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ON THE COVER:

Running of the Bulls, Durham



Each Father's Day weekend, in much the same way that Earnest Hemingway described events in Spain, the Triangle Area of the BMW CCA enjoys its own adventures with the bulls. Hemingway went to Pamplona to experience the life and times of the matadors in 1923, which provided the foundation for his epic tale in "The Sun Also Rises".

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MEMBERSHIP CORNER

This month, we'd like to give a warm Tarheel welcome to 40 new members and associate members in July. This was a small increase in total chapter membership up to 2995! 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 America Tarheel Chapter



ON THE COVER:

Our version is a bit different, although 1923 plays a role for us too, given it was the year BMW was founded as a company. And, of course, our local heroes are the Durham Bulls, stars of “The Greatest Show on Dirt”.

Appreciating that we roll to, rather than run with, the bulls also factors into the planning for the day. As with many of our events, we met up at Leith BMW to kick some tires, tell some stories, and organize for the upcoming festivities. All told we had 40 of the Bimmer faithful registered for the main event.

The cars ranged across the pantheon of BMW models and years. A variety of M, Z, and X cars made for a fine parade when we headed out of Raleigh and toward the welcome embrace of the Bull City. Traffic was light and the weather perfect. Warm temps, low humidity, and bright sun were ideal for a game to be played under the lights.

Jim and Donna Heavey do the heavy lifting to organize this annual ritual of Bimmerdom. This year, in addition to calling for the aforementioned perfect weather, they struck a deal for us to enjoy one of the box seats behind home plate. This is brilliant!



Comfortable seats, air conditioning if you want it, spotless restrooms, and a mountain of high-quality food

that encourages prolonged grazing well into the games middle innings. Corned beef, fish ‘n chips, dogs, burgers, and popcorn ensure a well-balanced meal. And yes, there were appropriate libations to ensure that no one suffered a parched throat while running to keep up with our Bulls.



In truth there wasn’t much running as it settled into a pitchers’ duel. The Bulls and visiting Giant Shrimp, from Jacksonville, went through the game in record time. Few runs, few hits, no errors. That meant no lighting of the Bull to celebrate a home run.

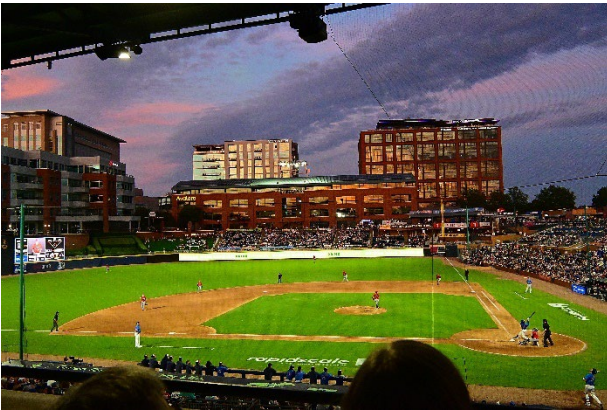


A clear highlight in all of this is that the Bulls have now employed a dog named Champ, to play the role of bat boy or bat girl in the game’s early innings. Basically, once a play is over and things are clear at home plate, Champ races out of the dugout and runs down the bat. He then dutifully grabs it in his mouth and trots back to the home team with it. It brings a whole new meaning to “walk softly and carry a big

stick”. The crowd seems to lose its collective mind each time Champ does his thing.



Sadly, in the end, the home team went down to a 2-1 loss as the Mighty Shrimp ended things with a string of strikeouts from a very talented closer.



No matter. Just part of the game.

And then the penultimate moment came as the fireworks cart arrived. On a pleasant, dark, evening the lights on the stadium went down low and the sounds of “Journey” amped up. Then, on cue, the place erupted with a stunning show of light and sound. The crackle of the fireworks, the wafting aroma of the black powder,

the brilliant flashes of light, and the shaking of the ground, were all fantastic.



They really do put on an amazing show. By the time it was over the crowd was cheering madly, almost as if we’d won the game.



Actually, since there were a lot of Hurricane fans in the place, the loss seemed pretty trivial. Still reveling in our recent Stanley Cup win, I imagine.

All too soon it was time to saddle up again and head for home. A wonderful time was had by all. And maybe, just maybe, our home team heroes will win next year! And that’s no Bull.

~by Robert McIsaac

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Aug 21-23	Corral at IMSA Race VIR	Alton, VA	Registration will be on VIR website		
Sept 10	Bimmers to Blue Ridge Region	Valle Crucis, NC	Robert Mcisaac	919-880-8021	Raleigh.BMWCCA.Activities@gmail.com
Sept 12-13	BMW CCA Club Race at CMP	Kershaw, SC		Registration on MotorsportReg	
Sept 15	Back of the Dragon	Marion, VA	Scott Donaldson	540-953-2565	roanoke.tarheel.bmwcca@gmail.com
Sept 19	Spirited Mountain Drive	Little Switzerland, NC	Dave Hurwitz		Text Dave Hurwitz to register (704 399-1108)
Sept 26-27	Tour to Tanglewood Charity Bike Ride	Clemmons, NC	Tom Tice		336-207-4127
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Oct 2-4	Tarheel Fall HPDS VIR	Alton, VA	Dylan Vassily -Gilbert Reynolds		tarheelbmwregistrar@gmail.com
Oct10-11	Tire Rack Street Survival	Raleigh, NC			https://streetsurvival.org/
Oct 17	Bimmers Cruising to Creedmore	Creedmore, NC	Robert Mcisaac		919-880-8021
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Oct 31-Nov 1	Fall ///M Club Day	Greer, SC	Robert Mcisaac	919-880-8021	Raleigh.BMWCCA.Activities@gmail.com
Nov 7	Bimmers "Racing" to Elizabethtown	Elizabethtown, NC	Robert Mcisaac		919-880-8021
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Nov 20	Charity Laps at VIR	Alton, VA	https://virnow.com/charity-laps/		
Dec 10-11	BimmerWorld CCA Club Race School	Roebbling Road	Peter Kamarchik		
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Dec 10-13	BMW CCA Club Race	Roebbling Road	John Alemanni		bmwccatarheelracechair@gmail.com

BMW CCA Car Corral and Hospitality Tent Michelin GT Challenge at VIR

August 21-23, 2026

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!

Piles of Partner Prizes, Plus Two Chances to Win An HPDE!

The BMW CCA Corral has the best prizes in our daily lunchtime raffle, with two of the top prizes being a gift certificate to an HPDE Weekend with the Tarheel Chapter or the National Capital Chapter (\$450+ value each).

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Catered Lunch and Refreshments - Closed-Circuit TV Race Feed - Q&A Sessions With Teams - Parade Laps

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Ramblin' Roadsters!

**A rose by any other name would smell as sweet
– William Shakespeare**

It is a formula as old as motor cars themselves. Take the smallest format for a vehicle possible, insert the largest engine you can, refine the suspension, and viola! You have lightning in a bottle. For those of a certain age this idea evokes memories of such storied vehicles as the Shelby Cobra and the Sunbeam Tiger. In both instances a competent and capable British roadster gave up engines which were modest on their best days and discovered what real excitement is when an American small block V8 provides the motivation. Luxury and refinement are not on the menu, of course, but a serious case of sudden euphoria is certain to result. Octane therapy rarely felt so good.

BMW is not immune to this formulation of course. Take a tremendously competent sedan in the form of the 1602, pop in the engine from the big sedan, and the instantly iconic 2002 emerges. The Car & Driver article from 1968 by David E. Davis Jr., entitled "Turn Your Hymnals to 2002" remains a page turner. More recent alchemy experiments from Munich include the 1M and the original M2. Small platforms and big power turn every trip into an opportunity to go apex hunting,



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Part of the demise of the classic British sports cars, including MG's and Triumph's, was driven (pun intended) by the BMW sedans of the 1960s and 1970s. Why mess around with funky tops, side curtain windows, and questionable electrics, when the nice folks in Bavaria concocted a formulation of better performance, greater reliability, and heaters that actually worked. Game over.

Except that it wasn't. The Morgan Motor Company has continued to labor along in a small shop on the same ground where they were founded in 1909. The original cars grew from 3-wheelers with tillers for steering into proper 4-wheeled sports cars that were unique, quirky, beautiful, and available in very limited numbers. They have always been built in the town of Malvern, nestled in the hills of the same name, not far from Birmingham. The vehicles continue to this day to use construction techniques that date back to the time before Henry Ford's production lines. While the actual frames have always been metal, they build the bodies around wooden framing that looks more like furniture or boat making than something for the motorways. Around the lovely ash frames, aluminum body panels are hand crafted and unique to each car. The classic hood louvers are hand punched in the bonnets (read: hoods) as they emerge from the workshop.

While Ford's mantra was "you can have any color you want so long as it is black", Morgan now operates with the philosophy that "if you can dream it, we will build it". By hand. As a labor of love. Slowly. On a recent visit to the factory, we were told that every Morgan is built to order and when all the option permutations are considered, there are around a trillion variations possible. A visit to the factory is a bit like getting lost in a medieval workshop where Merlin suddenly decided to use his magic powers to create a fountain of youth.

So, what does all this have to do with BMW? In an ironic twist, some years ago, Morgan turned to

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Munich as their source for drivetrains. So now, in a car that weighs half a ton less than a BMW 3- or 4-series, the Brits have dropped your choice of a B48 or B58 engine under the bonnet (read: hood). The result can only really be described as “epic”.

While at the factory we had the opportunity to take a test hop in a new Morgan Plus Four. This is the classic roadster, top down, side curtains in place, with the steering wheel on the wrong (i.e., right) side of the cockpit. Clambering in is a more athletic experience than getting aboard an X3, but it is worth it as you settle into the firm but comfy, leather, bucket seats. At the helm, you twist a key that looks like something from my old E46 M3 which engages the electrics. Which now appear to be sourced from Germany rather than Sir John Lucas, the inventor of electric darkness.



As the dash comes alive, you realize that the gear lever and other bits have been directly lifted from BMW. Pushing the starter button brings the B48 online with a nasty bark that is chill inducing. Blip the throttle and there a satisfying and instantaneous response. Instrument arrangement is proper British, with the tach positioned so the pilot can easily spot it when looking for shift points. The speedometer is as far away from the driver as possible and seems mostly designed to terrify the navigator. I can confirm that this works well, although with the top

down and the B48 thundering along, it tends to muffle the screams from the other side of the cabin. Ingenious, really.

The unit we had was proper British Racing Green complete with a saddle leather interior. If you’d wanted a Triumph TR-6, or for that matter a Morgan Plus Four, half a century ago, this would have been the preferred combination. Ours was fitted with the ZF 8-speed transmission and the same shifter we’ve enjoyed in an X3-M40, so that was a great comfort as we rode around town with period alerts from the navigator to “watch the curb!!!”. This is a clear and present danger for those of us who think more like a driver on American roads than a motorboat captain. We managed to avoid hitting anything noteworthy.

The floppy paddle shifters are huge and work really well. The engine management system does its job ensuring smooth and quick engagement. Downshifts are particularly entertaining since there appears to be very modest baffling in the silencers (read: mufflers). The result is an ongoing symphony of pops and snarls which, in turn, inspire a form of juvenile giggling. The question from over near the speedometer was “should it be doing that????”. On the tachometer side of the car, it seemed that the question answered itself, in the affirmative.



All too soon, we were forced to return the Morgan to her minders in Merlin's workshop. What was the verdict?

Well, while BMW may have inadvertently spiked the classic British roadster more than 50 years ago, they now appear to be at the core of a resurgence of sorts. It is not, by any means, a luxury car. It is a performance car with a harsh ride, some of the typical creaks that come with having no hood (read: top) and retains a certain level of sophisticated impracticality seeing that it has no boot (read: trunk). Morgan will happily provide matching luggage which can be affixed to a luggage rack on the back of the car. Both are pricey options.



It isn't the kind of vehicle you'd want to hop in and drive across the United States on Interstate highways. On the other hand, if you wanted to carve up country roads and lanes where getting to wherever you were going was considerably more than half the fun, well, this could well be your ride! If cruising back to revisiting some youth indiscretions is on the menu, well, this is a very proper ticket.

If you want to own a new Morgan, you really need to be committed. There is the minor matter of price to consider. With current exchange rates, the price of entry is likely to be a bit north of \$100k. For

a properly configured SuperSport, which comes with the B58 6-cylinder mill, the price is going to be around double that. The dealer network in the USA is extremely limited too, which makes the whole endeavor sound like it might be a bridge too far. Although, given that the drivetrain came from a BMW sedan, perhaps a local shop could be talked into keeping things in proper working order.

Morgan can only build around 800 vehicles per year. Of those, around 300 are slated to come to this side of the Atlantic. And there's a waiting list. So you need to be committed, have deep pockets, and cannot be in a hurry. The closest dealers are in Maryland and Tennessee, so a test drive will be another act of commitment.

Would I consider swapping my M2 for a Morgan? Well, candidly, no. The F87 M2 does everything well, satisfies my "boy racer" needs, and comes complete with roll up windows. But if money was no object, they could look really good in a shared bay.

If I ever get back to the Malvern Hills, will I take another spin in a Morgan? Absolutely, in a heartbeat. You can really never have too many sips from the Fountain of Youth.

~by Robert McIsaac



Mille Miglia Vintage Rally 2026

Italian race from Brescia, Italy to Rome and back, 1000 Miles

The Mille Miglia race in Italy was first started in 1927 by four Italian motorsports enthusiasts, conceived as an open road endurance race from Brescia, Italy to Rome, Italy and back. The Italian Grand Prix had been moved from Brescia to Monza, and these four enthusiasts were furious about losing this Brescia tradition so they created this cross country speed event, maybe sometimes through adversity comes creation?

Through the BMW CCA four strangers met 10 years ago and formed a great friendship based on cars and the BMW brand also, each of the four brings something to the table on BMW cars. This BMW friendship led us to commit to this vintage motorsports event in Italy and a car event that proved to be beyond belief.



The original Mille Miglia was started in 1927 and ran through 1957, when a tragic accident in 1957 caused the race to be discontinued. The original race was a high speed race on normal roads, and safety was a watch at your own risk. After a 20 year hiatus in 1977 the "historic race" was re-imagined, using only cars from 1927 through 1957, but instead of a high speed race the new race was changed to a time, speed, and

distance race with the participating cars being highly curated.

For the original Mille Miglia, Italians dominated the race in both Alfa Romeo's and Ferrari's talking 11 victories with such famous names as Enzo Ferrari and Tazio Nuvolari, as a matter of fact Nuvolari has a museum in Mantua, Italy that is worth a visit also, Nuvolari was both an incredible motorcycle rider and car racer, a legend. Sterling Moss in 1955 set a speed record averaging nearly 100 mph on public roads for a record time of 10 hours, 7 minutes, and 48 seconds, the car Sterling drove was a Mercedes Benz 300 SLR. Averaging 100mph on street roads with spectators lining certain areas of the race certainly seems like an accident in the making.



What about BMW of the original era, 1927 to 1957, certainly there must be some success with that great German brand? BMW has a rich history with the Mille Miglia, in 1938 BMW won a class victory with a 2 litre 328 6cylinder roadster and then in 1940 BMW won an overall victory in the BMW 328 Mille Miglia Touring Coupe. The 1940 BMW winning coupe had the German engineering and visionary technology designed to win this race. Some of the tactics that BMW used to make this 328 MM race car a winner were to design a coupe rather than the traditional open cockpit roadsters that they were the tradition of the time, BMW felt like they could increase performance and speed with a

closed cockpit car to cheat the wind a bit. In addition tubular space frame technology was used wrapped in lightweight aluminum to try and minimize weight and increase speed, of course the legendary 2.0 litre BMW 6 cylinder was the brawn behind the beautiful beast. This special BMW 328 MM Coupe had an overall win in 1940 after a class win at LeMans in 1939, truly a proven winner. The body and frame of this special 328 MM Coupe was constructed by Milanese Coach builder Carrozzeria Touring utilizing Superleggera (super lightweight) construction. BMWs overall victory in this 1940 race and also team victory was also followed by a wins in 3rd, 5th, and 6th place, to date BMWs greatest racing success on four wheels.

The Mille Miglia was discontinued in 1957 as an open road speed race after a tragic accident that killed both the driver and navigator and multiple spectators on the road watching the race. In 1977 the historic Mille Miglia was reborn as a regularity and time trial rally. For the new “historic MM race” only cars manufactured from 1927 to 1957 are allowed in the race, it’s still 1000 miles from Brescia, Italy to Rome and back, and each year the route changes a bit. The cars are not released all at once, but they start on a timed basis, to minimize any racing chaos.

But wait, there’s more BMW history, the 328 MM Coupe that won in 1940 came back in 2006 to also win again! After a long restoration, completed by BMW Classic this special BMW won again, AND the driver was Giuliano Cane and co driver plus wife was Lucia Galliani. This husband and wife team won a total of 10 Mille Miglia victories, 8 of which were in a BMW. In the “historic era” since 1977 BMW has won in a 507 and also had 7 wins in 328 BMWs. If you have a vintage BMW that would classify for this great race the cost is about \$17,000 for driver and navigator, if you have a pit/follow crew, add another \$17,000 the price of admittance to race.



The 2026 race was a dream come true for the 4 of us BMW CCA members. There were 459 cars entered for the 2026 race, 77 of the cars were “participant cars” that had raced in the original Mille Miglia races from 1927 to 1957 considered the “original period”. The BMWs entered for the 2026 race were one 1956 BMW 507, and 13 BMW 328s. We were in Brescia for the “scrutineering” the day before the start of the race. As luck would have it we found a little sidewalk cafe just where all the cars came out of scrutineering, a great place to see the large variety of cars exit, only a few yards away. While having beers and coffee an absolutely beautiful BMW 507 left scrutineering and stopped 6 feet in front of us, this car was being driven by two women, Jutta a German and Francesca an Italian. It’s pretty rare to see a BMW 507, let alone one in a vintage race such as this. We noticed that the driver kept trying to start the car, and it would not start, of course there were lots of spectators around. The top was down in the 507, you could clearly see that the driver and navigator were getting quite uncomfortable. I got up from my espresso and offered to help, maybe my first mistake was asking them did they speak English? Another friend in our group also offered to help, he happened to be an experienced BMW vintage engine builder, both offers were turned down with something like “don’t touch the car”. This car was a true concours condition 507, silver with blue interior, beautiful car. We sat back down at our cafe for more beer and espresso, and after

another dozen try's at starting the 507 Jutta the driver finally got the classic fired and to the cheers of many the ladies drove off the old cobblestone streets.



For the start of the race, the next day we had a large table reserved right on the town square front row in Brescia where each car came by in their staggered starting order, so you had plenty of time to view each entry. Along with the front row seats a beautiful Italian lunch was served along with libations of your choice making for a great experience to view all of the cars in motion and with drivers up close, quite a sight. Watching all of the cars parade through and then at stages through the race days later it really comes into focus how long 1000 miles and 5 days would be in these older and less than comfortable cars, the majority of which are open cockpit, and close quarters, this is truly a labor of love and auto racing. The top two finishers really reinforce this, the winner was Argentinian Juan and Margarita Tonconogy in a 1931 Alfa Romeo 6c 1750 GS Spider Zagato, this win ended 6 consecutive victories by Italian Andrea Vesco in a 1929 Alfa Romeo 6c 1750 SS Spider Zagato, both in open cockpit older race cars. The best

finish for BMW was 26th for the 328, and the beautiful 507 finished 214th.

This limerick was written by someone in our group, it seems quite fitting:

The Mille Miglia is very well-known
The Italians think it there own
But in fact an Argy
Named Juan Toncongy
Won it hands-down this round

Twynhams Tours arranged everything for this event, including:

- RIVA classic mahogany boat rides to supper on Lake Iseo,
- Visits to both Ferrari Museums
- Ferrari driving experience at the factory in Modena. Italy
- Lamborghini Museum
- Visit to the Pagani Factory and Museum
- Visit to a Balsamic aging barn at a vintage estate in Modena

All transportation and accommodations and meals, that were quite spectacular

I can not honestly imagine how you could experience this vintage race in the manner that we did without the expertise of this tour provider. We used this same tour group for the "Goodwood Revival" in September last year and it was the same special professional experience. As they say in Europe, "give it a go" you will not be disappointed with this event or this tour group.

*~by John Cochrane
Tarheel Regional Coordinator
NW Mountains North Carolina*

"Spirited" Mountain Drive to Spruce Pine, NC

- When:** Saturday, September 19th 2026. Meet at Harris Teeter Gas Station at Riverbend Village (3909 Corning Place near 16 and Mt Holly Huntersville Rd) starting at 8:30 am. Driver's Meeting at 8:45 am. Depart at 9:00 am.
- Where:** The exciting roads of the NC mountains.
- Details:** A challenging drive from Charlotte through Morganton, Marion and traveling on 226A to Little Switzerland arriving at about noon in Spruce Pine for lunch at DT's Blue Ridge Java Café (169 Locust St, Spruce Pine, NC). Then heading back home on Blue Ridge Parkway and 80 through Marion stopping at Dot's Dario for Ice Cream (30 Lake Tahoma Rd, Marion NC). Other breaks / rest stops are planned along the way with a final stop at Redbone Willy's at Intersection of 18 and 27 to say Adios!
- Contact Information:** The drive is limited to 20 cars. Text Dave Hurwitz to register, include your email address. For details or questions, contact him at 704-399-1108 or at davehurwitz@earthlink.net.

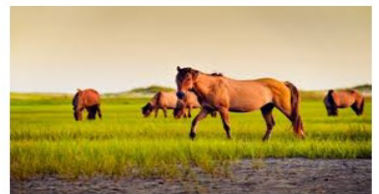


Beach Bimmers 2027!

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 13th. Return on Sunday the 16th. Departing from the Harris Teeter, 67 Flowers Xrds Wy, Clayton, NC 27527 **at 10am sharp**.
- **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!** Backups are the Alice Hotel, across the street at 118 Salter Path Rd, Pine Knoll Shores, NC (252-247-5118) or the Double Tree 2717 W Fort Macon Rd, Atlantic Beach, NC 28512.
- **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/01krravraeggi8pe5mz2tqhsz3/waiver-select>



Bimmers to the Blue Ridge Region

The Mast Farm Inn: Destination Experience & Mountain Lodging in Valle Crucis, NC



- What: A chance to get as we roll toward fall and enjoy a mountain retreat weekend near Banner Elk. Enjoy the BMWs on some great country roads, experience the historic farm, and some outstanding dining. Saddling up the Bimmers is a great way to roll toward fall.
- When: Depart on Thursday, **September 10, 2026**, at 10:00am. Come early for coffee and breakfast.
- Where: Leith / Raleigh BMW, 5603 Capital Blvd, Raleigh, NC 27616
- Objective: A nice, long, weekend away enjoying the mountain views and country roads in the Old North State!
- Duration: Leaving Thursday ... home on Sunday.
- Contact Information: For details, connect with Rob McIsaac at Raleigh.BMWCCA.Activities@gmail.com or 919-880-8012.



Vintage BMW's Together Again

Open House: Beemers and Bimmers Keep Rolling **2026**



- What: A gathering of the BMW faithful to share technical insights, support methods, and Vintage Bimmers
- How: The **BPC** in R has a new home. I
- When: **Saturday, Oct 10, 2026** for the event. Foo
- Bonus Round: We
- Where: Bimmer P
- Contact Informatic
- Registration: https://www.bimmerperformance.com/register





Tarheel Chapter BMW CCA and Tarheel SportsCar Club are pleased to announce the next double-header weekend of the Tire Rack Street Survival teen driver safety clinics in the Triangle area. Registration will open **Monday, August 3rd 8pm.**

We will host two clinics the weekend of October 10-11 at the familiar Raleigh Police Driving Facility. Not sure what Street Survival is? Details can be found on the TRSS program website:

<https://streetsurvival.org/>

We'll need lots of In-Car coaches and dozens of event volunteers. Parents of registered students are encouraged to volunteer too.

General Volunteer Registration will open at this site:

<http://msreg.com/Tarheel-TRSS-Volunteers-Fall-2026>

Student and In-Car Coach Registration for the two separate clinics will open **Monday, August 3rd 8pm:**

Saturday, October 10

<http://msreg.com/Tarheel-TRSS-Oct10-2026>

Sunday, October 11

<http://msreg.com/Tarheel-TRSS-Oct11-2026>

Coaches register for each day separately. Students may only register for one day. Share on all the socials and let us know if you or others in your family can be available to help as coaches or volunteers.

Thanks,

Ethan Steinman, Event Coordinator

Phil Antoine, Chief Instructor

Jon Strine, Volunteer Coordinator





MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

2026 BMW CCA EVENTS

WATCH YOUR INBOX FOR UPDATES AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION

BMW CCA Corral & Hospitality at the 2026 Rolex 24 at Daytona January 24–25, 2026 • Daytona International Speedway

Join BMW CCA for an unforgettable weekend of racing, camaraderie, and exclusive hospitality at the legendary Rolex 24 at Daytona—America's most prestigious endurance race!

We're bringing the ultimate BMW fan experience to the infield with our BMW CCA Corral and Hospitality Tent, located in a premium viewing area inside Daytona International Speedway.

This is your front-row seat to 24 hours of non-stop racing action, including a strong showing from BMW Motorsport in the IMSA WeatherTech Sports-Car Championship.

Whether you're a seasoned endurance racing fan or making your first trip to Daytona, the BMW CCA experience puts you at the heart of the action.

Your VIP Weekend Includes:

- Exclusive BMW CCA Parking Corral for BMW vehicles
- Access to the BMW CCA Hospitality Tent
- Catered meals & refreshments throughout the race weekend
- Live race feed, timing & scoring displays
- Garage tours, tech talks, and special guest appearances from BMW Motorsport
- BMW CCA swag & giveaways
- Member camaraderie and access to fellow BMW enthusiasts from across the country!

April 16–19, 2026: Central Coast Wine Rendezvous

Inaugural BMW CCA Central Coast Wine Tour
An Exclusive Driving & Tasting Experience

Join us for the **first-ever BMW CCA Central Coast Rendezvous**, a curated day of scenic drives, world-class wines, and unforgettable camaraderie with fellow enthusiasts.

Date: TBA

Starting Point: Paso Robles

Wineries Featured: Handpicked Central Coast Vineyards
Route: Coastal roads, vineyard valleys, and pure driving pleasure

Open to: BMW CCA members and guests
Includes: Tastings, private tours, group lunch, and commemorative gift

July 17–19, 2026: Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix

BMW CCA Members — it's time to mark your calendars for one of the most exhilarating events of the year! Hosted by the Allegheny Chapter in Shenley Park, Pittsburgh, PA, PVGP inspires BMW enthusiasts from across the country to come together for an unforgettable weekend for the nation's largest vintage race and the only one run on city streets!

Highlights Include:

- Exclusive BMW Car Corral on German Hill
- Trackside Hospitality Tent with lunch, drinks & shade
- BMW Marque Displays
- Access to Paddock & Race Viewing Areas
- Friday Evening Welcome Reception (optional add-on)
- Scenic Driving Tours, Friendship and Fun!

Whether you're a long-term member or new to the club, this is your chance to be part of a BMW tradition like no other — set against the stunning backdrop of vintage racing in the heart of Pittsburgh.

MONTEREY WEEK 2026: August 13–15, 2026

Legends of the Autobahn 2026

Thursday, Aug. 13, 2026
PG Links, Pacific Grove, CA

Legends of the Autobahn is more than just a car show—it's a celebration of German automotive excellence. This concours-style event is open to BMW, Mercedes-Benz, Audi enthusiasts. Whether you're bringing your own car to display or just soaking it all in, expect an unforgettable day filled with rare models, historic race cars, and the new innovations from BMW.

- Exclusive display of classic and modern BMWs
- Special BMW CCA Judged and Display corrals
- Breakfast and Lunch on the beautiful grounds of PG Links
- Meet BMW enthusiasts, experts, and club members
- Vendor village and manufacturer displays
- Spectacular backdrop of the California coast

BMW CCA Festorics at the Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion

Aug. 14–15, 2026
WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca

There's nothing like hearing the roar of classic BMW race cars echoing off the hills at Laguna Seca. Festorics is your VIP access to the action—BMW CCA members enjoy trackside hospitality, a private corral, and unparalleled views of vintage racing at its finest. Watch legendary BMW race cars battle it out, reconnect with fellow members, and immerse yourself in the legacy of BMW Motorsport.

- Exclusive BMW CCA hospitality tent with food & drink
- Trackside viewing
- BMW-only parking corral
- Access to the Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion
- Special guest appearances & presentations

September 7–16, 2026:

European Rendezvous: *BMW CCA Presents The Ultimate European Cruise Experience*

Join your fellow BMW CCA members on a once-in-a-lifetime journey as we set sail on our first-ever European Cruise, blending the joy of travel with the passion for all things BMW!

From Budapest to Munich: A Drive Through European Elegance

Begin your adventure in the enchanting city of Budapest, where old-world charm meets vibrant culture. Cruise along the legendary Danube River, experiencing breathtaking landscapes, historic towns, and curated excursions — all shared with a community that speaks your language: the language of BMW enthusiasm.

As our unforgettable journey winds toward its grand finale in Munich, the heart of BMW, the adventure truly kicks into high gear.

Munich Finale: BMW at Its Finest

Extend your stay with exclusive, BMW CCA-only access to:

- **BMW Welt** — Where innovation meets inspiration. See the latest models and future concepts up close.
- **BMW Museum** — Take a deep dive into the rich heritage and legacy of the marque that moves us all.
- **BMW Group Classic** — Explore the home of BMW's priceless collection of historic vehicles, race legends, and engineering milestones — a must-see for every true enthusiast.

It's a celebration of driving passion, European culture, and club camaraderie.

Limited Space Available – Don't Miss the First of Its Kind!

FIND MORE INFORMATION AND EVENTS AT [BMWCCA.ORG/CALENDAR](https://bmwcca.org/calendar)

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

NONE SCHEDULED AT THIS TIME

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 of middle month of each quarter (Feb, May, Aug, Nov)

Time: The fun starts at 6:00 p.m.

Where: Lafayette Village

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

Footnotes classifieds...

Ads are free to members in good standing of the BMW CCA. Non-members can also place advertisements here for \$5.00 per month. Please enclose all necessary information with your advertisement. Unless you tell us otherwise, your ad will appear here for three (3) consecutive issues.

**Classified advertisements can be emailed to the Editor's attention at:
newsletter@tarheelbmwcca.org**

2007 BMW 335xi Sedan.

Rare green Tiefgrün Metallic / Black Dakota. 6-speed manual, non-iDrive, 138,541 miles. Fresh Index 12 injectors, new clutch/flywheel, Bilstein B6 shocks, replacement transfer case, VCG, MSD80 MOSFET fix. Logic 7 sound. Raleigh, NC. \$11,500 OBO. Contact: Scott Morford | (317) 796-5309 | dreamer.pear-95@icloud.com

1999 BMW M3

5 speed convertible blue, navy blue top. Very good condition. Paint is good and mechanically sound. The taupe leather interior is in good condition. Extra set of original wheels, garage kept. 134,000 miles. Asking: \$11,500. Contact: Russ Thompson at 910.200.4810

2005 BMW Z4

Just 32,615 miles, Pristine Exterior: Paint is excellent, garage-kept or custom-fit car cover, Top is in perfect condition. Recent motor service, new brakes and battery in 2025, Great overall condition inside and out, Clean title. Email for price Connie Fowler
conniegfowler@gmail.com

E39 M5 Style 65 Wheels

Factory Style 65 set of wheels purchased from dealer in 2016 never

1999 E36 M3

VIN WBSBG9338XEY82877
Completely repainted and bodywork done. (hellrot red) New exterior rubber, new tires, new windshield, new badges New "M" leather front seats, new head and deck liner 5 speed manual, factory spoiler, never tracked All fluids gone through, AC works! Garaged, 180,000 miles, Asking \$25,000 Located in Charlotte.
Rita Andersen, 704-607-5780

Free. Spare donut tire from our 2015 X5 (G30, I believe). New, never used. Pick-up in Fayetteville 28303, or I would deliver to Triangle Area next time I am up that way.
mlarson@nc.rr.com or leave voicemail (910)818-8005.

"Bottlecap" 14" wheels with hub covers. NIB. No longer available from BMW and might be the last new set you will ever find for your restoration project. \$1000 for the 4. Prefer to sell the set but will negotiate on singles.
mlarson@nc.rr.com or leave voicemail (910)818-8005

installed. Have receipt. M stickers included, perfect condition, still-boxed. 18X8 and 18X9.5. \$7500.00
OBO Ken Fleming 336-399-8186

MISCELLANEOUS:

Tarheel Chapter BMW CCA Forum

Join us online: Some time ago, the listserv was replaced by a bulletin board forum. You can view it here:

<https://www.bmwcca.org/forum/index.php>

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS:

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)

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

WANTED:

Your photos and stories.

Got a tale to tell about your Bimmer, photos you want to share with your fellow **Footnotes** readers, or just a suggestion? Email your submissions to newsletter@tarheelbmwcca.org. Come on, you can do it... We would love to hear from you!

END GAME

Photo by Robert McIsaac



Watching the Bulls game from box seats

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2026 HPDS Schedule

Here's the 2026 Tarheel BMW CCA HPDS Schedule:

April 17-19 VIR Full Course

July 17-19 VIR North Course (Moved from June. Not a typo.)

October 2-4 VIR Full Course

Registration will open on a Monday evening @8pm, approximately 9-10 weeks prior to each event.

Feb 9 Registration open for April event.

May 11 Registration open for July event.

July 27 Registration open for October event.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW. THE PRE-REGISTRATION ANNOUNCEMENTS MIGHT GO TO SPAM...