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*Named for when fellow BMW drivers would
"flash" their headlights at each other*

**BMW Car Club
of America
Everglades Chapter**



*2019
Member of
the Year
Mark Forbes
with
2018
Member of
the Year
Maria Forbes*



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WHY THE INCREASE?

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verses printing and mailing 67 individual publications. This magazine will enhance our print offerings, so we can highlight all of the amazing activities and events our chapters host throughout the year. Plus, it will be a fantastic piece to **showcase the club to prospective members** inside BMW dealerships, independent shops, and at events!



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Pole Position by President Bobbi Treen

Chapter Elections:

I would personally like to thank Raul Reyes and Margaret Mitchell for all the years they served on our Board in an elected capacity. We had unopposed positions for our 2020/2021 Elections. Jon Van Woerden will continue as VP-Social. Please welcome to our board Mark Forbes as VP-Operations and Maria Lee- Forbes as Treasurer. And thank you Margaret for accepting and completing the task of Election Chair.

OUR ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY and CHARITY Event

We closed the year out with a wonderful holiday party on December 8, with over 100 attendees. Lots of delicious food from the Checkers Old München German Restaurant, door prizes and great raffle items and an abundance of merriment! It is always great to catch up with BMW friends of many years or not so many years. I thank all of you (Mark, Maria, Zach & Phillip Forbes, Raul Reyes, my grandson Aiden, Kathy & Tony Lee, Margaret Mitchell, Jon & Wendy Van Woerden, Jonathan Llanes and Sidney Coca (and I hope I didn't miss anyone!)) that helped out by arriving early for the set-up, assisting with all the things that had to be done during the day (registration/signing waivers and selling those tickets!) and staying to clean it all up and pack the van up so we could get it unloaded and I could put my feet up! I appreciate all of you and I appreciate all that you do to help us make these parties/events the success they have always been. Our Charity, benefiting from our fundraising efforts is the BMW CCA Foundation – Tire Rack Street Survival Teen Driving Program. THANK you all for your generosity! We raised over \$990. And if you weren't there – you did miss out. I won the 50/50 Cash Raffle of \$167.00 (very excited!). The Raffle items were all things BMW with values of over \$200! Missy Belsito was the winner of our Complete CAR CLEANER kit (bucket, brushes, wheel cleaners, etc.), a framed poster and it included a limited edition "50th Anniversary of BMW CCA" scale 1:43 model car. Patrice (Amado) was the winner of not one but two of the other raffle items, although she asked Raul to come up claim her second prize, she won them both. Good job!!! A BMW Laptop/messenger Bag; framed poster; Battery jumper starter kit; multi-tool kit; a framed autographed print of Sebring 12 Hour and a few other momentous BMW related items! Door prizes ranged from T-shirts and collared shirts to covered throw pillows to Motorsports jacket and grill badges! Many thanks to Bill Kotewicz donations (BMW Ft. Lauderdale), BMW CCA Foundation, and me for my "find it on sale" shopping skills (THAT is meant to be funny). Many of the door prizes and raffle items were purchased thru BMW CCA Foundation, BMW CCA Store and Smile.Amazon.com (the amazon.com site that pays back to your selected charity – yes mine is our Foundation – TRSS).

Chapter Membership: for the Year end **December 31 report, we have reached 1,997 members!** We added 77 new members in December! Can you imagine if ALL showed up to an event? We know it won't hap-pen. But it would be nice if we had more volunteers to assist with the planning and organizing and the administration of the chapter requirements. The three-year membership has brought in many new members (buying a new or CPO BMW), and I am hopeful that we will be able to retain their loyalty when it comes time for them to renew. On that note, the three-year membership and the dealership incentive, BMW NA (not us) has made a few changes to their rebate program. I suggest you go to the national website and read ALL about it. Some of you may know what the 90/10 "rule" of volunteerism is (10% does the work). For the record, it doesn't add up for us as a chapter. For me that is a depressing fact that I will not dwell on because it is what it is, BUT you do pull together and get things done. AND when it comes to our cars & coffees, picnics and parties – we have a great group that helps make things happen. We have a strong TRSS team. THANK YOU!

HURRY! HURRY! GET YOUR 2020 CALENDARS! OUR Beautiful calendars are available for \$7.00 (plus post-age). Send an email (robertatreen@gmail.com) that you want a calendar (and how many). You can mail a check or you can pay via Cash.App (free) using the payment code of \$BMWCCAEverglades. So far it is working nicely. We get an email that a payment has been made. Your calendar is mailed to you (address on member-ship list—another reason to make sure your contact information is correct with the National office).

TRSS – registration is open for our **February 29 program in Miami.** We will be at the Miami-Dade North Campus Justice Center. We have awesome instructors ready to get in the car and instructor your teen, your teen niece or nephew or the kid down the street... 15 to 21 year old. THEY (15 year old) MUST have a valid learners permit for six months (15 years old); or/with 25 hours driving time. All students must have a valid state issued driver's license. PLEASE go to the website www.streetsurvival.org to register and information about the program. IT IS a well-spent \$95.00 to invest in our teens future and driving skills.

MEMBER of the YEAR has been re-birthed! We decided (the BOD and the committee for selecting the Chapter Member of the Year) to bring back the Member of the Year Award. **For the year 2018 our recipient is Maria Lee-Forbes and for 2019 Mark Forbes.** Both have volunteered in all chapter events to assist in planning and organizing picnic, parties and TRSS. They both have brought fresh new ideas and have made excellent contributions to the chapter. They have also secured venues in Miami area to host our TRSS. CONGRATULA-TIONS and I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Safe travels and enjoy the ride! Bobbi Treen

Editor's Take by Michael J Posner

Every month I read the Roundel letters to the Editor, some because they are interesting, but mostly to hear the same two complaints over and over. The first is a newer trend. Writers complain that they cannot understand internal codes that BMW use and that most members also use, i.e. E90, E30, E3, G20, etc. Please stop the complaining. Like most clubs, having the insider lingua franca is what makes us bimmerheads. The codes are all over the interwebs, even Wikipedia has a code page (tinyurl.com/yybr77jy). I think this is just newbie whining, but maybe I am just jaded. Satch, why do you keep printing these letters!!!

The bigger complaint I see (*amongst the numerous letters about "I just hit 99999 on my odometer," or "my 2 year old was caught reading Roundel while driving my BMW" see pic*) is that BMW does not make a car the letter writer would buy. First, the complain that BMWs cost too much. A loaded 1975 2002 had an MSRP in excess of \$6,000. Cheap you say? Well that translates into about \$33,000 today or the price of a brand new BMW 230i. The MSRP for a 1980 528i was a mere \$20,150. Today that is over \$62,000 or 8k more than the base price on a new 530i.

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For example, this request, "the 1600 GT left me wondering whether BMW Classic could potentially build this car (and/or the 2002 Garmisch) as a limited edition with a four-cylinder turbo engine. six-speed manual transmission, ABS, airbags, and modern chrome bumpers."

The second biggest complaint is that BMW no longer builds a light, manual wagon with-out options that would be just like that BMW of old. The writer then proclaims if they built that (for cheap as well) then they would buy a new BMW, but until then they will stick with their 25 year old 150k mile BMW. BMW tried this once in the 1990s with the disastrous E36 318ti. BMW built what these complainers wanted, a relatively cheap (less than 20k in 1994), low option, light car with hatchback practicality. BMW hoped to sell 6-10 thousand (based on the quantity of Roundel letters!) but that target was only met in 1996 and by 1998 only 3,735 were sold. BMW cancelled the vehicle and has rarely tried to offer anything similar, the closest being the BMW 320i (which has also been cancelled).



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My solution? Well I propose that a website be created called iwouldbuythat.com. People would suggest what cars they want and the consensus builds would be specced, with requesters then paying a \$1,000 refundable deposit until a minimum threshold is met (set by the manufacturers). Once the minimum order level is met, the deposit goes hard and the potential buyers either purchase or lose their deposit. I bet few complainers would pony up, complaining is free, but committing costs money.

BMW STUFF Do you have any old BMW memorabilia or old Club Magazines? The Michael Mitchell, Curator for the BMW CCA Foundation is collecting same. You can contact him at michael.mitchell@bmwccafoundation.org to see if it is something they will accept. Help preserve our history, donate today!.

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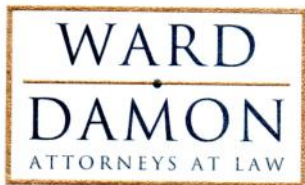


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MONTHLY MEETING

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●●●



First Tuesday Meeting

Checkers Old Munchen
2209 E Atlantic Blvd,
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Second Tuesday Meeting

Cheesecake Factory
7497 Dadeland Mall
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Third Tuesday Meeting

Embassy Suites
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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.

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A Few Changes in A Nutshell... Bobbi Treen

In 2019, First Coast and Gulf Coast chapters have merged with the Florida Suncoast Chapter. That leaves Florida with three chapters – Sunshine Bimmers, Florida Suncoast and Everglades. And by the way, for anyone thinking there is another “BMW CCA Chapter” in Florida – there isn’t. Some of you may have seen (as I have) something on social media or the internet (whatever it is: FaceBook, Instagram or a google search) it doesn’t exist. There are ONLY three BMW CCA chapters in Florida. When we say national isn’t going to approve a NEW chapter – we really mean that it is not going to happen (and I/we have said that for decades). It has not only happened in Florida, but there have been many chapters that have consolidated all over the country. Unfortunately, chapters do struggle (yes, the struggle is real). There are requirements to be met in order to maintain you charter as a chapter. It takes many volunteer hours, leadership, and dedication to meet these minimum requirements, and sometimes it is completed only by a few chapter members and in some chapters by ONE. Life happens, circumstances change, and you can no longer offer your time and energy to keep the chapter going and no one in the chapter will/can step up to keep the chapter in compliance with BMW CCA. One person can’t do it all. It wasn’t that anyone merely took their toy cars and went home because someone wasn’t playing fair (ok maybe, I don’t know that for sure) or was being bullied. Plain and simple: people burn out, career change, family illness, being a parental caregiver, and/or a few are pissed off. The struggle is very real, and it is stressful and exhausting.

If you haven’t noticed – the *Roundel* has fewer pages and fewer advertisers. Which means changes must take place. The amount of money that has been lost on the publication and distribution of the *Roundel* is mind boggling. The *BimmerLife* will be printed – twice a year – as a quarterly regional magazine – with the chapters providing the articles of events and pictures. Starting in 2020, there will be ten issues of the *Roundel* and two issues of the new *BimmerLife* (spoiler alert – yes only 10 *Roundels*). This change from the National BOD, along with the 40% (+/-) reduction of our monthly membership dues makes it cost prohibitive for us, as a chapter, to print and mail our newsletter to the over 300 members requesting a mailed copy. To meet that request – all members will receive via USPS mail a quarterly newsletter – *BimmerLife* two issues a year. Everglades Chapter will have two more quarterly issues of the *Flasher* sent Electronically via Constant Contact. We have close to 60 members and some are Life members, that have not provided an email address (but I do like how a few of you want it sent electronically without an email). And there are approximately 400 members that have unsubscribed on constant contact – which means NO emails No contact. Then there are the emails that bounce... the reality of it is that very few members contact us to say they are not getting a *Flasher* – or a *Roundel*. And when they do we figure out what the problem is and solve it. Look for your next printed (to all the members in the 60 chapters of BMW CCA) issue of the *Flasher*, in the new *BimmerLife* – a Quarterly Regional Newsletter at the end of Feb (maybe).

We will be sending out chapter updates in our Constant Contact E-Mail Blasts (we try to only do three a month). If you don’t have your email current with the National office – you won’t be in constant contact with your chapter! Check your membership profile with www.bmwcca.org to verify your information.

February 1 there is the annual dues increase of \$10. As I have reported in several e-Blasts and the newsletters, it was going to happen. This comes along with the reduction (40%) in our chapter membership rebate. Last year they reduced the insurance costs and reduced our monthly rebate to offset insurance requirements. National’s rationale (is that word still used?) is that they have changed the insurance – pricing it more even over the chapters and what events it is used for. And they removed the newsletter requirement (90-day rule) and chapter expense of printing and mailing a newsletter to our chapter members. With the new twice a year- *BimmerLife* magazine the minimum requirement for the chapters to provide a newsletter every 90 days has been lifted. Of course, If a chapter wants to continue to do that, you can continue to do it. If a chapter has the advertising revenue to offset that expense, perhaps they will.

If ANYONE is in the mood to de-clutter and you have OLD very old Everglades Chapter *Flasher* newsletters (not *Roundels*), The Foundation is reaching out to the chapters for the missing issues (or their copy is damaged, and they need another one) of newsletters. I have gone thru several boxes from storage and I was able to reduce the list. So help us help Michael Mitchell and the Foundation. They can be collectively shipped to the Foundation. Unless someone is traveling there – maybe they can drop them off! Send me an email (robertatreen@gmail.com) or Jon Van Woerden (vanwoerden@comcast.net) if you have any of these issues.

The missing/damaged issues needed are:

2004: need from March/Apr/May issue thru end of the year.

2003: Jan -Feb; and Nov – Dec

2002: Jan - Feb; and May - Dec

2001: Mar – Apr

2000: Jan – Feb; and Sept – Oct;

1994 – 1999 we do have: Dec 94/Jan 95;

1997: Mar-Apr; May – July and Aug – Oct;

1998: Jan – Feb; Apr – June; 3rd Qtr

1993: May – thru end of the year

1992: Jan – May

1989: Oct – Dec

1988: May thru Sept;

1989 and all prior years would be newsletters with Palm Tree Chapter, newsletter the “Occasional.”

Happy New Year – Happy de-cluttering!

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In case you missed it...

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2019 Holiday Party



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Member Profile—Rennie Bryant

We caught up with Rennie Bryant, a 45+ year chapter member, to complete a member profile questionnaire, and also to thank him for his years of dedication and service to the Everglades Chapter and BMW CCA. He is not going anywhere – but this is a long overdue human-interest story for our members.

Rennie Bryant has been a member of Everglades Chapter BMW CCA since 1974, holding membership number 3664! His passion and interest in BMW's began in the early 70's when his brother had a BMW. When his grandfather passed away, he left a 1969 Cadillac. Rennie's father sold the Cadillac, giving the two brothers the cash to buy their own cars. His brother purchased a VW square-back and Rennie bought a 1968 BMW 1600, which he still has the engine.

We had a good laugh over the question of "How many BMW's do you own now and how many have, you owned?" His reply: "How much time do you have?" We decided to highlight a few. The partial list: 1988 M5; 1988 M6; 1987 325i; 1971 2002tii touring; 2001 E46 – 325ci; and most recently 2011 335i. His favorite BMW and the one he would love to own is the classic 3.0csl, a favorite among many bimmerheads.

Rennie's favorite quote (I believe he lives by this!): "If more is enough, then too much is just right."

Rennie is the owner, since 1976, of Redline BMW Performance. It is his passion and the career choice made at a very young age. Rennie prefers to work on the older cars. I did stump him on the question of interesting customers, and/or vehicles that he has serviced over the years. After a good laugh, he said that with over forty years of being in this business, all the customers are interesting. Just too many to narrow it down. There are several great stories in there for sure. He enjoys his career working on cars, race cars (crews for many) and being at the track and anything car related. His favorite vacation was at the Goodwood Revival in England, and yes, if he were to purchase a new BMW (but he loves the old ones) he would absolutely do European Delivery.

Rennie is very active with our Chapter. He attends as many of the social events that he can. He is currently our VP -Driving Events and has held other positions over the decades. He is a certified TRSS Instructor and for many years and still our TRSS Classroom Instructor. He is also an HPDE instructor for BMW CCA, SCCA and a few other car clubs. He has raced with different car clubs all over the USA but mostly in the Southeast. He holds license number 19 with BMW Car Club Racing, running in the inaugural race at Moroso (aka PBIR) in 1995. Sebring International Raceway is his favorite track to drive on. The Sebring 12Hour is not to be missed. He has not had the opportunity to race (or drive) on VIR (Virginia International Raceway), which he would like to do in the future. When asked what events you would like to see the chapter provide, he said that HPDE's would be great. However, we know that the cost of renting a track is too expensive for any chapter to do it alone.

Although Rennie won't be attending the Oktoberfest 2019, he has been to a few of them (including two Oktoberfests hosted by Florida Chapters in '92 & '98). He was also a part of the FloridaFest 1986. Driving the long distance to New Hampshire, to attend O'Fest '97 and participate in the BMW CCA Club Race, is the longest he has driven to an event, and he would do it again.

Rennie has lived in Boca Raton for 62 years and says it is pretty good here. No plans of moving or retiring elsewhere except maybe Central Florida (they have curvy roads). He has travelled almost all of Europe, visiting many racetracks. Following along our question of if money was no object, and his bucket list, the items were still the same! In addition, Rennie would rent an island in the Bahamas for a few weeks; do more racing, a trip to Germany to drive on the 'Ring and visit the BMW factory museum. He would also like to go to a location where you can REALLY SEE the Northern Lights.

Rennie has met many celebrities in his travels (again can not name them all). Among them include Brian Johnson (vintage race car driver and member of AC/DC). Brian Redman, David Hobbs, Jay Leno (and his garage). I am sure if you offered to buy him dinner (his favorite is a nice ribeye steak) or a drink – Mont Gay, please, you could get stories of a lifetime!

Rennie enjoys all varieties of food and ending his meal (occasionally) with a nice slice of key-lime pie. Surprisingly, the best pizza he has had is a Greek place near his shop. He enjoys Blues Brothers, classic rock, and been to too many concerts to mention. His pets are cats and fish. Rennie played soccer in high school and his favorite subject was art and his favorite teacher was Mr. Craingi.

In 2017, Everglades Chapter honored Rennie with the chapter's Member of the Year award. Also in 2017 he received the BMW CCA Recognition Award: Outstanding CCA Supporter – Independent Business – South Atlantic Region.

To wrap it all together we did the lightening round (answer with the first thought!):

I cannot live without my car. Spending time watching tv relaxes me. If I could have any career – I would enjoy being a professional race car driver. If I had a three or a four day weekend – with absolutely no plans, I would plan to go to the Keys and I wish I had invented the BIC Pen!

So there you have it, the short version of a trip down memory lane with Rennie Bryant.

Events Calendar

Jan 7 Everglades Chapter Monthly Meeting Ft. Lauderdale
Jan 11 Cars & Coffee at Xtreme Action Park
Jan 18 TBM Nights Miller's Ale House Miami
Jan 21 Everglades Chapter Monthly Meeting WPB
Jan 26 FuelFed Coffee & Classics Ft. Lauderdale
Jan 26 Palm Beach Cars & Coffee
Feb 4 Everglades Chapter Monthly Meeting Ft. Lauderdale
Feb 8 Cars & Coffee at Xtreme Action Park
Feb 9 Palm Beach Cars & Coffee
Feb 11 Everglades Chapter Monthly Meeting Miami
Feb 18 Everglades Chapter Monthly Meeting WPB
Feb 22 TBM Nights Miller's Ale House Miami
Feb 23 FuelFed Coffee & Classics Ft. Lauderdale
Feb 29 Street Survivor Miami-Dade N. Campus Justice Ctr
March 3 Everglades Chapter Monthly Meeting Ft. Laud.
March 8 Palm Beach Cars & Coffee
March 10 Everglades Chapter Monthly Meeting Miami
March 17 Everglades Chapter Monthly Meeting WPB
March 14 Cars & Coffee at Xtreme Action Park
March 21 TBM Nights Miller's Ale House Miami
March 22 FuelFed Coffee & Classics Ft. Lauderdale

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