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ON THE COVER: _____



“best represents car club” on this particular day. True, one of our number looked suspiciously like a Miata, but no matter.

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MEMBERSHIP CORNER

This month, we’d like to give a warm Tarheel welcome to **23** new and returning members and associate members. This brings our total chapter membership to **2876!** Our membership is the life71blood of the Club. Without your participation, there would be no Club. We offer a wide variety

of activities, and welcome the opportunity to get to know you better at some of these events. We encourage you to contact your Area Coordinator to find out about local dinner meetings and other ways to get involved in YOUR club. Come join us, you’ll have a great time!

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PAUL HOECKE *Notes from the road*
Now Is The Time...

By now, you've probably heard the news: **FOOTNOTES** editor Bob Blood is not running for reelection this year; and the club is anxiously looking for a volunteer to take his place on the Tarheel Chapter Board of Directors.

If all this strikes you as kinda coming out of the blue, I'm not surprised. After all, the makeup of our chapter's Board has remained remarkably stable (to put it mildly) for a good many years, as successive annual elections saw incumbents run unopposed and get reelected, time and again.

I for one prefer to view this as a testament to the trust the club's membership has in the officers serving on the Board, as well as proof of the officers' dedication and effectiveness. But it admittedly also hints at a certain complacency – you know, the 'if it ain't broke, don't fix it' notion – on the part of everyone involved. Which can bite one in the backside at inopportune times such as this.

Not that Bob's decision catches the Board entirely with its culottes down. As you read this, there's still plenty of time to replace him in accordance with the regular election process as specified in our club's Bylaws. I won't speculate about how the Board may choose to handle it, but I will spell out the options.

The regular procedure is for a Nominating Committee to list the candidate for Bob's job on the ballot bearing the four Board positions – VP, Treasurer, Editor and Custodian – up for election this year. The bylaws say that the ballot must be published "no less than thirty days before the Annual Meeting" but they do not specify a date for the Meeting, only stating that "it shall be held before June 30th of each year." In other words, the club has at least three months (or until the end of May) to accomplish this.

Of course, the other option is for the Board to appoint a member to the job, which is precisely how Bob became editor back in 2002, when Kay Stafford decided to not run again after five years' service. (Bob ran and was elected on the following year's ballot.)

In either case, though, the real trick is finding a volunteer who is not only willing and qualified for the job but isn't intimidated by the prospect of filling some mighty big shoes. We were lucky in this regard back in 2002, but the jury may still be out on all those counts by the time you read this. Still, given the range of skills and talents represented in our club, I'm convinced that Bob's successor is already somewhere out there.

In fact, that person may very well be you, dear reader!

Okay, maybe you're interested and willing but not quite convinced that you're up to the job. Well, let me assure you that filling Bob's shoes isn't all that big a deal. (Trust me; having been there, I know whereof I speak.) True, Bob's twenty years' outstanding tenure as editor – almost three times longer than the next longest term (Bob White's seven years, 1987-1993) – may, at first glance, look like an ultra-tough act to follow. But a closer look shows that he used those years to actually make the job easier for any successor. The **FOOTNOTES** he inherited was well-regarded but often plagued by production costs and mailing problems. He licked those problems, presiding over the publication's transition from a mail-only hardcopy item to an all-electronic website issue accessible 24/7 to all members. He also honed content inflow – news, editorial, ad copy, graphics and so forth – to the point where it has become routine.

As a result, **FOOTNOTES** nowadays is pretty

much on cruise control when it comes to production and publication. What's left is managing the above-mentioned content – planning the layout of each issue and incorporating new content with preexisting material such as ads – in a timely manner. This is where the skill set mentioned in President Paul Dunlevy's 'Help Wanted' message (Dec. '21) really comes into play. The list may look demanding, but I don't think it's anything out of the ordinary these days. Besides, Bob will be available to advise and help with getting over early bumps in the road.

So, there you have it. Occasionally, a volunteer-powered organization such as the Tarheel Chapter needs to reach out and ask for an extra effort from some of its members, or maybe just one. Since this happens to be one of those times, I think it's appropriate to dust off a hoary old call to duty (in recent years most likely familiar to anyone who has taken a typing course). Suitably revised, it says:

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CLUB RACING REPORT

BY PAUL HOECKE

Three Local Racers Named 2021 National Champs; 2022 Season to Kick Off in March

Hello again, fellow club racing fans.

As this report goes to press, two news items deserve top billing: The imminent start of the 2022 Tire Rack BMW CCA Club Racing (CR) season, and the announcement that three Tarheel Chapter racers have been named 2021 National Champions in their respective classes.

As far as the new season goes, we can tell you little more than that the opening events are officially on the books: The Peachtree Chapter will lead off the action next month with a race at Road Atlanta (March 4-6), followed four weeks later by the annual Tarheel Chapter-hosted race at VIR (April 1-3). Of course, with a month to go before the first race, it's a mite early to talk about local entries, so look for that and related stuff in upcoming reports.

It is, however, worth pointing out (especially for newer readers of this column) that having this CR season start in our neck of the woods – i.e., the South Atlantic Region – is pretty much par for the course. Graced by a kindly climate, some of the most popular racetracks and (we suspect)

a racing-imbued DNA, the region has been in the forefront of the BMW club racing scene since practically Year One. And the Tarheel Chapter has been one of its biggest, most enthusiastic and successful participants, as each season sees local racers compete in many if not most of the CR events held east of the Mississippi. It's one reason why we've come to expect every season to conclude with local track warriors winning class championships. It's also why we were not surprised when three of our guys brought home the national gold in 2021.

In C-Modified – a class comprising 32 eligible racers nationwide – Charles Harding won the National Championship with a score of 274 points, 60.5 points ahead of his closest rival, Virginia Todd Brown. The award capped a season-long battle between the two racers, fought tooth and nail over the course of some two dozen races.

D-Modified racer **Sri Haputantri** captured his National Championship equally comfortably, racking up 232 points in twenty-five track appearances for a 50.5-point lead over Keith Primozic,

another South Atlantic Region racer (in a class numbering 14 eligible racers nationwide).

However, things didn't go quite as easily for our third National Champion, **Spec E36** racer **Jack Wilkins**. Competing in a highly competitive, 14-driver class dominated by local hot shoes, his 245.5-point total was only 29 points greater than fellow Tarheel Jeff Breiner's, who in turn finished the season only ten points ahead of another local hot shoe, Bert Howerton. In short, it was an all-Tarheel podium.

Oh, and it goes almost without saying that all the above also finished in pretty much the same order in the South Atlantic Region standings. Way to go, Guys!

That said, it is also vitally important to acknowledge that these championships are only the tip of the berg, if you will. We are, of course, talking about what we like to call 'Our Home-grown Racing Crowd' – the other local track warriors who show at events for the fun of it, to test themselves, to see if they can beat their personal best time, without necessarily looking for a win. In short, they epitomize in club racing what that great philosopher Woody Allen claims – namely, that 99 Percent of Life consists of Showing Up.

In so doing, they create the stage on which those quests for championships play out, and last year is a perfect example. Despite the pandemic, the 2021 season saw Tarheel Chapter racers account for more than one-fourth of all drivers (40 out of 153) participating nationwide in the six racing classes – BM, C-Mod, D-Mod, KP, Spec E36 and Spec E46 – in which our guys chose to compete. It is therefore only right and proper to recognize, by name, every local racer who showed up to put the pedal to the metal in 2021.

In **B-Modified**, five of the sixteen drivers listed nationally hailed from our chapter. In alphabetic order, they are Alan Davis, John Gardner, Bill Glavin, Jay Golding and – yes – Charles Harding (when he traded cars with Todd Brown on a couple of occasions).

Our chapter was not nearly as well -represented in **C-Modified**, nationwide, as Krista Williams was the only Tarheel racer in addition to Harding.

However, she gave the national champ a good run for the money in the four races she participated in.

The thirteen drivers listed in **D-Modified** included four local hot shoes, or three in addition to Haputantri: April Curtis, Alex Goare and Mike Hinkley. (Note: Besides being our local go-to guy in CR matters, Mike likes to sign up for this class as both a 'free agent' and as an enduro co-driver, usually with April, which apparently is why he shows up twice in CR's list.)

Last season's seven-driver **K-Prepared** class included two local hot shoes, Rob Chrystler and Chris Lindner. (They both could have been contenders for the national class crown, but showing up at significantly fewer events than the eventual class champion and runner-up kept them out of the money.)

As we said earlier, with eleven of fourteen drivers hailing from our midst, **Spec E36** was almost exclusively Tarheel Chapter territory. In addition to the three frontrunners named earlier, the local contingent included John Alemanni, Phil Antoine, Mark Fishero, Jay Golding (later switched to BM), Harry Meyer, Scott Reavis, Carl Sanders and Tom Tice.

And, finally, there was our contribution to the **Spec E46** class – sixteen local racers out of seventy-one drivers nationwide (about one in five). They are (once again in alphabetic order) Tony Cottrell, Aiden Baker Crouse, Brian Dehler, Matt Eastling, Bart Hayes, Mike Joy, Scott Joy, Pete Kamarchik, Evan Levine, Rob Likovich, Amy Oldenburg, John Park, Al, Pereida, Dave Sprague, Jim Sullivan and Mike Utecht. (Faced by tough competition, none of these racers finished the season near the top in the national standings. But Levine made the Top Five in the South Atlantic standings with just two events – totaling six races – under his belt.)

It's no exaggeration to say that these forty club racers kept Tarheel Chapter in the running during what you'll agree was another difficult year. Our caps are off to them as we look forward to seeing them – and hopefully more of their fellow hot shoes – hit the tarmac in the coming months.

ON THE COVER:

The drive to the state line allowed us to explore an array of terrific country roads. Somehow, we managed to keep the whole band together as we effortlessly swung through sweeping apexes and across rolling hillsides. It looks like early winter now, with the hardwood leaves mostly gone, but the steel gray skies made for a stunning backdrop as we blitzed north. The most concerning moment likely came when a county sheriff decided to pace our progress for a while. Since we carefully paced ourselves anyway, this wasn't really a concern, but it was humorous to consider that we might have slowed his progress to a rendezvous with caffeine.

The cars on the run included a wide array of Bavaria's best. An E30, an E90 M3, an E36 M3 and an M4 Competition that was still sporting its temp tags were all part of the show. I'm completely sure that high speed runs in "Nürburgring simulation mode" would be completely in line with "best practices" for a break-in procedure.

Biggest car in the bunch was an X3-M40. While not as sprightly as an E46, we wanted to see how this "big dog" would do frolicking through the Oak Tree Turn. Humorously, the X3 also had an extra passenger, in this case a 15-year-old, 22 pound, puggle named Parker. This was her first time on the track, so we were curious how she'd handle the g-forces. Game on!

After we checked in with track officials, we lined up on the false grid and had the driver's meeting with race officials and the "Racing for Heroes" sponsors. Basically, it was "try to keep up with the car in front of you, don't overdrive your skill set, and try and keep it on the blacktop". On a damp day at VIR, getting off on the grass can lead to slides that last for miles and miles.

Of course, once on the track, the first turn led to a guy in a Ferrari getting sideways ... which created a traffic jam of extremely expensive proportions! No damage done, but fascinating to see an X-car step out sideways before shaking her head and righting herself. And then it was off to the s-turns and the breathtaking run toward Oak Tree. The Ferrari, Lamborghini, and Porsche in front of us stayed close at hand ... with back straight speeds cresting around 110. An E90 335 stuck



right us like white on rice ... even while the Mustang GT club disappeared from sight in the rear-view mirror. And the little dog? Happiest on the straights but thought the roller coaster down toward hog pens was some sort of crazy mistake. Nothing a

few mini-Milk Bones couldn't resolve, however.

After a high-speed thrill, nothing satisfies your inner child like a burger. And for unknown reasons, the best burgers on the planet are available at the VIR commissary. The opportunity to sit around the picnic tables and swap stories about exciting experiences at different points on the circuit is a special form of youthful joy.

After lunch it was time for more frolicking on the track ... or peeling off to head for home. Either way it was a brilliant time to dip into the torque curves and release hydrocarbons and dopamine in equal measure. The sun periodically poked out during the afternoon, drying out the track and our amazing country roads. In a word, this was an epic last drive for the season. Now we are only weeks away from greeting 2022 with more adventures to explore The Old North State! Always good to have something to look forward to.

~Robert McIsaac

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Mar 5	Racing to Randleman & Riding with the King, Randleman, NC	Robert McIsaac 919-880-8021	Raleigh.BMWCCA.Activities@gmail.com
Mar 16-19	*Sebring WeatherTech SportsCar Series Sebring, Fla	https://www.imsa.com/events/2022-mobil-1-twelve-hours-of-sebring/	
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Do Hard Things...

The theme of today's update is "Do hard things" which is something we've always tried to model and encourage our kids to do to build character, real esteem, self-confidence, etc.

I love my 2008 Lotus Elise SC. It's a very unique car, so I'd like to keep it as long as I'm physically able to get in and out which involves a



one-legged squat and bending myself fully in half. But as mentioned in an earlier update, there are also a lot of other cars that I'd like to own while I'm still spry. At 54, each year brings new physical problems. This year, all year I've been struggling with Tennis elbow and Golfer's elbow which made it very hard to drive a stick shift. It's been slowly getting better and I hope another couple months will have it fully back to normal. And that's just one of the problems I've had this year.

Our garage is very small - tight for two full-size cars. If I get a second car, I don't want to have to park it, or Nuria's van, or the Elise outdoors, so we installed a garage lift in order to store a car above the van.

It's pretty neat having an aspiring mechanical engineer for a son. I was pretty stressed out about where exactly to bolt the garage lift to the concrete to avoid obstructions and make sure it would be useful for a variety of vehicles. I was starting to draw it out on graph paper and cut out

cars to model everything out when he wandered into my office and asked if I was doing anything interesting. When I filled him in, he offered to create a 3D model in SolidWorks - the professional modeling software he learned in college. This was so awesome and resulted in the lift getting installed in the perfect location.

After shopping around a lot (remember how much I like shopping?) we settled on a single-post lift from American Custom Lifts. Made in America Bubba! Get 'er done!

The parts for this lift weigh over 3,000lbs and the main column weighs in at 1,200lbs. We could have hired an installer, but instead I thought it would be a good experience for the boys and I to do the install. It was a little daunting, but I talked to the owner of the company and he assured me that we could handle it.

On delivery day, I had rented a forklift to unload from the 24-foot long delivery trailer. We faced many challenges throughout the installation process, but we persevered and managed to get past all of them to complete the install. Here's a sample:

- Forklift was *slightly* taller than our garage opening, so tore off a piece of trim.
- We have obstructions in the garage complicating installation and operation (a ventilation



duct and a large steel beam)

- The 10 concrete bolts did not initially grab with enough force - I had to re-install using an impact wrench.

- Raising a 1,200lb 11ft9in column. We were able to use the forklift to tilt it up, then the three of us had to manhandle it into it's fully upright position! Once it was standing, we had to rotate



it 180 degrees - which was amazingly easy.

- Wiring the motor I broke a switch inside the junction box.

- Etc...

When we were all done, there were a lot of high-fives!

Do hard things - it's worth it! ~Peter Zierz

Spring 2022 M Club Day

Big Fun @ BMW Performance Center!

What and Where:

- Each year, the Tarheel and National Capital BMWCCA Chapters sponsor major events at the BMW Performance Center in Greer, South Carolina. These events give us access to the facilities and the instructors at a remarkable location ... at a deeply discounted price. This school is a special program designed by the Performance Center staff specifically for our chapter members.
- The price (\$750 / person) covers the training sessions ... and the use of current model ///M Cars for the event. M2's, M3's, M4's and M5's were the highlight of the adventure in 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021. We expect more of the same for the coming year. Best of all perhaps, is the opportunity to have a great learning and driving experience while using someone else's Gas, Tires and Oil!
- Remember the old adage that "no car is faster than a rental!".

When:

- The **spring** event(s) are April 30th and May 1st, 2022 (two separate events)

Next Steps

- Registration now open: [Spring 2022 Registration](#)
- <https://www.motorsportreg.com/events/spring-2022-m-club-day-bmw-performance-center-east-cca-national-capital-082209>

Contact Information: For details, connect with Rob McIsaac at Robert.McIsaac@tarheelbmwcca.org. Or check out the National Capital Chapter website: <https://www.nccbmwcca.org/driving-events/m-club-day/>



Fall Foliage Tour on Steroids

One of the many casualties of the pandemic has been our ability to enjoy Charity Laps at Virginia International Raceway. These fundraising events frequently support Kyle Pettys's Victory Junction foundation for children in need. We were very fortunate, then, to have a break from the later summer infection surge, allowing VIR to open up again to the sweet smells of gas, tires and oil. After what seemed like a protracted wait, the Big Day finally arrived on November 12th, and we were literally off to the races again.

Everything about the day turned out to be better than everything else. A questionable weather front managed to arrive early, dousing The Triangle in rain the night BEFORE we were to roll, leaving us with clouds and the prospect of bright sunshine during the shank of the day. Mother Nature didn't disappoint as the clouds parted early too, bringing out the sunbeams by 7am. As the day wore on, the sun shone brighter and the temps climbed nicely to something in the low 70's with a nice breeze at the track. That's Chamber of Commerce weather in Southside Virginia!

Our plan was to meet at the Bimmer Performance Center, one of our favorite spots in North Raleigh. Dan Connor and Josh Carpenter graciously welcomed us with an array of donuts and coffee. Can it ever get better than wandering the shop kicking tires and exploring the depths of an engine rebuild while graced in the warm glow of fresh Dunkin' Donuts produce? I think not.

The Force of all this BMW excitement was strong in The Triangle Area on this date. 21 Bim-

mers packed the lot for the driver's meeting, with 4 more joining along the way, making our total number of participants a nice, round, 25 cars ... and 32 of the Bimmer faithful. After reviewing the Do's and the Don'ts for the drive, including fair warning that the local constabulary might view all these performance cars descending on Alton, VA,

as too much of a "revenue contribution" opportunity to the local civic coffers to pass up, we were off.

Of course, the most difficult part of the journey was breaking the surly bonds of the rush hour traffic in Raleigh. After a short and slightly harrowing run down the Interstate (2 exits worth), we peeled

off and headed northwest on some of the finest country roads you'll find anywhere. No traffic, no obvious signs of law enforcement, just nothing but wide open but narrow country roads that were graced with all the beauty of fall's foliage splendor. Cruising north from towns like Stagville and Bahama, the roads are essentially like a never ending series of S-curves that are enveloped in a canopy provided by a wide array of both hard- and soft-wood trees. We managed to hit it just perfectly in terms of the changing of the leaf colors, as it seemed like there had simply been an explosion at the paint department in the local arts and crafts store. It actually encouraged slowing down to drink it all in.

The last stretch of the drive took us on a lovely blitz across Hyco Lake, which again provided an impressive display of nature in action. The wide expanse of the lake, surrounded by all the trees



in full fiery color, now graced with a completely cloudless sky, was breathtaking. Even this blitz had to end however, as we crossed the state line to arrive at Virginia International Raceway. Humorously, the whole trip was in NC save for the final 150 feet. VIR is literally parked on top of the state line.

The folks at VIR were ready for us. We tucked the long line of Bimmers in behind a gaggle of Corvettes, Porsches, Mustangs, Camaros, Chargers, Challengers, Jags and Ferraris from across the years. New, old, somewhere in between, they were all there. As we waited to pay the "toll" it reminded me of being a kid on the Garden State Parkway back in NJ ... with all the cars being cool, and the soundtrack being like mainlining some of Springsteen's best work. Thunder Road sprang to mind.

Once past the economics, our Bimmers rolled toward the line-up. We had a surprising collection of E36's, E46s and more modern gear with us. Also, a father / son team in an E30 which was great to see. Many new faces joined us on this

outing which was also terrific.

Once parked on the tarmac, the guess was we'd have an hour or so until the track beckoned. That wasn't the case, however. 15 minutes until we were pushed to the false grid! After a quick check to make sure the plumbing worked, we were rolling again to sit on the bluff overlooking the track. The trees, the cars, the smell of unburned hydrocarbons! Sensory overload ensued.

And then the real rush came when the call to "light 'em up" came across the radio. This was the first time our trusty E36 M3 had been on a race track in her 24 years; her prior owner was a nice doctor who chose it as his commuter ride to the office. Apparently, the second 100k miles will be different than the first! Easing down through the pits, waving a thumbs up to the steward, we squeezed on the gas and accelerated out onto the front straight. Picking up breaking points and finding the right lines for perfect apex harmony was ... a blast. Not hard to see why Road & Track listed this as one of the finest handling cars in the world in 1997. Snaking through the S-turns

A Belated Valentine's Day Brunch



- **What:** A celebration of love for companion and car!
- **When:** Saturday, **Feb 19, 2022**
- **Where:** Meet at the Toucan Grill and Fresh Bar in Oriental at **11:30am**.
 - 101 Wall St, Oriental, NC
- **Objective:** Enjoy dining with the one you love along with sharing this special day with fellow Bimmer friends. Visit the history museum and take a walking tour.
- **Duration:** 3 hours plus driving time
- **RSVP by Feb 11:** Send an email, text or call with the number of persons attending.
- **Contact Information:** For details, connect with Alex Kordis at alexkordis@tarheelbwmcca.org or 757-818-0888.



and under the bridge, it was time to let her loose. Blasting up toward the Oak Tree turn was brilliant. Rounding onto the back straight we had room to open things up, brushing up close to 105mph before easing off the throttle, double clutching down a cog and diving down into the Hog Pen turns for the first time. Goose bumps all around at the end of the first lap. Then we did it again, and again, and again.

While enjoying down time, and the Worlds Best Hamburgers, we met a whole group of new friends, mostly from BMW clubs in VA and Western NC. It turns out E30s have now become the hot ride for the “under 30” set of Bavarian lovers. A couple of guys from the Charlottesville, VA, area explain how dramatically over-engineered everything was, recalling stories I heard from my Dad when he bought a new E30 in '84. I talked to a young guy who had driven his in from Texas and Oklahoma so he could spend some time with his Dad; this particular car had experienced a heart transplant and was now being motivated by an

Acura TSX crate motor. The installation was stunningly well done ... and it was hilarious to watch “Dad” hop in the back seat for some laps with his son at the controls.

Eventually, even with the magical sounds of E30 and E36 race cars doing hot laps echoing off the hillsides, we did have to head for home. The return to The Triangle was accomplished with no highway miles involved ... nothing but stunningly pretty country roads to further entice our senses. Final stop on the ride in was at the local gas station for a load of the newly arrived, delicious, ethanol free, high octane elixir. The 24-year young M3 managed to score almost 27mpg on the trip ... which included an array of high speed runs around one of the finest race tracks in all of America. A perfect end to a perfect day. It simply doesn't get any better than this. Good thing too, since we're going to get a chance to go again in December! ~**Robert McIsaac**

Hundred Dollar BBQ Run!

Chasing The (Alleged) Best BBQ in NC in 2022!



- What: A cruise to Carthage, NC, to the Pik 'n Pig ... a great opportunity for “Dinner and an Air Show”. This is the place folks fly into with their planes for the aforementioned \$100 sandwich. It will be considerably less costly in a Bimmer ... but no less fun!
- When: Depart on Saturday, **October 8th, 2022** at 10:00am. Come early for breakfast and/or coffee at 9:00am!
- Where: Departure from the Starbucks at 180 Cabela Drive, Garner, NC 27529
- Objective: A great day, an awesome meal, a terrific show and some fascinating photo ops. Pik 'n Pig is located at 194 Gilliam McConnell Road, Carthage, NC 28327
- Duration: Figure 6+ hours including driving.
- Contact Information: For details, connect with Rob McIsaac at Raleigh.BMWCCA.Activities@gmail.com or 919-880-8012.



2022 Tarheel Chapter BMW CCA Board Elections Official Ballot

Voting Deadline Extended to Feb. 28

Membership Number: _____

Associate Member Number: _____

This cut-out section contains your ballot for the 2020 officers. When you have marked your choices, write your membership number in the space above, then fold, staple and mail your ballot to: Karen Seymour-Blood at 2606 Saddlewood Cir SW, Concord NC 28027. If there is an associate member in your household, you may mark your ballot twice. Be sure to write BOTH membership numbers in the space at the top of this page; the number is for validation purposes only and once checked off, it will be removed. If you would

like to vote for someone whose name is not on the ballot, write their name in the space provided and mark the ballot accordingly.

Ballots must be postmarked no later than February 28, 2022.

You may also vote online at www.tarheelbmwcca.org through February 28, 2022.

The results will be announced in the March **Footnotes**.

Thank you for voting!

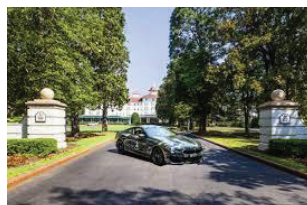
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Bimmers Puttering To Pinehurst

Scrambling Through The Sandhills in Fall



- What: A chance to get out and stretch the BMWs legs on an adventure to the bucolic town of Pinehurst. Famous for shopping, golfing and great walk-about, it also home to some fine dining and cool microbreweries. Saddling up the Bimmers is a great way to roll toward winter.
- When: Depart on Saturday, **November 5th, 2022** at 10:00am. Come early for coffee and breakfast.
- Where: Departure from the Starbucks at 180 Cabela Drive, Garner, NC 27529.
- Objective: Terrific downtown tour of the iconic golf resort and cute town central to the Sandhills Region. Terrific opportunity to grab some grub and a cold 'n frost one at the Pinehurst Brewing Company ... <https://www.pinehurstbrewing.com/kitchen-1>
- Duration: Figure 6+ hours including driving.
- Contact Information: For details, connect with Rob McIsaac at Raleigh.BMWCCA.Activities@gmail.com or 919-880-8012.

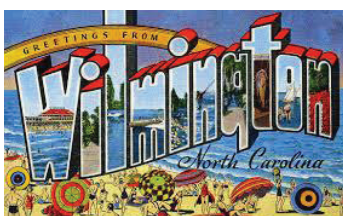


Wonderful Wilmington - 2022

Independence Day Celebration at the Coast



- What: An adventure filled ride to a crown jewel on the North Carolina coast, the Port City of Wilmington. This is a family friendly event that the inner child in all of us can enjoy!!! We'll do this to start the New Year. Also a chance to see the USS North Carolina, a surviving memorial to all the sacrifices made in World War II.
- When: Saturday, **July 9, 2022 at 10am**. Coffee and tire kicking at 9am.
- Where: Departure from the Starbucks parking lot at the White Oak Shopping Center in Garner. Feel free to come any time after 9 for tire kickin', story tellin' and coffee. Address for Starbucks is 180 Cabela Drive Garner, NC 27529
- Who: Rob McIsaac is organizing the event from The Triangle.
- Objective: A great lunch at the Front Street Brewery on the Wilmington waterfront. From there, many attractions await including the USS North Carolina, the Seaboard Railroad Museum and a water taxi tour of the area.
- Duration: Figure 2 hours of driving each way. If we roll at 10, expect to be home between 6 and 7pm.
- Contact Information: For details, connect with Rob McIsaac at Raleigh.BMWCCA.Activities@gmail.com or 919-880-8012.



Bimmers Soaring With Eagles

Cape Fear Raptor Center, German Café and More!



- What: A great drive, a visit to an impressive raptor center, a tour of the German Café in Wilmington! All of this and a chance to kick tires with friends too. Bimmers and Raptors, soaring again.
- When: Saturday, **April 9, 2022** at 10am. Coffee and tire kicking at 9am.
- Where: Departure from the Starbucks parking lot at the White Oak Shopping Center in Garner. Feel free to come any time after 9 for tire kickin', story tellin' and coffee. Address for Starbucks is 180 Cabela Drive Garner, NC 27529
- Who: Rob McIsaac and Pete Osta are organizing the event from The Triangle.
- Objective: A great lunch at the German Cafe in the old Cotton Exchange on the Wilmington waterfront..
- Duration: Figure 2.5 hours of driving each way. If we roll at 10, expect to be home between 6 and 7pm.
- Contact Information: For details, connect with Rob McIsaac at Raleigh.BMWCCA.Activities@gmail.com or 919-880-8012.

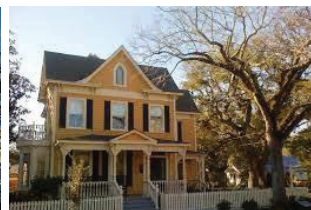
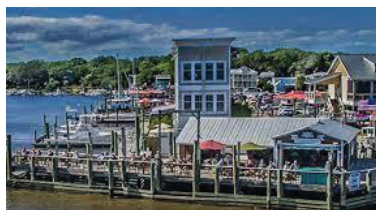
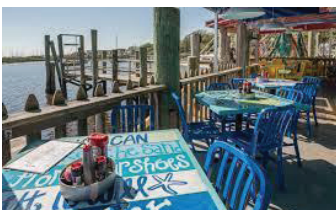


Bimmers Setting Sail

Southport, Here We Come!



- What: A post-pandemic weekend adventure away down at the epic, historic, town of Southport. A relaxed getaway, with a chance to cruise the downtown explore the ferry to Bald Head Island, walk the waterfront and / or stretch your feet on sandy beaches. So much to do, so little time!
- When: Depart on Friday, **May 13, 2022** at 10:00am. Come early for coffee and breakfast with Chef Patrick.
- Where: Departure from Farmhouse Café, 320 Vintage Point Ln, Wendell, NC 27591.
- Objective: Terrific tour “down the shore”, with some fine food and great sightseeing. Many hotels and B&B options including The Robert Ruark Inn (<https://robertruarkinn.com/>) and a Hampton Inn..
- Duration: A long weekend, leaving on Friday morning ... home on Sunday afternoon.
- Contact Information: For details, connect with Rob McIsaac at Raleigh.BMWCCA.Activities@gmail.com or 919-880-8012.



LOCAL SCENE

ASHEVILLE AREA DINNER

Date: **Last Tuesday each month**

Time: 6:30 pm

Where: Different Location Each Month

All BMW marques are welcome (cars, motorcycles, Mini, Rolls, etc.).

Contact Chris Joyner at mrbbimmer@fastmail.com for more information.

CAPE FEAR AREA

Date: **3rd Wednesday each month**

Time: 6:00 pm

Where:

NONE SCHEDULED AT THIS TIME

CHARLOTTE AREA I DINNER

Date: **3rd Thursday each month**

Time: 7 p.m.

Where: Waldhorn Restaurant
12101 Lancaster Hwy (Old Hwy 521)
Pineville, NC
(Located near Carolina Place Mall)
(704) 540-7047

We're still hanging out at the Waldhorn Restaurant on the third Thursday of each month. Contact Chris Webber at (704) 906-8876 or e-mail at christopher.b.webber@gmail.com to RSVP. Please join us (great German food and beer). See you there!

CHARLOTTE AREA II

Date: **1st Thursday each month**

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Where: Changes each month

Please email Kyle Lombardi at clt2thbmwcca@gmail.com or Taylor Ward at tward430@yahoo.com for more information.

DOWNEAST AREA BREAKFAST (Greenville, Wilson

Rocky Mt)

Date:

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Time:

Where:

Email Alex Kordis for information at alexkordis@tarheelbmwcca.org

HURRICANE REGION AREA (New Bern, Jacksonville, Morehead City)

Email Alex Kordis for information at alexkordis@tarheelbmwcca.org

NORTHERN MOUNTAIN AREA DINNER

Date: **2nd Wednesday each month**

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Where: Booneshine Brewery
465 Industrial Park Drive
Boone, NC 28607
828-278-8006

Cost: Only what you eat and drink.

Contacts: John Cochrane (jgcochrane1968@gmail.com) or Mike Langley (michaelrlangley@aol.com)

A fun gathering of BMW friends for a discussion of all things car related.

ROANOKE AREA

Date: **2nd Tuesday each month**

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Where:

To be announced each month by email.

Contact Scott Donaldson at roanoke.tarheel.bmwcca@gmail.com for more information.

SANDHILLS AREA

Date: **4th Wednesday each month**

Time: 7 p.m.

Where: ScrubOaks
5780 Ramsey St #108
Fayetteville, NC 28311

ScrubOaks is a contemporary american restaurant that also offers a great sports bar setting. Many regulars frequent the Kings Grant golf club and stop by afterward for a meal. Wednesdays offer half off wine (bottle and glass)

<http://www.tarheelbmwcca.org>

Contact Danny Miller for more information mperformancelife@gmail.com

TRIAD AREA WEST DINNER (Winston-Salem)

Date: **2nd Tuesday each month**
Time: 6:00 p.m. Drinks, 7:00 p.m. Dinner
Where: Sixty Six Grill and Taphouse
3440 Frontis Street
Winston-Salem 27103

Please contact Marc Schatell for more information at marc@tarheelbmwcca.org

TRIAD AREA EAST DINNER (Greensboro)

Date: **1st Tuesday each month**
Time: 6:30 p.m. Drinks, Dinner
Where: Elizabeth's Pizza (the covered patio)
3927 battleground Avenue
Greensboro, NC 27410

Please contact Fraser Dick for more information at fraserdick14@gmail.com

TRIANGLE AREA DINNER (RALEIGH)

Date: **3rd Tuesday each month**
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Where:

NONE SCHEDULED AT THIS TIME

Please contact Robert McIsaac for more information at raleigh.bmwcca.activities@gmail.com

TRIANGLE AREA DINNER (CHAPEL HILL)

NONE SCHEDULED AT THIS TIME

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BMW CARS FOR SALE:

1984 BMW 318i Manual 5 speed with less than 70,000 miles. This car has had a top end rebuild, a new clutch, new driveshaft (with flex disc and trans mount), new brakes, new control arms (with mounts & bushings), new fuel pumps and all maintenance records are available. It comes with good Hankook tires and 14" basketweaves (the original bottlecaps wheels are included). The exterior is delphin grey over beige interior (all original). It is set up for track day fun with rear seat, radio, and a/c delete (all parts come with it to reinstall if so desired). The car runs great and has had a recent tune up to include valve adjustment (with cover gasket), distributor rotor and cap, spark plugs and wires, air filter, and oil/filter change. Many spare parts included. Price is open for discussion - I'm thinking \$5,000. Call Howard at 828-726-4026 for more information and pictures.

2008 BMW 128i (E88) Convertible 2-door 54,000 miles, Titanium Silver Metallic, Leather "Boston"/

beige seats, Cold Weather Package, 6-speed steptronic transmission, Xenon Lights, heated seats, Dual Climate Control, Alloy Wheels, 2 Keys, Wood Trim dash, Minor cosmetic wear on the drivers seat. I am the second owner. Clean title, complete Owner's manual and original brochure, 2 keys included. \$13,000. Please call Keith Cooke, cell 704-724-0815 (near Winston Salem).

2019 BMW M2 Competition

6-speed manual, no sunroof, no mods. Just 6,900 miles. Exceptional condition. One owner, non-smoker and all services performed locally at Flow BMW Winston Salem. Hockenheim Silver Metallic (exclusive for the M2 Comp's debut model), Black Dakota leather/alcantara with blue stitching). Executive Package (heated steering wheel, adaptive LED headlights, auto high beam, wireless charging, Wifi Hotspot). Xpel clear bra on front, partial hood, door edges and rear fender wells. \$64,500. Call Steve Whitcomb (336) 908-4351.

BMW PARTS FOR SALE:

Yakima Fork Mount Bike Roof Rack Complete setup to roof carry two bikes, lockable (with key). Includes 2 Copperhead Rails mounted to Yakima round bar type mounts and I have the bases for BMW E34 Touring. Thoses bases may fit other BMW models as well. Or Copperhead rails can be used with your existing round or square bar type rack. \$125. OBO email rblood@yahoo.com Concord NC

MISCELLANEOUS:

Tarheel Chapter BMW CCA Email List Join us online: The "list" pro-

vides a casual, online forum for chapter members to discuss BMW's and BMW CCA events and related topics of interest to local members. Basically it's a sort of electronic discussion board, almost anything is free game, as long as it has some connection to BMW's (no matter how remote the connection might be). To join the list surf on out to: <http://www.topica.com/lists/tarheelbmw/> Info on how to subscribe or unsubscribe can be found on this page. If you want a shortcut to subscribe simply send an email to tarheelbmw-subscribe@topica.com. (make sure you send the email from the email address that you want to receive the list messages!!)

THE 02 GROUP A special interest group for 2002 owners in NC. For more information about the group and how to join, check out our website: www.the02group.org

The Z-Series Car Club of America (ZSCCA) is a national special interest group of BMWCCA dedicated to the enjoyment of all Z-Series BMW's. Several local groups are active in VA and NC. Find us on Facebook, or at zscca.org





Registration is now open for The Vintage 2022 May 19-21, 2022

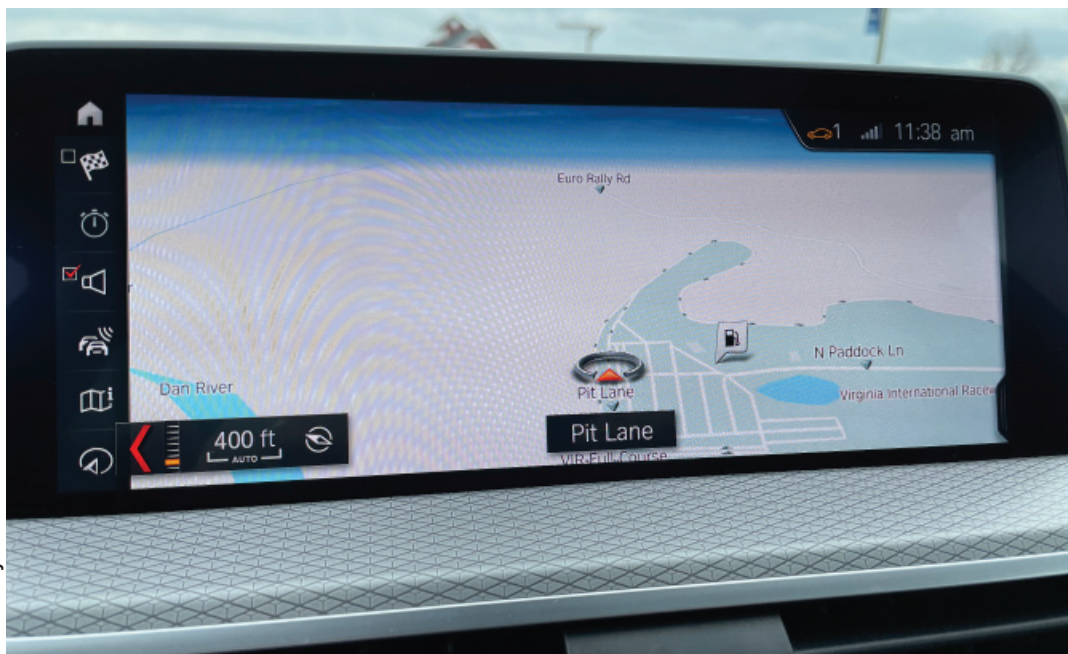
- Thursday May 19 - Fun Rally
- Friday May 20 - Open House at BMW CCA Foundation, and hanging at the Clarion that evening
- Saturday May 21 - The big gathering of vintage BMWs at Hot Springs Resort and Span in Hot Springs, NC

PLEASE NOTE: the event website is not updated with 2022 information yet.

The Clarion Inn Asheville Airport is once again the host hotel. I'm not sure if they have our group rates set up yet , but mention "BMW CAR SHOW" when you book a room (828) 684-1213 . They are usually overwhelmed with calls this first day so please keep trying. I will have group rates in place for other nearby hotels soon.

END GAME

Photo by Robert McIsaac



You might be a track junkie if your GPS recognizes you are in pit lane at VIR...

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WANTED: Your photos and stories.

Got a tale to tell about your Bimmer, photos you want to share with your fellow ***Footnotes*** readers, or just a suggestion?

Email your submissions to newsletter@tarheelbmwcca.org.

Come on, you can do it...
We would love to hear from you!

Riding With The King!

An Early Spring Cruise to the Richard Petty Museum



- What: A spirited, family friendly, adventure to Central NC's storied town of Randleman to see The King of stock car racing's museum. An epic tour of NC and NASCAR history, followed by a terrific lunch and a cold brew in Asheboro. The museum is located at 309 Branson Mill Rd, Randleman, NC
- When: Depart on Saturday, **March 5th, 2022** at **10:00am**. Come early for coffee at 9:00am!
- Where: Departure from Leith BMW, 5603 Capital Blvd, Raleigh, NC
- Objective: A fun and enjoyable family outing that promises terrific roads ... and some iconic Italian eats. Lunch will be at Positano, 130 C, S Church St, Asheboro, NC. Then a hop to Four Saints Brewing, 218 S Fayetteville St, Asheboro.
- Duration: Figure 6-7 hours including driving.
- Contact Information: For details, connect with Rob McIsaac at Raleigh.BMWCCA.Activities@gmail.com or 919-880-8012



Bimmers Rolling to Danville Tank Museum!

Tankers Racing Toward Fall in South Side Virginia ...



- What: While falls colors may be on our mind in early September, we can still make it to Danville to visit the iconic Tank Museum just North of the Border. Tanks, Bimmers and great dining make a great combo for our September adventure!
- When: Depart on Saturday, **September 10th, 2022** at 10:00am. Come early for coffee at 9:00am!
- Where: Departure from Leith BMW, 5603 Capital Blvd, Raleigh, NC
- Objective: A fun and enjoyable family outing that promises nice roads, a tour of fascinating American military hardware and terrific food. Danville has a great downtown to wander about, historic sites ... and lunch at the Golden Leaf Bistro (215 Craghead St, Danville, VA).
- Duration: Figure 5-8 hours including driving.
- Contact Information: For details, connect with Rob McIsaac at Raleigh.BMWCCA.Activities@gmail.com or 919-880-8012.



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