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Produced with sponsorship from The Werk Shop, Classic BMW of Plano, Texas, CocoMats, and Yokohama Tires, the BMW CCA Foundation has assembled twenty significant cars and four equally compelling motorcycles at their beautiful, newly air-conditioned museum in Greer, South Carolina.

Included among the rare classics on display are a 1930 3/15 PS DA2 Cabriolet, believed to be the oldest BMW in North America; three of BMW's race-dominating pre-war roadsters – a 319/1, a 315/1, and a 328; a Pebble Beach trophy-winning 503 cabriolet; a 507, two Baroque Angels; a pair of EMWs, likely the only ones in the United States, built by the Soviets in BMW's former factory in Eisenach; an Isetta 300; a race-prepared 1960 700, and more. Motorcycles include a race-winning R47 sport bike and an R2 single; a postwar R24 and a sidecar-and-trailer-equipped military R75.

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A beautiful, 166-page, full-color GENESIS exhibit book, written by Jackie Jouret, is also available from the BMW CCA Foundation store, in softcover or limited-edition hardcover.



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Pole Position by President Bobbi Treen

AS we welcome the FALL of 2020 (as in the falling down of 2020)...all we can do is make the best of it, stay healthy, count our blessings, and pray. And recently, we have had to deal with some terrible weather and or preparing for them. I hope that all in the Miami area and the Keys are drying out from what was then TS Sally. And of course, all the people living along the Gulf Coast suffering the impact of Hurricanes Laura and Sally. And we still have a few more months of it! Stay prepared. I welcome all our new members – all of you that are renewing and anyone else taking the time to read this! Welcome! Welcome! Welcome! We appreciate you being with us. As of August 31, our chapter membership was at 1974 (includes our 264 associates).

BimmerLife: I am going on record as being extremely disappointed in our two pages in the current issue of BimmerLife – your South Atlantic Regional newsletter. I provide the person who puts it together (a paid position) with the chapter information, the articles, and the pictures; they do the layout. My 660-word article on the Foundation was dropped. The TRSS pictures go with my non-printed article. The other article that was printed – they removed a paragraph; it was important INFO. The layout guy haphazardly put our information from the sidebar location to the bottom of the page. AND then Allan's picture of his car was such a size – that Barbie and Ken could fit in it with their friends and all could properly social distance. BUT sadly, it looks more like the smokey skyline of San Francisco. The photos being 81% of the page is a bit much (sorry Allan). THERE I said it. Yes, I sent emails, and I got answers. In my opinion – they could have made the pictures much smaller, laid it out better and had plenty of room for my article. They offered to print it in the next BimmerLife. I will think about it. For now, it is in this Flasher. THAT's my story and I am sticking to it! And I am done.

Enjoy the BMW experience and SHARE it with fellow members in your newsletter. Do you have a road trip experience, HPDE, a TRSS (as an instructor or as a student?)? Member profiles – contact us or make up your own story. Cuz, I am running out of material and steam. **CAR OF YOUR DREAMS Raffle:** TIME is running out for the national raffle. Members can purchase their 2020 Car of Your Dreams raffle tickets at www.bmwcca.org. \$25 each... watch for those flash sales and added incentives emails! Deadline is Friday, October 2 (5PM)

We are all volunteers and we need more. I thank and appreciate all our volunteers. At the national level, the BMW CCA has a "Recognition Program" to recognize and honor a member of a chapter, an officer of a chapter and a few more honorable categories within each region. To review the list of categories, rules for the national program, and how to nominate, go to www.bmwcca.org/recognition-program. (Current Deadline for nominations is Jan 30, 2021 or verify on the website.)

We are looking into having small groups meeting together in late November or December (hopefully without hurricane interruption or flu season or another COVID spike). I have asked for suggestions and I am still hearing crickets. Seriously, only complaints that we as a chapter aren't doing anything. What do you want to do? – that is not a health risk. AS a chapter we have a responsibility to our members that events be safe. As your President – this is extremely frustrating. With our chapter covering three major counties that are the COVID-19 hotspot in Florida, it is VERY DIFFICULT and unwise for us to plan an event that could possibly bring 50 -100 members and families together. There is a high risk of someone having the virus and not be aware of it. IF we have a picnic, we will have to limit the attendance – everyone is required to wear a mask and social distance. You would have to bring your own food and beverages – no sharing/no shared coolers. Those are just a few of the changes due to the virus. Most of the county parks are not renting out the larger pavilions. Everglades Chapter will be back to having our car shows, events, and meetings just as soon as we can- safely. If you want to do a drive, as a chapter, the insurance certificate is still required, and EVERYONE is required to sign the waiver. That is nothing new – it has been in place forever. I have been made aware that several "other car" groups are getting together for drives around the counties. That is a risk that those organizers are willing to take. Contact me, or one of the officers for the detailed information and to get the insurance certificate. In the meantime, if someone wants to arrange a drive (stay in your car??), a picnic, a virtual group meeting via Skype? ZOOM? anyone?

Cars & Coffee (without the coffee) at Xtreme - Jon VanWoerden 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. YES, we require you to wear your Face mask and social distance. **TRSS events:** While I was on the monthly (September) Foundation Ambassador call, it was announced that the TRSS program would most likely be suspended for the remainder of 2020 (nationwide). The Trustees of BMW CCA Foundation have not (as I write this) made a final decision. As I said before, Everglades, will not be having any programs in 2020. BUT as soon as there is a healthy environment to do so, we will host TRSS. IF any of your friends and family inquiry about the program, please have them go to the website www.streetsurvival.org and review it. Tell them to add their name and address to the section – "a school in your area"; THEY will be the second one to know when an event is scheduled and registration is open within 150 miles of their zip code. While we wait, this is one way we can keep the momentum and awareness for our Tire Rack Street Survival Teen Driving Program. In the meantime, support the BMW CCA Foundation. Shop at their online store.

Smile Amazon makes donations to the charity of your choice while you SHOP on Amazon. Switch it over to **Smile.Amazon.com** (more information elsewhere in the Flasher) and list BMW CCA FOUNDATION as your charity of choice. You shop they donate! Smile Amazon has donated \$215,721,458.97 to charities in the USA, so far this year!

Your chapter newsletter is sent quarterly, and our email blasts are about twice a month via constant contact. AND If you – **as a member** - unsubscribe from our email blasts – you have ZERO contact with the chapter. We continue to attempt to keep the email list with constant contact void of dual name/emails, old emails and long-ago lapsed members. It is a big undertaking to purge it. You can help, if you are **no longer a member** of Everglades, and do not want to get our emails – unsubscribe. I guess if you are reading this...

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Editor's Take by Michael J Posner

Right After the 3rd quarter issue went to press I decided it was time for a change in my BMW. I had never warmed to my 2016 M4 (I know, 1st world problems). My favorite BMW of all time was my 2013 M6. However, that car had one major flaw which was a voracious appetite for motor oil. I was basically putting in a quart every two tank full of gas. Braman went to bat for me to try to get BMW corporate to replace the engine in the vehicle under warranty. Instead, BMW just decided to replace all of the internal seals. This took twenty-four days but was covered under warranty. In addition there been one other major warranty repair resulting in over \$3,000 in engine parts. All this work faile dto inspire confidence in the car.

As my extended warranty was expiring and no one would touch a new warranty for the car with a 10 foot pole, I was not willing to take the risk of future problems. The cost of a newer M6 was out of my budget so I settled on a 2016 M4 convertible.



I drove that car for a eighteen months but I felt it was a pale comparison to the M6. A year later I added a 2007 Porsche 911 to my garage which meant that my budget to replace the M4 was now even more limited. The cheapest M6 still under factory warranty or cpo warranty was north of \$60,000, which was way above my budget. Eventually I found a cpo 2016 650 I that I felt could be a suitable replacement. I received a good trade in on my BMW M4 and as part of the purchase acquired a 3 year 36,000 mile warranty on the 650i.

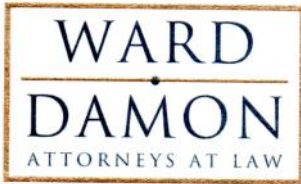
It certainly is no M6, especially the transmission, which is the 8 speed automatic versus the 7 speed dual clutch in the M6. However the interior, seats and tech are even better than my 2013 M6 so I am quite pleased with the new vehicle.



The car does have its issues and I have been addressing them slowly. The steering wheel was not in very good condition so I replaced it with a BMW M performance steering wheel. Being a 2016 it also did not have Apple Car Play or Android Auto so I installed the Bimmertech MMI interface which gives me both (its still a bit wonky). I also added paddle shifter extensions to make the paddles more accessible from the 10-12 driving position. I have debated performance additions but due to the warranty I will probably hold off. I would like to increase the sound of the exhaust which is more luxury quiet than performance loud.

My wife and I took the new 650i on a road trip to Baltimore in July and it performed well, returning 24mpg with an average speed of about 75 mph. The only issue is the stiffness of the run-flat tires especially over the pot-hole/manhole covered streets of Baltimore. When these tires wear out I will replace them with non-run-flat Michelin Pilot Sport which should greatly improve the ride.

I hope everybody stays safe, and has a wonderful holiday season and I look forward to things returning to normal in 2021.



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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)
- 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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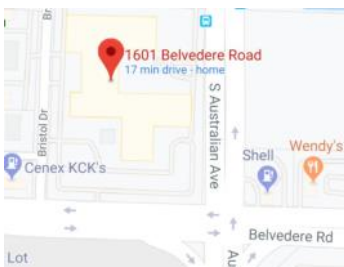
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2013 Limerock M3

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



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,

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Genesis" BMW From the Beginning – by Jon Van Woerden



The fourth BMW Exhibition at the BMW CCA Foundation is currently under way with its COVID-19 guidelines, including the October 23/24th "Foundation Fest" (which is already sold out) and will have Jackie Jouret signing the Genesis book.

The Exhibit features 20 significant automobiles and 4 motorcycles from BMW's First 50 Years.

Starting with the Blue 1930 3/15 HP DA2 Cabriolet from Colleen Sheehan, through the 1965 3200 CS, and featuring three automobiles from Florida and two Motorcycles,

this is a must see show.

The 1943 R75 Military Motorcycle and 1949 R24 motorcycles owned by Jack Wells of Lake City to Dirk and Alexandra de Groen's beautiful yellow and blue 1934 315/1 and the white 1937 328 which he and his wife drove in the Mille Miglia Storica. The red and black 1954 EMW 327/3 Coupe of Rachele "Rocky" and Henry Grady, built in East Germany's BMW former factory in Eisenach sporting its EMS red and white roundel.

For a full representation of all the amazing automobiles and motorcycles of this collec-



Photos by Jon Van Woerden



tion, purchase the book by Jackie Jouret and if you have the chance to stop by and visit the exhibition please do so, it is amazing! <https://bmwccafoundationstore.com/collections/genesis>

Admission includes access to a great audio tour. If you bring your earbuds/headphones, you can listen to the audio tour of the cars and motorcycles through your smartphone.



Annual Chapter Nominations Meeting

Due to COVID-19, we will have a virtual (i.e. Skype) meeting. Our OCTOBER meeting is the Annual Chapter Nominations Meeting. This is the evening that nominations will open – for a thirty-day period - for the membership to nominate members for the upcoming elections for 2021-2022-a two year term. The Election Chairperson will accept nominations on Tuesday, Oct 20 via EMAIL and nominations will be accepted for 30 days. Nominations will automatically close on November 19 at 8 pm ET. Positions open for the 2021-2022 term: President - VP-Driving Events - Secretary

The current officers are required to be nominated for their current position or a different officer position. Should it happen, that no one is nominated for a position or it is declined, and with no candidate, that position will be vacant, until such a time a replacement can be found.

To be nominated as an officer, the candidate must be a member of Everglades Chapter for one year (and in good-standing) and nominated by a member of Everglades Chapter (in good standing). The position of President requires that the nominated candidate previously served for one year as an officer for Everglades Chapter BMW CCA.

As per our chapter by-laws: If there are no opposing candidates nominated for a position, it will not be necessary to vote /mail ballots. If there is a need for a vote, (opposing candidates for at least one position) the ballots will be provided to the chapter members via FLasher E-newsletter/ constant contact. We will use the current chapter membership list for emails/addresses provided by the national office.

After nominations are open on Oct 20 through the closing date of Nov 19 – at 8 pm-ET: TO nominate a member:

Please send your nomination via email: tinitimer@gmail.com Margaret Mitchell, Election Chairperson with the following required (and will be verified) information:

SUBJECT: Everglades BMW CCA Officer Nomination

Person making the nomination:

Your name and membership number

The member you are nominating:

Their name, membership number and the position for nomination. A valid contact number.

Please use the subject Everglades BMW CCA Officer Nominations! Make it easy for everyone.

After the Election Chairperson verifies the information provided, she will call each of the nominees to ask if they accept or decline the nomination to serve as an officer for Everglades Chapter for the two-year term (2021-2022). After nominations close on Nov 19, it will be determined by the Election Chairperson if we need ballot voting or to provide the unopposed nominations of officers to the BOD.

If you would like to know more about the open positions, please contact one of the officers. Officer descriptions are also on the website under our by-laws.

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Events Calendar

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And last, but not least – Nominations for your elected officers for 2021-2022... There is another article in the FLasher with full details on the nominations and election process (Page 9). If any candidate accepts their nomination and would like to write a BRIEF profile on themselves, send an email to evergladesbmwcca@gmail.com. YOUR vote counts. It is good to be counted.

We continue to hope that all of you and your families are healthy and stay healthy. Be responsible in everything you do. Stay healthy – Stay safe. Go drive your BMW...

Safe Travels—Bobbi Treen

The BMW CCA Foundation

Submitted by Bobbi Treen

Portions copied from the BMW CCA Foundation website

Located in Greer, South Carolina, the BMW CCA Foundation exists for our BMW CCA members, enthusiasts, and all things BMW: past, present, and future. Everglades Chapter has long supported the Foundation. And there are many ways you can also support the foundation: not only monetary donations, but by donating items of value – books, memorabilia, collectables, and the most valuable of all, your time, become an Ambassador for the Foundation. And apparently an unknown to many – SHOP amazon - www.smile.amazon.com ! For your online shopping needs – IF you shop for anything on Amazon - you can use the website www.smile.amazon.com and 0.05% of your eligible purchases will go to BMW CCA Foundation (there is a pull down tab to indicate your choice of a charity). And the item will indicate if it is eligible for a charity donation. Your purchase price is not affected by the donation. Easy peasy people – I ask why not? It all adds up to a wonderful donation for a wonderful charity – your BMW CCA Foundation.

Michael Mitchell is the curator for the Foundation. It is in his blood. Michael continues to acquire and catalogue the BMW collections, small and large, from members of long ago – and not so long ago. You don't have to wait to pass on to the other side before passing on your BMW collection. If your family or even your grandkids aren't going to appreciate your collection of BMWs, we know of others that will. And with that, the museum has continued to grow each year. It is worth the road trip to visit the Museum, exhibit, store and the people. Every exhibit has been breath-taking (and hard work for those involved) and there is a book for each one to commemorate the event. The BMW CCA Foundation can be your "go to" online BMW shopping store! Whether it is a Birthday or holiday gift, Father's Day, Mother's Day, or Christmas gift, I am sure you can find a gift for someone special or yourself. www.bmwccafoundation.org

Tire Rack Street Survival (www.streetsurvival.org) is close to my heart and those of our TRSS team – instructors and staff. We could not do it without our chapter team. Teaching teens the very necessary driving skills to make them a better driver is our goal. Our mission. Our passion. At the end of the day, literally at the end of the day – when the event is over for the day, there is a wonderful feeling for each of us involved. It is a very fulfilling accomplishment. Everglades Chapter hosted the first TRSS with a group of eager instructors, hoping that we would succeed, and the program would continue, and it did. And I am enormously proud to say that many of the instructors and staff that attended that first event in 2003 – continue to support our TRSS program. (this is the copy from website part...) Donate to the Library, Archives, and Museum Collection

The Foundation is interested in BMW car/motorcycle related materials to add to the Library, Archives, and Museum. After evaluation, we will accept brochures, books, magazines, models cars, press kits, repair manuals, memorabilia, chapter items & newsletters, posters, prints, or other collectibles. Cleaning out your garage, basement or office? Contact us at archives@bmwccafoundation.org if you would like to offer items for donation. Please include photos. Most donations to the Foundation are tax deductible.

The BMW Car Club of America, an organization of over 60,000 members, formed the non-profit, tax-exempt charitable BMW CCA Foundation, Inc in 2002. Its charter under Section 501 (c)(3) enables the Foundation to establish programs to benefit the public in general, and BMW owners specifically. Our vision is to be a living repository of BMW information and benefit the motoring community. The Foundation has established two ambitious initiatives:

- Education: Tire Rack Street Survival, a teen driver safety program
- History: The BMW CCA Foundation – Library, Archives and Museum