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## Pole Position by President Bobbi Treen

Here we are IT is springtime already, with longer days, rain showers, thunderstorms, and COVID-19 spreading faster than the weeds on your beautiful lawn. And a calendar with lots of white boxes. Something you probably weren't expecting to see. Or so many BREAKING NEWS ..... in one day. It is really a great time to reconnect, with family and friends but not strangers. Maybe even figure out there are more important things to do with your time or manage your time better. Perhaps the garage or attic was FINALLY re-organized and de-cluttered. By the look of things in my neighborhood, that was the number one thing to accomplish. Unfortunately, with social distancing, no yard sales or flea market visits. But you can always sell it on the internet or IF you found anything, BMW related, that you can part with, the BMW CCA Foundation will accept your donation. They do not take children or pets. Seriously, they will take your BMW related items – and provide you with a donation letter – they are a charity!

Although many of us never heard of social distancing before the virus – we all know now! One thing I have figured out is that I need to social distance myself from the fridge and the pantry. I got on the scales the other day (the voice in my head was saying NOOO), and the scales said "Hey, Practice social distancing. One at a time!" (*ed – I am up six pounds, arrrgh*) That did not really happen - I do not have scales that talk. I was never a fan of the elbow or the fist bump. And at times I wondered why people did it. Germophobic? Trying to be cooler? I don't know and did not care. You do not want to shake my hand, fine, but now I care. Now IT is very common and necessary or was. It keeps changing. Then social distancing came into our lives. And the new norm is staying at least six feet apart and wearing gloves and face masks, washing your hands P R O P E R L Y and disinfecting E V E R Y T H I N G. Speaking of social distancing, The HANDSHAKE has been around for centuries and centuries. A firm, strong handshake or a limp, weak handshake offered, can put an individual in a "pre-judged" first impression, a position of strength or weakness. Afterall, were we not we all told a firm handshake is a sign of respect? When you went on a job interview or to meet prospective clients – a firm handshake would get you, your hand and your foot in the door. Not sure what a fist bump gets us. CNN Travel has a great article on simple hand signals to use in place of the traditional handshake. According to their article "Stop shaking hands - Do this instead" oh yes, this could be the newest norm. [www.cnn.com/travel/article/handshake-alternatives-gestures-around-world-trnd/index.html](http://www.cnn.com/travel/article/handshake-alternatives-gestures-around-world-trnd/index.html) At least we can still FLASH our headlights at each other! At least I think we can. Probably not. Namaste.

As of March 31, membership was at 2,027 (the year things might be normal again) with 1,744 primary and 283 associates.



In January the national office started providing our birthdays (only month and day) on the membership list. As a perk for providing your birthday, national office sends the member birthday wishes (email – on the first of your birth month) and a \$5.00 (yes five dollars) in BMW Bucks to spend at the BMW CCA online store or towards national/regional events. If you have not added your birthday, update your profile with national. And while you are doing that check to make sure your contact information, Email and mailing addresses are correct. That is how we are communicating – electronic Email blasts and newsletters. Of course, there is BimmerLife mailed twice a year – your printed coffee table size newsletter lifestyle publication. What do you think of BimmerLife printed regional newsletter? I already know how Mike

Willette feels about or I think I do. I read his post (if it was really him) on Facebook. Seriously – let us know what your thoughts are on this new publication. Email [evergladesbmwcca@gmail.com](mailto:evergladesbmwcca@gmail.com), we would love to hear from you. Well, maybe not all 2,027 at one time.

Currently we are looking for a new location for all three of our monthly social meetings. OF course, it is even more difficult with so many restaurants temporarily closed. As soon as we have the suitable locations selected, we will let you know. Everglades Chapter will be back to having our car shows, events and meetings just as soon as the CDC gives us the green flag. In the meantime, if someone wants to arrange a group meeting virtually, VOOM, anyone? We can do that.

We are hoping that all of you and your families are healthy and stay healthy. And for those that have someone suffering the pain of the virus – stay strong and recover. For those that have lost someone to this terrible virus, we are sorry for your loss. Very tragic and a reminder of how short a lifetime can be. Stay healthy – BE safe.

Safe Travels distancing.

CHEERS to all – Bobbi Treen

## Editor's Take by Michael J Posner



With the Coronavirus in full swing, Club activities have been put on hold. Many are working from home, and car related activities seem to be less important as we live in our new reality. However, BMW and other car related activities from home can help alleviate some anxiety. Several car museums are offering online tours. A nice 3d shot of the BMW Zentrum can be found here: [tinyurl.com/usu85h8](https://tinyurl.com/usu85h8). Shoppers can virtually tour a BMW dealership after registration at [virtualbmwtour.com](https://virtualbmwtour.com). Crevier, a large BMW dealership, also has a virtual tour at [invisionstudio.com/projects/bmw-virtual-tour](https://invisionstudio.com/projects/bmw-virtual-tour).

BMW Welt has no virtual tour, but several good YouTube videos highlight the facility including this video: [youtube.com/watch?v=wY83ytSCbbg](https://youtube.com/watch?v=wY83ytSCbbg).

The Petersen Museum feature a google map walkthrough of its extensive classic car collection ([tinyurl.com/v5p64qt](https://tinyurl.com/v5p64qt)). Another google map walkthrough is of the quirky Lane Museum in Nashville ([tinyurl.com/tewp28g](https://tinyurl.com/tewp28g)). If you love German cars then Stuttgart is the place to go, as both Mercedes and Porsche have factory museums to tour. Virtual versions are now online at [tinyurl.com/ssdsdks](https://tinyurl.com/ssdsdks) for Mercedes and [tinyurl.com/v4jx66s](https://tinyurl.com/v4jx66s) for Porsche.

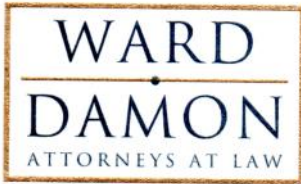
My 2016 M4 went out of warranty at the end of 2019. I was disappointed at my trade in offers, so I decided to keep her for now and do a few minor upgrades to enhance my experience. To improve the exterior looks I added carbon fiber Mirror covers, a carbon fiber spoiler and wheel spacers. Inside I added a carbon fiber cover for the shifter (to complement the cf shift knob).

I also installed the MHD Tuning Stage 1 tune using my cell phone and a special OBDII wifi adapter. Stage 1 adds about 50hp and the car really pulls harder after the tune. Higher levels are available, but I did not want to push the engine as the risk of a spun crank hub becomes a big issue at over 550hp. I especially love the exhaust burble option which makes a wonderful sound when you let off the gas pedal. Next issue I will go into detail about the tuning process.



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Be Safe—Michael



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**Why I am a Member of  
 Everglades Chapter!**

- Get to hang out with fellow BMW enthusiasts
- Three monthly social meetings at a location near you!
- *Roundel* Magazine
- *The FLasher*
- Street Survival (the more teens learn to drive, the safer we all are)
- The National Website (free classified postings)
- Club Road Trips
- 15% discount on purchases at many BMW Dealers (parts not cars/repairs)
- The new car rebate. I have pocketed \$1,500 so far on two new BMW purchases: ([www.bmwcca.org/vehicle\\_rebate](http://www.bmwcca.org/vehicle_rebate))
- The Annual Picnic/Car Show
- The Annual Christmas Party
- The network of support from other clubs.

What does this all cost you ask? Hundreds? More? No, the annual dues are only \$58. So next time you wondered why you were a member, or were thinking of not renewing your membership, keep in mind all the benefits that are available.

**MONTHLY MEETING**

**Everglades Chapter monthly Social Membership meetings are held on the First, Second and Third Tuesday of each month from 7:00-10:00 p.m.**  
**●●●NEW LOCATIONS●●●**



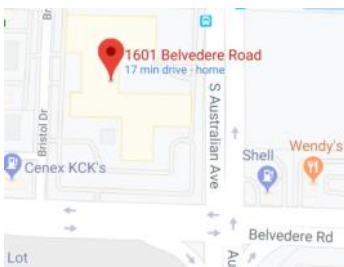
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**Second Tuesday Meeting**

**Cheesecake Factory**  
**7497 Dadeland Mall**  
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**Third Tuesday Meeting**

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## 2013 Limerock M3

VIN -WBSK69C54DJ593290. One of 200 and one of 62 issued with Black M wheels, has a DCT 7-speed transmission, 4029 miles, garage kept vehicle, never tracked, never power launched. Dinan stage 1 remap update, Dinan under drive pulley and Dinan 28MM front swaybar upgrade, all work performed at Braman Jupiter Dealership, vehicle comes with all service documents. We need to find a good home for this very special club racer.. Asking price \$80,000.00 negotiable. Jupiter, FL and may be seen by appointment. Contact: Henry Gonzalez Cell 908-656-6017 or [rmscorpusa@aol.com](mailto:rmscorpusa@aol.com)



## 1988 BMW M6 E24

Zinnobrot Red with Silver Grey Leather. 2 owners, 5 speed manual, 15' BBS 1 Piece Cross Spoke Wheels. Electric Sunroof, On-Board Computer, Electric Seats, AM/FM & Air Con. Restored, no mods. Complete Collector Grade condition. Exterior glass out respray & restored trim. Interior original, shows minor wear. No rips, tears or discoloration. All electrics work, a/c ice cold. Mechanically very tight. photos are available upon request. Recent service. Info at [tinyurl.com/y98kgukg](http://tinyurl.com/y98kgukg). Asking \$89,990. Mileage 23.6k. Additional info contact me Giancarlo Motta [305-803-5172](tel:305-803-5172) or email [autosourcegroup@gmail.com](mailto:autosourcegroup@gmail.com) for information and pricing.



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# Member Profile—Brian Jacobs

How long have you been a member?

I joined the club I believe in 1991 shortly after I bought my first car, a 1976 2002 that needed to be rebuilt

Why did you join BMW CCA?

I am a bit OCD, a friend of mine in high school introduced me to the brand and I was obsessed from there, joining the club and meeting like minded people was just a natural progression.

What BMW do you currently own?

I currently have a 335d modified by Peter Shadowen of Road N Race automotive pushing out nearly 600ft tq with an estimated top speed of 186mph. I have owned two E24 M6's, E30 race car, Z3 coupe, 740I sport, 2002, AA supercharged E46 wagon, 530i, E36 M3, 328i, 318ti and a few mini cooper's. I am sure I am forgetting a few.

If money was no object which BMW would you own?

I nearly bought an M1 for \$70,000 back in 2007, I just saw that car sell for \$500,000 so I would have to say that one is high on my list along with a 3.5CSL bat mobile

What is your favorite BMW?

Of all the cars I've owned I miss my euro M635csi the most. That has got to be up there, I can not ignore the bug I have now for an E21 or 2002 with a stroked M20 though.

When did your "passion for" BMW begin?

Easy, a friend had an modified 528i and a 66 pontiac GTO, he let me drive the GTO, a chase ensued (as they do) He turned, I locked up, went straight and watched that BMW disappear! I knew from that moment on I wanted to learn to drive like that and I wanted a car like that. What I did not know is how I would create life long friends from the various car clubs I have joined and instructed with.

What is your level of activity with the club?



As a past officer of the everglades chapter I was once very involved, with two kids and a corporate job I am a little less available than I would like to be these days.

Have you attended a BMW CCA HPDE?

I did my first ever performance event as a BMW safety school at Moroso 1998ish, being OCD I immediately signed up for every autocross and HPDE that followed. Since then, I went on to instruct and race locally and nationally with various clubs as well as instruct for Skip Barber Racing and later starting my own driver development program. Sebring is easily my favorite track just because it is so demanding, Barber and VIR follow as they are so beautiful.



# Events Calendar

## ALL MEETINGS SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

- April 5** Cars & Coffee at Xtreme Action Park
- April 7** Everglades Chapter Monthly Meeting Ft. Lauderdale
- April 14** Everglades Chapter Monthly Meeting Miami
- April 18** TBM Nights Miller's Ale House Miami
- April 21** Everglades Chapter Monthly Meeting WPB
- April 26** FuelFed Coffee & Classics Ft. Lauderdale
- May 3** Palm Beach Cars & Coffee
- May 5** Everglades Chapter Monthly Meeting Ft. Lauderdale
- May 9** Cars & Coffee at Xtreme Action Park
- May 12** Everglades Chapter Monthly Meeting Miami
- May 16** TBM Nights Miller's Ale House Miami
- May 19** Everglades Chapter Monthly Meeting WPB
- May 24** FuelFed Coffee & Classics Ft Lauderdale
- June 2** Everglades Chapter Monthly Meeting Ft. Laud.
- June 7** Cars & Coffee at Xtreme Action Park
- June 7** Palm Beach Cars & Coffee
- June 9** Everglades Chapter Monthly Meeting Miami
- June 16** Everglades Chapter Monthly Meeting WPB
- June 20** TBM Nights Miller's Ale House Miami
- June 28** FuelFed Coffee & Classics Ft. Lauderdale

*Please check our website and [www.flacarshows.com](http://www.flacarshows.com) for updates and specific event details*

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**Emailing** to the chapter members is the preferred and doable medium of information via Constant Contact.. We send out (maybe) two email blasts a month. It is important to keep your email address updated with the National Office on your profile ([www.bmwcca.org](http://www.bmwcca.org)). That is the data base that is provided to the chapters monthly. You ARE NOT GETTING anything from us if you have opted out or have the wrong email address listed. A one-stop update spot and you are back in the know!

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*Just waiting for all this to be over and go for a drive!*

Photo by Jonathan Bowerman

*From the Archives: 2010 BMW Party*



Photos by John Anderson (RIP)

