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Tarheel BMW CCA Annual Banquet: Once again, the 2017-18 Annual Banquet in Raleigh proved that it can be better to be lucky than good. It also proved that luck is frequently the residual from some really good / hard work! Nice when a plan fully comes together.

The evening's events were hosted by Leith BMW, a tremendous friend of the club that has supported us for many years in our activities. For the dinner, they rearranged the showroom floor so that we had seating for more than 100 that was carefully positioned between a wide range of new and very special Bimmers. Pretty cool
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MEMBERSHIP CORNER

This month, we'd like to give a warm Tarheel welcome to **88** new and returning members and associate members. This brings our total chapter membership to **2,810!** Our membership is the lifeblood of the Club. Without your participation, there would be no Club. We offer a wide variety of activi-

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PAUL HOECKE *Notes from the road*
Status Symbols

It doesn't take profound psychological insight to recognize that it's in our nature to brag. It's a feel-good practice which humans have engaged in since the cave days. Some people do it in-your-face; others, perhaps even most, go about it more subtly. In fact, I'd guess that most of us would admit to having felt, at one time or another, an urge to engage in a bit of self-promotion. And that's okay by me, as long as the bragging is deserved and not too annoying.

One of the subtler (more or less) means of claiming some sort of prominence is things we own – status symbols, if you will. And it's a safe bet that cars – at least some of them – have been status symbols since the days of the first horseless carriages. Of course, BMW was a latecomer to this scene on this side of the Atlantic. Detroit Iron aside, by the time the first Baroque Angels, 1600s and the 507 showed up stateside, other foreign marques – Mercedes-Benz, Jaguar and Rolls Royce, to name a few – had long since staked their 'luxury' claims among the cognoscenti. And they did this by using easily-recognized visual elements – distinctive body shapes, fancy radiators, hood ornaments and the like – to bolster their appeal.

But BMW didn't sit on its corporate hands; the company soon learned to play the status game, except it aimed its appeal at driving enthusiasts – car nuts who cared more about performance (and maybe bragging about it) than visual cues. Some of you may recall how, years ago, one of the slogans in BMW ads said: "Our Status Symbol is Under the Hood, not On It." My guess is, most people – at least those who noticed or cared – figured this was a jab at the Three-Pointed Star. (Although, come to think of it, it also may have been aimed at other, ahem, lesser breeds, such as Jaguar and its dashing cat hood ornament.)

In truth, the slogan wasn't quite accurate. All Bimmers did have a hood ornament, the Blue-White Roundel – with one key difference: the roundel didn't stick out like those other hood ornaments. More important though, it made for great ad copy, seeing as how it shifted attention to one of BMW's biggest assets – its engines, specifically the glorious M10 Fours and M30 Big Sixes. The rest, as they say, is history.

As an aside, I can't help wondering if this emphasis on things that matter had anything to do with turning our neck of the woods into a hotbed of BMW fans. It is, after all, what our state motto, *Esse Quam Videri* (To Be rather than to Seem) says. But that may be a stretch. Besides, I'm digressing.

Segueing to the present, those old visual status cues have pretty much disappeared. Safety regulations have done away with hood ornaments and other protrusions, while styling trends, such as streamlining for economy, have resulted in a host of lookalike body silhouettes that, to the casual eye, are largely indistinguishable from one to the next. (I'm mainly talking about 'real' cars here, although the same may be said about SUVs and crossovers.) For both carmakers and car owners looking to project quality, pride, prestige and what have you, these trends have increasingly leveled the playing field to something resembling the countryside around Ft. Stockton, Texas – i.e. flat as far as the eye can see.

The industry's response to this annoying dilemma has ranged all over the lot. I'd say that BMW was much better prepared than most, mainly because of the kidney grille which has been its hallmark since practically Year One. No one, not even the least car minded individual, can mistake a car (or SAV) with that grille, whatever its shape, for anything other than a BMW. And at the owner

end, I'd wager that most Bimmer drivers are quite content with that. (I am.)

Some competing marques have followed suit, which no doubt pleases the customers too. The huge Star that graces most Mercedes grilles these days and Audi's Olympic-style interlocking rings are hard to miss. And when it comes to silhouettes, the true sportscars and roadsters we see on the road these days are easily recognizable for what they are. I mean, there's never any doubt that it's a 911, or Miata, or Corvette in your rearview mirror. (Though I'm not so sure about Porsche's SUVs and crossovers.)

However, other makes with high-end aspirations (read Infiniti, Lexus, Lincoln and the like) have found broadcasting their 'luxury' cachet to be a tougher row to hoe. Oh, they try. By now, they all have learned the 'brand value' of having the same logo badge on its vehicles, front and back, year in year out. But badges alone aren't up to the job, unless seen up close. So, they resort to styling cues (mainly grilles which change from year to year, thus negating much of their recog-

The Editor's Desk...

Summer is coming on fast here in the Carolinas and there is plenty going on this month around the Chapter. I for one am very glad to see the back side of what has arguably been the coldest winter in decades around here.

Starting off our summer season with a bang, we have two of our most popular events this month, with ///M Day at Performance Center - Greer, SC on May 5-6 and The Vintage - Asheville, NC on May 17-20. And, as is usually the case, there are plenty of drives and meet-ups around the state this month as well, so come on out and join us!

Speaking of events, I wanted to take time out this month to recognize one of our most active Area Coordinators, Robert McIsaac. Robert and the members up in the Triangle Area put on several events every month, month in and month out.

As you can see by his contributions here each month, the area has no shortage of activities and we really enjoy reading his reports.

Keep up the great work Robert, it is recognized and very much appreciated! *-ed.*

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niton value) and TV commercials which range from loud exhortations to moody snob appeal. I for one doubt that this impresses a lot of people other than those who already drive one of their vehicles. At least, that's how I see it.

Of course, bragging isn't limited to people showing off the cars they drive; they've found additional ways of doing it, with bumper stickers, window decals, and of course personalized license plates. And it's not just drivers of high-end vehicles; it seems like just about everybody does it. (I've wondered at times if those huge roof-mounted luggage bins favored by many Subaru drivers are a status symbol of sorts.) The only exception to this decorative mania I've observed

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to see the dessert tray carefully positioned with a stunning blue X2 in the background. The food, including said dessert, provided by a local caterer that has had some notable experience with other BMW events, was terrific. The chicken, steak, Brussels sprouts and chocolate chip cookies all went down as easily as a perfectly executed run into VIR's Oak Tree turn. And just as satisfying.

Slide shows, depicting many of the club's adventures through the year, gave some good background ambiance for what was a great, meandering, conversation as the attendees got to meet new friends, embrace old acquaintances and kick the tires on new BMW's carefully position around the showroom. In fact, the only thing that didn't go exactly to plan was a somewhat balky microphone system which allowed us to instead to test the acoustics of the dealership which, it turns out, are very good. Even the weather cooperated with the rain holding off all night long!

We got started with the evening's program with a hearty thanks to Sean Beach, the GM at Leith. His team did an epic job of pulling the foundation for the evening together. As I had the opportunity to note when kicking things off the official program, we each have our own BMW story to share. Mine started 48 years ago when my Dad

is that most drivers of BMWs, Mercedes and the like avoid bumper stickers and (collegiate logos aside) window decals. But they make up for that with license tags.

I tend to divide those tags into roughly three groups – personal IDs (names or nicknames); true 'vanity' plates, which promote the driver's financial status or occupation; and tags that focus on the car. As a car nut, I naturally prefer the latter. Tags such as IMA BMW on Stan Simm's long-gone 2002 and 318 IS'NT on Paul Mele's modified E30 strike me as the only proper way to brag. Although the best one so far may be the one on a Tesla I spotted the other day.

It read WATT JOY, which kinda says it all.

took me to the Bimmer dealer in Fort Washington, Pennsylvania, to purchase a new 2002, one of the more peculiar cars I'd seen up to that point. Coming off a '66 Mustang GT convertible, the BMW was visually ... not inspiring. It appeared that my Dad had lost his cool factor ... and somehow gone "suburban". For a moment I was disappointed. Apparently, however, we completed the break-in procedure on the ride out of the parking lot, and the thrill ride home confirmed that he'd had gotten it exactly right. Imagine a new car that liked being shifted at red line ... and I had no idea you could enter our neighborhood carrying that kind of speed. Once again, his penchant for turning money into noise had led him to picking a winner of a ride. Nice start to a BMW passion.

We had an informative business meeting, highlighting the activities the club had in the year gone by and the ones planned for the new one. We reviewed all the value that comes from the HPDS events and discussed the Treasurer's Report (we have money) and the Election Results (we have officers ... although Paul noted that more candidates for roles would be just fine). We also highlighted the importance of volunteers to the club; all we do is heavily dependent on the great work done by many local area and State

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The Main Event for the evening was keynote speaker, Mike Renner. Mike came up from the BMW Performance Center in Greer, SC, and provided a light-hearted and engaging review of what BMW does at The Center as well as highlights from his own professional driving career. Mike has apparently accumulated a serious number of frequent flyer points in an airborne VW Golf. Mike also shared a good deal of information about the driving experience programs that are available in both the original Performance Center (SC) and the newly opened facilities in Thermal, CA, a suburb of Palm Springs. Both offer terrific opportunities to scope out both the tracks and the dynamics of the M-family of vehicles. Speaking of vehicles, Mike brought a new M5 to showcase to the BMW faithful. He reports that the performance envelope is ... awesome.

After a great evening of food and merriment, it was time to think about heading for home ... or the hotel for the out-of-towners. Of course,

the excitement wasn't over just yet, since one of our number had the bad luck of having a tire "blow out" on an M4. Turns out when they suck in a large screw in the main part of the tread, the "go flat" feature takes over quickly. Of course, if one is going to do this, having it happen a block from the BMW dealer is just about ideal. The tire completely exhaled just as the car was pulled up in front of the service bay. Not content to leave it at that, the General Manager (Sean Beach) opened the shop and we pulled the M-car into the garage for the weekend ... then insisted that Dave and Nicole Golliday take a new 330i home for the weekend! Now that's great service. So, the good luck persisted right up to the point where the clocks magically sprung forward to welcome Daylight Savings Time and a new day. **-Robert McIsaac**



CLUB RACING REPORT

BY PAUL HOECKE

Harding, Seven Other Local Racers Post Twelve Wins at VIR

Well, fellow club racing fans; we're happy to report that the 2018 BMW CCA Club Racing (CR) season finally got underway early last month. when more than fifty BMW racers hit the track at VIR. Actually, the entries originally numbered more than sixty. But the story within the story is that circumstances – mainly Mother Nature – played havoc with the field by the time it came down to putting rubber on the asphalt.

For those of you who were there for the annual Club Race Outing (and maybe the entire weekend as well), much of what you read here may be old news. But the rest of our readers, racing fans as well as racers' friends and family, deserve chapter and verse, so here we go.

As usual, the event was a jointly Tarheel Chapter-VDCA hosted affair, which brought literally hundreds of cars, vintage and new ones, and their drivers to the paddock. More important in this context, about a third of the BMW entrants hailed from our chapter. (The vintage crowd included some local racers as well, notably Ray Korman and a couple of the Skidmark guys.)

What's more, the BMW race had been officially designated a North American Challenge event. This apparently triggered a change in the format as well: the traditional hour-long endurance race was dropped in favor of a four-sprint schedule. And reactions we picked up prior to the event suggested that most BMW racers welcomed this as an opportunity to do some 'really fast driving' – without all that pit stop business, we suspect.

In short, things looked great – until the weather forecasts for the weekend came out.

Predictions of bitter cold and rain 'possibly mixed with snow' on Saturday must have scared a lot of drivers, though mostly those with the VDCA. We're told that some fifty vintage entrants bailed

before or at the start of the event! But whether out of self-confidence, self-respect, or sheer bravado, most of the BMW crowd stuck it out, as only three entrants canceled before the race. As it turned out, Saturday's conditions were appallingly lousy (though they could've been worse; the snow didn't materialize). Friday and Sunday, on the other hand, were cool but sunny, all a racer could wish for. It made for a real rollercoaster weekend.

Several local hot shoes very did well in Friday's 10-lap sprint. Jerry Kaufman in his S-Modified E92 M3 started on the pole and led the 58-car field flag to flag to win overall. In the process, he (as well as the two finishers behind him) repeatedly ran laps under two minutes, which supports stories we've heard about VIR being a faster track these days. Some twelve spots behind Jerry, Evan Levine won Spec E46 in his 330i; and one lap down, Bert Howerton captured the Spec E36 trophy in his 325is.

Two other local racers, Rich Zulman (IP E36 325) and Alex Goare (DM E36 325i), came close to beating out-of-state class rivals to the checker. The only fly in the ointment was the large number of DNFs (seven). One could blame it on racer's luck. But we can't help but wonder if it was due to insufficient prepping beforehand, this being the season's first race and all. We're just sayin'.

Did we mention weather on Saturday? Oh, yeah; there was rain, and wind, and more rain. It wasn't a deluge at first, so BMW Sprint No.2, an eight-lap affair, kicked off on time and all but four of the 53 racers finished on the lead lap. But it was messy. A couple of laps into the race, one of our guys (we won't say who) spun off at an awkward spot, causing a two-lap full course caution followed by several off-road excursions after the restart. But most local road warriors played it

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safe, which slowed things down some but enabled three of them – Charles Harding (CM E46 M3), Dan Connor (DM E30 325) and Jack Wilkins (Spec E36 325i) – to post well-earned class victories. Harding's feat was especially impressive; he did it by recovering from a spin which had left him sitting in the grass while about half the field passed by. Conditions went from bad to worse late that afternoon when racers took to the track for Sprint Race No.3. At least, it was supposed to be a race. But it became as much a battle with the elements as a contest between drivers. Only three of the scheduled seven laps ran under a green flag, while full course yellows ate up the other four – including two at the start. In fact, the race was black-flagged after the second caution, so that the only racing (if you can call it that) was limited to the last two laps after the restart. (By then, three drivers had quit and gone behind the wall.)

The resulting overall slow pace put the event's average speed at a measly 34.267 mph, the lowest such number we've ever witnessed at VIR! But the good thing about it was that, aside from one shunt and the three voluntary DNFs, virtually every surviving driver made it to the checker OK and on the lead lap. Most important, Harding, Connor and Wilkins hung in enough to post repeat wins in their respective classes.

Naturally, with Sunday having dawned bright and sunny, the BMW drivers and certainly our lo-

cal contingent were ready to do some serious racing for a change in Sprint No.4, the 6-lap feature event. Its pace wasn't quite as fast as Friday's, but it was fast enough to please the most rabid speed freaks in the field, including three local drivers. Harding started on the pole, streaked ahead and never looked back. He led flag to flag to win the whole ball of wax, overall and in CM. Zulman started fifth but quickly moved up to the third spot, where he held on to the finish for a win in IP. And Sri Haputantri mounted an impressive broken-field assault; pushing his E36 M3 to the limit, he reeled in four drivers to win D-Mod in eighth place overall.

All in all, it was a weird kind of way to start the season, but all's well that ends well. And by the way, this includes the Club Race Outing on Saturday. True to their word, Jon and Maria Strine were there to host the Outing 'come rain or shine'. And to their surprise, two dozen stalwarts showed up, to huddle on the hillside, crunch on some Fritos, and take part in the traditional noon-time parade laps. Led by April Curtis driving her D-Mod E36 325i, eleven fully loaded BMWs ran five laps around the rain-wet course – at 'highway speeds' and without a glitch. It later prompted a local humorist to remark that these 'tourists' may have posted a higher average speed than the one recorded for that rain-soaked third race. He may be right.

Morning After Breakfast in Raleigh

So, after a big night out at a banquet to celebrate the BMW community in NC, the obvious thing to do it get as many people together as possible and "play it again"! Of course, another dinner would have seemed a little over the top, so moving to a breakfast made sense. This was also a good plan for the "out-of-town" contingent that still had to drive for home in varying parts of the Old North State. As a result, we decided to meet at the hotel near the Leith BMW dealership, then go on a scenic drive around the east side of Raleigh so that we could sneak in the back door

of the Farmer's Market on the southern frontier of the State Capital. With the promise of some Starbucks Coffee at the drivers meeting, we had a grand total of 19 BMW faithful and 10 Bimmers gather in between the chilly rain showers.

No worries of course since the Bimmers warmed to the challenge quickly and we had a chance to ease out onto the Interstate for a modestly-paced cruise around the traffic and onto the back roads of Johnston County. Once on the twisties "out in the county", we could open things up a bit for a pleasant, tight formation, blitz

through Garner and into the area adjacent to the NC State University's Centennial Campus. This is the perfect place for a Farmer's Market of course, which is the ideal location for a true "farm to table" restaurant. Three more Bimmers and five more of the faithful were already there protecting tables for us ... making for a final tally of 13 cars and 24 people. The staff thought we all worked for BMW ... which was both funny and somehow seemed to carry some elements of truth. We certainly had a terrific collection of rides, including an X5M, and X3d-M, an M4, a brace of Z4's and an E39 M5 ... plus a raft of other interesting and exciting vehicles. A lot of roundels in the parking lot, to be sure.

After exploring all the fine food on the menu

and getting more than our fill of fresh coffee, it was time to think about pushing off. But wait! There's more. Since we were there when the menu transition from breakfast to lunch, it meant that the "dessert" options were suddenly on the table. The perfect capper to a great breakfast, it turns out, is homemade banana pudding. So, the good luck just kept on flowing right up to the end of the event.

Finally, with the clock getting perilously close to noon, it was time to push off. As nearly two-dozen BMW's scattered for points all across the state we had some great memories to cherish ... and the promise that we're that much closer to doing it all again. Life is better than good in a Bimmer. **-Robert McIsaac**

March Madness Comes to Raleigh

In this context, March Madness had more to do with meteorological conditions than round ball, however. After what had been some delightfully warm days, the start of Spring this year presented itself with some surprisingly cold weather. And a chance of snow! So much for an early Spring in the City of Oaks.

Not to worry of course. Just before the dinner was due to commence, the skies cleared leaving us with a dry evening for some time kicking in the Macaroni Grill parking lot, albeit with temperatures in a surprisingly steep free-fall. Even aggressive kicking of tires and storytelling couldn't offset temperatures that were suddenly in the

mid-40's. A quick "business meeting" in the parking lot confirmed what we already knew ... when it is chilly like this, everyone is highly motivated to make a quick escape and go sit by the pizza ovens. Good call on that as the ambiance of the place, with warm air and wonderful aromas, was

magnificent. Again.

A grand total of 12 cars ... and 18 of the Bimmer faithful made the dinner in person on this chilly spring evening. In a first, we had two folks FaceTime into the meeting which worked surprisingly well. More on that later.

In any case, the food at the restaurant was

once again terrific. The conversation ranged from a clinic on engine rebuild techniques ... to the best spots to visit in Northern Italy and Austria (should time permit) ... to the best techniques for packing tight for a long trip with limited stops at the laundromat. All clearly important life skills.

One of the things that we like about this

establishment on Tuesday nights is that it is pretty quiet ... or at least quiet until our crew gets rolling. It also appears to be a good night for trainees to start their careers in the food services industry ... so we represent a trial by friendly fire that seems both challenging and a little entertaining.



Not entirely sure where that IPA was headed but it was high mileage by the time it got there. Also, we'd never heard of salmon parmigiana which also appeared to be pursuing a lot of frequent flyer points before landing on the other side of the building. No worries.

Got some insights on the next M2, which appears to be graced with a detuned S55 motor rather than the venerable N55. That could be entertaining since I've yet to explore the outer reaches of the current car's performance envelope. Also, the description of the Performance Driving School experience at Thermal, California, distilled down to this: Epic!

Of course, no dinner would be complete without a birthday celebration. This time we had three actual celebrants in our midst so no need to "fake it". Armed with a delicious chocolate cake we got to sing the Happy Birthday lyrics three times ... once on FaceTime since a work obligation kept Debbie McKie "remote" for the evening. Clearly, the other patrons of this fine establishment were amused. Or, at least, we are hopeful that it was amusement we were seeing ...

All too soon, it was time to get back to the parking lot to close out the evening's festivities. A great time was had by all ... and to all, a good night! **-Robert McIsaac**

Racing Back to the Victorian Age

April 7th dawned gray and very wet in The Triangle area, not exactly the perfect backdrop for our planned jaunt to Kernersville to see the famous Victorian landmark home known as Körner's Folly. Still, the weather was reasonably warm, and the breakfast provided by Leith BMW was beckoning, so it was most decidedly "game on" for the weekend adventure. Once again, our hosts provided a terrific spread for our group, which

got us fueled and ready for the run to the west. We had a group of seven cars and fourteen people ready to roll at the start, which had us easing out for the run toward Greensboro. Just past Mebane we picked up another Bimmer as we motored through sweeping bands of rain and then

broke away from the I-85/40 corridor and off in the general direction of Winston-Salem.

The route this time was a bit unimaginative,

given the time to make the run to Kernersville, so we stuck to the super-slab for the ride toward the sun. Well, it would have been toward the sun had it not been for the low gray clouds and the rooster tails being kicked up by all the traffic heading toward The Triad. With the dicey weather, the route proved to be a bonus for more than just being expeditious.

The first order of business when we got to

Kernersville was to find some lunch! Fortunately, we had a great place, the J. Pepper's Grill, lined up for a for a meal. More folks joined us there, making for an event that included 20 folks and 10 cars. We'd called ahead since this is a small venue with a terrific reputation and the



crew made sure the kitchen was well staffed ... and offered us the use of the "back room". Since we didn't know there was a back room, this was

a much-appreciated offer. Good thing, too, since the place was jammed with locals by the time we got there. Nothing says “this is a good place to graze” that a full loaded dining area when the clock strikes noon.

The menu was amazing with a wide range of good things to choose from. Best of the list from my perspective was the Moravian chicken pot pie which appeared to be an entire shredded chicken wrapped in an amazing pastry shell that was graced with thick, rich, gravy. As good as my grandmother once made, which is high praise indeed.

Amazingly enough, the weather actually got better when we arrived in Kernersville which gave us a respite from the rain both at the restaurant and on our way from there over to The Folly. The three-minute drive took us through the heart of the historic town which is incredibly cute and definitely provides a feel for its Victorian era roots. The Folly sits in a bucolic neighborhood with large, old, trees providing ample shade to frame the old brick home. When built in 1880, the house cost something on the order of \$100k to build, serious money “back in the day”.

The naming of the house is interesting. Apparently, friends and locals started referring to it this was as a derisive term to articulate what a foolish undertaking the whole enterprise had been. The builder decided to embrace the term, however, reflecting on the fact that “folly” can also mean a theatrical venue. The fact that there was a theater in the attic and that he used the home to

demonstrate his considerable artistic talents for prospective customers, made it seem ideal. Not bad for a guy who made his fortune by running the national marketing program for Bull Durham tobacco.

The tour of the home is itself spectacular. Running a group our size through the place is unusual, but the staff took good care of us. The home was an amazing architectural feat in its day, showcasing the broad-talent that was embedded in the builder, Jule Körner. For reasons that aren't entirely clear, the home was abandoned for decades and in some danger of being torn down. Miraculously, in 2015 a foundation stepped in and began the long, painstaking, effort to save the home from the wrecking ball. While very much a work in progress now, the home is “water tight” and is being restored one room at a time. The tour was terrifically engaging, showcasing all the details that were part of building a 6,000 square foot mansion 15 year before the construction on The Biltmore began. Somehow, the foundation was able to locate many of the original furnishings from the home and what they now report that 90% of what is on display was there at the time the Körner family lived there. They also have historic pictures which show the original placement of furnishings.

As we headed back to the Bimmers, the skies darkened, and the heavens opened once again. Perfect time to head back to the Interstate and a blitz down 40 to get back to The Triangle. A totally brilliant time was had by all! **-Robert McIsaac**

Tarheel Banquet and Annual Meeting

The Tarheel Banquet and Annual Meeting held in the new beautiful showroom

of Leith BMW in Raleigh on March 10 was a huge success! There was a great crowd with over 110 present.

Our guest speaker, Mike Renner from the BMW Performance Center in Greer, SC, was very entertaining. He spoke of his history and experiences, as he became a driver and instructor. He showed us some very special videos of events

along the way. He also shared info about the Performance Center and programs they host there. He shared other great videos and generously gave away a free ///M School as a door prize.

Our emcee, April Curtis, entertained us all especially with her and Paul Tillery's report on the 2017 Driving School with a very funny slide show.

The food, fun and fellowship were especially enjoyable. We thank Sean Beach at Leith for providing the great venue and for helping us so much



with all aspects of the event.

Also thanks to Robert and Karen McIsaac for help with planning especially the "Morning After" Drive. We had a great turnout of 13 cars and 24 people for the fabulous breakfast.

We thank all of those who attended to support our club and invite all of you to join us next time.

The Tarheel Club would like to thank all our

sponsors and supporters for their generous endorsement of our club this year and all the past years.

We especially want to thank the following supporters for the exciting and generous gifts they donated for the door prize raffle: **BimmerWorld, BMW CCA, BMW Performance Center, Carmine Import Service, Crown Automotive, Korman Autoworks and Leith BMW.** -Brenda Dunlevy



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- **When:** Friday, November 30th at 8:30am. **Coffee at 8:30 ... depart before 9.**
- **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. Dan Connor has offered coffee before we depart from BPC. Great way to support some great causes.
- **Duration:** Figure 2 hours of driving each way.
- **Contact Information:** For details, connect with Rob McIsaac at Raleigh.BMWCCA.Activities@gmail.com or 919-880-8012.



Greensboro Area Coordinator Change

Carmine Cupani, the Area Coordinator for the Greensboro area has resigned. We would like to thank him for his exceptional service. His hard work has been appreciated.

David Harrison has agreed to take over the area. He lives in Gibsonville and is very interested in the area. He will be choosing a date/time/place for monthly meetings and will get the information out to members and in Footnotes. We sincerely appreciate his willingness to be the Area Coordinator.

If you are from the Greensboro area, please contact David, welcome him and offer your support. harrod0517@gmail.com

Welcome David and Thanks to Carmine for his service!

Brenda Dunlevy
Activities Chairperson

THANK YOU to LEITH BMW RALEIGH, NC
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Join us on May 5th at 9am for a day of Fun and Horsepower as we hold our Spring Semi-Annual Dyno Day at Bimmer Performance Center.

*A special on dyno pulls at \$40 for two pulls (Cash preferred)

*Dyno pulls will be a first come first serve basis with the sign up sheet being at the front table

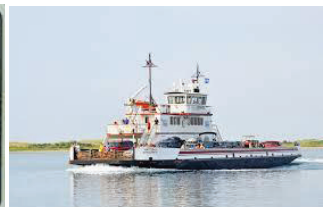
*The dyno runs will be limited to RWD vehicles and BMW vehicles will be given consideration to go first with other vehicles



Beach Bimmers 2018! Light House Cruising on the OBX



- What: A three day tour of North Carolina's amazing Outer Banks to explore the lighthouses from Cape Lookout in the south to Currituck Beach in the north.
- When: Departure on Thursday, September 6th. Return on Sunday the 9th. Departing from the Grounds Café 320 Vintage Point Ln, Wendell, NC 27591 at 3pm. **Coffee at 2:30pm. Dinner at**
- If interested, here are the hotels we are targeting. **Call to make your own reservations!**
 - Thursday: Morehead City Hampton Inn, 4035 Arendell St, Morehead City, NC 28557, (252) 240-2300
 - Friday: Breakwater Inn, 57896 NC-12, Hatteras, NC 27943, (252) 986-2565. Mention BMWCCA and get a 10% discount.
 - Saturday: Best Western, Ocean Reef Suites, 107 S Virginia Dare Trail, Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina 27948, (252) 441-1611
- A ferry reservation from Cedar Island to Ocracoke on 9/7 will also be needed. Reservations can be made at <https://ferry.ncdot.gov/> ... or call (800)293-3779. **Reservations must be made after June 8**
- Objective: Great drives, awesome sightseeing and some terrific seafood!
- Contact Information: For details, connect with Rob McIsaac at Raleigh.BMWCCA.Activities@gmail.com or 919-880-8012.



LOCAL SCENE

ASHEVILLE AREA DINNER

Date: **Last Tuesday each month**

Time: 6:30 pm

Where: La Carreta, Authentic Mexican Food

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

Contact Chris Joyner at mrBimmer@reagan.com for more information.

CAPE FEAR AREA

Date: **3rd Wednesday each month**

Time: 6:30 pm

Where: Gusto Grille
2013 Olde Regent Way
Leland, NC

Email Danny ///Miller for information at mperformancelife@gmail.com. I would like to get some input from everyone interested in the area!

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 H: (704) 523-9118 C: 704-906-8876 or e-mail at christopher.b.webber@gmail.com to RSVP. Please join us (great German food and beer). See you there!

CHARLOTTE AREA II

Date: **4th Thursday each month**

Time: 7 p.m.

Where: Union Street Bistro
48 Union Street S
Concord, NC 28025

Please email Bob Atkinson for more information at bobbmwcca@gmail.com or call (704) 906-4315.

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DOWNEAST AREA BREAKFAST (Greenville, Wilson Rocky Mt)

Date: **1st Saturday each month**

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Where: Egg Yolk Cafe
610-A Red Banks Rd
Greenville, NC 27858

Email Alex Kordis for information at amkordis@gmail.com.

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

Email Danny ///Miller for information at mperformancelife@gmail.com. I would like to get some input from everyone interested in the area!.

NORTHERN MOUNTAIN AREA DINNER

Date: **2nd Monday each month**

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Where: Pepper's Restaurant
240 Shadowline Dr
Boone, NC 28607
(in the Harris Teeter Shopping Center)

Meet on the left side of the restaurant, bar side of restaurant, hostess will know where the BMW Club will be inside.

For info contact John Cochrane (865) 250-4727 or email JGCochrane1968@gmail.com

ROANOKE AREA

Date: **2nd Tuesday each month**

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Where: Pizza Pasta Pit
1713 Riverview Dr.
Salem, VA 24153

Near corner of Electric Road and Apperson Drive.

Contact JoElla John jjohnmcoupe@aol.com or Scott Donaldson sdonaldson@moog.com for more information.

SANDHILLS AREA

New Area Coordinator. Email Danny ///Miller for information at mperformancelife@gmail.com. I would like to get some input from everyone

<http://www.tarheelbmwcca.org>

interested in the Sandhills area!

TRIAD AREA WEST DINNER (Winston-Salem)
Date: **2nd Tuesday each month**
Time: 6:00 p.m. Drinks, 7:00 p.m. Dinner
Where: Cities Grill and Bar – (336)765-9027
2438 S.Stratford Rd.
Winston-Salem, NC 27103

Please contact Mark Woolley for more information at
woolleym3@aol.com.

TRIAD AREA EAST DINNER (Greensboro)

Please contact David Harrison for more information
david.harrison@outlook.com

TRIANGLE AREA DINNER (RALEIGH)
Date: **3rd Tuesday each month**
Time: 6:30 pm
Where: Macaroni Grill
3421 Sumner Blvd
Raleigh, NC 27616

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

TRIANGLE AREA DINNER (CHAPEL HILL)
Date: **1st Wednesday each month**
Time: 6:00-6:45pm People arrive on the top floor
of the parking garage for car viewing and stories
6:45pm Walk to the restaurant for dinner
Where: Hickory Tavern (next to the Hampton Inn
www.thehickorytavern.com
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END GAME

Photos by Robert McIsaac



Great looking group from the "Morning After" Breakfast Run in Raleigh!

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MAY 2018

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May 6	Cars N' Coffee, Charlotte
	Street Survival - Salem, VA
May 8	Roanoke Area Dinner
	Triad Area West Dinner
May 12	Southern Pines Brewery Tour
	Drive to Devil's Drop & Diamondback
May 14	Northern Mountain Area Dinner
May 15	Triangle Area Dinner (Raleigh)
May 16	Cape Fear Dinner
	Triad Area East Dinner
May 17	Charlotte Area I Dinner
May 17-20	The Vintage - Asheville, NC
May 19	Horse Power Charity Car Show
May 24	Charlotte Area II Dinner
May 29	Asheville Area Dinner
May 30	Sandhills Area Dinner

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