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## 24 Hours at Daytona (Rolex 24 at Daytona)

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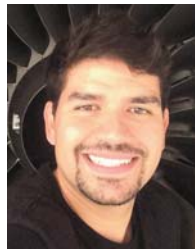


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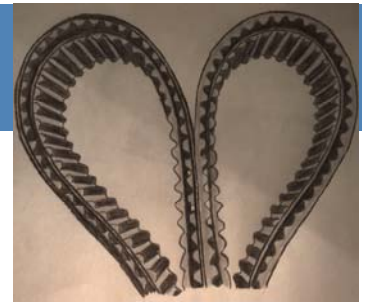
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## *Pole Position by President Bobbi Treen*



Your officers have been very busy planning exciting events whether little or BIG, and ongoing events for YOU! We hope you can attend. It takes someone's time and effort and dedication to make things happen; to put on these events. We also know that many of you have your reasons /schedule conflicts and generally just life going on that you are unable to volunteer or attend these events. We understand. Nonetheless – it would be great to see some of you and for others – meet for the first time. The plans for our annual picnic and charity event are at full speed. Our charity is the BMW CCA Foundation Tire Rack Street Survival Teen Driving Program. At this time – not sure if the date we selected is available for the park/pavilion we need. Save the date – April 23. Included in this issue, Raul Reyes has prepared a report on some of our upcoming events. We are firming up the dates and making those pre-event reservations. Save the DATE!!!

Everglades' membership is at a total of 1429 members: of that 205 are Associates. I am very pleased to report from Dwayne Mosely, VP-South Atlantic Region and fresh off the National Director's Report, that... **"Puerto Rico has the highest percentage of growth. Everglades Chapter has the highest percentage of member retention rates in the whole BMW CCA. Congratulations to everyone in both of these chapters for their achievements. This is great stuff!!"** As a long time; always active member, I would like to thank all of you for renewing your membership, referring your friends and family and your loyalty to the BMW marque! It is truly appreciated! Don't let your membership lapse. You don't want to miss out on our wonderful benefits or the sponsors specials.

The checkered flag has waved in the wind, closing the 2016 Rolex 24Hour at Daytona. Always promised and always delivered an exciting race. Yes, I cried for the BMW's and didn't cheer for the corvettes. Many of you attended the Roar Before the 24 and the 24 hour race itself. We appreciate all of the pictures and comments posted on social media. Michael Willette was there and has provided an article on his awesome race weekend. What FUN! The 64th Mobil 1 Sebring 12 Hours is March 19. Although BMW will not have a corral at Sebring – the show, ok – the race, promises some great viewing spots from all over the raceway or your own living room/man cave. So many races in Florida this time of year – and so many places to be. And locally we have several groups that have HPDE and road-course racing. The Florida Region of SCCA has several race weekends coming up at both Palm Beach International Raceway and Homestead-Miami Speedway. There is always a need for volunteers in all areas of specialties with FL Region SCCA ([www.flscca.com](http://www.flscca.com)) as well as any club race group. And in our area we have so many club racing and/or HPDE venues to choose from. As a SCCA Flag & Communication (corner worker) Marshall, I know that standing on a corner.... is the best seat at the track! How many said Winslow AZ???? Gotcha JonV.... And a few more.

Speaking of corners ... and cornerstones – A new facility will be built and we want YOUR name on the walkway. We are paving our way to the future with the new fundraiser for our BMW CCA Foundation. This spring they will be kicking off the Buy a Brick for the Foundation: [www.fundraisingbrick.com/bmw](http://www.fundraisingbrick.com/bmw) Information will be sent out via emails and the Roundel. You can go to the foundation's website: [www.bmwccafoundation.org](http://www.bmwccafoundation.org). The prices range from \$50 to \$200 for a 4x8 to a 8x8 brick – depending on the number of lines of text or the BMW silhouette, chapter logo and/or your own message that you would like to have on your brick. Do you have the need to buy a unique gift for a loved one or friends? Do you have someone that has passed on? A brick with the inscription in their memory is a donation in lieu of flowers. Not only can you buy a brick but you can gift a Brick as well. This gift purchase can be made through the Foundation office by contacting [andrea.galehouse@bmwccafoundation.org](mailto:andrea.galehouse@bmwccafoundation.org) or calling 864.329.1919. Or you can design one for them and the office will send the recipient a certificate indicating your brick gift for them. Own your own business? Here is your chance to have a permanent billboard – conveying your support of the Foundation. What a great investment. All donations are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law. This is an affordable way to support the Foundation and donate to our current capital campaign and most importantly, leave a lasting legacy of your love for BMW and the CCA. Everglades Chapter has already purchased a brick on behalf of the chapter. AND we were the first chapter to do so. Not sure if it is finalized but the Foundation BOD was discussing a chapter challenge on the purchase of the

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## Editor's Corner by Michael J Posner

We have been working hard to make the Club Magazine better and we need your input and support. Please send me ideas, submissions, feedback, comments and the like. This is your Club, so let us know what you want from The Flasher.

Everglades Chapter has a big online presence. The two main sites are the website, <http://bmwccaeverglades.org> and on Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/evergladesbmwcca>. These are great tools to find out the latest on Club activities, other events and information about other members. Please like the Facebook group and do not hesitate to post a picture of your BMW.

In the January 2016 issue of Roundel, a local chapter member Jason Covington complained that his local dealer did not participate in a CCA member discount. I use Braman in West Palm Beach, and I can assure Jason that they offer a discount for CCA members of 15%. You will need your CCA Card or member number to use the discount and it only works at the parts counter.

For those with modern BMWs (cars built with an OBD-II port), there is a new vendor offering easy diagnostics and coding through the port. Call Carly, and available in the App Store for iPhones and Google Play for Android, when paired with an appropriate OBD-II adapter, it can run diagnostics, reset codes, provide gauge information and code certain functions that used to require specialized software and a working knowledge of German. I am testing and hope to have a full report next issue.



The Palm Beach Outlet Mall Cars and Coffee has turned out to be the car event in the county. Turnout is massive, with what appears to be over 1,000 cars, with a heavy emphasis on newer cars (1980s-) versus the traditional cruise-ins for classic and muscle cars. BMW turnout is heavy, with lots of E30s, several 2002s, an E-9, and an assortment of new M3s and M4s. The Club meets at Target at 8:30 to caravan over and park in a BMW block. Hope to see you at the next event!.

*Photos by Michael J Posner*





## Operations by Raul A. Reyes

Fairly new member, I joined the club in 2013 and have been pretty active ever since. As a board member, I try to be as helpful as I can for our president and I have been attending and helping to plan most of the club events.

I am very excited to announce some of the events that we are attending or organizing for this year...(dates are still fluid, stay tuned!)

March 19: Car Club Challenge @ Autogeek.net, we need as many BMWs as we can!

March 26: Wheels across the Pond car show. For more information and registration go to

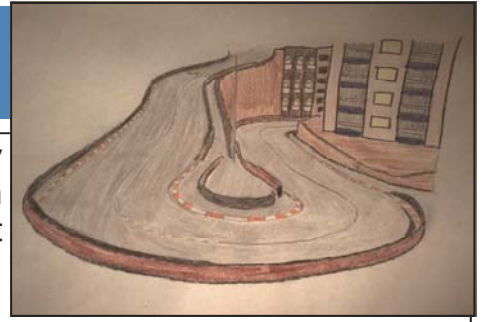
<http://www.wheelsacrossthepond.com/>

April 23: Our Annual Chillin' & Grillin Picnic and Car Show. We will have more details for you soon.

July 9 : Caravan to the Navy Seal Museum in Ft Pierce, FL.

As you can see; we have a busy first half of the year and we are already working on more for the second half of this year. Maybe an overnight trip to one of the many beautiful destinations in Florida. It is coming our way!

Stay tuned for more info on these events, join us; we need YOU to make the BMW CCA Everglades Chapter and its events better every day.



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## Arrive Alive: Be a Part of YOUR FUTURE

by Bobbi Treen Ambassador – BMW CCA Foundation

As reported in our last issue, we had a very successful BMW CCA Foundation Tire Rack Street Survival... saving 29 lives and more. The chapter is working on locations to host our next Tire Rack Street Survival Teen Driving program with a couple – every year. We hope to emphasize, while teaching these teens the skills that they need to be a better driver, that they know they have to be a responsible driver. Our children, at a young age, learn by example, learn by watching, learn by paying attention (yes I said that) and for some parents these are not good things. For what I have seen it can be downright scary! But I am not “going down that road...” so; this goes out to everyone; IT is time to put the cell phone down. It is not just the teens; it is us, the drivers that have been driving. Do you have these bad habits while driving that you think it has become “second nature while driving”?? Do you consider talking or texting on the phone while you are driving to be multitasking? “You can do this.” Or maybe “I got this!” Yes we are all guilty of some form of distractive driving. Your car is not your office nor is it your life line for social media. IT CAN WAIT! So many lives have been lost, ruined, crippled – physically, emotionally and financially. Distractive Driving is simply that a DISTRACTION: texting while driving, talking on the phone while driving, driving under the influence, applying makeup, changing a radio station, or even reading a map - all of it and more. Simply put – Both hands on the wheel and both eyes on the road; mirrors in proper position; your seat placed properly – Pay attention to your surroundings while driving. Make it a habit to talk to your passengers WITHOUT turning your head to look at them – or you may not get to look at them—ever—again. never .ever .again. Make it home safely, to your family and loved ones. To bring back a slogan from the State of Florida’s 1970 defensive driving campaign –

### ***"ARRIVE ALIVE"***

*And to steal a few other slogans.....*

***Because You Know You're Worth It***

***Because All Lives Matter***

***Because I Said SO!***

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bricks. Whether that comes to be or not – your officers are challenging you as a member of Everglades Chapter BMW CCA to purchase that brick and get this paving started. For the first twenty members of Everglades Chapter to purchase a brick we are offering a \$20 discount. Please use the checkout / discount code FIRST20. The code is case sensitive. We thank all of you for your donations and support of the BMW CCA Foundation.

*(Portions of the above are paraphrased from Campaign Checkpoint/issue 9 Winter 2016 – by Kelsey Hill, Ambassador - BMW CCA Foundation)*

Autogeek (Stuart) is having their Annual Detail Fest – it is a three day event March 18-20. Celebrities, car cleaning tech sessions, vendors, music and food trucks AND much more!!! There will be a car show on Saturday and one on Sunday. The event Saturday is \$35 (will include Sunday). We are participating in the Sunday Car Club Challenge. This is on Sunday only – ALL BMW's – please join us for this part of the event! There is a fee to participate on “Sunday only” but they are waiving the fee if we have 12 BMW's. And I am sure we can do this – Your car will need to be there by 9am in the morning and you will not be able to leave until 3:30/4pm. If you want to participate on Sunday (do not register online for the SUNDAY ONLY) please contact me via Email (robertatreen@gmail.com) with your name car model and year (color) and any questions concerning this event. I will provide this information to the organizers of Autogeek Detailfest. You can go to their website Autogeek.com) or call 772.287.2701 for more information and register online for the Saturday portion of the event.

Bobbi Treen, President

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**Contact Michael at mjposner1@gmail.com**

### Bimmers, Coffee & Donuts

Presented by Everglades Chapter and hosted by Dale Photo and Digital in Hollywood, we will have a monthly event of Bimmers, Coffee and Donuts!

We are planning for the third Sunday of each month BUT that is subject to change. Check the website for up to date postings! Please join us from 10:00 am till Noon.

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**March 11-13:** Amelia Island Concours d' Elegance, Ritz-Carlton Amelia Island FL

**March 12:** Autogeek.net Cars & Coffee Autogeek, Stuart FL

**March 12:** BMW Z Cars Meet & Greet Riverside Park, Vero Beach

**March 13:** Chapter Sunday Cruiz In & Car Display Carolina Ale House, Weston FL

**March 15;** Everglades Chapter Social Duffy's Sports Grill, The Villages, WPB

**March 16-19:** Mobil1 64th Annual 12 Hrs of Sebring Sebring International Raceway Sebring FL

**March 19-20:** Autogeek's 11th Annual Detail Fest & Car Show

**March 20:** Cars and Coffee Palm Beach Palm Beach Outlet Mall

**March 26:** 10th Annual Wheels Across the Pond Carlin Park in Jupiter

**March 27:** Everglades Chapter Bimmers, Coffee, & Donuts Dale Photo & Digital, Hollywood FL

**April 9:** Autogeek.net Cars & Coffee Autogeek, Stuart FL

**April 9-10:** BMW Club Racing at VIR Virginia International Raceway

**April 17:** Everglades Chapter Bimmers, Coffee, & Donuts Dale Photo & Digital, Hollywood FL

**April 19:** Everglades Chapter Social Duffy's Sports Grill, The Villages, WPB

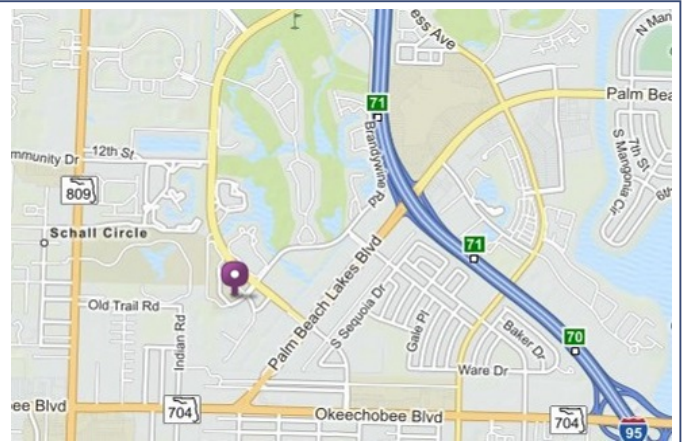
**April 23:** Annual Chillin' & Grillin' Picnic and Car Show John Prince Park, Lake Worth FL

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



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## 24 Hours at Daytona (Rolex 24 at Daytona) by Michael Willette

As the end of January rolls around each year, so too comes the start of the IMSA Sports Car Championship season with the Rolex 24 Hours of Daytona. This year's series takes on a new title sponsor moving from the Tudor watches to Weathertech automotive accessories. With a new season, and a new title sponsor, this year's event also had some other exciting firsts. The race weekend saw the official grand re-opening of the new Daytona International Speedway stadium complex after almost 400 million dollars in renovations. Gone are the backstretch stands and instead a whole new addition to the front stretch. New levels were added to make the stadium higher, and concourses were added as were new entry points complete with escalators and themed entries. Food choices were expanded and overall the speedway, from a spectator's perspective, is more like a professional sports stadium. In fact, that is exactly how Daytona International Speedway bills it, "The first motorsports stadium." As NASCAR gets underway, two new and very large video boards will be in place at each end of the pit lane, flanked by somewhat smaller screens at turns 1 and 4. The overall project was top notch and Floridians can be proud of this facility.



Photo by Michael Willette

Not only did this year's race feature a new name and a new stadium complex, but the field had some new entries as well; Ford unveiled the new GT in GTLM class as well as new entries from Ferrari which were much anticipated. However, I, being the Bimmer-head that I am, was more interested in the debut of the new M6 GT3, which replaced the previous Z4 GTS. The Z4 performed admirably world-wide but lacked the straight-away speed of the Corvette's and Porsche's, so the M6 was designed to replace it in the United Sports car events.

The new M6 GT3 is quite the race machine! Up close it is as technologically advanced as any car BMW has put forth, with its carbon fiber structural content and twin turbo-charged V8. On the track it is very quick, turning in one of the fastest lap times in the Roar Before the Rolex practice sessions. Of course, this is a new car. and both Team BMW RLL and Turner Motorsports had limited time testing and getting used to the cars different handling characteristics. Bill Auberlin, team driver for Team RLL, remarked how very different these cars feel and react to driving conditions. First, it has a longer wheelbase, and more power, then add the Turbo's into the mix and it is a learning curve for both team and driver. This was evident throughout the 24 hours as Team RLL never really challenged the Porsche or the eventual first and second-place Corvettes.

Both Team RLL and Turner experienced challenges as one would expect in a 24 hour race, but both performed admirably. Team RLL liveried in traditional white with M accents under numbers 25 and 100, in homage

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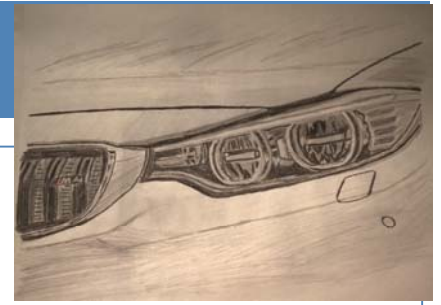
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to the #25 of Redman and the 100 year anniversary of BMW, respectively. The #100 car unfortunately had a crash late Saturday evening and had to retire with too extensive damage. The #25 fought tough and ended up in a respectable 5<sup>th</sup> position in GTLM behind the two Corvettes, a Porsche 911 RSR and a Ferrari 488 GTE. Turner Motorsports, in GT Daytona class, liveried in their iconic blue and yellow, finished 6<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> in the 22 car field, also respectable for a first run in the new cars. Turners #96, which featured our own Roundel contributor, Ashley Freiburg among the drivers, encountered rear brake failure and they had to replace both rear brakes, causing a significant amount of time in the garage, but managed to get back on track and finish. The Turner team also got penalized for too much boost in portions of the RPM spectrum and had to serve time in the penalty box, as did team RLL for speeding on pit lane. This also hurt the overall placement of these teams. Both teams felt good however, about the learning curve shortening in this race and feel the 12 hours of Sebring will be another good test of the cars. Obviously, each will be looking for their first podium finish of the season and expect to challenge. It remains to be seen, however, how much balance of performance adjustments IMSA requires of each team going into the race.

BMW also had a great display of past race cars and new offerings for the consumer. Prominently displayed was Redman's #25, an E92 M3 driven by Joey Hand in previous GTLM, an M1 ProCar, as well as last year's Z4. Displays also included the new M4 GTS in Frozen Dark Gray with factory roll cage and weight reduction and power increase specifications. By the way, a price tag of \$134,000 MSRP comes with it! The other featured car that caught my eye was a Long Beach Blue M2. Smaller and lighter than the M3/4, it is much anticipated among us Bimmer-heads and does not look to disappoint at an MSRP of 52K-plus!

All in all, a great weekend at the races (and when is it not a great day at the races?). I got to see some Everglades members, stop by the BMW corral. talk with both race teams, and see some great racing. I look forward to catching all the upcoming WUSCC on Fox Sports expanded coverage this year. Next up, another in our home state of Florida, the iconic Mobil 1 12 Hours of Sebring. The event runs from March 16-19 with the main event getting the green flag at 10:40 AM on the 19<sup>th</sup>. We will not have a corral at Sebring this year as of this writing, but do not let that stop you from supporting the BMW marque at the race.



## 2016 BMW M2 – The New Generation of Performance

Fans of BMW's 'M' models have something to look forward to – the arrival of the all-new M2 Coupe in April. Even though development of the successful 1-Series M Coupe was something of a secret project, the M2 should come as no surprise to devotees of the marque, since it was part of the company's plan right from the start.

It is a direct descendant, both genetically and philosophically, of the original E30 BMW M3 -- and the BMW 2002 turbo that created a sensation 40 years ago, as a clear statement of BMW's commitment to outstanding dynamics, exceptional agility and optimum car control.

The new M2 (\$51,700) continues that tradition with a high-performance, six-cylinder, in-line engine, rear-wheel-drive agility, lightweight aluminum M Sport suspension and muscular styling that is distinguished by the low front apron with large air intakes, characteristic M gills in the muscular flanks, 19-inch aluminum wheels in the familiar M double-spoke design and low, wide rear bodywork with M-specific, fabulous-sounding twin-tailpipe exhaust system.

Inside, the combination of Alcantara upholstery and carbon fiber trim creates a sporty, high-quality look that is further enhanced by blue contrast stitching, M embossing, sports seats, an M sports steering wheel and an M gearshift lever.



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Under the hood is a newly developed, three-liter six-cylinder M TwinPower Turbo in-line engine that produces three sets of impressive numbers -- 370 hp at 6,500 rpm, 343 lb-ft of torque (or up to 369 lb-ft in 'overboost') and combined city/highway fuel economy of 33.2 mpg.

When combined with the optional seven-speed M Double Clutch Transmission (a 6-speed manual is standard) and Launch Control, this exceptional powerplant gives

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the M2 a top speed that has to be electronically limited to 155 mph – and the ability to accelerate from 0 to 60 mph in about 4.3 seconds. The manual transmission includes a rev-matching function for downshifts, while the DCT has what BMW actually calls a "smoky burnout function."

Helping to provide a level of handling that compliments the capabilities of the engine, BMW has equipped the M2 with lightweight aluminum front and rear axles from the BMW M3/M4 models, forged 19-inch aluminum wheels with mixed-size tires, M Servotronic steering with two settings and M compound brakes. Add in the electronically controlled Active M Differential, which optimizes traction and directional stability, along with the Dynamic Stability Control system's M Dynamic Mode (MDM), and you've got a car that just loves to be tossed into a opposite-lock drift (on the racetrack, of course).

The list of standard equipment is substantial, as is the variety of driver assistance and mobility equipment, including ConnectedDrive with a GoPro app that lets you record your fast laps on the track with a dashboard-mounted action camera, using the iDrive Controller and Control Display. Your own particular driving style can be analyzed by the M Laptimer app, and information (ie: bragging about how fast you are) on speeds and braking points can be shared easily via e-mail or Facebook.

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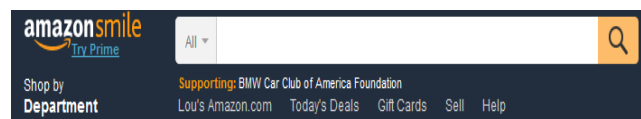
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