegroup@gmail.com for information and pricing.



1990 BMW 325i Convertible/5 speed

3 owner, garaged convertible with full service history (recent tb/wp); R134a, leather, lsd, all original, no accidents, new tires, power locks/antenna/windows/heated seats/cruise, cd changer, factory radio, computer/check panel working, window sticker, manuals, service records from new. Lots of extras: Husco; M Tech, Strut & more. pics: tinyurl.com/y7dqd5vo and videos: tinyurl.com/y9zgm62e

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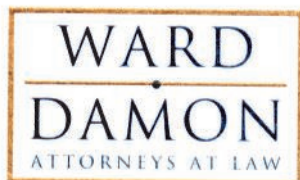
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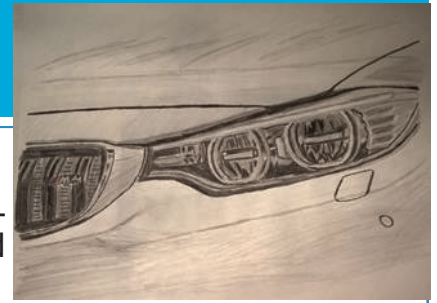
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schedules. Questions about the HPDE certificate – email rsvp4everglades@gmail.com. We have a few other gifts that will be either raffled or used as a door prize at the picnic.

As a reminder – our source of communicating with our membership and providing you with your newsletter, is with e-mail blast via Constant Contact. We only send out a few a month (maybe more if an event is going on and we need input or RSVP), therefore it is important not to “opt out” or “unsubscribe”. You need to keep your contact information (mailing address/Email phone number) correct & current with the National office. On another note – the national office does send out weekly email blasts. All of this along with the other 200+email you get everyday adds to Email overload. We get it. If you do unsubscribe from Everglades and it was in error – we can get you back in the system. If you do find it necessary to unsubscribe, be sure to visit our website.

-Bobbi Treen



Everglades Chapter Christmas Picnic



MONTHLY MEETING

**Everglades Chapter monthly
Social Membership
meetings are held on the
First and Third Tuesday of
each month
from 7:00-10:00 p.m.**

***Non-Alcoholic Drinks
and Desert on Us!***

●●●NEW LOCATIONS●●●

First Tuesday Meeting

***Old Heidelberg Restaurant
900 W State Road 84
or 900 SW 24th Street
(Marina Mile)
Fort Lauderdale***

Third Tuesday Meeting

***Park Avenue BBQ
2215 Palm Beach
Lakes Blvd.
West Palm Beach***

Events Calendar

**April 3: Everglades Chapter Monthly Social Meeting
Ft. Lauderdale**

**April 8: PB Outlets Cars and Coffee 9 to Noon, West
Palm Beach**

**April 14: Autogeek Cars & Coffee; Elliott Museum in
Stuart; and Cars & Coffee @ Xtreme Action Park Ft.
Lauderdale**

**April 17: Everglades Chapter Monthly Social
Meeting—West Palm Beach**

April 29: FuelFed cars & Classics: Ft. Lauderdale

**May 1: Everglades Chapter Monthly Social Meeting
Ft. Lauderdale**

**May 6: PB Outlets Cars and Coffee 9 to Noon, West
Palm Beach**

**May 12: Chapter Picnic (see page 12); Autogeek
Cars & Coffee; Stuart; and Cars & Coffee @ Xtreme
Action Park Ft. Lauderdale**

**May 15: Everglades Chapter Monthly Social
Meeting—West Palm Beach**
*Please check our website for updates
and specific event details.*

New Members

Bruce Grout West Palm Beach
Ezequiel Velazquez Coconut Creek
Alphonse Monthei Boynton Beach
Mercedes Dawson Wellington
Joshua Volpe West Palm Beach
Fernando Gomez Pompano Beach
Warren Bond Sunrise
Paul Schmitt Delray Beach
Peter Jacaty Fort Lauderdale
Ragan Jacaty Fort Lauderdale
Ernie Jabour West Palm Beach
Kirk Conde Palm City
Joseph Stepenovitch Fort Lauderdale
Kerry Kozial Sunrise
Byron Roberts Sunrise
Felipe Cueva Davie
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PLEASE keep contact information current with National. Please maintain your online profile with the club.

Contact via: FAX 864-250-0038 or Email: questions@bmwcca.org
Include your name—membership number and the old and new information.

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Florida E30 Decals

Decals are in! \$3 cash or \$4 thru PayPal at floridae30s@gmail.com. All proceeds go to the American Red Cross to help for Hurricane Harvey victims. They are available in white, gray, black, red and full color print.



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Annual Chillin' and Grillin' Picnic Charity Event and People's Choice Car Show!

Saturday MAY 12 ALL DAY

Lake Biwa Pavilion Morikami Park—4000 Jog Road, Delray Beach

The facility offers ample car show parking and is a great location! We will have a delicious catered lunch, with all those delicious sides to be served around noon-ish. Please bring your own beer, wine or champagne (hard alcohol is not allowed at any county park) We will have coolers of ice; water, lemonade and ice tea beverages. Members, Associates, a guest and children under 12 eat for free... Non-Members: \$10.00 per person.

UPON arrival: see us at Registration: Everyone signs the pesky but necessary waivers.

DOOR PRIZES and more Door prizes! Great stuff for our RAFFLE. We have a few surprises along with our 50/50 cash Raffle! The BMW CCA Foundation Tire Rack Street Survival Teen Driving Program will benefit from your generosity!

PEOPLE'S CHOICE CAR SHOW EVERGLADES CHAPTER MEMBERS ONLY AND ONE BMW PER MEMBER.

A NON-Q-Tip, non-White Glove event! We will have a special parking area for the participants. Please register for the car show as soon as you arrive. Get a number (place under your wiper blade) to be eligible for the votes - and yes, we want that laminated card with the number on it returned. Registration for the car show will close at 11:05am. We have the park all day. The pavilion is located on Jog Road at the traffic light at the north entrance (Morikami Gardens Blvd).

RSVP: Please Email to rsvp4evergladesbmwcca@gmail.com by May 4 for a comfortable picnic bench to sit on and enjoy your lunch! Please mark your busy calendar and join us for a fun day of great food, great (bmw) cars and great friends! The MORIKAMI Museum is open on Sunday – for ticket and more information: www.morikami.org