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**ON THE COVER:**



***No Blues to be found on the Blueridge Parkway: Day 1***

At long last, the Triangle Area was able to embark on our much-anticipated adventure to Asheville, NC, on June 9th. This was going to be our 2021 “long weekend away adventure”, but that pesky pandemic got in the way and forced us to defer it to this year. As disappointing as the delay was, it was clearly worth the wait as we had a dozen cars and 24 of the BMW faithful partake in an event that was equal parts driving experience and dining club opportunity.

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**MEMBERSHIP CORNER**

This month, we'd like to give a warm Tarheel welcome to **46** new and returning members and associate members. This brings our total chapter membership to **2875!** Our membership is the life blood 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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## **No Blues to be found on the Blue Ridge Parkway**

### **A Three Day Adventure with Bimmer Lovers**

With the logistics carefully planned over the better part of two years, it was particularly gratifying when the sun broke out on a stunningly pretty day ahead of our Thursday morning launch. From the moment we left, we saw not a single drop of precipitation. It really is better to be lucky than good. Speaking of that, our initial rally point was again with the fine folks at Leith BMW in Raleigh. The day before our event, the BMWCCA award we'd recommended the dealership, and GM Sean Beach, for arrived via USPS!

The dealership provides us with excellent service and support for our events year in, and year out, so it was particularly nice for so many of us to be present when we did the unveiling of the award. After the ceremony, Sean announced that we'd again be able to have breakfast served at the dealer for our next drive, inspiring a second round of applause.

Suitably caffeinated, we headed out to the awaiting Bimmers and pointed roundels west. Rather than a blitz down the Interstate, we had a somewhat more leisurely route planned which took us across bucolic Jordan Lake, where more cars joined the fray, and on to Kernersville for a pit stop. From the 21st century Sheetz station, we ambled on over to a surviving Shell station from the 1930s. The pumps don't work, but the surroundings of this restored artifact from the early days of motoring is fantastic. We managed to create our own special traffic jam in the lot as we angled for pictures of cars and people, interwoven.

From there it was a blast over to the town of Hickory, where we had lunch in a converted train station which is a combination restaurant, wine store, bakery, and center for local lore. Arriving after the lunch rush had passed, we managed to get a table that had clearly been envisioned with a rec-

reation of the last supper in mind. We gathered all of the faithful together and had an amazing lunch that included some of the best fries in these parts. With two hours left on our journey, we managed to get more caffeine to stave off an encroaching food coma and “hit it” again.

From here, the road seemed to nearly go vertical as we went from the foothills directly into the heart of the Appalachians. Serpentine roads led us higher, and higher, then across the Eastern Continental Divide. Signs pointed to Mount Mitchell, the highest peak east of the Mississippi, and Mount Pisgah, an object of George Vanderbilt’s affection which is only slightly shorter.

Then, with a blip of the throttle and an aggressive set of downshifts, we arrived in Asheville, home of a UNC campus, a stunning array of microbreweries, and fine eating emporiums. It is, without much doubt, a bit of Austin (Texas) nestled into the southern portion of the Blue Ridge Parkway. It is a place almost without peers. In fact, it was here that the final member of our merry band joined us! Pete B., from the White Mountain Chapter of New Hampshire, just happened to be in Greenville (SC) taking delivery of a beautiful new M240i on the same day we were headed to Asheville, so he did the logical thing and joined us. Plenty of fun to spread around as a Yankee joined our Tarheel explorers. Great way to christen the Bimmer!

We were in hotels across town, checking on the local ambiance. A number of us stayed at the Aloft, which offered both a second-floor patio that was wide open in the afternoons ... and a pool deck on the third floor that everyone else mysteriously abandoned for the evening hours. More on that later. First, we had to get dinner! For our first night in town, the Bimmer crew scattered to an array of different places which confirmed that this is a foodie mecca. Any sort of culinary experience can be had near the intersection of Biltmore and College Avenues. Our crew explored a diversity of options before gradually reconvening by the fire pit at the Aloft pool deck. From there we could watch a stun-

ning sunset over the Blue Ridge Mountains, even while having a wine sampling event with nectars brought from home. Or the road. Or the wine shop downstairs.

They were all terrific and made a lovely complement to the great chips of the world sampler that mysteriously appeared. Doritos, Fritos, Lay’s Potato Chips, and some sort of infused popcorn were part of the dining adventure, as was some taffy that made the journey from Chapel Hill ... and cheese straws. Clearly, we had all the critical food groups covered. For whatever reason, over the course of three evenings, we only had one other hotel guest attempt to join us at the fire pit; they brought their own wine. Lots of story swapping and some tall tale sharing ensued of course.

## **Day 2**

The first full day in town provided the pattern for the whole weekend. Do what you want, run what you bring, then meet for dinner. Or wine and cheese straws. Or both. Some embarked on a drive on the Blue Ridge Parkway which creates memories around every hairpin turn. Photo opportunities about of course.

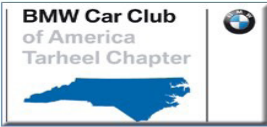
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# Bimmers Soaring With Eagles

Cape Fear Raptor Center, German Café and More!



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- When: 10/10/2023
- Where: German Café in Raleigh
- Garage: German Café in Raleigh
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- Who: 10 members
- Object: Raptor Center in Raleigh
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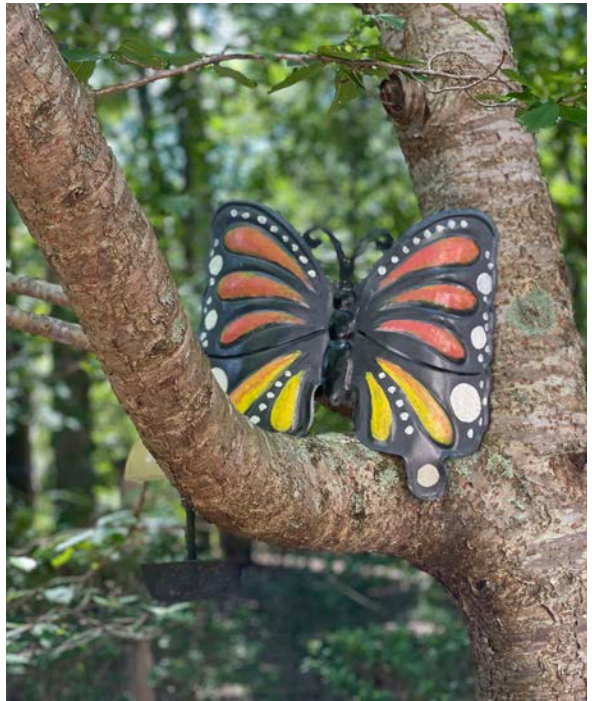
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For others, it was time for a walk-about to scope out the Grove Arcade (think 1920s shopping mall) and the Woolworth building which is now one of many art galleries in town. Sensory overload is pretty much the order of the day. Wherever people went in the dawn's early light, by early afternoon a large gaggle of us had descended on the LaZoom Comedy Tour bus for a spin around town with an incredibly talented group of comedians who were both hilarious and informative at the same time.

You knew this would be good when the boarding order for the bus was determined by the number gracing the leg of the rubber chicken each couple was given at check-in. The journey got even funnier as the afternoon ticked away and, yes, there was something stronger than Diet Coke involved as libations. "Are you ready for some fun?" was the

perfect way for the tour guide to frame things at the very moment we lost control of a champagne cork somewhere in the back of the bus. The outcome was never in doubt after that.

Dinner on the second night was in the famous S&W Cafeteria, which hasn't really been a cafeteria in the classic sense since sometime near the end of World War II. Today it is a food court/taproom that features fine local food and microbrews in near equal measure. It is an event that must be experienced to be believed. Back to the fire pit, we were able to recover from the day's adventures and plan out our next outings.

To be sure, the botanical garden (which includes a tree that was germinated on an Apollo mission back from the moon) is fantastic. As is the arboretum, which sports gardens that anyone with a green thumb would envy. The Sierra Nevada brewery is an experience that may defy the imagination. But for sheer, over-the-top, 8th Wonder of the Word style engagement, it would be impossible to top the Wheel Through Time Motorcycle Museum in Maggie Valley. This is effectively a good-sized suburban shopping mall that has been converted into a sanctuary for historic two-wheeled vehicles that have been lovingly assembled and preserved over a nearly half-century of work by the curator. Harley-Davidsons, Indians, Hendersons, Excelsiors, and an expanse of brands that didn't make it are well represented here. Board track racers from the 19-teens. Flat trackers from the 1940s and '50s. Military gear from WWII.

Cruising machines that James Dean and Marlon Brando might have twisted the throttles on are all represented here. People from around the world just wander in and are greeted as we were ... when you walk into the place you are hit with an amazing aroma of burned hydrocarbons that have been infused with just the right amount of Castrol GTX oil. It smells like magic; clearly, this stuff should be turned into a high-valued cologne or after-shave. After you get accustomed to the aroma of every garage you worked in as a kid, the sight of all that

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equipment is simply overwhelming. Where do you even start on a trip like this? What a great time it was. Then we headed to the sandwich shop next door for yet another amazing dining experience. Bikers and Bimmers combined to make it a very festive place indeed.

From here, some of us peeled off and headed to Lake Lure, the site of the dancing scenes (and perhaps other things) from the movie *Dirty Dancing*. This is a beautiful spot no matter how many wheels you sport. It is also the site of the Flowering Bridge. When the NC-DOT replaced the main bridge into town 30+ years ago, the old one was left in place and the local garden clubs converted it into a series of micro-environments with flowers, fruits, and other green things that attract butterflies and people. It is a stunning thing to see which looks about as crazy as it sounds. It was the perfect come down after all the testosterone that was in the air back in Maggie Valley.

Then, not wanting to miss another meal, it

was back into town for a visit to the iconic Pack's Tavern. Once again, we lucked out and got a table that could easily accommodate an even dozen ... then side tables for the overflow. The staff took fantastic care of us as we explored bison spareribs, chili, pizza, salads, burgers, and the occasional adult beverage. It was both whimsical and surprisingly cheap! Then off to the French Broad Chocolate shop for "dessert". Everything smelled better than everything else, right up there with the cologne offering back in Maggie Valley.

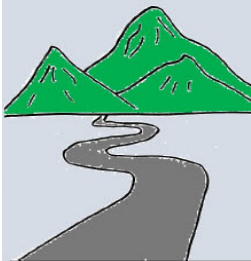
Suitable stuffed, we then headed back to take control of the fire pit situation. More chips and something in the red family to wash them down was clearly in order as we watched the sunset, and the moon rises, from the comfort of some very easy chairs. The tales got taller as the night went on and there was a moment when dancing broke out. Clearly, someone had consumed too much chocolate!

### Day 3

The trips home kicked off Sunday morning with small groups of Bimmers breaking toward the sunrise. This part of NC has many great sights to see, of course, so some of us visited one of the few remaining covered bridges in the Old North State, just outside the metropolis of Claremont. Dating back to 1894, this is worth the visit ... although too small to get a Bimmer into. Nice walking, however.

All too soon, it seemed, we were home again. This was an adventure for the ages, with great people meeting us and becoming part of the story at every turn we took. Fantastic roads, wonderful friends, and terrific food made it a very easy trip to take. Once again, life is clearly better in a Bimmer! I wonder where we'll go next year? Only time will tell ...

*By Rober McIssac*



## THE GREAT BALSAM RUN

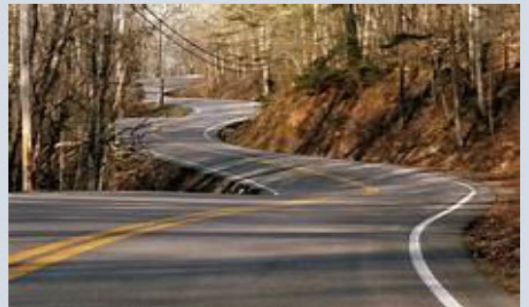
Mountain driving tour and lunch at Quixote Fine Cuisine in Brevard

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# TOUR TO TANGLEWOOD

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Join us for a fun bike ride this fall to benefit a great charity, the National MS Society. The Tarheel Chapter is sponsoring a cycling team for the Tour to Tanglewood, a 2-day bike ride this September.

The ride will be on Saturday and Sunday, September 24th and 25th, 2022 The Tarheel Chapter will be supplying a cool BMW Club cycling jersey for each new cyclist.

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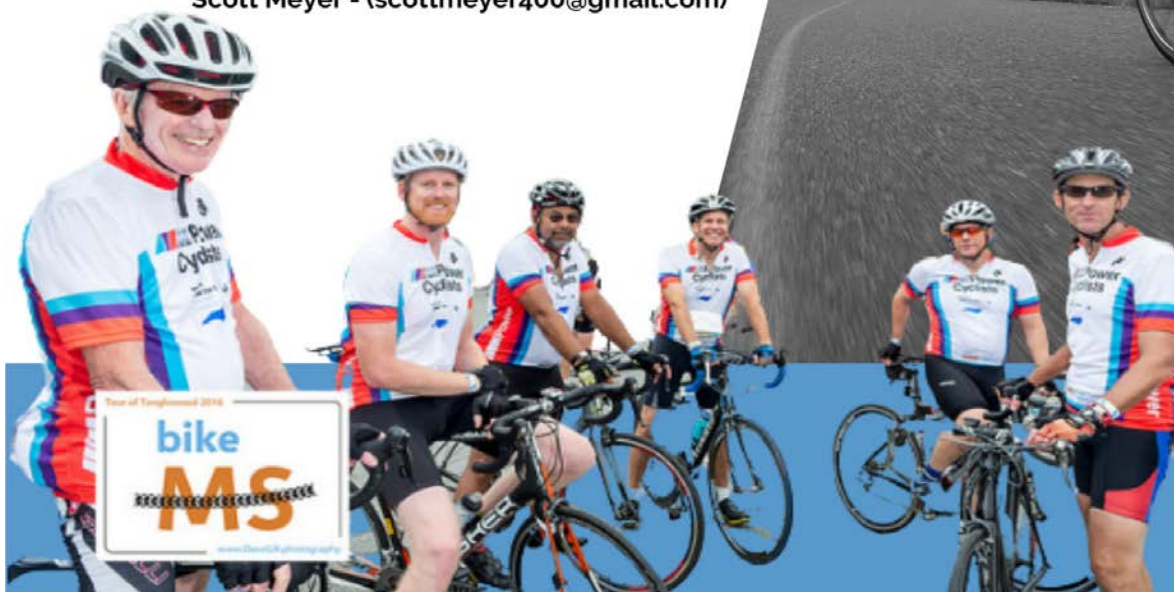
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# On the Road to Woodstock

A New England Road Trip to Remember



I'm fairly sure that most of you reading this are familiar with Woodstock – and immediately think of a small farm in upstate New York where the world's greatest-ever concert was held in the summer of 1969. But there's another Woodstock – this one a small town in Vermont where my oldest friend once lived not long after he got out of the Army in 1970. It too has some history, along with a number of places along the way on the road trip that Jan and I took with this oldest friend and his wife during the first week in June of 2013. We were living in Central TX (near San Antonio) at the time, and a break from the oppressive heat was in order.

My earliest recollections of New England road trips were from my childhood, riding in the back seat of an enormous 1953 Packard Clipper sedan – the kind with “mouse fur” bench seats, roll-up windows, and a radio that hummed for several

seconds when first turned on. The vacuum tubes had to warm up before amplifying those AM radio waves and of course, there was but one speaker, in the center of the dashboard. The rear seat was huge and had a thick cord that ran from one corner of the front seat back to the other to help you pull yourself in, despite the fact that you could open both rear doors and run through the back of the car. This time, the luck of the rental-counter draw found us in a leather-lined Buick LaCrosse. There were no Bimmers at the inn, unfortunately.

We had flown into Bradley airport, about midway between Hartford, CT and Springfield, MA. The air was clean, the woods were green, and it was altogether a very laid-back scene. We spent a few days in nearby Tariffville, a pleasant little burg with wild turkeys wandering about the quiet yards and nearby woods. I could have stayed there the entire



week, but we had traveling plans, so on a Tuesday morning, we lit out early and headed north.

First stop on the odyssey took us to the Yankee Candle Shop near Amherst, MA. Where else could you buy candles in 6 different sizes and an infinite number of scents, including bacon? Yes, folks, BACON! Plus – where else is there a “Christmas room” where it snows every 4 minutes. I’m talking real, actual snow, not plastic flakes! Not only did we find some great candles, but we also got some really fresh flavored popcorn (jalapeno cheddar) for mid-journey snacking. It was curiously cool at that time, a welcomed break from the inferno that Central Texas can be this time of year.

Pressing northward we entered Vermont (from the French for “green mountain”) and were awed by the scenery. This was indeed the home of the famous Green Mountain Boys of American Revolution fame, and a place that seems to sit suspended in an era from long ago. This was reinforced by our second stop at the Vermont Country Store, where they still stock things you may remember from the 1950s, 60s, and 70s. The store lies off of a “main highway” in a very scenic spot and is equipped with a covered “kissing bridge”, ideal for photo ops. We left with more old-timey snacking’ goodies, one of them being a bag of treats that looked like tater tots made of puffed corn and lightly coated with honey. Trust me, they’re much tastier than they sound.

Returning to the road, we proceeded on to a little town called Queechee Village, home of the Queechee Gorge where the Ottauquechee River flows 165 feet below the highway bridge. This

gorge was formed by glacial activity some 13,000 years ago. It is hard to describe, even with photos – all you could hear was the river flowing below, and the occasional car traffic. Idyllic is probably the best word I can come up with.

Next stop on Vermont Route 4 was Woodstock, a small town that typifies New England living. Historic buildings abound, and we stopped for a cold one in a lovely tavern that was ~200+ years old.

There’s a small park in the center of town and of course the obligatory covered bridge, this one having been rebuilt after the original was burned down by vandals in the late 1960s. Historic homes were everywhere, and we drove past an enormous estate belonging to the Rockefeller family. We also visited a General Store that has been open for business since the 1800s where we purchased some fine wine for our evening relaxation at our destination in Killington, a short drive away.

Killington is a ski town, plain and simple, and our lodging for the night was at the Inn of Six Mountains, just below the ski slopes, already graced with snow that had arrived a week before we did. Our third-floor rooms had what they locally refer to as “verandas” where we were able to breathe the cool, sweet mountain air, sip some wine, and pick out what could only be some VERY expensive homes in the woods adjacent to the ski run that were just visible through the treetops. This place was like a ghost town at this time of year with many of the restaurants and other venues were closed for the off-season.

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**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2022**

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:**

**DOORS OPEN  
9AM**

**LUNCH @ THE ZENTRUM ISETTA CAFE  
11:30AM-12:30PM**

**FACTORY TOUR  
1PM.**

**ZENTRUM MUSEUM  
(OPTIONAL)**

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DETAILS: COST OF ADMISSION TO THE FOUNDATION MUSEUM IS \$12 AND FOR THE FACTORY TOUR IT IS \$20 FOR CCA MEMBERS (\$25 FOR NON-MEMBERS).

CONTACT INFORMATION: FACTORY TOUR IS LIMITED TO 25 PEOPLE. IF INTERESTED, PLEASE SEND YOUR NAME AND DATE OF BIRTH (REQUIRED BY BMW) OF EVERYONE IN YOUR PARTY TO [DAVFHURWITZ1953@ICLOUD.COM](mailto:DAVFHURWITZ1953@ICLOUD.COM) OR VIA TEXT TO DAVE AT 704 399-1108 BY AUGUST 31ST!



# Thanksgiving Holiday Laps 2022!

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- When: Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, at 8:30am. **Coffee at 8:00 ... depart by 8:30.**
- Where: Bimmer Performance Center ... 3200 Spottswood St #102, Raleigh, NC 27615
- 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.
- Event details from VIR are here: <https://virnow.com/event/victory-junction-charity-laps/>
- Duration: Figure 2 hours of driving each way.
- Contact Information: For details, connect with Rob McIsaac at [Raleigh.BMWCCA.Activities@gmail.com](mailto:Raleigh.BMWCCA.Activities@gmail.com) or 919-880-8012.







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We did, however, have a fine dinner at a nearby lodge/restaurant where we dined on, among other things, lobster pot pie. Enough said.

The next day dawned very early with the sun emerging around 5AM or so in this part of the country in the summer. We had a quick breakfast in the coffee shop, stopped for some souvenirs nearby, and headed out on the highway. Born to be wild, indeed. We stopped for gas in Rutland, VT, and continued westward towards Saratoga Springs, NY. Another beautiful day in the 70s with sunshine, the perfect backdrop for encountering one of the most interesting yellow-diamond road signs anywhere which read simply "Moose Crossing". These were everywhere in Vermont, not unlike the deer warning signs back in Texas. I couldn't help thinking of "moose and squirrel" and kept looking for Rocky and Bullwinkle, but, alas, they were nowhere to be found.

Once over the NY State Line, we headed toward the day's objective, Saratoga Springs, where we checked into our hotel, which was near to the local Indian casino and the famous horse racing track. We indulged ourselves in a game of mini-golf, and later that evening, we dined whilst watching the "trotter" races from the top floor of the casino. After dinner, we visited the casino itself, which

was curiously filled with nothing but slot machines of every monetary denomination and theme you could think of. No chemin-de-fer here, Mr. Bond!

The next (and final) day of our journey had us breakfasting at Donkey-Doe (Dunkin' Donuts) and heading southward across the Hudson River and part of the Erie Canal system before exiting the "Adirondack Northway" to Route 22. This rural highway took us through farmland and small settlements that looked a million miles from New York City, which in reality was only about 100 miles directly south. Indeed, all of these states' rural areas look surprisingly similar, with their own type of "American Gothic" aura about them. Returning to Connecticut, we passed through Millerton, NY and headed toward the town of Sharon, home of legendary racing driver Sam Posey and his beloved Mudge Pond. It's also home to a superbly maintained covered bridge that crosses the Housatonic River into East Sharon, where we stopped for lunch at The Wandering Moose Cafe, literally steps from the covered bridge.

Moose was thankfully not on their menu, and we dined outside in the cloudy but pleasant weather. I spotted a nice burgundy 3-series parked across the street beside a very old building with the name "Toll House" boldly displayed above the door. This, I thought, was where the famous cookies must come from! But alas, no cookies for dessert, so we paid our check and headed on towards the old factory town of Torrington and then on to Simsbury and



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Tariffville. Fortunately, our route avoided Satan's Kingdom, which is along Route 44 just down the road from my hometown of New Hartford. As we used to say, "if you drive like hell through New Hartford, you'll end up in Satan's Kingdom!" But while we avoided that fate, we did catch the tail-end of Tropical Storm Andrea, and later that night, the monsoon rains arrived.

Turning in the LaCrosse at the airport the next day marked the end of our idyllic trip into a time and place that always reminds me of best friends, grandparents, Packards, and narrow, winding roads through the small towns, rivers, and lakes of what will always be "my home". I hope this story has taken you there for a short time, too.

*By Alan Greene*







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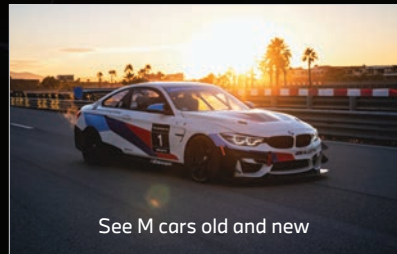
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# Summer 2022 M Club Day

## 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 **summer** event is on September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022 (one event)

### Next Steps

- Registration now open: [Summer 2022 Registration](#)
- [NJ-NCC 2022 ///M Club Day](#)

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



# Rally Round The Lake!

Bimmers Hunting For Fall, Food and Fun ...



- What: A fun “rally” around Jordan Lake sponsored by Hagerty Insurance. This will be a chance to enjoy some terrific country roads, experience the beauty of North Carolina lake country ... and (carefully) let loose your inner Kimi Raikkonen. Of course, after the driving adventure there will be a great lunch at a local culinary hot spot!
- When: Meet on Saturday, **September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 10:00am**. We’ll tour the facilities, have our drivers meeting and be on the road around 11am.
- Where: Departure from **Carolina Exotic Car Club**, 3107 Glen Royal Rd, Raleigh, NC 27617
- Objective: A great day, a chance to tour a great “museum of wheels”, some terrific new driving adventures, an awesome meal, a terrific chance to kick tires and some fascinating photo ops.
- Duration: Figure 4+ hours including driving.
- Contact Information: For details, connect with Rob McIsaac at [Raleigh.BMWCCA.Activities@gmail.com](mailto:Raleigh.BMWCCA.Activities@gmail.com) or 919-880-8012.







## TARHEEL CHAPTER 2022 CALENDAR

Date	Event	Location	Contact Information
Sept 10	Road Rally at Jordan Lake		Robert Mcisaac 919-880-8021 Raleigh.BMWCCA.Activities@gmail.com
Sept 10	The Great Balsam Run	Brevard, NC	Darin Kwasniewski dekwasniewski@yahoo.com
Sept 16-18	Tarheel Fall HPDS VIR	Alton, VA	Phil Antoine booflick@yahoo.com
Sept 23	BMW Foundation & Factory Tour	Greer, SC	Dave Hurwitz 704-399-1108 davehurwitz@earthlink.net
Sept 24,25	Tour to Tanglewood Bike Ride	Clemmons, NC	Tom Tice or Scott Meyer teticem3@gmail.com scottmeyer400@gmail.com
Oct 8	Slam to New Bern	New Bern, NC	Robert Mcisaac 919-880-8021 Raleigh.BMWCCA.Activities@gmail.com
Oct 16	Street Survival Salem Civic Center	Salem, VA	Scott Donaldson 540-953-2565 roanoke.tarheel.bmwcca@gmail.com
Oct 22, 23	Street Survival Raleigh Police Facility	Raleigh, NC	Phil Antoine booflick@yahoo.com
Oct 29,30	///M Day at Performance Center	Greer, SC	Robert Mcisaac 919-880-8021 Robert.Mcisaac@tarheelbmwcca.org
Nov 5	Bimmers Puttering to Pinehurst	Pinehurst	Robert Mcisaac 919-880-8021 Raleigh.BMWCCA.Activities@gmail.com
Dec 8,9	BimmerWorld CCA Club Race School	Roebing Road	Mike Hinkley clubracing@tarheelbmwcca.org
Dec 9-11	BMW/CCA Club Race VIR	Roebing Road	Mike Hinkley clubracing@tarheelbmwcca.org
Dec 17	VIR Charity Laps-Racing for Heros	Alton, VA	Robert Mcisaac 919-880-8021 Raleigh.BMWCCA.Activities@gmail.com

\* Not a Tarheel BMW CCA sponsored event

# Rockin' the House in Raleigh

The Disharmonious Birthday Tunes of the Bimmer Family



Our August dinner in The Triangle area offered a rollicking good time to all who came. Once again, our friends at the Farina Neighborhood Italian Restaurant put on a great experience for all of us as we more fully embrace the late pandemic times. The staff was set and ready to go, the AV equipment worked flawlessly, and the wine list was superb. All the foundational needs for a Big Date Night.

August can sometimes be a sleepy month with vacations and back-to-school planning top of mind for some. That certainly wasn't the case this time, however, as we had 15 Bimmers and 30 of the Bavarian faithful in attendance for a terrific culinary experience. Further proof that we are, in fact, a dining club with a driving problem.

Once we'd taken care of the food and beverage order, it was time to call the monthly festivities to a certain level of disorder! As we normally do, it was a 22 TARHEEL CHAPTER FOOTNOTES

chance to meet up with family and friends, introduce new folks, and rekindle old acquaintances. Beyond that, we also had a chance to walk through upcoming events, including some of the overnight adventures we're planning for 2023. In addition to a winery tour in January, and a chance to visit Charlottesville (VA) in May, we are looking to visit Mayberry (i.e., Mount Airy, NC) next October. As long as the Roundels are rolling, the fun here never stops!

We always celebrate someone's birthday at these dinners ... even if no one is actually having one. The chance to score a free dessert and to sing in disharmony is far too strong to pass up the chance to share some merriment. For August, however, we had someone whose actual birthday coincided with the dinner event! Who was the lucky soul who managed to pull this off? Well, oddly enough, it was me! It would have been bad form to sing to myself, of course, so my lovely wife/best

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friend/life navigator took on the mantle of responsibility. It was brilliant!

Once again, we managed to close the place down ... but not until the owner and manager both spent time with us sharing how much they appreciate our company. Hard to imagine a better way to enjoy a late summer evening! Drive on ...

*By Robert McIsaac*



## Fall 2022 M Club Day

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#### When:

- The **fall** event(s) are on October 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022 (two separate events)

#### Next Steps

- Registration now open: [Fall 2022 Registration](#)
- <https://www.motorsportreg.com/events/fall-2022-m-club-day-bmw-performance-center-east-cca-national-capital-613791>

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

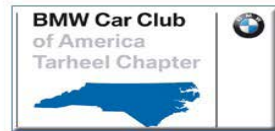


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# Slam to New Bern!



## The Birthplace of Pepsi ... and a Whole Lot More!

- What: An early fall adventure to visit New Bern, the colonial capital of NC. In addition to Tryon Palace, this is the birthplace of Pepsi ... and has fantastic shopping, eating and site seeing. This is a very family friendly place that has something for everyone ... of all ages. As the city marketing team says ... "Everything Comes Together Here!"
- When: Saturday, **October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 10am**
- Where: Departure from Farmhouse Café, 320 Vintage Point Ln, Wendell, NC 27591. This is just off of US-264 (Exit 427). Come any time after 9am for tire kicking and coffee drinking. Driver / navigator meeting at 9:50.
- Who: Rob Mclsaac is organizing the event.
- Objective: An opportunity to explore the shops, the sites, the food and the history of one of the crown jewels in NC's tourist spots. Lunch along the way.
- Duration: Figure 2 hours of driving each way ... plus stops. If we roll at 10, expect to be done by between 5 and 6.
- Contact Information: For details, connect with Rob Mclsaac at [Raleigh.BMWCCA.Activities@gmail.com](mailto:Raleigh.BMWCCA.Activities@gmail.com) or 919-880-8012.



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# Concours at the Encore in Wendell!

## Wendell Falls Car Show Features Special German Iron!



- What: A special car show scheduled for the residents of the Wendell Falls community in Wendell. This is the same community that hosts one of our favorite dining venues, the Farmhouse Café. Come on out and enjoy a lovely fall day, the ambiance of the local community and a chance to partake of some of Chef Patrick's finest culinary offerings.
- Awards will be given!
- When: Meeting at the Encore at Wendell Falls on Saturday, **October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022** at 9:00am. Come a little early for pre-event tire kicking and coffee! Event runs from 9-11am.
- Where: Encore at Wendell Falls Amenity Center, 705 Flower Manor Dr, Wendell, NC 27591
- Duration: Figure 3-4 hours including socializing and lunch.
- Contact Information: For details, connect with Alan Greene at [cagreene48@gmail.com](mailto:cagreene48@gmail.com) or Rob McIsaac at [Raleigh.BMWCCA.Activities@gmail.com](mailto:Raleigh.BMWCCA.Activities@gmail.com) / 919-880-8012.



# Bimmer Factory Tour!

## Greenville Offers Bimmers, Bimmers Everywhere



- What: An opportunity to tour the BMW factory in Greer, SC, as well as to tour the BMWCCA Foundation Museum. The factory is opened again (tickets required). Beyond that the CCA Museum is currently offering a special exhibit focused on the "Power of M", a celebration of their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
- Factory ticket [registration can be found here](#).
- When: Depart on Thursday, **December 8, 2022** at 9:00am. Come early for coffee at 8:30am!
- Where: Departure from Leith BMW, 5603 Capital Blvd, Raleigh, NC 27616
- Objective: A fun and enjoyable time away that offers great driving, terrific food and some fantastically interesting adventures.
- Where to Stay: Several good options including the AC Hotel (315 S Main St, Greenville, SC, 864-720-2950) and The Westin Poinsett (120 S Main St, Greenville, SC, 864-421-9700).
- Duration: Depart on Thursday (12/8) morning ... home on Saturday afternoon (12/10)
- Contact Information: For details, connect with Rob McIsaac at [Raleigh.BMWCCA.Activities@gmail.com](mailto:Raleigh.BMWCCA.Activities@gmail.com) or 919-880-8012.





# Cape Fear Winery, Hear We Come!

The Cork Room Beckons ... Fine Food For All Right Here ...



- What: A welcome to the new year by heading Down East to visit another NC jewel that is hiding in plain sight. Great drive to a terrific culinary experience at the winery by the lake. The dining club with a driving problem gets off to a brilliant start for '23.
- When: Saturday, **January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 10am**
- 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.
- Objective: A beautiful drive to a bucolic location Down East from The Triangle. A new adventure awaits around every corner.
- Duration: Figure 2 hours of driving each way ... plus stops. If we roll at 10, expect to be done by between 5 and 6.
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# 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:  
Time:

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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)

Contact Danny Miller for more information [mperforhttp://www.tarheelbmwcca.org](http://www.tarheelbmwcca.org)



mancelife@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 fra-  
serdick14@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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Call Mark in Pisgah Forest at 828-885-7747 or 414-322-1069.

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