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ON THE COVER:



Beach Bimmering!

The middle of May in North Carolina, after pollen season but prior to the true start of summer on Memorial Day, is the perfect time to head “down the shore” for an epic time in the sun and the surf. Not much is better than an early morning punctuated by strong coffee, the smell of salt air, and the opportunity to let the Atlantic’s surf swirl around your feet while soaking up the beauty of the Outer Banks..

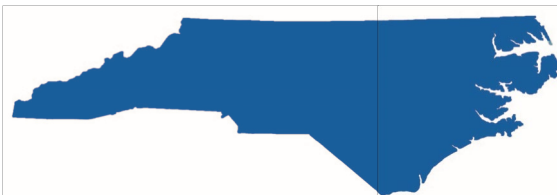
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MEMBERSHIP CORNER

This month, we’d like to give a warm Tarheel welcome to 42 new members and associate members in February and March. We had a slight increase in chapter membership to **2821!** 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!

**BMW Car Club of
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ON THE COVER:

An intrepid group of 20 Bimmer faithful made the trip this year, and none were disappointed. As always it seems our target venue was the Atlantis Lodge in the village of Pine Knoll Shores. One of the communities on Bogue Bank that time and hurricanes have only lightly touched, this is a place of comfort and nostalgia in equal measure. Still owned by the same family that started the project in 1963, Atlantis has been gradually updated over the years to feel a living example now of mid-century modern. Every room has a view of the surf and the soundtrack of wave action on the shore is mesmerizing.

Bogue Bank runs east to west, rather than north to south. If inclined, you can sit on the beach or a balcony and watch the sun rise to the left and set to the right. Heaven on earth seems an apt description.



The BMW's arrived on Thursday and Friday from all across the eastern part of The Old North State. The drive down east is a generally pretty one

with small towns punctuating the landscape. Our original goal was a lunchtime meet up at The Crab's Claw in Atlantic Beach, NC. The food was terrific, arriving to complement the entertainment provided by surfers and beach volleyball matches on a bright, sunny, day. Apparently, the staff at The Claw only had the vaguest of senses for weight on seafood. What was purported to be a pound of fresh shrimp was a "massive pile" that lasted for three meals. Good start on the culinary experiences!

The weather for this weekend was forecasted to be "mixed". Sunny at the start, ending in heavy rain. Undaunted of course we pressed on and, lo and behold, the rains never came. Perfectly delightful.



Each day on the trip offered new adventures to explore and drives to be had. Some went to Harker's Island and a chance to take the ferry out to Cape Lookout. Others went to the NC Aquarium. Moorhead City also was open to shopping and other explorations. At 6pm on Friday night, we all descended on Beaufort, NC, and dinner at Moonraker's. With a view of the water, with a myriad of boats passing, and the chance to see the famed wild horses of the coastal regions, this a place to be joyful and reflective, both. Fresh seafood, fine wine, and good friends are a powerful mix!

Back at the lodge, we tested out the new fire pit with our own guitar entertainment courtesy of Scott Morford. The music and a glass of Cabernet made for a perfect end to a wonderful day. Even one of the owners of the Atlantis came out to revel with us and warn of the rain coming on Saturday. At about this point we discovered that one of the owners of our favorite spots on Bogue Bank is also the proud owner of a 2019 BMW X3M40. He said “it just made me smile” to see a sea of Bimmers in the parking lot.



Saturday morning broke with lovely sunshine! More walking on the beach, more storytelling, and great breakfast options from the collective participants on the adventure. This turned out to be a “rinse and repeat” day with driving adventures and walks on the endless beaches available to everyone. A trip to the local seafood store to collect some of the day’s catch was needed to get set for our penultimate event ... dinner in the community room at the Atlantis Lodge. A little before 6pm we lit the Barbies and proceeded to make a wonderful meal of shrimp, burgers, pesto, hot dogs, and anything else our merry band wanted to contribute. It was an amazing meal.



And, just to add a finer point to the end of the evening, around 10pm it began to gently rain. A perfect ending to a wonderful day. It is hard to imagine it getting better than this!



Sunday offered a nice day to travel home, with light rain in the morning. Somehow that’s perfect too, since it makes the grieving over leaving a little less. Now it is time to plan for 2025. We can book rooms eleven months ahead of time, so get ready for it. Game on for another terrific adventure!

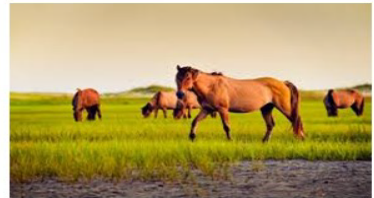
~Robert McIsaac

Beach Bimmers 2025!

Cruising the Southern OBX: Lighthouses, Wild Horses and More



- What: A three-day tour of North Carolina's amazing Southern Outer Banks (SOBX) to explore Beaufort, The Shackleford Banks, Cape Lookout, Fort Macon and the delights of Bogue Banks. Salt air, seafood, historic sites and sand between our toes!
- When: Departure on Thursday, May 15th. Return on Sunday the 18th. Departing from the Harris Teeter, 67 Flowers Xrds Wy, Clayton, NC 27527 **at 10am. Coffee at 9:30pm.**
- Hotel this time will provide a base of operations from which we'll travel the area. The targeted hotel is the Atlantis Lodge, 123 Salter Path Road, Atlantic Beach, NC 28512. **Call (252-726-5168) to make your own reservations!** Rooms may be scarce, so the backup is the Alice Hotel, across the street at 118 Salter Path Rd, Pine Knoll Shores, NC (252-247-5118)
- Objective: Great drives, awesome sightseeing and some terrific seafood! Boat cruises around Beaufort, a visit to Cape Lookout and time with NC's famous wild horses!
- Contact Information: For details, connect with Rob McIsaac at Raleigh.BMWCCA.Activities@gmail.com or 919-880-8012.
- Drive Registration: <https://ews.bmwcca.org/sign/01hy9853mt4ppfff70b63jmpfw/waiver-select>



An Invitation Only Event! Limited Seats

Hendrick Motorsports Museum / Garage Tour

A Very Special Event Courtesies of Haggerty Insurance



- What: August may be hot in NC, but this event is hotter! Thanks to our friends at Haggerty Insurance, Hendrick Motorsports has invited us to a "by invite only" tour of the museum and shops outside of Charlotte. For the tour, there will be a \$25 per person donation to Mr. Hendrick's charity.
- When: Depart on **Friday, August 23, 2024** at 8:30am. Come early for coffee at 8:00am!
- Where: Departure from **McDonald's 36 Lowes Dr, Pittsboro, NC 27312**
- Objective: Let's Go Racin'! Back into a historic museum experience.
- Lunch: At Charlotte Motor Speedway
- Duration: Figure 10-12 hours including driving.
- Contact Information: For details, connect with Rob McIsaac at Raleigh.BMWCCA.Activities@gmail.com or 919-880-8012.



Rick Hendrick's Heritage Museum

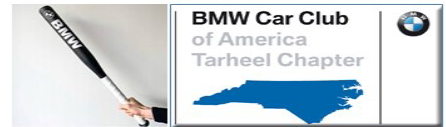


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Jun 8,9	Trip to Back of Dragon	Abingdon, VA	Bob Atkinson		bobatkinson601@gmail.com
Jun 15	Bimmers and Baseball	Durham, NC	Robert McIsaac	919-880-8021	Raleigh.BMWCCA.Activities@gmail.com
Jun 21-23	Tarheel Summer HPDS	VIR Alton, VA	Phil Antoine		booflick@yahoo.com
Aug 23	Tour Hendrick's Private Car Museum	Charlotte, NC	Robert McIsaac		919-880-8021
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Aug 23-25	Corral at IMSA Race	VIR Alton, VA	Brenda Dunlevy	336-996-3149	bedunlevy@icloud.com
Sept 13-15	Tarheel Fall HPDS	VIR Alton, VA	Phil Antoine		booflick@yahoo.com
Sept 21-22	Tour to Tanglewood 2024	Clemmons, NC	Tom Tice	336-207-4127	teticem3@gmail.com
Oct 3-6	BMW CCA Club Race	VIR Alton, VA	Mike Hinkley		Register on MotorsportReg.com
Oct 10-13	Weekend in NC Winecountry	Winston-Salem	Robert McIsaac	919-880-8021	Raleigh.BMWCCA.Activities@gmail.com
Oct 26,27	///M Day at Performance Center	Greer, SC	Robert McIsaac	919-880-8021	Robert.McIsaac@tarheelbmwcca.org
Dec 12-13	BimmerWorld CCA Club Race	School	Roebling Road	Mike Hinkley	Register on
MotorsportReg.com					
Dec 13-15	BMW CCA Club Race	Roebling Road	Mike Hinkley		Register on MotorsportReg.com
Dec 10, 11	Advanced ///M School, Thermal Club	Palms Springs, CA	Robert McIsaac		919-880-8021
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* Not a Tarheel BMW CCA sponsored event					

Bimmers and Baseball!

A June Date With the Durham Bulls ...



- What: Baseball is a wonderful American pastime, anywhere. But it simply amazing when you can do it with the Durham Bulls at their beautiful stadium downtown.
- When: Depart on Saturday, **June 15, 2024** at **1:30pm**. Come early for the meetup at 1pm!
- Where: Departure from Leith BMW, 5603 Capital Blvd, Raleigh, NC 27616.
- Objective: A spirited country drive, a great meal, and baseball under the lights ... all on one perfect June afternoon / evening! We plan on sitting in **Section 203** which is under the overhang and out of the sun.
- Details: We will leave Leith at 1:30 sharp, and have a drive to arrive in Durham around 3pm. Then a nice meal at the American Tobacco Campus. After that, we'll walk over to the Durham Bulls Athletic Park for an outstanding time sitting under the awning, and the lights, for some amazing AAA baseball action.
- Contact Information: This is being organized by Denis Kingberg For details, connect with Jim Heavey. Feel free to contact Jim at jdheavey@aol.com or Rob McIsaac (919-880-8012) at Raleigh.BMWCCA.Activities@gmail.com.



East Fall 2024 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 (\$795 / 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 the past. 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 **fall** event in the **east** is on October 26th and 27th, 2024 (two separate events) in Greer, SC.

Next Steps

- Registration now open: <https://www.motorsportreg.com/events/fall-2024-m-club-day-bmw-performance-center-east-cca-national-capital-635632>

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/>



West Fall 2024

Advanced M School



Big Fun @ BMW Performance Center West Near Palm Springs

What, Where and When:

- The National Capital and M Chapters are back for an Advanced ///M School at the Performance Center West / Thermal Club on December 10-11, 2024. Located just outside of Palm Springs, CA, this venue features the BMW Performance Center facility and three premier racing circuits at the beautiful Thermal Motorsports Club.
- This special NCC / M Chapter event will provide participants the chance to drive the latest BMW ///M cars at this world-class facility. The price (\$3,990 / person) covers the training sessions ... and the use of current model ///M Cars for the event. Best of all perhaps, is the opportunity to have a great learning and driving experience while using someone else's Gas, Tires and Oil! This is a single two-day event.
- Drivers for this event must have attended a previous BMW Performance Center M School or M Club Day in order to qualify for entry into this event.

Next Steps

- Registration now open: <https://www.motorsportreg.com/events/ncc-m-advanced-school-thermal-club-bmw-cca-national-capital-driving-schools-541030>

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/>



Open House at Vintage Moto USA Hits all the Right Notes

More than a year's worth of planning culminated in the first ever Airhead Open House for BMWs at the Vintage Moto USA shop in Clayton, NC, on May 4. Hats and helmets off to owner RJ Wiggins and team for hosting such a terrific event for knowledge sharing, tire kicking, relationship building, and planning for the future.

The event was really to celebrate all things BMW, with both Beemers and Bimmers well represented. A grand time was had by all.



One of the realities in the world of motorsports is that the knowledge required to keep those Roundels spinning is accessible through a declining number of people whose hair is graying. Or thinning. Or both. Part of the hope for this event was to rally support for those experts who happen to be with us in Central NC. Another was to show RJ that there's a community of people here who value his efforts to transfer some of that knowledge into a group of enthusiastic, younger, individuals with mechanical skills. Mission accomplished.

Things got swinging on Friday night when eight of the faithful gathered for a great Mexican dinner in Clayton. Humorously, the number of Virginians at the

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dinner equaled the Carolinians, framing the importance of the support related issues. Phil Marx, a longtime BMWMOA and BMWCCA member was the first to arrive from Charlottesville, VA, securing both dinner and the long-distance rider award. Great start.

A sobering reality is that one thing we had no control over was the weather. It had been a beautiful week leading up to our event, but the Saturday forecast called for a 50% chance of rain. The show must go on of course. And, while it rained west of us, and south of us, and east of us, it stayed dry at the venue site for the whole day. Clearly, better to be lucky than good. When I rolled in the coffee was already hot and Kim Thomas secured a stash from Dunkin' Donuts, which was a very promising start. Scott Binford and Tex Long were already busy getting the parking lot and swap meet logistics worked out.

In an omen of things to come, the shop stereo was blasting the Dire Straits classic "Sultans of Swing". Nothing could have been better than Mark Knopfler's guitar riffs at that moment. I particularly like the lyric "They said an old guitar is all, he can afford ... When he gets up under the lights to play his thing". Personally, I just prefer the old kit!

The skies stayed cloudy, which kept the temps down, as the participants started to roll in. The first Beemer to arrive was a lovely R90S. First Bimmer was a slightly newer, but equally delightful 535. The Bavarian Bash was underway.

About this time, we got a congratulatory note from renowned BMW designer Hans Muth in Stuttgart, wishing us well. Perfect since his handiwork is so well represented at meetups like this one.

The local Airheads chapter arrived with their portable living room, providing sofas and shade for those who wanted to rest a spell. The local Boy Scouts troop arrived to help coordinate parking and offer

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sustenance. They were both welcome additions to the party.

Shortly after that the German Food truck owned by Jake Wolf appeared. Soon the schnitzel and pretzels were flowing, along with some epic bratwurst.

Since this is a German themed gathering, hardly a surprise that we tried to stick to a schedule. On cue at 11am we kicked off a panel discussion with Tony Bohannon and Ted Holtaway. RJ Wiggins and I joined the discussion and based on some quick math we had about two centuries worth of knowledge to tap into! It was a great and wide-ranging discussion that touched on tires, tubes, gasoline preferences, restoration tips, maintenance recommendations, and clear “don’t do this” horror stories. When you get a group like that together, you realize that no matter what issue you are grappling with, the answer is somewhere in the room.



After that it was back to the food truck. Ironically Jake Wolf, also known as “the Wandering Wolf”, is the proud owner of an R69S. He promises to bring that out one of these days.

Winning the long distance in a four wheeled vehicle award were the dynamic duo of Todd and Laura Trumbore, who joined us from Harleysville, PA. They were the gracious hosts for the 100th Anniversary of BMW Motorrad event last September. Apparently, the lawn is still recovering from having 250 guests for a long weekend that featured the untimely arrival of a Nor’easter. Good times to be sure! Todd clearly enjoyed the swap meet as he loaded up on bits and pieces for some future project.

And then the band started to play. RJ found a local group who clearly get the whole concept of “Southern Rock”. They provided the perfect soundtrack for us as we kicked tires, shared stories, told a few lies, and doubled down on Diet Pepsi.

I had a great time swapping yarns about my own 1979 R100RS. This is a survivor bike that we are 10 months or so into preserving. The original owner, who put the first 100,000 miles on her clock, is alive and well in Pennsylvania. While health issues keep him from riding now, he is sharp as a tack and has been gracious in sharing her “war stories”, including the time they drove the Al-Can Highway to Alaska. And how he damaged the oil pan fins in an off-road incident in Arizona, which led to a fascinating inscription on the oil pan!

Of course, all good things must come to an end and to play us out the band rolled into an epic rendition of Whipping Post from the Allman Brothers Band. Duane Allman and Dicky Betts, along with their mates, released that song shortly after a 2002 arrived in my dad’s garage ... and 4 years before an R90/6 magically appeared. It was the perfect song to cap the day. “Sometimes I feel ...” is such a great line. In reality, as we cleaned up, all I could really feel was gratitude for all the work so many people put into

this. And appreciation for all the beautiful machinery that came out for the day. And joy for folks who came from NC, SC, VA, and PA to help us pull off something we had never done before. And appreciation to the Vintage BMW Motorcycle Owners, Airheads, BMWMOA, BMWCCA, and Hagerty Insurance for their support. To borrow a classic movie line, we haven't had enough ... and we are thirsting for more.

An hour after I got home, the heavens opened. That seemed to be a perfect capstone on what had been a terrific day. The first note I got on the day after was "should we do a postmortem to start getting ready for next year?". Yes, indeed we should. Rock on ...

~Robert McIsaac



BMW CCA Car Corral and Hospitality Tent Michelin GT Challenge at VIR August 23-25, 2024



Take Some Hot Laps at VIR and Get A Chance to Win A One-Day Track Event!

The gang from the BMW Performance Center will be wowing the crowd and blowing passengers' minds in the latest ///M cars from BMW - don't miss your chance to win a Hot Lap! They will also be giving away a One-Day Track Event to one lucky winner!

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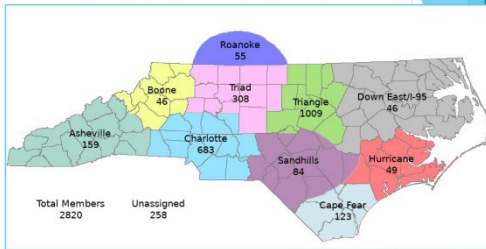
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50th Anniversary Tarheel Banquet and Annual Meeting Leith BMW Raleigh April 27, 2024

On April 27 the Tar Heel Chapter of the BMWCCA came together to celebrate all that has been accomplished over the past year, and to look forward at all the excitement that is to come. For what some have called “a dining club with a driving problem”, this was clearly heavy on the former and light on the latter ... until the presentations got started. Then it was all about the wide array of options available for enjoying the BMW community.

The Tar Heel Chapter Is On The Map!



It starts, of course, with a big THANK YOU to our host for the evening, Sean Beach, the GM at Leith BMW in Raleigh. Sean is a huge supporter of the CCA, and clearing out the showroom and parking lot for us was no small task. It was greatly appreciated by the Bavarian faithful, who numbered around 70 by the time the green flag for dinner was waved. A wonderful turnout from all across the Old North State.

President Paul Dunlevy got things kicked off with news and an update on the club. The state of the BMWCCA in NC is clearly very good, with a wide selection of interesting things available for people to enjoy. As he noted, this is all about the volunteer work, noting that it takes many driving gloves to

keep things humming for the club. We have weathered the challenges of recent years well, with stable membership and finances. As we look into the future, we clearly have a strong and stable foundation to build from.

April Curtis was our MC for the evening, and continued the discussions around critical performance-oriented activities which are the heart of the club for many members. The track days and HPDE events keep the more high-spirited among us fully engaged with opportunities to hone skills and quench competitive thirsts. We are fortunate indeed to be able to call Virginia International Raceway a “home away from home”. Having one of the most technical racetracks in all the country in our backyard is a delightful thing to behold.

April also noted that this is the club’s 50th year and shared some of the back story of its founding by 15 intrepid souls back in March of 1974. What a long yet wonderful journey it has been. My own involvement with the BMW world dates back a little further to the day my father picked up a new “2002” in the spring of 1971. That was a stunning moment of performance driving which continues to this day. The Force is strong with these glorious machines.

We also had a panel discussion which featured Q&A with both Sean Beach of Leith BMW and Dan Connor owner of the Bimmer Performance Center. Setting aside a friendly rivalry, they shared great insights into the future and support world for BMW. Both of these organizations provide amazing ongoing assistance to the club, again reflected in their contribution of insights and door prizes. We are beyond fortunate to have them in our community.

The discussion was wide ranging, including an exploration of EV’s, the ongoing care and feeding of vintage Bimmers, and the mix of vehicles in the new car sales stats. Whether you’re driving an E21 or an EV, both organizations are poised for future support.

The questions were wide ranging and diverse, with a highlight being Dan's young son asking, "how fast does your race car go?". That was a perfect father / son moment, perhaps only surpassed when Tommy found his dad's picture in a recent Roundel magazine. Priceless moment!

One telling thing about changing times is that some dealerships for other brands have rigid windows about what they will and won't work on. More than 10 years old, in some instances, means that an owner is simply "out of luck". Not so for Leith BMW who continues to take on vintage and new work. Conversely the BPC as an independent shop does too, ensuring that we will have great support options into the future.

Phil Antione shared more details on HPDE and related programs. We have a full agenda for '24, and he reiterated the point that volunteer support is absolutely critical.

April Curtis gave an overview of Tarheel Chapter's participation in BMW CCA Club Racing. The event at Roebbling Road, in December last year, drew 48 racers and 3 successful grads of the Club Racing School. At VIR March 2024, 85 racers came out. The Club Racing School attracted 22 students, with 5 graduating and joining the field. We are excited about a new event on the Club Racing calendar this October. We will be racing as part of the SVRA/Trans Am event, October 3-6. Tarheel Chapter provides two of the Club Racing stewards – Tom Tice, RULES; Joe Marko, SAFETY.

Jon Strine provided an update on membership in the club. Ours remains stable, with more than 2,800 members state-wide. While a bit lower than our absolute peak, this is really a strong result when many clubs are struggling for membership and support. The many hands of volunteers make for a virtuous cycle in this regard. Many different types of events ensure that there's a slice of the BMW schnitzel to fit just about anyone's appetite!

Rob McIsaac provided an update on other localized events from around the state. Each of our 10 areas offer distinct activities off the track, highlighting the target rich environment of things "hiding in plain sight" that we are graced with. From Biltmore in the west to the Outer Banks in the east, we simply won't outrun a target rich environment!

April then handed the hot mic over to Dwayne Mosley who offered a bit of his own perspective on things happening in the club, including at the National level. He then proceeded to present the prestigious "Friend of the BMWCCA" award to Rob McIsaac. As Dwayne noted, this is the highest award conferred by the club in recognition of support and service to our goals. It was a delightful way to put an exclamation point behind a terrific evening program. And was, of course, very much appreciated.

Ray Korman provided his own take on all things BMW. Ray has been associated with BMW for 60 years now, going back to USAF days. He shared some great memories from the early days, including how Bimmers were so rare that drivers would flash headlights at each other when they'd pass on the road. Ray, of course, went on to a storied racing career of his own. Meanwhile, his independent shop near Greensboro remains one of the penultimate places to go for restorations and other work. In a nice "small world" story, Ray's team did the restoration of my own father's last BMW for me, a lovely 1984 E30 / 325e.

That car now has 40 years and 267,000 miles on her clock. In other words, the perfect metaphor for our ... plenty of great memories and experience, barely broken in, and always ready for a new adventure. Life truly is better in a Bimmer. Time to "rock on"!

~Robert McIsaac



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for hosting our 50th Anniversary Annual Banquet/Meeting
April 27, 2024.

Also, **THANK YOU** to the following supporters for their
generosity in donating the door prizes for our event.

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Happy Anniversary!
Fifty is Nifty ...



- ▶ The Tarheel Chapter was started when a small group of BMW enthusiasts met on March 17, 1974. Their vision was ambitious - to be a drivers' club serving BMW fans across North Carolina.
- ▶ They assembled the 15 signatures required to form a chapter, and the rest is history.
- ▶ The past 50 years have seen us grow and develop into a highly active, diverse and financially stable organization. A major factor in achieving this is our varied activities program. It includes a highly successful, well-attended HPDS series, featuring three schools a year at our home track, the world-class 3.27-mile Virginia International Raceway (VIR), car control clinics, driving tours throughout the state especially along the Outer Banks and in the Smoky Mountains, social gatherings and special events such as Corrals at our Club Races and other Sports Car Races at VIR.
- ▶ Among those charter members were: Tom & Mary Fawcett, Alex Hobbs, David Kriegsmann, Craig & Nancy Newby, Ron & Cher Silver, Stan Simm, Larry Sifin and Phil Williamson.

Tomato Pie Night in North Carolina ... Tar Heel Bimmers Find a Hidden Gem in Franklin County

One of the greatest parts of being part of the BMW community in North Carolina is the ongoing opportunities for driving adventures that involve getting lost, so one can get found again. Another is looking for special places that are really hiding in plain sight, but which only those who have a special sense for adventure will be able to both find and enjoy with friends.

And so, it was on June 1st when a group of 34 of the Roundel Faithful, in approximately 18 Bimmers, went on a truly special trek forever to be known as the “Tomato Pie Night Adventure”. An epic time was had by all.



The backstory here is that about 6-7 years ago, my girlfriend Abbe and I learned of Lynch Creek Farm and its owner, Bob Radcliffe, through a work colleague. Little did we know what to expect on that very first visit, opening us to a new dimension of pizza, known locally as “Tomato Pie.” Needless to say, we’ve been “hooked” on Bob’s special recipe ever since! He runs a non-profit called the Ben Franklin Society, which benefits the homeless and

underprivileged in Franklin County, NC. All proceeds raised from his “pie nights” and other group events are directed to this noble cause.



In the spirit of our group theme of being a “dining club with a driving problem,” we framed the idea of hosting an event there with our local BMWCCA “Area” group. Bob was excited, as was the group, which led to a delightful cruise from Wake Forest out to the farm near the small town of Kittrell. With all the planning done, all we really needed was good weather to make it the perfect expedition and, fortunately, Mother Nature provided the perfect backdrop. At the appointed hour, we rolled out for driving adventures in the bucolic countryside north of the RTP region.



It was indeed a great trip, venue and dinner. The weather was absolutely picture-perfect. With the temps in the mid-70's and not a cloud to be seen in the Carolina blue skies, it was the ideal day to avoid using the air conditioning! Windows were in the down and locked positions and anyone with a drop-top took advantage of the opportunity for some open-air motoring. Amazingly, it seemed like the insects, which can be pretty active this time of year, took the evening off which made for some clean grill motoring and an avoidance of annoyance while enjoying the picnic style dinner.

We used one of my favorite bicycling routes to get there, although by the time the first stop sign was encountered half the group was MIA. Over time with a few more cross-traffic stop signs, which once cleared created a new "catch-up" issue, that of being stuck behind law-abiding citizens. Alas, the joys of caravan driving! In any case, all roads "lead to Rome" as long as you have GPS! So, once again, we all got to the right place at more or less the same time but arriving from various points on the compass. It isn't a great drive if you haven't been lost at least once. Blowing a turn and finding a new way to get somewhere is all part of the fun!



If you didn't know exactly where to turn you could easily miss the venue, tucked away in the trees off Rocky Ford Road. The log cabin was set up for service, with tables inside and on the screened deck

overlooking Lynch Creek. Bob was making his pizzas outside in the matching cabin/outbuilding and wood-fired oven, which came in with the help of his staff in waves, so everyone enjoyed food and conversations. The pizzas were freeform delights of high gluten flour, Bob's home-made, tomato sauce with ripe tomatoes, fresh basil the size of spinach leaves, mushrooms, peppers and just a hint of his home-made sausage sprinkled in. The Club group was about half new members, and half veterans, who gladly imparted their knowledge of the back road wanderings of the Roundel kind, seeking out the hidden gems of the North Carolina countryside. The event was so well received that this has already been requested as a place for a return visit in 2025! Much like some of our other semi-secret culinary get-aways, this spot is certainly a "keeper" to be visited again and again.



If you find that you'd like to visit again before 2025, feel free to subscribe to Bob's newsletter (see website URL below), where he socializes upcoming events. The next "Pie Night" is scheduled for July 20, 2024, which will also have music entertainment.

Website URL: www.lynchcreek.com

By Denis Kingberg



Tarheel BMWCCA Charlotte Area II Invites you come with us
TO THE BACK OF THE DRAGON + THE MARTHA
Check Your Schedule June 8-June 9, 2024
Charlotte to Abington, Va.

- It has been about six years since we did this adventure, come join us.
- Plan to join us, make your reservations at The Martha ASAP, we could not arrange a room block
 - <http://www.themartha.com/>
 - 150 West Main Street, Abington, VA 24210
 - 276-628-3161
- Detailed trip information, is attached to this announcement
- Special Attractions
 - Barter Theater Saturday Night
 - <https://bartertheatre.com/>.
 - Our trip is limited to 20 cars
- **RSVP** to Bob Atkinson at bobatkinson601@gmail.com
- Your planning team, Mary Marshall, Richard Daugherty, and Bob Atkinson

LOCAL SCENE

ASHEVILLE AREA DINNER

Date: Last Tuesday each month Time: 6:30pm
Where: Different Location Each Month
All BMW marques are welcome (cars, motorcycles, Mini, Rolls, etc.).
For more information, contact Chris Joyner at ashevilletarheelbmwcca@fastmail.com.

CAPE FEAR AREA

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 (Near Carolina Place Mall)
(704) 540-7047
We're still hanging out at 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 DINNER

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 DINNER

NONE SCHEDULED AT THIS TIME

HURRICANE AREA DINNER

NONE SCHEDULED AT THIS TIME

NORTHERN MOUNTAIN AREA DINNER

Date: 2nd Wednesday each month Time: 6:30 p.m.
Where: Basil's Restaurant. (828) 386-4066
246 Wilson Dr Boone, NC 28607
Cost: Only what you eat and drink. Contact John Cochrane (jgcochrane1968@gmail.com) or Mike Langley (michaelrlangley@aol.com) A fun gathering of BMW friends for discussion of all things car related.

ROANOKE AREA DINNER

Date: 2nd Tuesday each month Time: 6:00p.m.
Where: To be announced each month by email.
For more information, contact Scott Donaldson at roanoke.tarheel.bmwcca@gmail.com.

SANDHILLS AREA DINNER

NONE SCHEDULED AT THIS TIME

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: 6:00 p.m.
Where: Driftwood Cantina
Please contact Robert McIsaac for more information at triangle.bmwcca.activities@gmail.com

TRIANGLE AREA DINNER (CHAPEL HILL)

NONE SCHEDULED AT THIS TIME

SUCH A DEAL

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BMW CARS FOR SALE:

1988 BMW e30 M3 Track/Race car

One owner since 1998. Could race to BMW CR standards, with minor updates. (Nets/harnesses). Was successful DMod car until converted to use for driving schools. Now powered by 6cyl M52B28 motor with e36 drivetrain, Blanton Diff . Many many good upgrades and very reliable for track use. 102,455 miles. Contact for photos, details. Scott Meyer scottmeyer400@gmail.com (828) 885-5138

BMW PARTS FOR SALE:

HRE FlowForm FF01 7 spoke mesh wheels

Liquid Silver color. Fronts are 19x8.5 ET30. Rears are 19x10 ET40. Wheels are in very good-excellent condition and are \$2,900 new. Tires are Michelin Pilot Sport 4S.

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Fronts are 235/40R19. Rears are 265/35R19. They were new last May for \$1,328.84 and have very low miles. Only parting with these because I have sold my 2015 BMW 435ix.

Call Mark in Pisgah Forest at 828885-7747 or 414-322-1069. **e90 M3**

Schroth Racing Harness,

4 point attachment, uses stock mounting for an easy install. Only used 6 times, but date code is 2015, so may not work for a racing application, but great for a track car or street car while on the track. Belts remove easily and stock seat belts remain functional.

Retail value over \$400, my price \$200 plus shipping. JGCo chrane1968@gmail.com

B2 open face helmet size XL, SNELL

2020 rated, so good for an additional 8 years +/- . Used only once, paid \$225, selling for \$125 plus shipping. White with a black lining, check it out at B2Helmets.com, or I can send a picture. JGCochrane1968@gmail.com

Style 89 wheels, fully refinished in chrome to new condition. 19". Front, 9" and Rear, 10". Bolt 5x120. These wheels were an option for the E65 7 Series but will fit other BMW's (I advise you to verify). I planned to put them on my Z8, but spacers were required. They will fit! Email for pictures. \$1,600 obo. Local pick up in Charlotte, I'll consider short delivery distance, or buyer to pay for shipping. smiley.w.michael@gmail.com

Tires for Sale, 2 new and 2 used

Continental 225/40 R 19 Run Flats taken off a 2019 430iX Gran Coup. These tires are stored in a garage and are available for pickup in Lynchburg, VA. **\$300.00 OBO.**

Contact Fred Gallagher at 434-6651277 or dgalagher3636@comcast.net.

E30 325is 14" Basketweave Wheels

2015 X5 Owner's Manual etc. in the original glove box folio. Free for pickup in the Thomasville, NC area. Email : witsenddlw@aol.com David Williams **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. (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

<http://www.tarheelbmwcca.org>

END GAME

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Beach entertainment courtesy of Scott Morford

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

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