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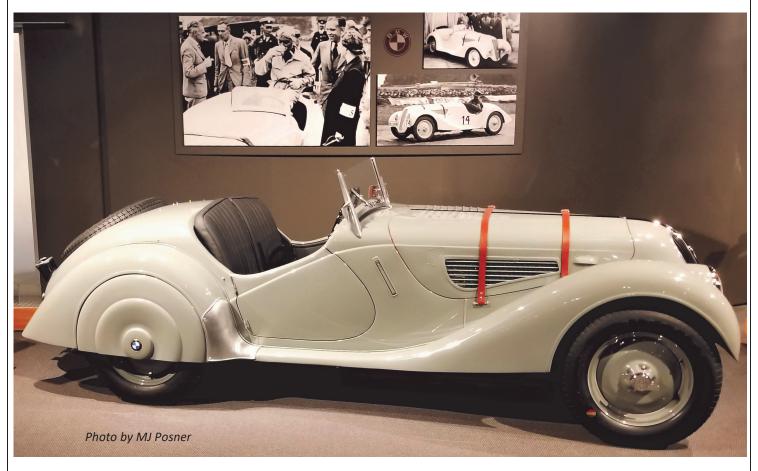
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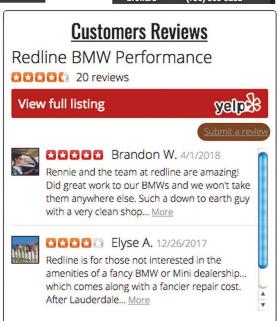
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Pole Position by President Bobbi Treen

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It might be a good time to inform you, our great members, that you do not have to be an officer to plan an event; organize it, or make it happen. I thought that was a given, BUT someone suggested that we "say it." So, I am — YOU do not need to be an officer to plan, to organize and or execute a chapter event; but you do need to contact the board (permission first) — as you might need insurance certificate or money to pay for something! Good to know. And we do need help (always have) putting on events — from start to finish. IF YOU have an idea for an event — LET US know! Want something in Miami; Ft. Lauderdale? the Keys? Do it! Vero or South Beach? PSL? WPB? Do it. We also know that everyone IS busy with children, working, family, other non-car friends, have better things to do...

IF YOU are out there doing something BMW exciting (or not) - write about it – send us photos for your newsletter - you will be a published member! It is your BMW Experience! I almost took a picture of the TV when the HurryCane commercial came on – Available in BMW Motorsports colors!! Well not exactly the PPG color match but it was a blue, a red and a purple (and it was exciting for a moment!) And black, they come in black too! There is still time! Available online!

Starting with January 2019, we will be going (back) to a quarterly newsletter. This is in part because national is attempting to go with a Regional Newsletter – published quarterly and to be included in a Roundel (polybag wrap). We currently have more questions than real answers but are hopeful for a smooth transition, when or if it happens. This regional newsletter will meet the minimum requirements (for all chapters) of the chapter newsletter being published every 90 days.

If you have an interest in being an instructor for TRSS – you do need to be certified, go to *streetsurvival.org* and review the program and check out their link "TO BE A TRSS Coach". Perhaps some of you are ready to "give back" and help us out with the TRSS Teen Driving Program. We do need more instructors, and more volunteers – with course layout, getting the cones back in place, etc. We are hopeful to schedule 2 more TRSS in the Miami area in the fall. And what we really need is some of the younger members helping us out with these events. IF you are certified TRSS instructor, you do get the email blast from the Foundation when the school opens registration – please contact us so we know that you are participating.

Ft. Lauderdale monthly social meeting is at the Old Heidelberg restaurant – on the FIRST Tuesday of the month. West Palm Beach monthly social meeting is the THIRD Tuesday of the Month – we are now meeting at the Twin Peaks Restaurant on Palm Beach Lakes Blvd. The room is ready at 7PM and the meetings are at 7:30. We do hope you can make it to one of the monthly meetings. AND We are looking for another WPB location...

Nominations will open at the 10/16 West Palm social meeting for our Chapter Officers' elections for the 2019-2020 term for President, VP-Driving Events; Secretary, and Parliamentarian. IF you feel that you have the time and would like to volunteer to be a part of the membership that has all the fun planning, organizing, attending your chapter events and completing the necessary paperwork to meet the required minimum standards, we have room for you. There are few requirements to be nominated & elected to an officer position. If you are interested, contact the current officer (ed. See page 3).

One of our Non-Elected chapter positions is the Membership Chair and WE NEED someone. I would very much appreciate someone volunteering to be our Membership Contact (and you can be an officer and be the membership contact at the same time. All you need is email and phone (to be called and return those calls).

There are several cars and coffee events across South Florida; many of them, everywhere, every week! Visit our website – for more information and times. Be sure and post your BMW car photos on the chapter Facebook page and social media stuff.

We are planning TWO holiday party/picnic Charity events: One will be in the South Broward area and the other to the North – maybe as far north as Jupiter. They will be at a pavilion in a county park. One in November and the other first weekend in December.

The last-minute Ice Cream Socials were well attended...Do it again? Watch for an EMAIL Blast. It might include a "last minute" BMW & BBQ; BMW invasion of the Food Truck Invasion or Happy Hour at a Tiki Bar? A visit to the Revs Institute? WE need ideas and we need volunteers to execute the plans. It is your BMW Experience!

As your summer vacations come to an end, we hope that you made some wonderful memories. Safe travels to all of you and enjoy all that you have.

-Bobbi Treen

Editor's Corner by Michael J Posner

As a serial car buyer (2008, 2011 and 2012 M3; 2014 M235i, 2009 650i and 2013 M6 in the last 7 years); my time with my latest car (the 2013 M6) has reach a crossroad. My extended warranty with BMW will end October 12, 2018. Just this year alone I have had four warranty claims (leaking timing cover, frayed seat wire that caused the seat to stop moving, a head gasket leak and a bad mass air flow sensor). The most recent repair for the timing cover leak ended up including new cylinder head gaskets, new fuel injectors and new air tubes. The cost for parts alone exceeded \$3k, all covered by the warranty, plus a free eight day rental of a 2018 BMW X5.

I first thought about selling or trading in the M6 on something newer. I will say that depreciation is a cruel mistress. My car cost north of \$130k new, I paid \$62k thirty months and 31k miles ago, and now, six years old and with 61k miles on the clock, the M6 is valued only at 29k by CarMax. Given that it means I would have to come substantially out of pocket to buy something like a 2015 or 2016 M4, let alone a newer M6 (I know first world problems).



BMW Member of the Month—Photo by Raul A. Reyes

Given that I still actually like the M6, I think the adult thing to do would be to purchase another extended warranty. I have had both good and bad luck with extended warranties in the past. I am leaning towards an Assurant backed warranty from USAA. They paid nearly 17k on warranty repairs on a 2004 Audi Allroad I purchased at CarMax. My Service Advisors has warned me that the hourly rate for M service is \$256! Guess my local independent will get the next warranty call.

Just spent the day at the revs Institute in Naples. Was phenomenal, and I will recommend it as a club event. I will provide more info next issue. My pics are available here: tinyurl.com/y86rfp3n.

As always, if anyone has suggestions, please email me at mjposner1@gmail.com.



The ICON: 50 Years of the 2002 Pictures and Story By Bob Morin

Many of you are hopefully aware that in March of 2002 the BMW Car Club of America formed the BMW CCA Foundation as a 501(c)(3) charity, but there is still a great deal of lack of awareness of just what the Foundation is and does. You have probably heard of The Tire Rack Street Survival Program, especially since the Everglades Chapter has been holding these teen driving schools since the inception of the program, being the first Chapter to host a school when the program was conceived. The Tire Rack Street Survival Program is only one arm of the mission of the Foundation, albeit perhaps the most publicly recognized. In addition, the Foundation houses a library, archives and museum, and also boasts a conservation and preservation program.

Over time, the museum has either acquired or accepted on loan, a wonderful collection of BMW cars, artwork, brochures, and memorabilia, basically anything BMW-related, but it was not until last year that they took on the task of their first major exhibit, *Heroes of Bavaria*.



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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•••
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Third Tuesday Meeting Twin Peaks 2224 PB Lakes Blvd. West Palm Beach

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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?
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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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3 owner, garaged w/full service history (recent tb/wp); R134a, leather, lsd, all original, no accidents, new tires, power locks/antenna/windows/heated seats/cruise, cd

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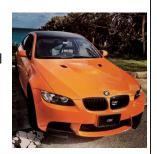


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I know that a lucky few members of the Everglades Chapter had the opportunity to visit the exhibit during its 8-month showing, and it was an amazing collection of BMW Motorsports history, especially concentrating on BMW's participation in racing in the U.S.

Now, you're probably thinking, how good could it be, we are only a Car Club? Well, how about good enough that, at the conclusion of the exhibition, The LeMay, America's Car Museum in Tacoma, WA asked and received permission to transfer a portion of the exhibit to their space under the same *Heroes of Bavaria* branding. The LeMay entertains approximately 125,000 visitors a year!

So, how do we follow something that special. Well, first the Foundation made some facility improvements including even better and more efficient lighting, ceiling painting, more slat wall to make better use of the wall space for the exhibit and then set about finding the right group of stock, modified, and race BMW 2002s (and their variants) to celebrate the 50th anniversary of this iconic BMW and appropriately entitled this year's exhibit: *The ICON: 50 Years of the 2002*, Presented by The Werk Shop.

The ICON Exhibit had its grand opening on Friday, May 18th in conjunction with The Vintage weekend up in Hot Springs, NC and opening day was a sellout, with all 500 available tickets sold in advance, and perhaps another 30 walk-ins, as well. While there were some great cars to see in the parking areas outside, the real eye candy was inside the Foundation. Museum Curator Michael Mitchell and Foundation Executive Director Scott Dishman, welcomed the BMW enthusiasts, many of whom came early and stayed late, due to the three guest speakers interspersed throughout the day. Jackie Jouret, who many of you will know from Bimmer Magazine, but also now writes for Roundel authored a wonderful commemorative book on the Heroes exhibit that was so well received that she was back to do the same for The ICON collection. She was the first speaker, then a bit later *Roundel's* own Hack Mechanic, Rob Siegel spoke about his relationship



with Louie, one of the more "patina-ed" '02s in the exhibit, and the final speaker was Adrian Mitu, an amazing artist from Romania who paints with some unusual media, including coffee painting. Adrian and his wife were on hand to unveil his latest work, Blue Hero, a pictorial history of the life of motorsport legend Jochen Neerpasch.

Of course, there were also the cars, a collection of 27 of some of the finest 2002s you can imagine, each with a wonderful sign board highlighting the significance and history of that car. If you are traveling anywhere in the vicinity of Greer, SC between now and the end of January, I encourage you to stop in, Monday through Friday, and visit this wonderful exhibit and also witness what the Foundation has accomplished in only 16 years, with donations from generous BMW CCA members and other wonderful sponsors. I mentioned the ICON book earlier. If you are interested, soft cover editions of both The Heroes and The ICON book are available for \$50, either in the Foundation gift shop or online at bmwccafoundation.org or at amazon.com. There are some other exhibit related items, such as T-shirts, polos, and hats available through the gift shop. Additionally, a lovely



hard-cover limited edition of 300 copies of The ICON book is available as a gift to anyone wishing to make a donation of \$500 or more to the Foundation. Finally, for those who might be interested in a brief "virtual" tour of the exhibit, here is a link to a short YouTube video: tinyurl.com/ybsqdgy.

We should be proud as a Chapter to be one the top Chapters in support of the Foundation, both in the number of Tire Rack Street Survival Schools we have held over the years, and also through financial support. If you are able to visit, you should make it a point to look for our Chapter brick on display in the museum.

Events Calendar

Sept. 4: Everglades Chapter Monthly Social Meeting—Ft. Lauderdale

Sept. 8: Autogeek Cars & Coffee; Stuart; and Cars & Coffee @ Xtreme Action Park Ft. Lauderdale

Sept. 19: Everglades Chapter Monthly Social Meeting—West Palm Beach

Sept. 23: PB Outlets Cars and Coffee 9 to Noon, West Palm Beach

Oct. 2: Everglades Chapter Monthly Social Meeting— Ft. Lauderdale

Oct. 13: Autogeek Cars & Coffee; Stuart; and Cars & Coffee @ Xtreme Action Park Ft. Lauderdale

Oct. 16: Everglades Chapter Monthly Social Meeting—West Palm Beach

Oct. 28: PB Outlets Cars and Coffee 9 to Noon, West Palm Beach

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