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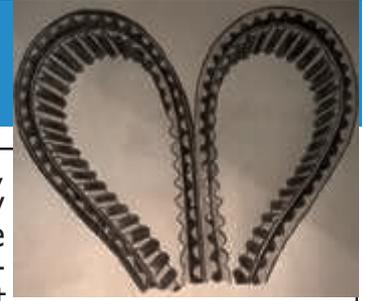
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## *Pole Position by President Bobbi Treen*



The very challenging and controversial 2016 is now in the past. Hopefully, the New Year has been good to and yours. We all wish each of you a very safe, happy, healthy and all things great for 2017. For those that make those resolutions for the New Year – good for you! For those that do not make resolutions, because you do not need to - good for you! And for those that do not because you already know you will not keep them - GOOD FOR YOU! It is a New Year; let us make the best of it. Yes – here it comes and in order to make your chapter GREATER --- we need YOUR greatness. We really do need suggestions and ideas. We need participation at events. We are trying and we are accomplishing but if you want more, we need more of you. Together we can make the BMW experience one to remember! LET'S GO!

And speaking of better health, Jon van Woerden is doing much better. For those unaware, Jon suffered a stroke in mid-Sept that left him very confused and out of sorts (my medical term!) for a while. HE is not 100% but Jon continues to make progress and is doing very well. Our condolences to those members that have lost loved ones. Sadly, a few of our members/family have been diagnosed with serious medical conditions. We wish all of you the best for recovery and positive progress as well. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Our current total membership is 1412, of that we have 196 associates and 1216 primary members. We are still looking for area reps for our chapter. We feel that it is the best way to reach all of our members across our large geographical area. There are a variety of special interest groups (SIG) within our chapter that include our members and many non-members. We would truly like to engage these BMW enthusiasts, but we cannot do it alone. If any of you are members of the Chapter and would like to have events with your SIG, by all means contact us. Remember not everyone is on Facebook (or wants to be) and not everyone is on your website/pages/blogs. The Mini's; E30's; Z-owners; 2002's; vintage; M3: ALL of you! I know you are out there – I can see you.... But YOU cannot see me....

As seen in our previous *FLasher* newsletter issue, we had our non-controversial election of 2017 Officers. We would like to thank George Fuentes for serving as Parliamentarian in 2016. Great big THANKS, GEORGE! The 2017 Parliamentarian is Shannon Wadsworth. We welcome Shannon (she is very eager) to the Everglades Board and look forward to working with her. I am hoping her enthusiasm will spread to other members. I personally thank each of our officers for the time they volunteer and all things they do for the chapter, for you, the members.

We had our annual holiday party in December at the Old Key Lime House in Lantana (as we did the year previous). I will not return to this establishment nor will I recommend it. It was anything but a good time with one of the "managers". Apparently if you are a "party" of more than four, they cannot accommodate. We did have 27 merry attendees. It was great to see all of you! We are looking for a few different ideas, and suggestions! GOT ANY?

**Michael Posner**, our Club Magazine Editor, was honored as **Member of the Year 2016**. He has accomplished many things as Editor of our Club Magazine, *The FLasher*. I want to personally THANK YOU, for your hard work and dedication to Everglades Chapter. Congratulations to Michael, keep up the good work.

I had mentioned this when it was a new program – and it is that time again: the Recognition Program Committee is looking for your nominations to recognize Chapter volunteers, officers, independent businesses, etc. of BMW CCA. The deadline for submittal of candidates is January 31, 2017. This is an excellent program that recognizes other chapter members and officers for their support and volunteer spirit for all things BMW CCA. The current term of the recognition program is from Jan 1, 2016 thru Dec 31, 2016. There is more information on Page 6 of this issue of *The FLasher*.

**O'Fest 2017 is coming to the "BIG EASY" city of New Orleans, July 11 – 15.** The host hotel is the HYATT Regency (at the Superdome). There will be two days of track time – HPDE at NOLA Speedway; autocross, etc. At press time there BMW Club Racing was not on the schedule. O'Fest 2017

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## Editor's Corner by Michael J Posner

Another tumultuous year has now passed (Cubs won World Series and Trump became President elect). As we head into 2017, both BMW and the BMW CCA continue to grow and thrive. We hope that the members of the Everglades Chapter are enjoying the club events and the Club Magazine. We encourage you to participate in any form, and welcome stories about you and your BMW car, motorcycle or Mini. No writing experience is necessary and we will assist with editing and photos. We are also looking for new quality advertisers. If you have had a good BMW experience with a vendor or mechanic, let us know. Just contact me at [mjposner1@gmail.com](mailto:mjposner1@gmail.com).

One nagging issue pressing BMW is excessive oil consumption. A 2015 article in Consumer Reports ([tinyurl.com/ofyuw3l](http://tinyurl.com/ofyuw3l)) says that burning oil between oil changes is not acceptable and that BMW is one of the most flagrant violators of this philosophy. BMW's response is, "Oil consumption is normal on all engines," said BMW spokesman Hector Arellano-Belloc. "BMW vehicles have long intervals between oil changes (10,000 miles). BMW engines (excluding the BMW M) may consume up to one quart of engine oil per 750 miles under certain driving conditions." He added that BMW's M performance models may consume even more oil than that.

My own M6 consumes oil at a rate of one quart every two fill-ups. I went as little as 675 miles before the dreaded warning light appeared. Braman has been giving me free bottles of oil (I carry one in the trunk at all times), and a complaint to BMW North America has led to a mileage test to see if the issue is getting worse or steady at around 700 miles per quart. I have read and been told that a poor break-in can lead to excessive consumption. So if you are the first owner of a new BMW, make sure that you follow the break-in procedure in the manual. I believe too hard (or too soft) treatment can lead to excessive consumption. Hopefully this issue will be sorted in the future by BMW.

To paraphrase last year's member of the year, I am honored to be chosen as the 2015 Everglades Chapter BMW CCA member of the year, I am very happy to be part of this family! (*Yo soy Honrado de haber sido escogido como el miembro del año del BMW CCA capitulo Everglades en el 2016, Estoy muy contento de ser parte de esta familia!*). I look forward to a fun and rewarding 2017.

As some of you know, (especially the Florida E30s) I have been on the hunt to replace my 92 E30 convertible for almost six months. I was very picky, only a low mile, manual transmission, no leak, working a/c (preferably R134a), and no funky colors (especially a tan interior). Thanks to the BMW CCA National Website Classifieds (which are free to members), I found a 1990 White over Black manual in Vero Beach with only 29k miles. She was a two owner, garage kept, babied car that looks almost new.

*Happy New Year — Michael J Posner*



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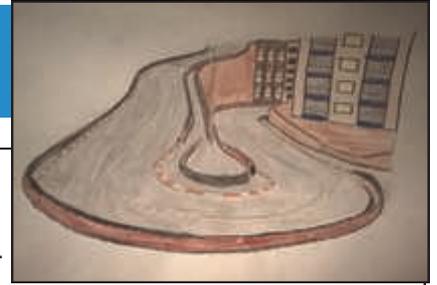
### Wake Up ZZZ Owners BMW Z cars only

**On Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup> @ 9:00 a.m., a group of BMW Z car owners are meeting at a slightly different location than past meetings. We are now meeting at Riverside Park in the parking area on the north side of the Vero Beach Museum of Art, 3001 Riverside Park Drive in Vero Beach. Please join us for this informal event. After the meeting we plan on driving as a group up A1A on a scenic drive and returning to Casey's on Cardinal Drive for lunch. Please email me if you have any questions.**

**Hope to see you there!**

**Rick at  
[healeymk111@yahoo.com](mailto:healeymk111@yahoo.com)**

## The Recognition Program Committee



Submitted by Bobbi Treen

Developed to recognize Individuals, Chapters and Businesses for their outstanding achievements. Throughout the history of the BMW CCA, outstanding individuals, chapters and businesses have supported The Club in many ways. It is appropriate that this passion, enthusiasm and commitment to The Club be recognized. The BMW CCA recognizes and honors individual club members for outstanding achievements and exceptional dedication. Within the structure of the Club, some Chapters go far beyond BMW CCA Minimum Standards. A Chapter that consistently exceeds expectations may be recognized for that achievement. The Club also recognizes and honors members of Industry whose contributions to the Club and its members go far above and beyond normal business practices.

Nominating an Individual, Chapter or Business for a Recognition Award The nominator may be any BMW CCA member or Chapter in good standing, or any member of the National Office staff. Nominations will be completed on the official nominating form and must be submitted to the RPC by the date indicated on the form. If the award is to be given at the Regional level, or selected from among regional winners, the Regional Vice President may be asked to assist in the review of nominees from that region to ensure full compliance of the nominee.

The deadline for submittal of candidates is January 31, 2017. This is an excellent program that recognizes other chapter members and officers for their support and volunteer spirit for all things BMW CCA.

The recognition program is from Jan 1, 2016 thru Dec 31, 2016. For more information, complete details and eligibility, please go to national website: [www.bmwcca.org/recognition-program](http://www.bmwcca.org/recognition-program).

Information source: [bmwcca.org](http://bmwcca.org) and program brochure



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2017 BimmerWorld BMW CCA Club Racing School, hosted by American Endurance Racing at Road Atlanta, Feb 9th and 10th, 2017. This is 2 days on the 12-turn world-famous racetrack, overlapping with the AER test/qualifying day on Friday the 10th. Graduation from the BimmerWorld BMW CCA Club Racing School will qualify a driver to join a team to participate in the AER endurance races that weekend (Feb 11th and 12th).

The BimmerWorld BMW CCA Club Racing School is open to advanced drivers who are looking to safely improve their driving skills and encounter new experiences that are required to operate at the next level. Successful completion of this school will qualify you to apply for your BMW CCA Club Racing License and is typically recognized by many additional sanctioning bodies (AER, PCA, NASA, SCCA, etc). Candidates for this school may be those who have been driving in the advanced student run groups for several events (including driving solo), current instructors, and prior Club Race School participants and graduates. All candidates must submit a basic resume of their driving experience, including references, to Anthony Magagnoli (Anthony@DriveFasterNow.com) before their registration will be accepted.

The BimmerWorld BMW CCA Club Racing School is highly structured and will be conducted in a non-contact environment. Limited to 30 participants, the school will feature an experienced team of racing drivers and professional instructors who are there to guide the students in taking the next step in their driving career. The entry fee of \$650.00 includes a total of 8 classroom instruction sessions and 8 on-track sessions. This event is intended to assist experienced drivers in getting a taste of what racing is all about and qualify graduates to apply for their BMW CCA Club Racing license.



Picture courtesy of BMW CCA

Your vehicle does not need to be a BMW, nor must it be a complete race car. Street and track cars with driving school level of safety preparation are accepted, but it is recommended that you utilize all the safety equipment that you and your car have at all times. You will be responsible to self-tech. We urge you to use a dedicated

car for the BimmerWorld BMW CCA Club Race School rather than a car that will be raced in the AER event, however this is not a requirement. The last session of the school will culminate early Friday afternoon, so drivers who intend to race in the AER races should be able to drive some laps towards the end of the AER qualifying session, but will be completely committed to the school up until that point.

Initial registration will close on January 9th, 2017, at which point, at least 12 students must be registered in order to hold the event. If so, registration will be extended for additional students, closing finally on February 5th. If not, the event may be cancelled at that time.

**For further information, contact Anthony Magagnoli at [Anthony@DriveFasterNow.com](mailto:Anthony@DriveFasterNow.com) or **585-315-7606**.**

### **Sponsoring Chapter: Buckeye**

**Special Info: Event track time will be hosted by Precision Track Time and American Endurance Racing.**

**EarlyBird Info: Initial registration**

**closes Jan 9th.**

**Regular Price Date: \$650**

**Race or School: This is a BMW CCA Club Race School.**

**Event Type: Club Racing School  
Event Location: Club Race School at Road Atlanta**

**Event Start Date: Feb 09, 2017**

**Event End Date: Feb 10, 2017**

**Registration Opens: Dec 12, 2016**

**Registration Closes: Jan 09, 2017**

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# Events Calendar

**January 14:** Cars/Coffee Autogeek, Stuart;  
Z Car Meet, Riverside Park in Vero Beach

**January 15:** Central FL SCCA Majors at Sebring Raceway

**January 17:** Everglades Chapter Social Duffy's Sports Grill, Village Commons, West Palm Beach

**January 22:** PB Outlets Cars and Coffee 9 to Noon, West Palm Beach

**January 27:** BMW Endurance Challenge at Daytona Speedway

**January 28-29:** DAYTONA 24, Daytona Speedway

**February 11:** Cars & Coffee Autogeek, Stuart  
Z Car Meet, Riverside Park in Vero Beach

**February 12:** Everglades Chapter, Euro Car Cruizin, Carolina Ale House, Weston

**February 19:** PB Outlets Cars and Coffee 9 to Noon, West Palm Beach

**February 21:** Everglades Chapter Social Duffy's Sports Grill, Village Commons, West Palm Beach

**February 26:** Fuel Feed at East Las Olas Blvd., Ft. Lauderdale

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

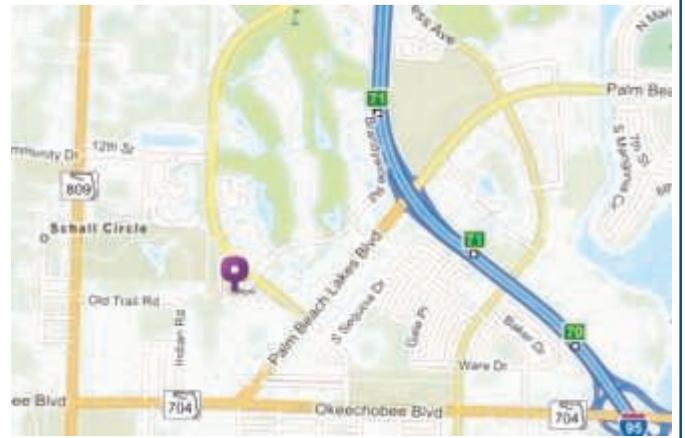
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**Duffy's Sports Grill  
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721 Village Boulevard,  
West Palm Beach. We will have the  
private room from 7:00—10:00 PM**



## Don't OPT Out

*by Bobbi Treen*

There are many things going on in our BMW CCA world. We do our best to keep you updated and informed. The National office sends out their Roundel Weekly, posts on social media (Facebook), our national magazine the ROUNDEL is mailed (USPS) monthly. As a BMW CCA member you are getting the information via emails from national office. They maintain the membership database – they send it to the chapters. As a chapter member, you receive our information via our constant contact email blasts.

Sadly, those members that have opted out of Everglades Chapter email blasts (Constant Contact) are not receiving their FLasher or any updates from the Chapter. We need our members to keep their email addresses current with national and to stay on the active list to receive our email blasts. I try to limit these email blasts to no more than two a month. I know how many emails I get in a week and I am sure it is not nearly the number of what many of you receive. You do not have to open it, which many of you do not, but once you opt out, you get nothing from us. ZIP, NADA, NUTTIN'!

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Please remember that the BMW NA dealer rebate benefit for purchase a BMW (see disclaimer in the Roundel and page 11 of this issue) is **very clear** that if you have a lapse in membership **you do not** qualify for the rebate offer. I am not going to apologize for going on and on about this, but this is a serious problem and I/we (the officers) can only do so much to remind members.

### In case you missed our own Jon van Woerden in Roundel

#### THE HARDEST WORKER AT OKTOBERFEST

Hey, Satch, Monterey was a BMW celebration not to be missed—but of course that meant so much to do, and not enough time to catch up with friends. Maybe the next time we are together somewhere in the world, we can rectify that!

In the meantime, I am forwarding this photo I snapped of Jon van Woerden, the hardest-working photographer in the business. His photos always get plenty of *Roundel* exposure, but how about one of him at work?

**Rob Mitchell**  
Watts Bar, Tennessee



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X3, X4 - \$500	X5 - a \$1,000
X6 - \$1,000	CPO M models \$500
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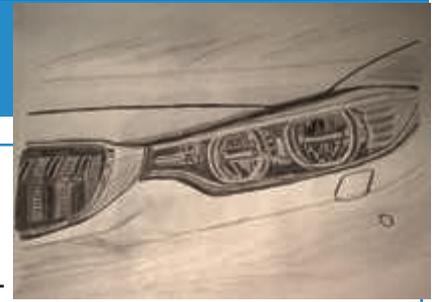


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## The All-New 2017 BMW 5 Series – Performance, Redefined



*Photo courtesy of BMW USA*

In cars, as in comedy, timing is everything. If you happen to be at the end of your 36-month lease on a BMW 5 series -- or the one you own is a couple of years old and you are ready for something new -- boy, are you in luck! And the same could be said to anyone currently considering a Mercedes E-Class, Audi A6, Lexus GS, Volvo S90 or Cadillac CTS.

Why, you ask? Because the all-new, seventh-generation BMW 5 Series is due to hit the showroom at Braman BMW in mid-February... and you absolutely have to see and drive this car.

The 5 Series was introduced in 1972 and is BMW's best-selling car behind the 3 Series. Code-named G30, the newest 5-series features styling sporty new styling that 3 Series owners will find familiar, along with an array of new tech features formerly reserved for the 7 Series.

At launch, there will be just two models, the 530i and 540i, either of which can be had with rear- or all-wheel drive. The former diesel, hybrid, and V-8 variants are all absent from our market—at least for now. The 530i replaces the 528i and is powered by a 2.0-liter, turbocharged four-cylinder that puts out 248 horsepower. An eight-speed automatic with standard shift paddles is the sole transmission choice and helps produce 0 to 60 mph acceleration in 6.0 seconds. The new 540i is home to a turbocharged, in-line six-cylinder displacing 4.0-liters and producing 335 horsepower. 0 to 60 takes just 4.9 seconds.

Initially, the 2017 BMW 530i will be available starting at \$52,195, the 530i xDrive (all-wheel drive) for \$54,495, the BMW 540i for \$57,445 and the BMW 540i xDrive model for \$59,745. Three additional models, including the M550i xDrive high performance model and 530e and 530e xDrive iPerformance hybrids will be available later in the spring.

2017 models come with a higher level of standard equipment, including active LED headlights and 18-inch wheels. The four-cylinder model gets an all-new engine with eight additional horsepower and the inline-six gains thirty-five horsepower over last year's models.

Dimensions are all within



*Photo courtesy of BMW USA*

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an inch of the previous generation car, except for overall length, which grows by 1.2 inches, and weight-saving measures -- such as an aluminum trunk lid, roof, and doors -- have reduced curb weight by 137 pounds. Thanks to its larger size, the 2017 5 Series has a sizable 18.7-cubic-foot trunk that can be expanded via split-folding rear seats.

Performance options include BMW's Integral Active Steering (four-wheel steering), Dynamic Damper Control (adaptive dampers) and a choice of 18-, 19-, or 20-inch alloy wheels with standard run-flat tires (although conventional 18-inch tires with a space-saver spare are available as a no-cost alternative). The M Sport package includes M Sport suspension, 19-inch alloy wheels with high-performance radials, an body aero kit, M Sport steering wheel, aluminum pedals, unique



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floor mats, and black leather with blue contrast stitching.

High-tech driver assistance options include BMW's new iDrive multimedia system with a reconfigurable 10.3-inch touchscreen and gesture control. A head-up display, two optional premium audio systems from Harman Kardon or Bowers & Wilkins, Apple CarPlay integration, a rear seat entertainment system, navigation, a 360-degree view camera system, automated parking assist, and wireless mobile phone charging are also available along with 20-way adjustable multi-contour seats that offer optional ventilation and massage.

***As always with a new BMW, the list of changes, benefits and options goes on and on; please visit [www.bramanbmw.com](http://www.bramanbmw.com) for more information, or call BMW Client Adviser Joe Porco at [561-242-3117](tel:561-242-3117) to arrange a test drive.***

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will be heavy on the social events, ending the event with the Awards Banquet on Saturday evening. *The Roundel* and *Roundel Weekly* with have information on sponsors, registration and events. Could be an Ultimate Road TRIP of 800+/- miles! Not far at all!

The past year the Foundation had a **Build a Foundation: BUY a BRICK Chapter Challenge**. At the end of November we were in second place for our tier group (by chapter membership size). AS much of an effort that was made by many of us to keep us in first place – we still did well. I was hoping for a final push at the end of the year but I was unable to send out an extra EMAIL Blast reminder in hopes of getting more bricks purchased. I can only do so much.

Our "last minute" ice cream socials were loaded with calories and fun. We need to have one in the areas south of Ft Lauderdale and north of Port St Lucie. We can start the cycle all over again. There are many cars and coffee venues across our chapter. Although not restricted to BMW's only, we appreciate those that take the time to attend and show your support of these events.

I do not have any "Save the Date" Events but I do have a few – yep, we are still planning it ... events. Aside from the ice cream social /car show; cars & coffee; monthly social meetings; we are planning a road trip within South Florida and a road trip to the Foundation in Greer, SC. Finding a suitable, affordable location to host a Tire Rack Street Survival Teen Driving Programs is our major goal and major obstacle. BUT we are still trying and will continue to do so. For those of you that belong to other clubs that do real cool social events...or found something to do while hosting out of town friends and family; Let us know. I was online searching for things to do and I came across a photo of one of our very long time chapter members (resides in Ft Lauderdale) dancing at an event hosted by another car club at the Summer Crush Winery in Ft. Pierce (116 miles one way!). You cannot hide. Raise your hand if you are still reading.... Thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedule to be with us today.

Safe travels and HAPPY New Year to all! Do not be a stranger but remember it is okay to be strange.

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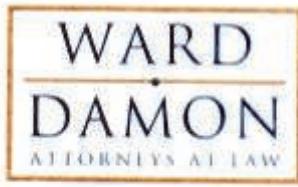


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