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

**BMW Car Club
of America
Everglades Chapter**



Meetings suspended until further notice, stay safe

CLUB OUTDOOR EVENTS RESUME!!
Cars & Coffee @ Xtreme Action Park
Next Meet-up April 11
(Covid rules still apply)

FLasher NEEDS you...
And you and YOU!



Photo by Jon van Woerden

I have ALWAYS attempted to write the articles worthy of reading. At this stage, I was hoping that other members would step in and add their talents to our newsletter each quarter. We need to fill the white space (that means blank sheets of paper in the newsletter). I am contributing again this quarter not because I want to or must or I'm obligated to but because someone needs to. Or it will be reduced (it probably will anyway) to 8 pages. IT is important for 'our' members to hear about things going on from their fellow members.

ANYONE? Anyone else. But alas, it doesn't happen. As president, I wrote the column for the Pole Position as all our past chapter presidents have done and now it is up to Rennie. As editor, Michael Posner writes his bit (and highly informative articles). THERE is so much room for any of you – send us pictures (that we can use)! In the past we have received articles that didn't make it to press. Something on "how to winterize your car before the first snow" –doesn't fit in with south Florida – not yet anyway. NOT many will sit in the driver seat and give writing a spin around the track. It is ok to write about something that already happened, as well as something in the planning stages. IF you have taken a trip up to the Foundation and toured the museum – write about it. Heck any museum Car – Art – Hall of Fame, anything! There are a few regional BMW CCA events coming up – are YOU going? Write something for us to read. Send pictures (WE know you took some with your phone camera!). The newsletters were initially a tool to keep the members informed; it was required for chapter compliance; it kept the "I only read the Roundel" members in the loop on what they were missing; it was for recruiting members; it was even a way to get cool BMW pictures from Jon VanWoerden. But not so much anymore. With national sending out weekly Emails and social media platforms updating all your 'friends' or more correct – your followers. I still believe it is a great tool and worthy of continuing, others may not. But since we don't hear from too many members, we don't know what the general membership needs. We do know that the FLasher needs YOU!

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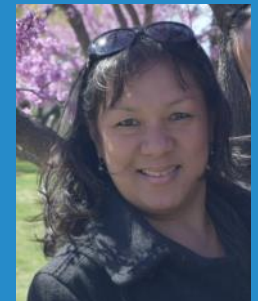


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President Emeritus—Bobbi Treen

The Future Is Here....Just like everyone else, I am wondering where the year went. The pandemic certainly brought about a different world for us adjust to. IF WE HAVE adjusted! The past year has taught most of us to adapt. What we did in our normal everyday routine may have changed forever. Home delivery has taken on a whole new level of service. Free shipping and convenience. What a concept. It used to be that only a few companies, (i.e., Omaha Steaks) delivered perishable foods and Pizza Hut, Dominos, etc., delivered in 30 minutes (It was a promise of delivery – or it was free). Several years ago, companies like Blue Apron, Nutrisystem, Home Chef were the only home food delivery service – now it is busting at the seam with companies offering you to cook their healthy meals at home... meals in 30 minutes. Did the pandemic and quarantine bring on this “new business trend”? Or was it evolving at the same time?

The grocery stores now stock certain home delivery brands – and/ or have their own line of freshly made dinners (complete including seasoning) ... You still need to cook, but it is a healthier option and according to many commercials – it is a family event. BUT Because you don't WANT to cook, you have the option to use the drive thru or curbside pick-up at your favorite restaurant. With contactless delivery – curbside pickup, some places are going to continue with that marketing idea (post-pandemic) – Pizza Hut will have drive-thru “HUTS” for you to pick up your order (that you ordered online or thru their app). I am picturing an excessively big vending machine with your dinner on one of the shelves – enter a code to get your order and drive home with that HOT prepared dinner. Much easier than having a pizza delivered to you, well past one hour, barely warm, and slopped around in the cardboard box. It might even be what you ordered! Just a cold messy version of it. I do not know what their “HUT” is going to look like – but the rest is true. It is called imagination and reality (IMO).

For those of us that are of that age... and recall the futuristic items- the Dick Tracey watch; the shoe-phone (only for Get Smart spy person); the Jetsons' flying cars and push a button for a meal (AND everything else they had imagined!). All seemed so far-fetched but here we are - The future is here. A wireless phone, a cellular service phone that does so many things. Takes great pictures, records, plays music, starts your car, turns lights on before you arrive home. There are apps for that! Electric cars and charging stations. One thing I cannot imagine is the maintenance on our cars changing from what it is. I cannot imagine driving up to the dealership or your independent mechanic shop and having everything done while you sit in your car. NOT happening – my first thought is insurance when they put your car on the lift! In the meantime, we will sit in the waiting room and use our phones to catch up on the news, make appointments; call a loved one and perhaps GTS (Google That Sh%oit). (NOTE: Word came up with this language might be offensive to your readers). Some of you might even pick up that BimmerLife or Roundel to read – again. Or you can arrange for a loaner.

Car purchasing options – you can buy a car online and have it delivered to your front door. They store them in a vending machine. Brings a new meaning to the phrase – curbside pickup. Maybe they can pick up dinner on the way. Buying a car online has been around for a long time – as well as the available options of getting it from point A-to point B. Having it delivered can be more convenient than having your friend drive across country with you to pick up “that car”. But wasn't making a road trip out of getting that car more fun? So was timing the Domino's Pizza delivery guy... Delivered in 30 minutes or it was free! The good old days!

DANG it – I am hearing those crickets again.... Here we are with one-fourth of 2021 in the rearview mirror. Time goes by fast – really goes BYE! The pandemic has taken its toll on so many. Even when the day comes, that our lives return to normal, will it be normal? Or merely a version of normal we have come to accept? We are still hearing about groups of people and or families, being together and it turns into a spreader. That is another reason for hesitation to have any events. In our area, we have been hit hard with cases of COVID and tragically, the deaths that followed. As a chapter we need to be responsible, and we will be held accountable. All we can do is keep doing what we need to do, for our own health that of our loved ones. STAY HEALTHY!

We need more volunteers and more support for Everglades Chapter. As with any organization with a base of volunteers, we need more. Things happen and members need to change their level of commitment. This past year, with the pandemic and other “normal events” for our membership, we need a few key members to help us. The Miami area needs a new Area Rep. I thank Sidney Coca (and Jonathan) for all his help and dedication the past few years. Sidney also handled the chapter's Instagram account. He mentioned requesting pictures several times and a lack of interest and lack of input from the chapter membership. ANYONE interested in reviving it and keeping the chapter's Instagram account an active social media platform? I feel it Sydney; trust me I know about the hearing of the crickets.... Of course, I announce every year that we need more help and again during the year.... Maybe just maybe... this is the year! Currently the TRSS program is on hold until thirrd Quarter 2021. AND that is an IF. The continuing concern is to keep our instructors, staff, and everyone else attending, safe at these events. The concern is anyone not vaccinated (including students and parents, etc.); the concern is what other variants of the COVID-19 are out there and its transmission. We do have protocols in place for hosting a TRSS. Since the students will most likely be the last age-group to be vaccinated (if their parents allow it), it could be past third quarter before that is done. YES, we will still have to follow any CDC guidelines at that time.

Ideally having any type of social meetings inside is impossible – outside is permissible. The gathering at Xtreme Action park is ongoing (face masks are to be worn). Our monthly social meetings can possibly resume – WHEN, we find suitable “OUTDOOR” locations. Many places are opening and unfortunately, many people are letting their guard down and getting sick. At this point, only outside dining to accommodate a group is our only safe option. We need the help of the membership on this one. Location, location, location? Find one?? NOT yet in the planning stages but the officers have talked about planning a chapter party or a picnic. We absolutely need to make sure we can have one safely. Waiting on the local areas number of cases to go down – with no surge predicted. There is too much at risk to have a picnic or a party very soon. On the topic of the merging of chapters: Florida to be one chapter. The officers at the time (of discussion) and now, are all in agreement that Everglades needs be its own chapter. We are fine on our own. This topic hasn't been discussed in a while but that can change. There are some chapter members that have indicated that IF Everglades falls under the ONE Florida chapter – they will be gone.

Editor's Take by Michael J Posner

For the first time in seventeen years I am without a BMW in my life. It started two years ago after I sold my E30 convertible. As much as I loved the E30, the lack of a tilting or telescoping steering wheel meant that I could never find a comfortable seating position, forcing me to sit too close, which my long legs greatly objected to as I drove. Even my 1965 Corvair has a telescoping steering wheel! For a \$34k when new (that's \$68k in today's money), that omission was disappointing. I replaced the E30 with a 2004 Porsche 911, and kept my M4 as my daily.

Within six months of getting the Porsche I learned two things, one that Porsche are great driver's cars; and two, I was not a coupe kind of guy. I traded my 2004 911 for a 2007 911 Carrera S Cabriolet. I began using it more and more and coupled with an expected long road trip, and lack of warranty on the M4, I traded the M4 for a certified pre-owned BMW 650i, which we took on a 2,000 mile trip last July to Baltimore.

A few months later my wife asked me, "Why do you have two cars??" Why not sell both and get one nicer car. I had no real response, but I started to do some soul searching and she was right, I could save some money by selling both and still getting a very nice car, plus also save on car insurance.

Unfortunately for what I wanted BMW had no complete answer. My parameters were soft top convertible, sporty, manual or dual clutch; and reliable. Another M4 was out of the question and the 2022 M4 soft top was too far in the distance (plus that hideous front grill). The Z4 was a possibility except I had found the eight speed automatic in the 650i to be a lazy shifter compared to the M4's DCT and the Porsche PDK. If the Z4 only had a dual clutch or manual..... I looked at the Z8 as I have always loved those, but the prices are way beyond my reach. With the i8 falling to below \$60k I even looked at an i8 Roadster, but alas the prices were still beyond my reach (cheapest on the market as I write this is \$90k).

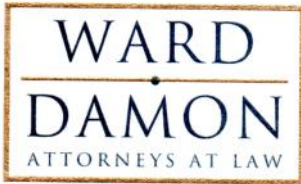
This led me back to Porsche, and I ended up buying a 2012 Porsche Carrera S Cabriolet with a PDF Dual Clutch Transmission from a dealer in North Carolina. I sold my old 911 to a young lawyer in Massachusetts, and the BMW 650i to a local buyer. I also finally started my Corvair modernization program, adding front disc brakes, a dual master cylinder, new headlights, working speedometer, tachometer, gas gauge and volt meter and electronic ignition. She runs great now.

So since mid-December I have been driving my 911 as my daily, but I have not forsaken my BMW love. I have not decided if or when I will get another but I keep looking. I gravitate to the M Coupe (not sure I will fit), an E46 M3 six speed; a 135is six speed, or another E30 (if I can solve the seating/wheel issue). So if and when we can meet again and I show up in my 911, please no unkind remarks!

On the plus side, I have received my first vaccine shot and by the next issue, I hope most members will have as well and we can finally get things going again in person. That is, of course, if we can find a place to meet. Until then have a wonderful and safe spring.

- Michael J Posner





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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)
- 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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monthly Social
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First, Second and
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Pole Position

President Rennie Bryant

Those that know me no that I am more comfortable behind an engine than a keyboard, so I apologize that my messages here in the FLasher are not as verbose as my esteemed predecessor.

2021 seems like a repeat of most of 2020 so far, but I do see the light at the end of the tunnel. Given the ongoing vaccinations, experts predict that we may reach herd immunity by this summer, allowing a return to some normality. This would include resuming our monthly chapter meetings in all three counties. I hope to be able to announce the resumption in next quarter's FLasher. In order to meet we do need to address new locations. If anyone has a recommendation, please reach out to me and let me know your suggestion.

In addition, if we plan on any Club activities beyond monthly meetings, now is the time to start planning. A day road trip to one of the regional car museums is always popular, including the Ft. Lauderdale Packard Museum (no BMWs but a very cool place); Elliott Museum in Stuart and the Revs Institute in Naples. We are also working on a future Tire Rack Street Survival School for the fall. Again, if anyone has a good location, please let us know.

The Club does have a monthly meet up at Xtreme Action Park on the second Sunday of each month. Plans to start similar meet-ups in Palm Beach and Miami-Dade are in the works, stay tuned.

Thanks, hope to see you soon .

Rennie Bryant

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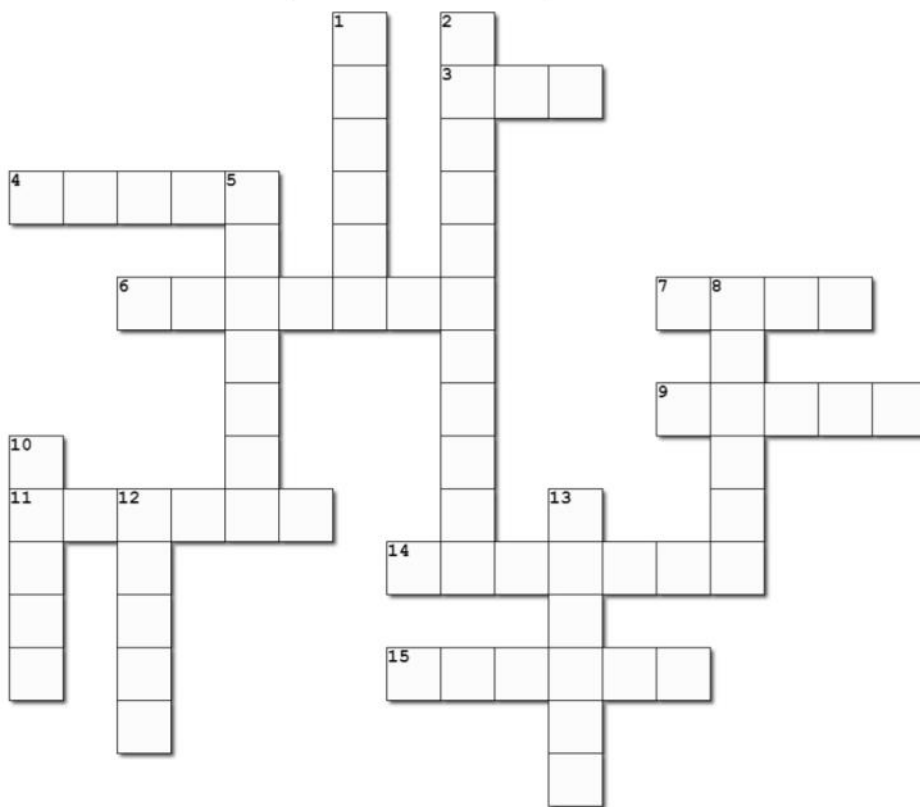
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- 6. this newsletter
- 7. type of brake
- 9. trunk in the front
- 11. seat maker
- 14. when to shift
- 15. air cleaner

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- 5. seat material
- 8. BMW media control system
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- 13. dying method of driving