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## *Pole Position by President Bobbi Treen*



WHAT A GREAT PICNIC! Yes I am shouting! The weather was great. The food was great and comradery was FUNTASTIC! If you did not make it, you did miss out. And for the 95+ attendees that were there – thanks for attending and supporting our Foundation Street Survival Teen Driving Program. We raised \$730 for the Foundation. With donations from BMW CCA National office, The BMW CCA Foundation, Everglades Chapter and the Jon Van Woerden Photography, we were able to have a great raffle and fantastic door prizes!!! We thank you for your generous donations. Jon provided us with three beautiful framed prints of BMW's. The People's Choice Car Show had over 20 entries with Peter Shad-owen taking first place with his 2005 M3 and Shri and Mary Cheddie taking second with their gorgeous i8!

HUGE thanks to Raul for helping me get the van (and loaded and unloaded); George Fuentes, Jon, Wendy and Shannon Van Woerden for arriving early to help me set up. And more appreciation to all that helped out before, during and after the event to make it SO SUCCESSFUL!!! With the registration, car show parking, selling raffle tickets and everything else!

In March, Autogeek (Stuart) had their Annual Detail Fest –The turnout was lower than previous years because of the weather forecast, which turned out to be just fine! Congratulations to George Fuentes, who took home a first place trophy on Saturday. Perhaps it will be in the cards next year to have more interest and commitment.

With so many charities seeking funds to support their needs, we know you have choices. Please consider the BMW CCA Foundation (Street Survival) as your choice, when their announcements indicate a charitable donation in lieu of gifts, cash or flowers. The BMW CCA Foundation and Street Survival Teen Driver Education are 501 (c)(3) charitable organization.

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Everglades' membership is at a total of 1,423 members, of that 209 are Associates. 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! It is very important not to let your membership lapse. Everyone's renewal date is the last day of your renewing month. The National office sends out plenty of notices to the members via Email, USPS, and included in your Roundel magazine. You can renew by check, calling with your credit card or going online to your account (easiest and you can make any necessary changes too!) If you are mailing a check, keep in mind how far that snail has to travel, with your check on its back, to get to Greenville, SC. Yep – if you wait till the end of the month – That little fella ain't gonna make it there before the membership database says OOOPS you did not renew on-time! It lapsed. If you haven't mailed the check by the 25th – Call the National office –tell them you are renewing and the check is in the mail. It will be duly notated! You do not want to miss out on our wonderful benefits or the sponsors' specials.

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I recently sold my 1992 E30 convertible. Storage space became a major factor when my plans to store both the E30 and my 1965 Corvair in a 10 X 30 storage unit failed. It seems that most cars are over 15 feet long so there was no way to get two cars in one storage unit. Back at home, my two car garage was full and my daily driver and the E30 had to share the two driveway spaces, meaning I had to move cars about frequently and had to keep them covered when not in use, to, I am sure, the chagrin, of some of my neighbors. The E30 is now in the hands of a young man who wanted something unique for his first car and supportive parents who recognize that it is the driver, not the car, that keeps you safest on the road. Hope to see her at the next Street Survivor class.



Photo by Michael J Posner

Selling the E30 made me think of all the BMWs I have had in the past. My wife calls me a serial car buyer, and it is true, I change cars often. So here is my challenge, can anyone beat my BMW ownership record. So far I have had an E30, a 1985 E24 635csi ("money pit"), an E36 325i (modified by red-line, sold to a nice couple who flew in from Atlanta), two E46 M3s, a beautiful black over coral red coupe (miss this one) and an E46 M3 convertible (too much weight), a red E36/7 M Roadster (a fun car that made two trips to Homecoming in Spartanburg at the BMW Factory, sold due to the bad economy of 2009), an E86 Z4M (too small for a daily driver), a red 2008 E93 M3 that I drowned in Tropical Storm Isaac, an E63 (a holding car until I could find another E93, I do not like fixed roof cars and poor automatics); a second E93 M3 (traded in when the warranty ran out on a new F22 M235i coupe, forgetting I did not like fixed roof cars, then remembering four months and 6,000 miles later), another E93 M3 (with an extended warranty) and now an F12 M6. So thirteen is the number. Challengers welcome.

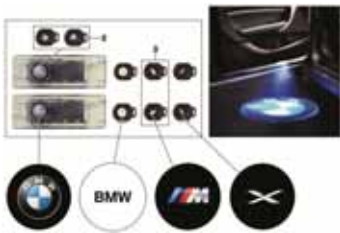


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If you are looking for a cheap upgrade that can be completed in 5 minutes, and you have a late model BMW (with door projection lamps) you can easily change the boring white light to a projected symbol. The oem version, no. 63312289654 costs about \$130-150, includes two lamps and four interchangeable projections, the roundel, M logo, the BMW letters and the X. For those with

lighter wallets, fixed lens versions sell on ebay for less than \$25.00. Installation is simple, gently pry out the old lamp, disconnect one wire, plus in new lamp, reinsert and you are done.

If you love cars and want a unique (imho) look, please check out my mostly car photo blog at [car-fisheye.blogspot.com](http://car-fisheye.blogspot.com). Comments and criticisms are welcome. Also a shout out to everyone for a great Club Spring Picnic. Had a great time and it was nice to see so many club members together at one time. Hope to see a second picnic in the Fall! -Michael J Posner, Editor





**FOOD TRUCK INVASION:** On May the 6<sup>th</sup> we invaded Tradition Square in Port St. Lucie for their food truck invasion (which occurs on the first and third Friday of the month). It was beautiful night to be sitting outside for a meal. With our chairs and blankets to sit on, and phones testing who was where and a meeting spot established – we had ten in our hungry little group. We found a grassy area across from the Town Hall building (tall steeple landmark) next to the lake. We were close enough to hear the music but not the noise of the food truck generators. They had vendors and various entertainments for children and adults.

The food trucks went from the usual BBQ, hamburger and hotdogs to gourmet side of the organic foods, just veggies, Thai cuisine, seafood and much more. Everyone enjoyed whichever selection they had chosen.

We ended the evening at Kilwins for a serving of their delicious ice cream.

Those in attendance were Jon & Wendy VanWoerden (yes they drove up from Ft. Lauderdale!), Jim & Maria Storch, Jon DiNisio, Randy, Bobbi Treen, and Astrid, Valentina & Raul Reyes. Definitely a great event, a very easy and affordable way to enjoy great food and talk Bimmers with friends.

We will continue to work on organizing this kind of events, the just show up and have a great time. We hope to see YOU on the next one, stay tuned to our emails and social media so you don't miss the next one.

-Raul A Reyes, Vice President - Operations

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# ***2016 Annual Chillin' & Grillin' Picnic***



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As reported in last issue of The Flasher, the Foundation's Buy a Brick fundraiser is underway and the Chapter Challenge is a real thing. Everglades Chapter has held first place for a few weeks in our tier 3 category of chapters (by size). You can go to the foundation's website: [bmwccafoundation.org](http://bmwccafoundation.org) for information and to purchase your brick. The prices range from \$50 to \$200 for a 4x8 to a 8x8 brick – depending on what 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 (tax deductible item). Not only can you buy a brick but you can gift a Brick as well. Own your own business?

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As a member of Everglades Chapter BMW CCA, your officers are challenging you 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. These coupons for a discount are not going to last much longer!

I hope that all of you are receiving the emails from the club's National Office – Updates on everything BMW. Great stories, Flash sales, contests and more information than some of us can process! But it is there for your reading enjoyment. Be sure to keep your Email address and your profile updated on their site – because it downloads to us! Take a minute and sign into your account – IF you have an Email address, please add it and keep it current – Some of our LONG TIME Members did not add their Email address and still haven't; so YOU are the one NOT getting the latest and the greatest from National office.

Enjoy driving the Ultimate Driving Machine and come out play with us! See you soon!

-Bobbi Treen - President

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Momo ALURAC Race Shift Knob \$50.00  
TWM Performance A6 Leopard Shift Knob Engraved with shift pattern \$125.00

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

# Events Calendar

**June 11: Cars & Coffee Autogeek, Stuart**

**June 12: PB Outlets Cars and Coffee 9 to Noon and Everglades Chapter, Euro Car Cruiz-in at The Carolina Ale House, Weston**

**June 21: Everglades Chapter Social Duffy's Sports Grill, Village Commons, WPB**

**July 9: Cars & Coffee Autogeek, Stuart and July 9 - Club Tour at the National Navy UDT-Seal Museum and lunch (tbd)**

**July 10: PB Outlets Cars and Coffee 9 to Noon and Everglades Chapter, Euro Car Cruiz-in at The Carolina Ale House, Weston**

**July 19: Everglades Chapter Social Duffy's Sports Grill, Village Commons, WPB**

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

*Sunday Cruiz-In*

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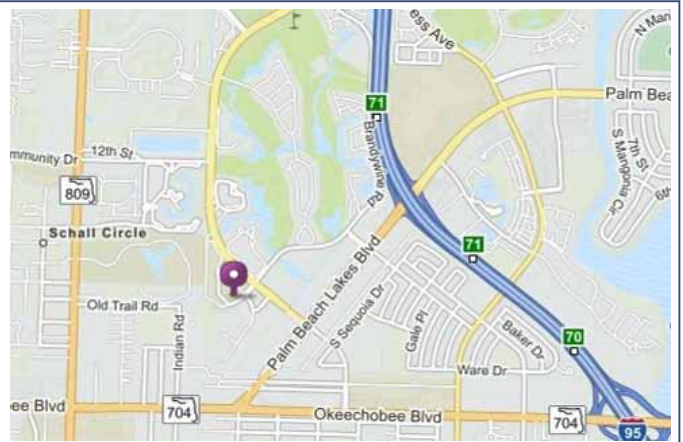
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Everglades Chapter monthly Social Membership meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

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



## ***2016 Annual Chillin' & Grillin' Picnic***



***The 2016 Spring Picnic was a great success with over 90 members and guests showing off dozens of classic and modern BMWs. If you are interested in seeing more pictures of the picnic, please visit the Club's website at:  
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*Gregory Vincent Ortega Jupiter*

*Patrick John Gillon Miramar*

*Sidney N Bochner Palmetto Bay*

*Ricardo J Canal Miami Lakes*

*Allan Jacobs Palm Beach Gardens*

*Richard Anthony Iderosa Pahokee*

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*Arnoldo Sibaja Doral*

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Each year, BMW CCA members are eligible to participate in our annual membership-drive. Besides maintaining the health of the Club, members can earn BMW CCA Bucks—and be entered to win great 1st Prize:

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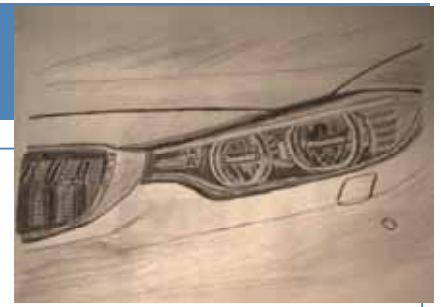
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### BMW's Electric New X and Electrifying New M

There are two new BMWs of particular note to talk about right now, one already in the showrooms and one roaring down the highway, due in July. First up – and already in the showrooms at Braman BMW West Palm Beach and Braman BMW Jupiter -- is the X5 xDrive40e, the plug-in hybrid version of the X5 SAV. Despite what the name suggests, the engine is not a 4.0-liter V-8 but rather a turbocharged 2.0-liter 4-cylinder that puts out 241 horsepower and is mated to an 8-speed automatic.

Adding the sizzle to this particular steak is a 111-horsepower electric motor integrated into the transmission, bringing the total up to 309 horsepower, which is delivered through the always-on all-wheel drive system. Zero to sixty takes about 6.8 seconds and the driving experience is decidedly... sporty.



*Photo courtesy of BMW*

There are three modes, Auto eDrive for the most efficient use of the powertrain, Max eDrive for electric drive only (about 19 miles on a charge) and Save Battery mode that uses the power of the gas engine to re-charge the battery. There are also the familiar Comfort, Sport and Eco Pro modes.

The hybrid model – with an MSRP of \$62,100 – is almost indistinguishable from the gas version, except for the badging; you can even order it with 19- or 20-inch wheels and an M-Sport package.

Speaking of 'M', it is the newest M model that BMW owners wait for, lust for...and there is one on the way. The 2017 M2 is due in the showroom at Braman BMW West Palm Beach and Braman BMW Jupiter in July. There was a 1-Series M, 740 of them to be exact, produced back in 2011, but that little rocket is gone and the M2 – with an MSRP of \$52,695 – is now the smallest BMW model to wear the M badge.

That said, there is a lot of M4 under the skin of the new M2, including the aluminum suspension components, limited-slip differential and high-performance brakes. The forged 19-inch wheels also come from the M4, but the Michelin Pilot Super Sport radials and big, flared front and rear fenders needed to accommodate them are pure M2. As a result, the M2 has the same feel on a winding road as an M4, but a useful bit of M2-specific hardware are the electronically-adjustable shocks that let you soften out the ride when your significant other is in the passenger seat.

Providing the power for the M2's kinetic capabilities is a turbocharged, 365-horsepower, 3.0-liter 6-cylinder engine with an 'overboost' mode that increases peak torque from 343 lb-ft to 369. Throttle response is immediate -- and the torque hits in a rush. According to BMW, the M2 with the rev-matching,

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## Balance Sheet

### Assets

Cash In Bank Accounts	30098.55
Inventory	0.00
Equipment	0.00
Accounts Receivable	0.00
Prepaid Expenses/Deposits	894.76
Other	<u>0.00</u>

**Total Assets** 30993.31

### Liabilities & Equity

Accounts Payable	0.00
Other	0.00
Equity/Retained Earnings	<u>30993.31</u>

**Total Liabilities & Equity** 30993.31

## Income Statement

### Income

Membership Dues	17982.63
Rebates from National	185.00
Advertising Revenue	1295.00
Driving School Fees	0.00
Autocross Fees	0.00
Other Event Fees	0.00
Merchandise Sales	0.00
Interest	0.00
Misc./Other	<u>1333.00</u>

**Total Income** 20795.63

### Expenses

Newsletter Costs	2920.97
Postage	943.55
Insurance	628.66
Driving School Expenses	0.00
Autocross Expenses	5424.11
Meeting Expenses	3462.94
Other Event Expenses	2738.17
Telephone Expenses	500.64
Misc./Other	6670.18
Total Expenses	<u>23289.22</u>

**Net Income (Loss)** (2493.59)

### Misc./Other Income

Charity Raffle 3	33.00
C/R Annv Dinner/National	500.00
C/R Annv Dinner donation	
FL Suncoast	<u>500.00</u>

**Total:** 1333.00

### Misc./Other Expenses

Charity	2113.00
STATE of FL Corp Fees	70.00
PO Box Rental	220.00
Bank FEES	181.14
Awards	758.50
Bus Supplies	1327.54
ClubRacing AnnvFOOD	962.20
C/R Sunshine Bimmers	<u>1037.80</u>

**Total:** 6670.18

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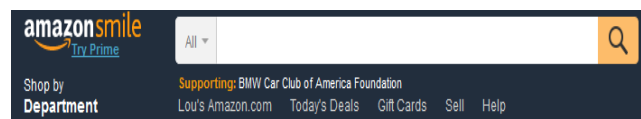


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