

# The FLasher

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"flash" their headlights at each other*

**BMW Car Club  
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Everglades Chapter**



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notice,  
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## *Our BMWs (Christmas 2019)*



Photos by Michael J Posner

# GENESIS: BMW FROM THE BEGINNING by Bob Morin

Back in January, which seems like years ago about now, the BMW CCA Foundation Museum closed their most successful exhibit to date, PASSION: 50 Years of BMW Cars and Community, that had seen a record number of visits, in no small part thanks to the 50th Anniversary BMW CCA Oktoberfest being held a few miles down I-85.

The closing of one exhibit means the beginning of the next is right around the corner. After months of planning, the timeline began when the PASSION cars all started to leave, the supporting memorabilia, signage, posters, photos and so forth were all taken down and then there was a brief window of opportunity to have the new HVAC system installed before the cars and motorcycles for the next exhibit began to arrive.

GENESIS: BMW From The Beginning features the early days of BMW, with four examples of BMW motorcycles ranging from 1927 to 1949 and 19 BMW cars, ranging from 1934 to 1960. This exhibit offers a unique opportunity to see some of the oldest and rarest BMW cars and motorcycles ever presented together in the U.S. and for most visitors probably the first time that they will have a chance to see many of these rare examples. For photos and more information about the vehicles on display in the museum, check the Foundation's website here: [bmwccafoundation.org/exhibits/genesis](http://bmwccafoundation.org/exhibits/genesis)

So, one by one, the cars and motorcycles for GENESIS arrived and then the photo shoot for the next exhibit book was scheduled, and plans for the Grand Opening on May 15th, set to coincide with The Vintage in Hot Springs, NC were coming together beautifully, the announcements went out, tickets were sold and then... the world changed almost overnight.

Suddenly, all the planning came to a halt and everything became uncertain. We all became familiar with a new set of terms: social distancing, self-isolation, self-quarantining, coronavirus, COVID-19, PPE, and more. Then BMW CCA and the Foundation came up with their own set of protocols and after extending them until June 1 it became obvious that there would be no opening on May 15th. So this spectacular exhibit filled with beautiful vintage cars and motorcycles was almost ready to open, even offering the guests the comfort of the newly installed air conditioning system, and now everything was on hold. What to do?

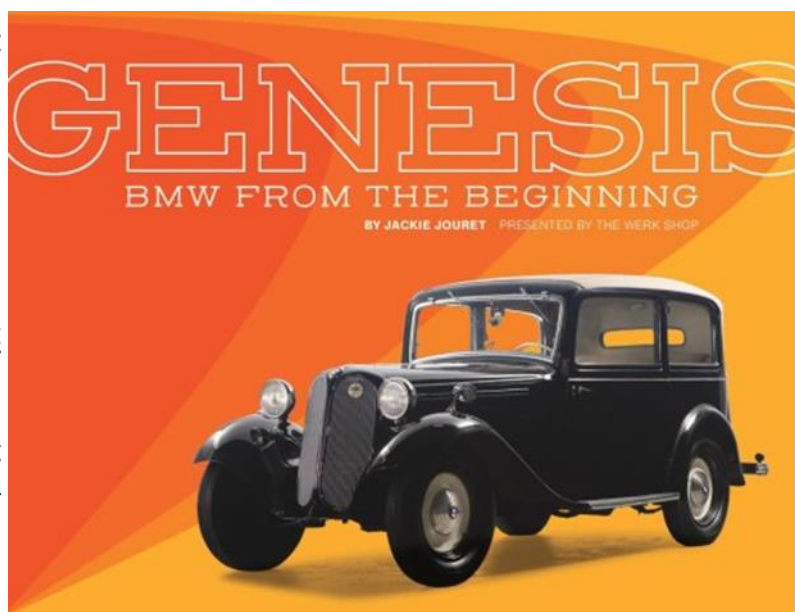
First, a video was made that went live on the originally planned opening date of May 15th that was a virtual tour of the exhibit hosted by Jackie Jouret, the author of the Foundation's entire series of books that have accompanied each exhibit. If you have not seen that video, it is available here: [bmwccafoundation.org/genesis-virtual-tour](http://bmwccafoundation.org/genesis-virtual-tour)

Then, BMW CCA announced that, as the June 1 date passed, they would allow Club events to be held, as long as all local and national COVID-19 guidelines were being followed. Then, BMW CCA further announced the MX1 Enthusiast Weekend event August 14 and 15 in Greenville, SC and the Foundation began making plans to open the museum to visitors during that event. In the meantime, adjustments are being made to the Foundation headquarters building to make it more safe for visitors with protective shields dividing customers and staff for the Museum store, the availability of hand sanitizer throughout the building, reconfiguring displays to better allow for social distancing, and so forth.

If you cannot make the August event, your next big chance to view this current collection is scheduled to be Friday, October 23, when the Foundation will have an open house in conjunction with the re-scheduled Vintage in Hot Springs, NC which will be on Saturday, October 24.

While the virus may still be a major concern, seeing this exhibit presents a very rare opportunity for us in the U.S. If you are unable to make it to the Foundation this year to see this exciting exhibit or you are interested in a wonderful memento of your visit, it would be hard to beat the current exhibit book, once again researched and written by Jackie Jouret. You can find more information about the book here: [bmwccafoundationstore.com/collections/genesis](http://bmwccafoundationstore.com/collections/genesis)

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## *Pole Position by President Bobbi Treen*

HAPPY SUMMER everyone! I hope that all of you are enjoying whatever makes you happy! And the next item on the list is hurricane preparedness! The pandemic may have depleted store shelves but we all know that with a strong hurricane – the same thing happens. You may not get the supplies you need when you need them. Prepare and have what you need. Avoid the crowds and the procrastinators! And wear your Face Mask.

I welcome all our new members – all of you that are renewing and anyone else taking the time to read this! WELCOME! We appreciate you being with us. We are all volunteers: your officers, the editor, the membership contact, our area reps, anyone planning an event, or the TRSS team. ALL are VOLUNTEERS – no one gets paid for their service. ANY of us involved in planning and execution of the events: TRSS, newsletter, Email blasts, reports, etc., we do this for the passion of the BMW the marque, the comradery. I thank all our volunteers. They are greatly appreciated. Showing your gratitude to someone can make you feel happy or happier. Everglades Chapter has a simple recognition program to show our gratitude to a member: "Member of the Year" award recognizes and honors an outstanding chapter member. The selection for THAT member for 2020 is going to be difficult. The nomination committee consists of the previous honorees (that are still involved), tasked with the nominations and selection process. The national office has a member "Recognition Program" to recognize and honor a member of a chapter, an officer of a chapter and a few more honorable categories. Sadly, it has been a struggle to get the membership to participate in the program with nominations. Any BMW CCA Member can make the nominations of a fellow member. To review the list of rules, go to [www.bmwcca.org/recognition-program](http://www.bmwcca.org/recognition-program).

Not to sound like a broken record (and I realize not everyone will understand that phrase, but,) we are still in need of a new location for all three of our monthly social meetings. Since we (Florida) have had an opening of some places, then the closing and then a reopening and then more changes, therefore, we are waiting. 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 we can. In the meantime, if someone wants to arrange a group meeting virtually, Skype? ZOOM, anyone? We can do that. Or just do it amongst yourselves...

Jon Van Woerden is changing the Extreme Cars & Coffee day and time to the Second Sunday and 10:30 to 12:30. It will coincide with Xtreme's Sunday hours. Check our website for current information – in case this changes again. Wear your Face masks and social distance.

Trip down O'Fest Memory Lane: 1992 O'Fest... Marriot Hotel in Palm Beach Gardens was the host hotel for Oktoberfest '92. Registration for this spectacular weeklong event was \$92.00 a person. It included receptions and sit-down dinners. In "those days" there were not any additional fees to participant in the events, like the Concourse de Elegance. The only event that added to the cost of the week was the HPDE at Sebring (as it should). Many of us are cleaning out closets during the self-quarantine. Bob Morin located a long-lost receipt for the O'Fest host hotel, for the last week of October 1992. Spending \$553.42 at the Marriott for the whole week, including one long distance call and room service for one night. 1992 O'Fest was a 6-night stay. It was also the 20th Anniversary of BMW Motorsports – Jon Van Woerden has provided information of that celebration. IT really was a coincidence that I found some O'Fest 92 Items in my garage, Bob found his receipt and Jon came across a file of his photos, all while doing the COVID-19 Clean-Up 2020. Oh the memories.

The FLasher accepts article and pictures from our members – again do not be shy – send us some stuff. Do not be self-ish and only post it on FaceBook or Instagram (there are more members not on social media). Send it to us.... See you name in print. Enjoy the BMW experience and SHARE it with fellow members in your newsletter. Cuz, I am running out of material and steam. We are certain that TRSS hosted by Everglades Chapter will be not happening any time soon. In the meantime, support the BMW CCA Foundation. The store has a variety of BMW related treasures. I am sure you need to buy a gift for someone including yourself. If you are also doing the COVID-19 Clean-Up 2020 and have items you are willing to part with - donate them to the Foundation, they will gladly accept it. Maybe you have no one (that would appreciate it) to "leave your BMW treasures to..."; the Foundation will gladly accept them.

The year 2020 has certainly been a different and a difficult year. There seems to be less public interest in the celebrities of the world (unless they have COVID-19) and more interest on current events and topics that should have mattered all along to each of us. When you feel like screaming – remember relaxation and meditation have been around for centuries. I hear it works to take the edge off. So does Beer, Margaritas and Wine and of course chocolate, ice cream and alcohol. Your choice – yes, we have choices, after all it is a free country!

As of June 30, our chapter membership was at 1992 (with 269 associates). Yes, a noticeable drop in membership from last month. As a reminder, in January of 2020 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

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## Editor's Take by Michael J Posner

So much has changed since we published the second quarter FLasher. My last day at the office was April 2 and I have been in self-quarantine ever since. This means very little driving as there is really no place to go. A few trips to the Walgreens drive-through, once for gas, and the FedEx box have been the highlight of my travels. We have all of our food from Publix and Costco delivered, to avoid going into any stores.

Driving just for pleasure is difficult on the flat boring South Florida roads but I still occasionally do it just to shake the cobwebs from my mind and to get all that rust off the surface of my disc rotors.

Sitting in front of the computer leads me to long searches for a replacement BMW even though I realize buying and selling would be difficult as I would not feel comfortable test driving someone else's car let alone letting someone test drive mine. I drooled over an I-8 Roadster but realized the hundred thousand plus price tag put it way out of reach even though it was \$60,000 less than the new sales price.

I was intrigued by a 2016 M6 which is one of my favorite cars. The Carfax showed one accident in 2018 and after obtaining the crash report it appears it was a sideswipe of a parked vehicle that caused about \$4,000 worth of damage. However, the Carfax also says the car has self-reported frame damage from the auction sale a 1 and 1/2 years later. No wonder the car has been for sale for over nine months with the price drop of over \$4,000 and a current sale price of about \$10,000 below-market. If it truly has frame damage it would be a poor purchase.



Courtesy BMW North America

At the same time I thought about some more modifications for my M4. Maybe a new steering wheel, either the performance wheel or the even fancier electronic performance wheel. I am also considering them or text new Android Auto MMI Prime Retrofit. It would allow for my cell phone to wirelessly interface with the head unit, including Waze and Pandora on screen.

I am getting ready to embark on a 2000 mile road trip in the BMW. It will be the first long distance drive in this car. Despite the long distance the trip will only require one right turn and one left turn before I get to my destination. That means hours and hours on I-95. Except for gas we do not intend to stop for food, instead bringing a cooler with drinks, snacks and lunch.



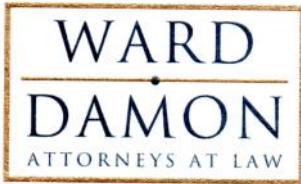
Picture courtesy of Bimmer Tech (<https://www.bimmer-tech.net/products-android-auto-mmi-retrofit>)

When I was younger I would do the trip in one day but I am not sure we could handle 15 hours straight anymore and therefore we plan on stopping halfway in Florence, South Carolina. We have special sheets (like sleeping bags) and will bring our own pillows to protect us from the virus and we will wipe down the entire room with disinfectant just in case.

I'll report in next issue how the car performed as well as whether I can top 20mpg on the highway locked in at 79 mph. My best has been 27mpg at a steady 70mph, but that speed is just too slow. I guess its better than the 16mpg I get driving locally, and at \$2.99 a gallon for premium, which is only .07 more than I first paid for gas in 1976 (\$0.59) with inflation.

I hope everyone stays safe, this too shall pass. Michael





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- 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.**  
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**First Tuesday Meeting**

**Checkers Old Munchen**  
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**Second Tuesday Meeting**

**Cheesecake Factory**  
**7497 Dadeland Mall**  
**Miami**



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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,

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*From the Archive—Palm Beach O'Fest 20 year anniversary of Motorsports*



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safe social distancing.  
Bobbi Treen

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### BMW Crossword

Complete the crossword puzzle below

The crossword puzzle grid consists of white squares for letters and empty spaces. The numbered starting points are:

- 1: Down, top right
- 2: Across, middle left
- 3: Across, middle left
- 4: Across, middle right
- 5: Across, bottom left
- 6: Across, bottom left
- 7: Across, bottom left

<p><b><u>Across</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. boot of the car</li><li>2. A BMW Motorcycle</li><li>3. Home of BMW</li><li>4. front of a car</li><li>5. 2 seat BMW</li><li>7. media interface</li></ol>	<p><b><u>Down</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Exalted Leader</li><li>2. Our Club</li><li>4. electric and gas</li><li>6. Model Range</li></ol>
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