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Cars & Coffee @ Xtreme Action Park
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and you and YOU!**

2011 BMW Leipzig One 1M V8

By Esteban Larranaga (esteban@asgmiami.com)

Being that the BMW 1M is arguably the greatest modern legend to come out of BMW's facilities, the following for these cars grows tremendously as it is believed to be one of the last great BMWs made.



With limited production numbers and *almost perfect power to weight ratio, the 1M has a well earned reputation...however we at Auto Source Group wondered, "How could we make it better?"*.

With the minds at Masterclass Auto, we realized that there is a huge potential for this car to improve. In fact, we decided to make the car BMW never made.

Getting a full manual drivetrain out of an e92 M3, we decided to build the 1M the way it should have been from the factory. Had the 1M been made with a V8, we believe that the car would simply be too great. That being said, we produced a FULL

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Pioneers of A New Age by Afshawn Towfighi

Over the past two decades, my wife and I have owned a combined total of forty BMWs; to say we are enthusiasts is an understatement. We had an i3 for two and half years and thoroughly enjoyed the functionality and eDrive convenience.

Since then, we have patiently anticipated the next phase of BMW's i generation. Yet the day we intended to pre-order the BMW iX is the day we pre-ordered a car that had not even been on our radar - the BMW i4 M50.

For months, the unknowns surrounding BMW's first-ever fully electric sports activity vehicle had us eagerly awaiting its release date. We were excited to learn of its 300-mile range and 500 HP, not to mention the spacious interior that would easily accommodate our family lifestyle. So why the hesitation

to put our name on the list? Simply put, we were not in love with the overall design. Our preference is stronger for the traditional BMW language than the innovative style of the iX.

Learning of the i4 M50 generated a new excitement as we realized it fulfills our desire to embrace BMW's i generation while retaining our enthusiast values. With an MSRP approximately \$20,000 less than the iX, a 240-mile range, and 536 HP, our opportunity to partake in the future of M is finally here.

As for space, we determined our 2006 X5 will provide just fine. Pre-ordering this high-performance electric vehicle required submitting a deposit online. Details will be finalized this fall with delivery starting Spring 2022.



<http://www.bimmerfile.com/2021/06/01/world-premier-the-all-electric-2023-bmw-i4-edrive40-and-i4-m50/>

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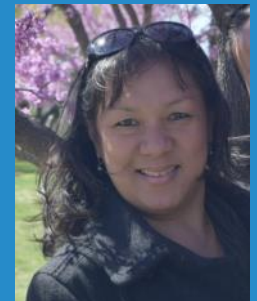


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The More Things Change, The More Things Stay the Same

Here we are again – if you are reading this one – I do thank you. Even if I am retired, I know how busy life can be and how our priorities can change. Sometimes just looking at the pictures is enough... to get your BMW fix.

The next exhibit at the Foundation: The Z Cars Exhibit, which will open on July 5th. The Freedom & Fun vehicles have already started to arrive. It is planned to run through November 8th, which is the Monday following O'Fest ∞ Forever to accommodate any O'Fest participants who may want to visit before or after that event. In addition to Z3s and Z4s, they plan to have a Z1, a Z4 Alpina (never sold in the U.S.) a Z8, an Alpina Z8, and at least three Z race cars. Other (non-Z) cars from the Foundation collection will be brought out to fill the remaining space, and some of those will be seen for the first time in over four years. For various reasons, the Foundation has decided not to have an exhibit book for this exhibition.

The opening weekend of the Z Car exhibit coincides with the 25th Anniversary of the ZFest Homecoming and the arrival of the ZSCCA for their annual event. Their traditional panoramic photo will be taken on the grounds of the Foundation AND on July 10th there is a planned record attempt for the longest BMW car parade, a mark currently held when 178 Isettas participated in a parade. All BMW cars are welcome for the record attempt, not just Z cars. Currently there are over 280 cars expected.



2008 Zfest homecoming panoramic picture setup. Photo by Michael J Posner

The closing weekend of the Genesis Exhibition had several events going on including a well-attended (800 cars) Cars & Coffee. The Founders' Garden was also dedicated during the closing weekend of the Genesis Exhibition. There are various plants, trees, flowers, and other items to purchase for this garden.

Information regarding the garden is now on the website, www.bmwccafoundation.org. Also at the dedication, a Time Capsule was buried that will be dug up in 2052 (for those who will still be around then) on the 50th Anniversary of the Foundation. Be sure and tell your children and grandchildren!

Several states are now relaxing their COVID -pandemic rules of socializing, and with that TRSS is slowly scheduling events. Even with the vaccinations being available, we still need to be careful. This is my humble opinion, which is shared by many, but not everyone. Some people (in general – not speaking of the membership exclusively), that are of the opinion that South Florida is fine; we are out of the woods; we can start having events – like TRSS. There are many things to consider with having a TRSS and respecting others' opinions on that subject. Those that wear a mask or will not; those that will get a vaccine or will not AND the possibility of the variants of the COVID floating around (literally floating!). With all of that said, Everglades Chapter's Team TRSS is hopeful to schedule and host a long awaited TRSS in the fall – maybe as early as September.

Be safe wherever you go and in whatever you are doing. If your travels do include the Greer/Greenville area – make it a point to include a visit to the Foundation and the folks at the national office. Tell them I said hello!

-Bobbi

Editor's Take by Michael J Posner

As I described last issue, I had left the BMW fold for the first time in 18 years. However, the itch remained and I decided to search for a classic BMW that would likely hold its value while I was able to enjoy driving. I ultimately decided on a 2001 BMW E39 M5. Many people like to claim that this is the peak of BMW's design language, quality, power and analog delivery of the ultimate driving experience. While I do not necessarily agree, it is certainly a very good looking powerful sedan.



The one I purchased was found on the M5 board (m5board.com), offered by a noted S62 engine rebuilder. He described the car as "minty" and the pictures certainly reflected that condition despite the 145,000 original miles. The car had service records since new plus a clean Carfax. The seller claimed that the car only had an alignment and wheel balance issue but that he had held off taking any action because many buyers would replace the wheels and tires anyway.

After some negotiation and agreement that he would complete a full fluidectomy and replace all the spark plugs I drove to Orlando to make the purchase. Except for a few rock chips and the after mentioned wheel and tire issue, the car looked half its age and mileage. Everything else worked so I purchased the car and drove the 180 miles back to South Florida.

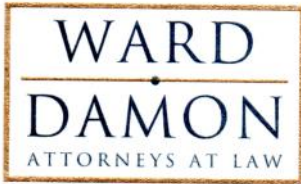
Then the fun started. After initial attempt at alignment and wheel balance to fix the vibration and pulling problem it was discovered that the two front wheels were bent. Eventually RIMfx in Royal Beach agreed to fix both front wheels and refurbish and respray the light curb rash. The wheels came out great but the problems still persisted.

After thoroughly reviewing the service history I had also determined that the M5 needed some updated maintenance so I took the vehicle to Foreign Affairs in West Palm Beach to change out the O2 sensors, replace the two front belts, replace the windshield washer pump and the fuel tank vent valve. I also had them look at the vibration issue and they initially thought it was the thrust arm bushings which they also replaced. Unfortunately that did not fix the problem and the car was back to Foreign Affairs where was determined that the front wheels had been unbent but not rebalanced and that finally solved the problem.



So after a 1/2 a dozen trips to a variety of vendors and six weeks of delay I finally have my M5 in driver ready condition. She will share daily driving duties with my Porsche 911 especially on days when it is cloudy and rainy. I am also considering some tasteful modifications. I replaced the center armrest which had a plastic cradle for old-style cell phone with a European flat armrest sparing my elbow from the hard plastic. I am also debating upgrading the ancient navigation system which refuses to remain in the brightest setting after each restart. I will also get the rock chips sorted and clean up the front headlights which are starting to yellow from age. Otherwise I believe she will remain stock though the urge to add power never ends (like Jerry Beer's supercharged M5).

-Michael



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- Three monthly social meetings at a location near you!
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- *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)
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- The Annual Christmas Party
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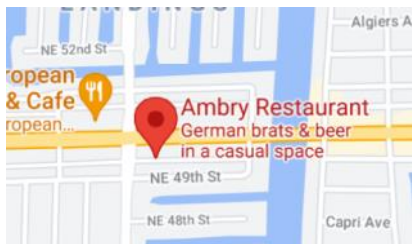
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MONTHLY MEETING

**Everglades Chapter
 Monthly Social
 Membership meetings**



**July 24
 Noon—??
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**Fourth Tuesday
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A local M5 owner has given me several E39 parts to share with the group. I will sell these in exchange for fair donation to the St. Judes Children's Hospital:

E39 16X9 Navigation Head Unit (needs alignment)
Eight Bosch red fuel injectors
E39 Halo Headlights (no bulb, scratched)
Chrome front grills
Rear subwoofer (65136908549)
Front/rear speakers/tweeters
Front Grills with Chrome surround

Contact mjposner1@gmail.com

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Fueled brings out the BMWs by Jon van Woerden



Photos by Jon van Woerden

Pole Position

President Rennie Bryant

As I write this it appears that the end of the pandemic is on the horizon as more and more people become vaccinated and the number of infected continues to drop. Absent some resurgence it looks like the ability to meet in person will finally return, which means the resumption of our monthly social meetings. These meetings have already started in Broward County and we are searching for suitable locations in both Miami-Dade and Palm Beach counties. If you have any suggestions please let me know.

In addition the monthly Broward County meet up has been very successful and we hope to duplicate that with locations in other counties. Again if you know of any local places that will host a Saturday or Sunday morning car show please let me know. This can include a shopping center, a local coffee shop, or possibly at a BMW dealership.

One event that we have not held in many years is a vehicle workshop. If you think that is something you would be interested in we can arrange to have one at my shop and demonstrate either beginner repairs such as check engine light scanning, oil changes or spark plugs or more complex items such as engine tuning or brakes and rotors. This is your Club so let me know what events you would like to see.

Thanks, hope to see you soon .

Rennie Bryant

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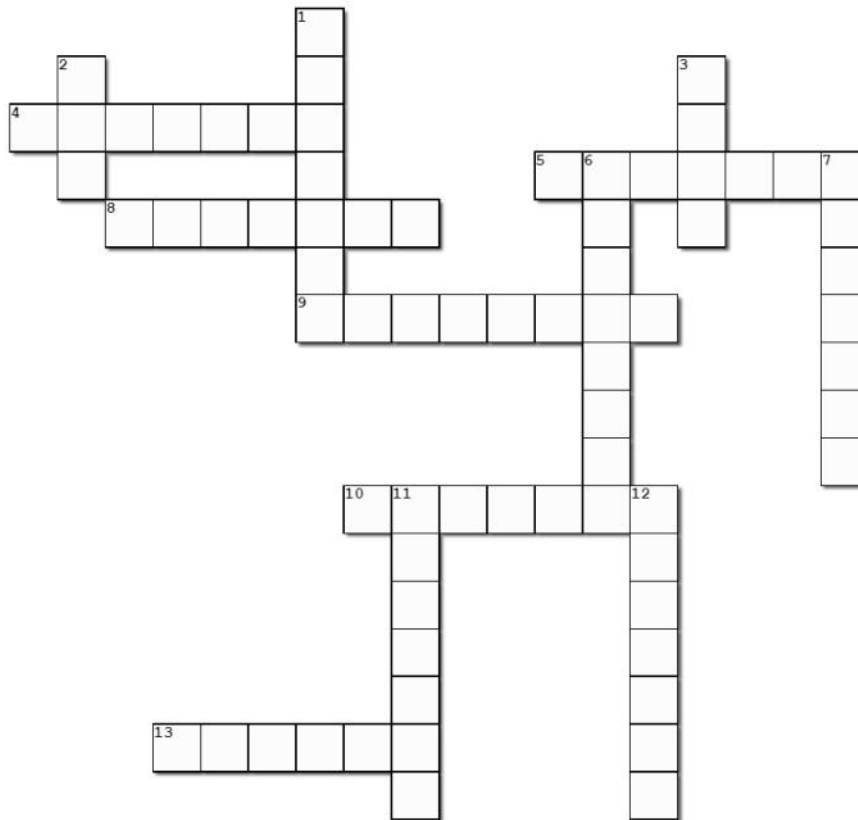
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August 8 Cars & Coffee: Xtreme Action Park
August 29 Fueled Hardy Park Bistro
Sept. 11 Cars and Coffee: Coggin BMW
Sept. 12 Cars & Coffee: Xtreme Action Park
Cars & Coffee Palm Each Outlet Mall
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October 30 Aircooled for Charity
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Everglades Summer Challenge

Complete the crossword puzzle below



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Across

4. Fancy way to describe old BMWs
5. Hardy Park Meetup
8. the gas that all BMWs demand
9. Instead of gas engines
10. This birdcage liner when printed
13. BMW media system name

Down

1. Slogan Part Three
2. Broward County Restaurant 1st Name
3. New BMW Front Grill opinion
6. Slogan Part One
7. Slogan Part Two
11. cows and seats
12. Where Rennie spends his days

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vehicle with all BMW parts and more. This is not a simple swap for the track, instead this is a fully customizable vehicle with homage to the BMW brand.

Equipped with the full drivetrain from an e92, we also decided to swap subframes, EDC suspension components, and even all brains of the e92 into this car.

Named Leipzig One after the Leipzig plant used to build this chassis of car, we decided to make it a fully functional, made to OEM spec, vehicle that people will be able to commission and fully customize as well.

This is more than just a “build” and it is not something that your buddy with a big garage can do for cheap, not the right way at least...this car is the OEM equivalent to the car that never was made.

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The result was the answer to our “what if” scenario. More info at www.leipzigone.com.

