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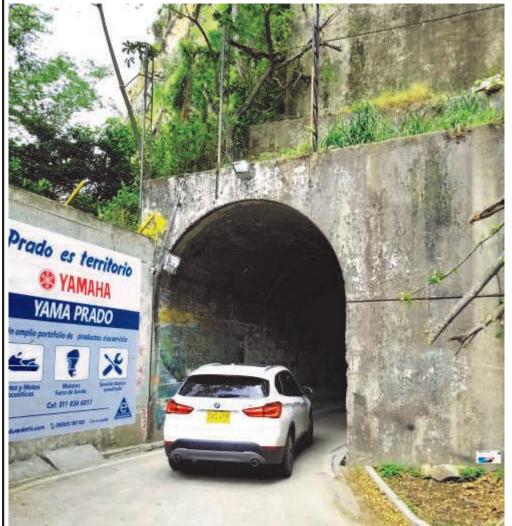
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Colombian Mountains in a 2017 BMW X1



Story and Photos by Raul A. Reyes

Came to Colombia to attend and be the best man at my dear friend's wedding, after the ceremony and reception during their honey moon I got to drive his recently owned 2017 BMW X1 with just above 5k Kilometers on the clock. So it was the perfect opportunity to take a road trip and enjoy the Bimmer hugging turns through the nice mountains of my natal country.

The first day I departed from Bogota, approximately 10,000 feet above the sea level and drove through the mountains to a city located only 60 miles away but only 951 feet above the sea level. You can do the math and imagine how enjoyable the drive was. The Bimmer handled like it was on rails through the turns, the control of the sequential transmission to keep the car at safe speeds

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Events Calendar

August 3-6: Club Road Trip to the Foundation

August 12: Autogeek Cars & Coffee; Stuart; and Cars & Coffee @ Xtreme Action Park Ft. Lauderdale

August 15: Everglades Chapter Social Duffy's Sports Grill, Village Commons, West Palm Beach

August 27: PB Outlets Cars and Coffee 9 to Noon, West Palm Beach

Sept. 9: Autogeek Cars & Coffee; Stuart and Cars & Coffee @ Xtreme Action Park Ft. Lauder-dale

Sept. 19: Everglades Chapter Social Duffy's Sports Grill, Village Commons, West Palm Beach

Sept. 24: PB Outlets Cars and Coffee 9 to Noon, West Palm Beach

Oct. 31-Nov 4: Oktoberfest in New Orleans

Please check our website for updates and specific event details.

New Members

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Juliet	Haynes Ve	ero Beach	Rodrigo	Jimenez	Miami
Jon	Marsa Mi	ami	Julie	Klahr	Ft Lauderdale
Khari	Bridges Co	oral Gables	Joshua	Ruback	Ft Lauderdale
Robert	Suckow Fo	rt Pierce	Tim	Geddis	Jupiter
Mark	Isaacs Ve	ero Beach	Robert	Chaikin	Aventura
Jason	Wertchafter	r Plantation	Juan	Ledesma	Lake Worth
Andrew	Henry Gr	eenacres	Greg	Heller	Delray Beach
Kashka	Burrowes	Sunrise	Gary	Duckwor	th Btn. Beach
James	Costello Ju	no Beach	Erik	Dahlquis	t PB Shores
Andres	Di Michele	Miami	Ernesto	Cyjon	Miami
Adam	Berlin Ve	ero Beach	James	Day Delr	ay Beach
Norman	Parker Bo	ynton Beach	Jason	Forbes	Margate
Craig	Halladay Ju	piter	Justin	Polga	Pinecrest
John	Pritchard Ps	S Lucie	Eric	Domingu	ıez Miami
Jason		ynton Beach	Amy	Eisenber	g Boca
Francis	Mantua Ju	piter	Daniel	Cristea	Wellington
Alison	Mantua Ju	piter	Christop	her Flint	:Boca Raton
Enrique	Inurrieta Mi		Dr. Bert	Shapiro	Boca Raton
Chris	Nouss Lig	ghthouse Pt	Pitney	Jules	Miami
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Santi	Carmichael	Ft Laud.	Alessio	Mazzanti	Key Biscayne
Emanuele Jones Aventura		Mitchell	Kessler	Delray Beach	
Craig		ort St Lucie	Sarah	Warnke	Lake Worth
George		ero Beach	Tim	Mcmillan	Ps Lucie
Muhamn	nad Naeem	Miami	Elio	Elias	Miami

Pole Position by President Bobbi Treen

At our June monthly social meeting, we were honored to have Scott Dishman, Executive Director of the BMW CCA Foundation join us at our dinner meeting (yep free desert too!) and visit with us as he continued his journey to the south area of our chapter. Scott spoke of the appreciation the Foundation has for Everglades Chapter and the continued support of it and Tire Rack Street Survival. The BRIČK Building the Foundation fundraiser is ongoing. IF you did not get YOUR brick, you still can. Your donations, monetary, in-kind, or buying a brick (portion of that) are all tax-deductible! You will get an official



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Mike Willette has recently signed up as an Ambassador for the Foundation joining myself and Shannon Wadsworth. Being an Ambassador is a volunteer position – to promote the BMW CCA Foundation, to get the word out to our members and everyone else! IF you are interested, let us know!

Heroes of the Bavaria – at the Foundation! We are in full swing – hitting the road for all things BMW! Our road trip to the Greenville SC area is packed full of stuff to do and places to see. Travel day is Thursday, August 3 to drive up (unless you are in the area already or drive like a you know what to be there Friday morning! I do not know what you are doing, but the cool kids are leaving Thursday morning to arrive in Greenville early evening. We will be meeting at the Performance Center Friday morning around 10:30am; followed by a tour of the Zentrum; sites of Greenville. Saturday morning, on the 5th (11 -3) is Member Day at the Foundation – BUT you do have to register for that – buy your ticket online - \$20/per person). We have planned a drive up to the mountains and back to Greenville for dinner. The time/place TBD. The hotel I have made arrangements with is the (IHG) – Crowne Plaza at I-385 and Roper Mountain Rd. We have secured a rate of \$126 per night. It does includé parking and breakfast for one person. (online use the group code EVE; if you call the hotel Everglades BMW CCA group) On Sunday – on your own, to travel home or hang out in the area – mini-vacation! Send me an email if you plan on going – robertatreen@gmail.com call or text 561-818-4BMW (4269) (Tell me who you are!) JOIN us if you can. Here is the link for information on Member Day Aug 5 and to register/buy tickets: heroesofbavariaclubmemberdayaug5.eventbrite.com

Coming UP: ANNUAL ELECTION of Chapter Officers:

Nominations for chapter officers will open at the October monthly social meeting (third Tuesday the 16th), The Nominations Chairperson will accept nominations for thirty days, until Nov 16th.` I will appoint a chaptér member (that is not interested in an elected position) to be our Election Chairperson. Positions open for nominations for the 2018-2019 term: Vice –President Operations, Treasurer, and Vice-President Social. 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, but want more information, please contact me or any of the officers for a quick job description. The Chapter By-Laws, with the description of the positions, are posted on our webpage. More – complete information of the election process, will be provided in the next issue. If we do not have opposing members nominated for a position – no election ballot will be mailed for voting/processing. Reminder: The position of Membership Contact and Editor are non-elected positions. Just someone that is a gluten for punishment (Ed. I know).

We are still looking for suitable places for a TRSS. An empty parking lot might "look" acceptable but they are many other factors involved. If you come across a parking lot – suitable – no poles or trees or stuff in the way, let us know - call or email - with the REAL Address. We cannot check it out via google earth or even to drive there if we do not have a good address. I am a decent navigator, but not always (hmmm...)!

Jon van Woerden has moved his Cars and Coffee to the Xtreme Action Park (Ft Lauderdale). We are still meeting at Autogeek in Stuart and at the Palm Beach Outlets. AND there are plenty more in the area.

The idea of the Sunrise to Sunset tour or the Sunset to Sunrise Tour (either way, ROAD TRIP!) over to Naples with a few touristy adventures, is still on the table. WE will get something together and you will be the second one to know.

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Editor's Corner by Michael J Posner

Like Apple, BMW now has a non-salesman genius at the local BMW Showrooms. I have had a chance to deal with two to date, and I think BMW needs to train them better. In one case the issue could not be resolved (more on this latter). The second was whether Apple Car Play could be added to a new BMW by the local dealer if the car was not ordered that way. The genius told me no, it was factory only. Well five minutes on the intewebs and I learned that most new BMWS built after 9/1/16 can add Carplay via the BMW App Store (tinyurl.com/y8jhqup2).

My latest gripe is my forgetful infotainment system. I am a big podcast fan (skeptics guide to the universe and revolutions to name two), played over usb to an iPhone 6. After I shut the car off after listening to a podcast, when I return the car will sometimes pick up the same podcast, but on other times it plays the first song on my iPhone (à la Menthe from Oceans 12). I then have to go to search, genre, podcast, artist, track to restart my podcast. The switch pattern is random, and not dependent on time. I have tried switching to the radio before shutting the car off to no avail. The BMW genius researched but found no answer to the problem. Some blame the phone, not the car. However, if I have to listen to à la Menthe one more time.......

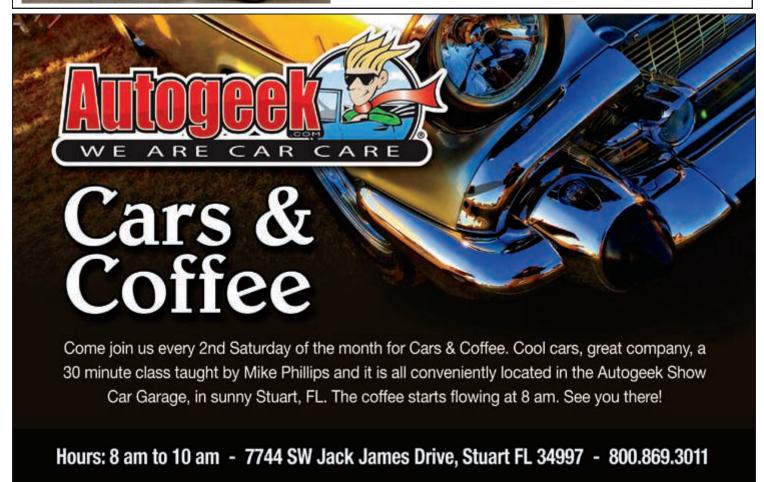
My assistant and my partner both came to me recently about warning lights on their non-BMWS. Using my trusty OBD-2 reader (works on BMWs too), I diagnosed transmission issues for both cars. I asked whether they had ever changed their transmission filter and fluid and both said no (despite 185,0000 and 110,0000 miles respectively on each car).

Oil is the lifeblood of car, and not just engine oil. Do you think Keith Richard is still running on his original oil? There is transmission oil and differential oil. Both need to



oil? There is transmission oil and differential oil. Both need to be changed on a regular basis. Despite BMWs claims of a life-time fill, if you intend to keep a car over 100k miles, these fluids should be changed. I recommend differential oil and manual transmission oil every 30k miles and autobox oil every 60k miles. These changes should get the car to at least 200k without major failures.

---Michael J Posner



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without punishing the brakes too hard was amazing, overall a great machine.

And this is how here on the Equator line, you can experience different "seasons" temperatures in a matter of a couple hours. In just 2 hours we went from Bogota that

stays yearlong at approximately 65 degrees to the smaller town of Girardot that is always at around 90 degrees. This trip had a great beginning, and could only get better!!

Next morning, we were already done with the mountain driving so it was time to test this Bimmer on the plains, departed from Girardot towards the beautiful Lake of Prado, another 60 miles away. This time we decided to stop in every town we approached to enjoy the various typical gastronomy and to shop different crafts made by the locals. Once again the Bimmer showed us its potential, letting me pass 2,3,4 or even more cars at once on double way roads. Once at the port, we went to a restaurant overviewing the lake and had a delicious fresh caught fried fish.

The next day, was time to go back to Bogota from Girardot.

That meant the same 10,000 feet in 60 miles on the other direction, and that's where **Bimmer** the really shined. The small yet powerful 2.0 engine plenty for this vehicle, the 8



speed automatic transmission is very precise and was ready at all times when I needed to hit the gas to pass slower traffic on the very short straights.

Short three day trip, but enjoyed every second of it. In Florida, we do not have the opportunity to do this kind of driving so really appreciated being able to do it with the Ultimate Driving Machine.

For an interesting article (in Spanish) on Alpina, please visit: www.bmwclasicos.com/magazine/archivos/815

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 ☺☺)
- 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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1995 BMW M3 E36 Coupe

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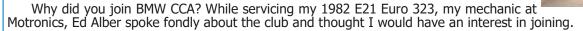




Member Profile — Jon van Woerden

By Wendy van Woerden

I sat down with BMW CCA Everglades chapter member Jon van Woerden and had a little Q & A session to find out a little more about his passion for BMW's and the Car Club. Jon has been a member of BMW CCA for 34 years (Everglades Chapter)



What keeps you renewing your membership? For the magazine and social events.

What BMW do you currently own? 2003 E39 525 Touring, 2008 E93 328 convertible as well as with my first 1982 E21 Euro 323 that is currently hiding in my garage, waiting patiently to be restored. Previously have owned? 1987 Cinnabar Red M6, 1988 Royal Blue Canadian M6 (one of 183 M6's), and a 1999 E39 sedan. If money was no object which BMW would you own? I8 What is your favorite BMW? (owned or not owned by you). BMW 507

When did your "passion for" or your "interest in" BMW begin? In 1983

Do you do the basic maintenance of your BMW/ vehicles? Yes, mainly brakes

What is your level of activity with the club? I am currently the chapters Web master, and Social Event coordinator, former Secretary and the Member of the Year in 2007. I am currently a freelance photographer and writer for *Roundel* which began after they saw my mid-80's US Distributor Hartge ads which I bartered for with the company, Hartge Performance Parts to fit my E21.

Which events do you attend? - I am very active with our club> Locally I attend most monthly meetings along with Cars and Coffee meets in Ft. Lauderdale. I also attend special events such as picnics and outings, Nationally I attend the Annual Oktoberfest as their official O'Fest photographer.

Have you attended a BMW CCA HPDE? Yes, many as a matter of fact, Sebring, multiple times, Homestead, Daytona, Palm Beach International, Massachusetts Speedway. Sebring is my favorite. And which track – whether you have driven on it or not, would you like to drive on? Spa, in Belgium.

Have you done any Auto crossing? Yes, at various Oktoberfest

Have you attended an O'Fest? Yes, 21 of them, number 22 this year in New Orleans

WHAT events would you like to see the chapter provide? More tours, for instance, the Keys, Sunset to Sunrise (Naples to Ft. Lauderdale).

How far have you driven to attend an event with another Chapter Regional or national event? O'Fest in Waterford Valley New Hampshire in 1997. How far would you drive to attend an event? The farthest I would drive to an event would be 2000 miles.

Family? Married for 31 years to Wendy, 4 daughters, Rebecca, Corrie, Shannon and Jana, 3 Grandchildren, Evie, Riley and Liam. Pets: In our home, we have one Grand cat, Nole. Frequent visitors are our Grand dogs Azul and Tally, and other Grand cats, Jax and River, my favorite pet was our family dog, Holli, she was with us for 17 years.

Work, or career path. I am 95% retired from a 35-year career with Woodbury and Associates Photography. For the past 33 years, I have been a freelance photographer and writer for our National Club Magazine, Roundel which I continue to do and enjoy. I also have been the team photographer for the Fort Lauderdale Strikers Soccer team.

TRAVEL – Throughout my career, I have traveled extensively both for business and pleasure. My favorite place would be anywhere in Europe; California comes in as a close second.

Have you or are you or would you want to, go to Germany for European delivery of a BMW??? I have never had the opportunity to do so but would I like to? Of course, who wouldn't??

Photo by Jon vam Woerder



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Where would you like to live? Switzerland.

Where were you raised? Born in Rotterdam NL, moved to Canada with family in when I was 3. Relocated to South Florida in 1964 and stayed ever since.

Have you ever visited a foreign country? Too many to list.

Do you speak another language? Dutch and a little bit of German.

If money was no object to travel – where would you go or what would you do? If money were no object, I would love to do an

African Safari as well as visiting Australia and Vietnam.

Do you have a bucket list? No. What are your hobbies? My hobby, as well as my career, is taking pictures.

Have you ever met a celebrity, famous person, race car driver? I have met a plethora of famous race car drivers including Sterling Moss in addition to many famous Soccer players, such as Pele and Gerd Mueller. I was the US National Soccer team Photographer from 1988 through 1994 granting me the honor of meeting many players

Are you a sports fan? Yes, Soccer and more recently, a football fan of Florida State where my daughter graduated from college.

Did you play any sports growing up? In High School I was on the swim team, later I played amateur Soccer in a South Florida league.

What was your favorite subject in school? History. Did you have a Favorite teacher? No

Do you have a favorite quote? No

Music – what type of music? – I enjoy a wide genre of music. Best concert I ever attended? Genesis, The Lamb Lies on Broadway

Won tickets to see (well my wife actually), U2, Elton John, Billy Joel, and many others.

Beverage: Favorite.... Arnold Palmer

Food -Sushi

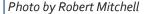
Additional credit: Complete the following sentence(s): I can not live without (my) wife. (Ahh, Thanks, Jon)

Spending my time on the computer relaxes me.

IF I could have any career – I would enjoy being a race car driver.

IF I had a three (or a four) day weekend — with absolutely no plans, I would plan to go on Staycation to the Key West.

I wish I had invented the electric car.



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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.

Wendy has completed a "profile" on Jon! Great job Wendy – great questions too. WOW I am impressed with all the questions. BUT WAIT there is more – We are bringing back the "member profile" column and hopefully it will be a standard column in our Newsletter. Do not be shy if you get a phone call or an email, with too many random questions. Answer them – return it – and we will complete YOUR member profile for all to read. Or as I tried before, you can contact us. Uncle FLasher needs YOU!

As of June 30, we have a total of 1381 chapter members; of that 199 are Associates. We have an ongoing Membership Drive. For each new member referral, you name is entered for a drawing for special prizes. All of this information and plenty more is on our national website (www.bmwcca.org). The annual "CAR OF YOUR DREAMS" car raffle is in full swing! With special drawings incentives! Grand Prize is 2018 Alpina B6 (BMW CCA Edition) xDrive Gran Coupe!!!

Safe travels to one and all, Bobbi Treen, President Ambassador – BMW CCA Foundation

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