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ON THE COVER: \_\_\_\_\_



**Be All You Can Be at Buckhorn:** If Walt Disney himself had written the script, we couldn't have had a more magical day on December 5th for our Triangle Area tour of the Buckhorn Lake area. With the ongoing pandemic we clearly wanted to have a carefully orchestrated and socially distanced event. So, pretending it was going to be a summer sojourn, we decided on a picnic run back to the bucolic shores of Buckhorn Lake. Thirty people in 17 Bimmers decided that was a pretty good idea too, making it one of our biggest events in the COVID-19 era.

And then the weather arrived to inform our reality.

Instead of typical December with a hint of winter, it was a sunny and 70 degree kind of day. Clearly better to be lucky than good!

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MEMBERSHIP CORNER

This month, we'd like to give a warm Tarheel welcome to **26** new and returning members and associate members. This brings our total chapter membership to **2865!** Our membership is the lifeblood 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*  
This Month is Creepy Season

January is a good month in my book. With all the holiday hubbub a pleasant but rapidly fading memory, it's when you can refocus on the realities of regular life. In other words, it's the perfect time for getting the year off to a good, clean start.

Mind you, I'm not talking about traditional stuff like New Year's Resolutions. I think resolutions are too constraining and often unrealistic, hence easily shelved almost as soon as they are made. Okay, I admit that I tried going down that route in this column a year ago. But the piece turned out kinda preachy, and I didn't make much of a dent in the list it talked about. So, when people ask me about that nowadays, I just tell them I don't do resolutions, period.

No, as far as I'm concerned, January is not about lists but about mindset. It's about renewal; resetting the life clock, if you will. It's about starting the year refreshed, with an open mind and a forward-looking attitude. I'm told that, ideally, doing so leads to a certain serenity of mind that enables you to handle upcoming challenges in an orderly fashion, regardless of whether these challenges are anticipated or not.

I guess it's an especially useful philosophy to have if you're a car nut with an array of old BMWs which like to be worked on and generally kept happy on a regular basis. But this reliance on a regular routine also becomes a weakness when a seemingly simple task expands way beyond its original parameters to take away time and resources from other projects. What makes this process particularly insidious is that it happens

slowly, with excellent reasons for every step in its growth. Worse yet, its glacial progress makes its impact on other projects virtually imperceptible – until it's too late.

Of course, serious wrench twirlers and shade tree mechanics both know this as Mission Creep. It's an old nemesis that has also made this January considerably less serene for me. Here's how.

It all started last summer, when the electric fuel pump on my 1980 730 died. As you may recall, this car is a Euro-only version of the E23 (aka Seven Series) sedan that came with a 4-barrel carburetor instead of fuel injection. For over twenty years, with a Holley replacing the original (and awful) Solex 4-bbl carb, the car has required only a low-pressure Carter fuel pump to run great. So, when the pump developed a leak (after 10 years' service), it looked like a simple matter to replace it with an identical unit. Or so I thought.

Once the new pump arrived from Summit, my son, having volunteered for the job, dove under the hood, undid the in and out fuel lines, unplugged the power wires (plus and ground), and removed four bolts attaching the pump with its bracket to the engine bay's sidewall. He then installed the new pump in the same spot, using new wiring and hardware; and turning on the ignition resulted in the familiar (and highly welcome) buzz indicating a working pump. So far, so good.

Things still looked good when I got behind the wheel to start the car. Obviously, fuel delivery was A-OK because the engine fired up right away and ran fine at idle. It was only when I revved the



engine and glanced at the tach to check rpm that I realized something was amiss: The tach's needle hadn't budged! And neither had the ones on the coolant temp and fuel level gauges! Sitting there, I didn't expect the speedometer to register anything, but my aftermarket oil pressure and volt gauges were working. Conclusion: Whatever was wrong was affecting only one specific set of instruments in the cluster.

My next step followed the Occam's Razor principle – first look at the simplest solution. In this case, it meant checking the fuses, which I did right away. Sure enough, two were blown, including the #6 fuse that (according to the German-language fuse box label) protects the affected gauges. The other blown fuse was harder to explain because, as part of the heater blower circuit, it had no connection to the instrument cluster. No matter: I had the correct replacements for both – old-style ceramic ones – so in they went. But when I checked the gauges (after starting the car), they were as dead as before. Damn!

For a moment, I wondered if the problem was with the flexible circuit board in the instrument cluster. (Years earlier, I'd had to recondition rivets which serve as chassis grounds for the board but had been corroded by sparking caused by a short.) But I decided to postpone removing the cluster and first check all the circuitry serving the cluster, which meant poring over the car's circuit diagram.

You know what it's like to try and read a paper circuit diagram? Even if it measures 2 ft. x 4 ft. (unfolded, of course), it's like looking at spaghetti that's been spilled on a tablecloth. But persevering (with Paul Mele's help) paid off: we confirmed that while #6 fuse was one likely culprit, there are other places where power to the cluster might possibly be interrupted. So, yes, more disassembly would be required.

So, out came the instrument cluster, which eventually allowed me to verify that all printed circuits were good and all bulbs (idiot lights and other indicators) were okay. But that was only the beginning. Next came the custom gauge panel (from what used to be the ashtray location); and

the armrest console combo, followed by the tray surrounding the shifter for the automatic tranny, which allowed me to check the condition of the electrical connectors on my list of suspects.

Of course, removing all that trim revealed other items in need of my attention: Air ducts leading to the rear seats that were clogged by chewed upholstery padding left there by former rodent residents; hardware, nuts and bolts missing from several key attachment points; and a first look at a broken switch at the base of the emergency brake handle, which is why the emergency brake indicator light hasn't worked in ages.

I could go on, but I think you get the picture. Almost needless to say, I'll fix all the problems, and perhaps some others too. It will take time, weeks if not months, including time I owe my other Bimmers. I may even get back to the problem that started all this. But as I write this, the biggest irony is that I still don't know if the gauges in the instrument cluster will work when I replace the cluster in the dash. Sheesh!

But that's what mission creep does.



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# CLUB RACING REPORT

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BY PAUL HOECKE

## Four Tarheel Racers Score Wins at Roebling Road

Hello again, fellow club racing fans, and welcome to the New Year!

This is supposed to be the time when we officially kick off the 2022 Tire Rack BMW CCA Club Racing (CR) season. But don't look for anything about that in this report. For one thing, at press time, there was nothing on the CR calendar until March, which may be enough of an excuse. More importantly, though, we needed to focus on one last piece of unfinished business from last year: The 2020 CR Season Finale at Roebling Road in mid-December. So, here goes.

The event format was familiar from years past. Co-hosted by the Tarheel Chapter and the Vintage Drivers Club of America (VDCA), the schedule called for a 3-day weekend featuring two sprints and an enduro, all that slotted in between a bunch of vintage run groups, and the VDCA regaling everyone with a pig and oyster roast after the long race Saturday night.

In terms of scale, the event was hardly a record breaker, as CR events go. While the entry roster listed some forty-plus registrants representing ten classes, there were never more than thirty-five cars running on the 2-mile, 9-turn track. And with overall speeds averaging less than 90 mph the entire weekend, the races weren't especially fast paced either. What did set the weekend apart,

though, was the large Tarheel Chapter presence. It was kinda overwhelming.

Not only did our track warriors account for more than half the field in every race, but they made up most or all of the racers in each of the three largest class groups. As a result, there was a lot of intramural Tarheel Chapter competition, as well as dominant performances by local racers in all but one of the four classes they participated in.

With nine local entries – Phil Antoine, Jeff Breiner, Mark Fishero, Bert Howerton, Harry Meyer, Scott Reavis, Carl Sanders, Tom Tice and Jack Wilkins – the Spec E36 group was entirely home-grown. And the action echoed previous events, with Breiner, Howerton and Wilkins constantly vying for the class lead. This time, however, it was all Wilkins, as he stayed ahead of his two rivals to win the class crown in all three races. Breiner was second in Friday's sprint but finished third in class behind Howerton in the long race and the feature sprint Sunday.

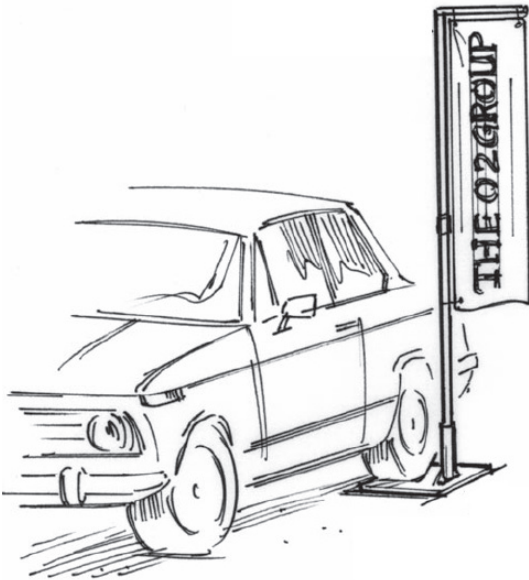
It was also pretty much like that in B-Mod, where four of the six entries were local hot shoes: Alan Davis, John Gardner, Bill Glavin and Jay Golding, all driving F87 M2s. This was the largest number of F87s we've observed on the local racing scene so far; and given the absence of the likes of C-Mod speed kings Charles Harding and



Todd Brown, these racers consistently finished at the front of the field. Golding took the overall win in Friday's sprint trailed by Gardner, but Gardner won the class in the other two races with finishes in third and second place overall.

Sailing solo in D-Mod, April Curtis contributed to the Tarheel Chapter tally with victories in the first sprint and (with Mike Hinkley as codriver) the endurance race. Only the five local racers in the ten-entry Spec E46 group – Pete Kamarchik, Rob Likovich, Al Pereida, Jim Sullivan and Mike Utecht – missed doing likewise; their best finishes were third in class by Sullivan in Friday's sprint and by Kamarchik in the feature race on Sunday.

As we've alluded to above, the earliest 2022 CR Season race date we know of at this point is in March, a Peachtree Chapter-hosted race at Road Atlanta. We expect additional dates (including the race at VIR in April) to be confirmed shortly. The same goes for news of any 2021 National or Regional class championships won by our track warriors. So, stay tuned.



# TARHEEL CHAPTER 2022

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Jan 27-30	*Rolex 24 WeatherTech SportsCar Series	Daytona , FL	<a href="https://www.imsa.com/events/2022-rolex-24-at-daytona/">https://www.imsa.com/events/2022-rolex-24-at-daytona/</a>	
Feb 5	Morehead Planetarium and Science Center, Chapel Hill, NC	Robert Mcisaac	919-880-8021	Raleigh.BMWCCA.Activities@gmail.com
Feb 19	Road trip to Oriental, Oriental, NC	Alex Kordis	757-818-0888	alexkordis@tarheelbmwcca.org
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	<a href="https://www.imsa.com/events/2022-mobil-1-twelve-hours-of-sebring/">https://www.imsa.com/events/2022-mobil-1-twelve-hours-of-sebring/</a>		
Apr 9	Bimmers Souring with the Eagles, Rocky Point, NC	Robert Mcisaac	919-880-8021	Raleigh.BMWCCA.Activities@gmail.com
Apr 22-24	Tarheel Spring HPDS VIR, Alton, VA	Phil Antoine		
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Jun 24-26	Tarheel Summer HPDS VIR, Alton, VA	Phil Antoine		
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Aug 26-28	*IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Series, VIR Alton, VA			
Sept 10	Danville Tank Museum, Danville, NC	Robert Mcisaac	919-880-8021	Raleigh.BMWCCA.Activities@gmail.com
Sept 16-18	Tarheel Fall HPDS VIR, Alton, VA	Phil Antoine		

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## ON THE COVER:

Once assembled we had a remarkable and eclectic collection of BMWs. In addition to a nearly new M3, an E46 M3, an array of X-cars, and a smattering of 3 and 5 series sedans, we had Z-cars arrive in force. Z3s and Z4s make the perfect machines for jauntily experiencing spring in December, so most chose to go topless. Then there was the clown-shoe Z3 coupe which was both beautiful and sinister at the same time. One more blip of the throttle, please! But wait, there's more! We were also graced with not one, but two, 2002s! One with round tail lights, the other square. Like the fit and trim senior citizens they are, both happily played with their bigger / faster genetic offspring. It was a sight to behold.

After a drivers meeting to review the route, the scavenger hunt clues, and a round of intros, we were set to roll. Notably, we had folks come from as far away as Rocky Mount and Charlotte for this massing of Bavarians. Then we were off to the proverbial races. A short blast down the Interstate and we peeled off in Zebulon to go hunting for apexes in the hill country around the town of Bunn and the Lake Royale region. The traffic melted away and was replaced by sweeping turns that navigated the charming countryside that symbolic of The Old North State. Cruising through the crossroads of Justice, we noted the presence of the local constabulary ready, apparently, to meter some out if needed. A good place to curb one's enthusiasm.

Then we hoofed it out into an area where the wandering roads appear designed mostly to break up the fields of cotton and corn and whatever. Speed limits are somewhat aspirational on these

roads where the turns are both tight and randomly sprinkled. At about this point, some of the group got lost along the way and decided to meet up with us in the sprawling metropolis of New Hope. As the main Bimmer body crested a hill to dive down on one of the three traffic lights in town, a squadron of errant Z cars spooled up and intercepted us for the back half of the adventure. Good times!



Once safely past the second traffic light in New Hope, we were able to squeeze the loud pedal a little harder and rocket down US-64A. We understand that the "A" designation is for old US highways that have been replaced by new, sleek, 4+ lane roads, designed to induce heavy doses of pure boredom. The "A" officially

stands for "Alternate", although we prefer to think of it as "Adventure". A little like US-66 in the west, I suppose, but still maintained by one of the finest DOT groups in all the land. You may get your kicks on Route 66, but y'all will see so much more on ol' 64.

Eventually we pointed our kidney grills south and made our way to and through the small farming community of Middlesex. With only one traffic light in all the town, we made quick work of the downtown area, then rolled out into more beautiful farm country. Then, suddenly, a sharp left onto what we fondly refer to as "The Tail of the Gekko". This is an amazing stretch of asphalt that is a series of switchbacks no doubt design with John Deere in mind. At speed in a BMW, the turns come quickly. Adding to the excitement is a generous sprinkling of leaves, pine straw, acorns, and gravel. Check your inner Mario Andretti at the

gate unless you “want to go all agricultural”.

After safely putting The Gekko to rest, it was on to the boat ramp at Buckhorn Lake. We arrived in three groups, some on course, some who were lost before they were found again. All were enthusiastic. And hungry.

A year ago we enjoyed our first pandemic December adventure in Cary, where Santa Claus made his presence felt. This year, relaxing on the beaches of Buckhorn with the water gently lapping at the shores seemed like a pleasant upgrade. We had no competition for the picnic tables since no sane person would actually schedule an outdoor dining event in December! Blessedly, the county Park



commission left the bathrooms open, a massive improvement from the early days of the pandemic! So the whole thing had a feeling of normalcy to it.

Lots of story-telling, tire kicking and yarn swapping broke out next as we enjoyed one of the nicest days of a year that has had notable ups and downs.

All too soon, it was time to spool things up for the ride home. Fun to watch as the Bimmers assembled again in formation, then peeled off for one last bite at the driving apple on a pure Chamber of Commerce day. Now we are one day closer to our next adventure. That's just how these Roundels roll. ~**Robert McIsaac**

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- When: Depart on Saturday, **October 8<sup>th</sup>, 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
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- Duration: Figure 6+ hours including driving.
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# Beach Bimmering in Style

Even in a pandemic, the combination of great cars, good friends, fine wine, and terrific food can conspire to make for a truly memorable experience. Mix in a tremendous venue like North Carolina's Outer Banks, and you pretty much have the ingredients for a perfect screenplay. Good news for us was that this was no fictional contrivance, but rather the "fall escape plan" for The Triangle Area portion of The Tarheel Chapter.

The planning for this goes back nine or so months to a time when we hoped that the pandemic would have been long gone by now. Unfortunately, it still isn't in our rear-view mirror, but with vaccines in arms and masks in pockets, we concluded that things were safe enough to venture out on our first overnight adventure in two years. It must have been a brilliant idea because by the time we were done we had 16 cars, 32 people and three canines registered and ready to go. A strong contingent from the Z-Chapter came from as far away as Pennsylvania to join the Tarheelers in the fray.

Our target venue for the venture was Bogue Bank, one of the southern OBX locations, with the Atlantis Lodge our preferred venue. Built by the family that still owns it in 1963, this is a trip back in time. Clean and poised just behind the sand dunes with a wide expanse of beach accessed via a private boardwalk, the word "modern" never is brought to mind. Instead, you get a reminder of life in an earlier and simpler time, when the joys of walking in the warm Atlantic waters or enjoying some fresh seafood were the penultimate moments in a day.

We managed to overwhelm the Atlantis of

course, requiring some of our Bavarian beauties to shelter for the night at other local emporiums. No matter. Everyone had a great time!

For most, the trip "down the shore" was pretty uneventful, although sudden deluges of rain made highways an opportunity to remember lessons about hydroplaning from long ago. For at least one of our measure, that made the trip a



bit more exciting than planned. Fortunately, Captain Sideways saved the day. Everyone arrived safely, in the end, and we managed to commandeer the "community room" which offered an epic third story view of the sand and surf. So began an evening tradition of "wine and cheese" frivolity which was a delightful way to wind down from

one day, while plotting the activities for the next.

Our first full day offered decent weather and a chance for BMW explorations. Many wound up in the colonial-era port town of Beaufort, which offers a chance to explore what feels like a mini-version of Savannah. Beautiful old homes, a lively waterfront, great urban hikes, and water cruises out to see some of Mother Nature's finest efforts. This includes a chance to see the wild horses of Shackleford Banks, the lighthouse at Cape Lookout and the monster yachts that have stopped in from around the world, presumably for food and fuel.

This also led to a fantastic dinner at what is likely the best culinary experience in town at Moonraker's. We managed to get all the best tables at the outside patio, creating the perfect ambiance for fantastic local seafood (note: tuna was a fan favorite) and a strikingly good wine list. Perfect way to share tales of adventure from the day,



as well as to celebrate dual birthdays among the faithful. Even the non-club members on the patio joined in a rousing rendition of Happy Birthday in anticipation of blowing out the candles on the pumpkin spice cheesecake. And yes, it was as good as it sounds!

This also gave us a chance to check out a new technology solution to an unexpected “problem”. When this adventure was planned, we really hadn’t factored in the reality that it backed up against Indigenous Persons (Columbus) Day Weekend. That made it relaxed, but unfortunately dog sitters were in short supply and our nearly 15-year-old puggle joined the fray as a consequence, along with a number of her canine mates. With some nervousness resulting, we set up a Zoom session to keep track of things back at the hotel. The “Barker Cam” worked perfectly, and everyone had a great and relaxed time. Finally, when the bipeds got back at the Atlantis, another round of wine and cheese brought the day to an idyllic conclusion.

The second full day dawned with a promise of rain. No matter. Plenty of opportunities to hop out on the beach before storms arrived. Then the adventure turned to the local aquarium ... or the mullet festival in Swansboro ... or the maritime museum which offered folks a chance to contemplate the life, times, and fate of the notorious Black Beard the pirate! Work continues locally on recovery if the treasure from his recently discovered flagship, Queen Anne’s Revenge. Some also headed down to the Bogue Sound Distillery for a chance to check on some of locally manufactured “adult beverages”. The tour and the tasting both got rave reviews.

Dinner on the third night became a dealer’s choice event. Go into town for some more sea-

food or hang locally with the gas grill and see what could be conjured up on the Barbie. Both were excellent ideas! The Island Grill, a very intimate venue with some mighty fine seafood, was one of the major draws for those who went “off property”. Meanwhile, back at the Atlantis, the Barbie provided a great way to cook up a mix of steaks, gourmet burgers, tube steaks, baked potatoes, and ears of corn, which complemented an



array of munchies and an impressive “wine sampler”. For our last evening beach-side, this was an appropriate way to finish up the both the edibles and bottles started in prior dining skirmishes.

Our final morning for the Outer Banks Experience dawned warm and gray with

an ongoing threat of rain. No matter as the Bavarian faithful found themselves in small and creative groups scouting out breakfast opportunities. For some of us it was a chance to grab the last of the bottled water and freshly ground coffee beans to create a wonderful brew that complemented a collection of fresh muffins and bagels. For others it was a chance to head into town to scope out the McDonalds, the “diner” and other options. Whatever the breakfast chosen, it was a prelude to one last chance to check out the sand and the surf before packing our rides to head for home. As always, the Atlantis Lodge staff was awesome as we put the memories of what life might have been like in 1963 into our collective memory banks. A nice, relaxed ride back to The Triangle followed for us, as we drove out of the mist and into emerging sunshine. Not much better than a long weekend with friends and Bimmers, in equal measure! ~Robert McIsaac

# New Year Celebration in Raleigh!

## Great Murals, An Epic Park, Mighty Fine Microbrewery



- What: A grand tour of The Triangle Area, looking for fine art work in the form of an array of special murals. Then a walk-about at one of fine city parks, which is itself artistry in motion. And then a trip to one of the fine culinary experiences mixed with a microbrewery in Fuquay-Varina. Nice way to ring in 2022!
- When: Depart on Saturday, **January 8, 2022** at 10:00am. Come early for coffee at 9:00am!
- Where: Departure from Farmhouse Café, 320 Vintage Point Ln, Wendell, NC 27591. Driver's Meeting will be at 9:45.
- Objective: Great roads, great friends, great Bimmers ... and a fine culinary experience while stirring some oil and hunting for great apexes!
- Duration: Figure 5-6 hours including driving.
- Contact Information: For details, connect with Rob McIsaac at Raleigh.BMWCCA.Activities@gmail.com or 919-880-8012.



# Racing for Heroes Charity Laps

## Turning \$ Into Noise ... With a Purpose



- What: Several times a year, VIR opens the gates to raise money for a great cause. Pay just \$25 for the opportunity to drive your own car on the historic 3.27-mile full course for 15 minutes. In addition, all facilities at VIR will be open for your enjoyment..
- When: **Saturday, December 17, 2022**, at 8:30am. **Coffee at 8:00 ... depart by 8:30.**
- Where: Leith BMW, 5603 Capital Blvd, Raleigh, NC 27616
- Who: Rob McIsaac is organizing the event.
- Objective: A great drive to see one of America's historic race tracks ... drive the track ... enjoy the facilities ... and kick tires with friends.
- On December 17th, the event will be supporting the Racing For Heroes organization.
- Duration: Figure 2 hours of driving each way.
- 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

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 1, 2022.

You may also vote online at [www.tarheelbmwcca.org](http://www.tarheelbmwcca.org) through January 31, 2022.

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

Thank you for voting!

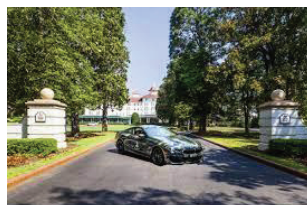
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# Bimmers Puttering To Pinehurst

## 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 5<sup>th</sup>, 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.

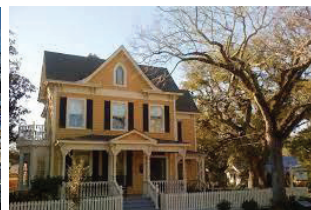
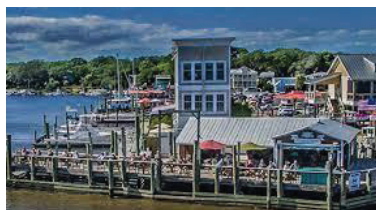
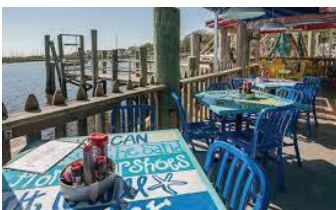


# Bimmers Setting Sail

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

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## **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 [mrBimmer@fastmail.com](mailto:mrBimmer@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](mailto: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](mailto:clt2thbmwcca@gmail.com) or Taylor Ward at [tward430@yahoo.com](mailto:tward430@yahoo.com) for more information.

## **DOWNEAST AREA BREAKFAST** (Greenville, Wilson

Rocky Mt)

Date:

## **20 TARHEEL CHAPTER FOOTNOTES**

Time:

Where:

Email Alex Kordis for information at [alexkordis@tarheelbmwcca.org](mailto:alexkordis@tarheelbmwcca.org)

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

Email Alex Kordis for information at [alexkordis@tarheelbmwcca.org](mailto: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](mailto:jgcochrane1968@gmail.com)) or Mike Langley ([michaelrlangley@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto: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).

## 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](mailto:rblood@yahoo.com) Concord NC

## MISCELLANEOUS:

**Tarheel Chapter BMW CCA Email List** Join us online: The "list" provides 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](mailto: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](http://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](http://zscca.org)





# Amazing Asheville!

## Blue Ridge Parkway Means Weekend Adventure!!!



- What: A weekend venture to the mountain wilds of Western North Carolina! Highlights include spectacular scenery, beautiful mountain roads, the vibe of Downtown Asheville and the chance to visit Mount Mitchell. Great food and amazing adventures are just around the next bend! On a clear day you can see The Smokey's!
- When: Depart on Thursday, **June 9, 2022** at 10:00am. Come early for coffee at 9:00am!
- Where: Departure from Leith BMW, 5603 Capital Blvd, Raleigh, NC 27616
- Objective: A fun and enjoyable weekend away that offers great driving, terrific food and some fantastically interesting adventures.
- Where to Stay: Two types of options! Downtown: Aloft Hotel, 51 Biltmore Ave, Asheville, NC, 540-839-5351. Or in a more rural setting: Cascades Mountain Resort, 201 Sugarloaf Road, Hendersonville, NC 828-595-8155. Many other options too but it is tourist season so don't wait too long! Make your own reservations for Thursday, Friday, Saturday nights.
- Duration: Depart on Thursday (6/9) morning ... home on Sunday afternoon (6/12).
- 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 10<sup>th</sup>, 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.



# END GAME

Photo by Robert McIsaac



*More fun from Buckhorn*

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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](mailto: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 5<sup>th</sup>, 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



# Morehead Planetarium and Science Center!

## Star Gazing and Fine Dining in Mid-Winter!



- What: While winter's "blast" may be upon us in January, that makes for a terrific opportunity to fire up the Bimmers, cruise on over to UNC / Chapel Hill and scope out an amazing gift in our midst ... the Morehead Planetarium. Beam us up, Scotty!
- When: Depart on Saturday, **February 5<sup>th</sup>, 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 mind-expanding adventure and terrific food. Chapel Hill has a great downtown to wander about, historic sites ... and lunch at the Top of The Hill Restaurant and Brewery (100 East Franklin Street, Chapel Hill, NC 27514).
- 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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