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ON THE COVER: \_\_\_\_\_



**Good Morning OBX!:** BMW's and the OBX make for a powerful combination, if your goal is some R&R, punctuated by some pulse quickening moments. We had 8 cars, and 16 merry souls, join us at the Rally Point in Wendell for the first leg of the cruise. Even Mother Nature blessed us, offering up a "Chamber of Commerce" weather day with warm sun, no clouds and just a whiff of pollen to grace the departure.

A classic E46 M3 still sporting Oklahoma tags looked phenomenal on the road trailing a Z3M coupe "clown shoe". And the view from the back of the pack in an X3M40 was brilliant. Always nice when adventures have good starts!

After a brisk jaunt down country roads in Johnston, Wilson and Wayne counties we stopped in Kinston for a bio break and to pick up a 9th car, a smoking hot and brand new M5. Blasting out of Lenoir County we now made a bee line through New Bern, Havelock and Newport so we could make our dinner reservations at Amos Mosquito's on the island of Bogue Bank. Made *(continued on page 6)*

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

This month, we'd like to give a warm Tarheel welcome to **53** new and returning members and associate members. This brings our total chapter membership to **2,878!** Our membership is the lifeblood of the Club. Without your participation, there would be no Club. We offer a wide variety of activi-

ties, and welcome the opportunity to get to know you better at some of these events. We encourage you to contact your Area Coordinator to find out about local dinner meetings and other ways to get involved in YOUR club. Come join us, you'll have a great time!

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PAUL HOECKE *Notes from the road*  
Farewell Old Friend

By now, you may have heard the news: Bavarian Autosport (aka BavAuto) is history.

Having served the diverse and, at times, quirky demands of BMW fans all over this country and certainly members of Tarheel Chapter for some forty-five years, this New Hampshire-based supplier of BMW parts, DIY advice and (in some cases) moral support closed its doors this past March.

In their farewell message, they cited changes in the marketplace, such as a decline in Doing It Yourself, as their reason for doing it. Others, usually former customers, haven't been as kind. They've commented that BavAuto's customer service wasn't up to snuff; that the firm wasn't keeping up with website innovation, and so forth. But as far as I'm concerned, that's neither here nor there. They're gone, and that's that.

Okay, businesses come and go. But for me, BavAuto's demise is nothing less than a loss of a friend. They'd been around for about as long as our chapter. And for almost as long, they'd been a friendly place where I could buy hard-to-get parts for my mature BMW stable and get answers to questions about stuff like what parts from one BMW model would fit another one. (Oh, and did I mention moral support?)

In fact, I still have a few of their paper catalogs, from back in the '80s and '90s, when they were still called Bavarian Auto Service. Why? Because they listed BMW parts numbers, for one thing. Especially parts for older (not to say ancient) BMWs. Yeah, I know; you can look up part numbers online. But flipping through a paper

catalog is a lot quicker than surfing the Net while you're stuck under the hood. It also eliminates serious butt time in front of my PC, which is a health concern at my age.

Besides, having those part numbers in hand, on paper – most of them dating back to when our club was still the BMW-no space-CCA – is very useful, more so than any electronic device, when I'm checking out a wreck or trading with a like-minded Bimmer fan. You can call me a Luddite, but I don't care. It works for me.

Sure, there are lots of other suppliers that can fill the gap. Pelican is good, though a bit pricey at times. And there's RockAuto, which may be derided by some for being a Chinese outlet store, as if that matters if the parts are good. Which they've been the last two or three times I've bought parts from them. And then, of course, there's ECS Tuning, an Ohio-based outfit (I believe) which has agreed to take over BavAuto's open orders, gift cars and such, as well as (and I quote) "carry on relationships with the BMW CCA Chapters" BavAuto has been "proud to support." Amen to that.

So, as far as the impact of BavAuto's closing on our chapter goes, there's seems to be little beyond the loss of a loyal FOOTNOTES advertiser. (Who knows; in that respect, ECS may pick up where BavAuto left off.) And those of us who still do our own work will survive. But it still makes me feel kinda sad.

After more than four decades of BavAuto catalogs showing up in my mailbox every few weeks or so, their demise feels a bit like laying a relative or friend to rest, if you know what I mean.





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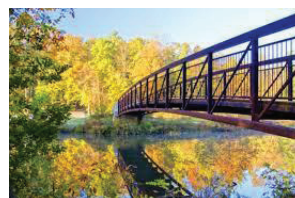
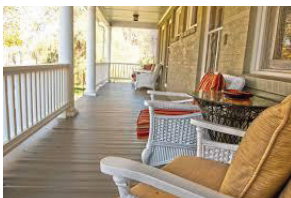
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# CLUB RACING REPORT

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BY PAUL HOECKE

## Harding, Seven Other Tarheels Win at VIR; BWR Leads in GS

Hello, fellow club racing fans! Okay, so the 2019 BMW CCA Club Racing (CR) season may have started officially on the West Coast in March. But for us Easterners, last month's race at VIR was the grand opening event, hands down. So, it's no wonder it was a Really Big Event, as more than sixty drivers representing twelve classes showed up to do battle in three races, two sprints on Friday and Sunday bracketing an hour-long endurance race on Saturday. And the vintage machinery brought by event cosponsor VDCA ensured that the paddock would be packed door to door and trailer to trailer.

Predictably, most of the BMW racers hailed from the South Atlantic and North Atlantic Regions, but adjacent regions were represented as well. And most important from our standpoint, the two-dozen local hot shoes in the field made their mark, racking up fourteen class victories, including two impressive overall wins by CM racer Charles Harding. In short, it was a great race weekend, though it didn't seem like that at first.

With off-and-on rain wetting down the track Friday, things looked gloomy, Luckily, most of the day's BMW sprint ran while the rain held off, but the track was hardly dry. (A couple of local Spec E36 drivers later joked that they'd 'dried the line' for the vintage guys.) As a result, the pace during all nine laps was some four or five seconds slower than usual across the board. And there were a few agricultural excursions and DNFs. But that didn't keep Harding from beating pole sitter Rich Zulman's IP E36 325 to Turn One right after the green flag. Harding then roared away, to lead flag to flag and take his E46 M3 across the finish in first place

overall more than 26 seconds ahead of the next car.

IP pilot Jerry Kaufman started seventh but took advantage of conditions to gradually sneak his E36 M3 to the front, which rewarded him with a third-place overall finish and a class win. The other local class winners in the 45-car field were John Gardner (BM E92 M3), Evan Levine (Spec E46 330i), Marty Baucom (DM E30 325i), and Jack Wilkins (Spec E36 325i).

In sharp contrast, Saturday's long race ran in near perfect weather, allowing every driver in the 53-car field to open up on the dry track. But it was the frontrunners, Harding and his frequent C-Mod rival Todd Brown (with co-driver Anthony Magar) who really put the pedal to the metal. Even with pit stops, they averaged speeds around the magic 2-minute mark, eventually lapping the rest of the pack. In the end though, Brown's speed (including a 1:57.191 lap late in the race) carried the day. He won overall, beating Harding to the checker by some 53 seconds!

However, three of the twenty-one local drivers in this race posted class victories back in the pack: One lap down, Sri Haputantri won D-Mod; farther back, Wilkins chalked up his second Spec E36 win of the weekend; and Alan Davis took the checker for a solo victory in M3T. The race also saw the return, after a long absence from CR, of Billy Revis in C-Mod. Unfortunately, he DNF'ed eight laps into the race. And luck ran out on Harding's perennial local rival, CM pilot Krista Williams, as well. A broken tie rod 11 laps into the race took her out of contention for the rest of the weekend.

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Oct 15-19	*50th Annual Oktoberfest Greenville, SC		Details and Registration on bmwcca.org	

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Predictably, Sunday's feature sprint was another speed fest for the C-Mods. Harding started on the pole, with Brown alongside, but Brown went off track right after the green flag and spent the rest of the 9-lap race working his way back to the front. He eventually finished second overall but never caught up with Harding, who broke the 2-minute mark on Lap Four and ran away from everyone in the 44-car field to win overall almost 24 seconds ahead of Brown.

Five spots behind Brown, Haputantri scored a repeat DM win, with Gardner trailing him by one second for his other B-Mod victory. One lap down, Wilkins made it three wins in a row, with Spec E36 rival Tom Tice hard on his heels; and five spots behind them, Davis cruised to one more solo M3T victory.

And lest we forget: The annual Club Race Outing Saturday went well. With Jon and Maria Strine overseeing the event, more than two dozen club members enjoyed the balmy weather watching the racing and joining an 11-car parade for several laps around the track. We're also told that Jon was successful in preventing a crew of wannabes in a Honda from sneaking in at the tail end of the parade. (Sheesh, why don't these interlopers join VDCA instead!)

## **ON THE COVER:**

it 15 minutes early, picking up a 10th car and a beautiful Corgi along the way. Love it when a plan comes together! Car 11 arrived shortly after that, bringing the total head count to 22 of the BMW faithful.

Dinner was awesome. Adult beverages on the dock to wash away the travel wearies made for some great story swapping. Dinner was epic ... happily delivered by our waitress for the evening whose name was "Sweetheart". No kidding.

By 9pm it was time to head for the hotel and some shut eye. The Atlantis Lodge never disappoints. This is like a cruise back to 1965! What would the new day bring???

It didn't take long to find out. The sun rose di-

Turning to the pro front, BimmerWorld Racing (BWR) resumed their lone quest for gold in Round Two of the IMSA Michelin Pilot Sportscar Challenge series at Sebring in mid-March. (Our previous report, about Round One at Daytona, requires a correction: The No. 80 Grala/Straus GT4, BWR's other entry in that race, was a trial run, of sorts and not part of a two-car program as our report may have implied.) As for the Sebring race, those of you who follow the series ought to know by now that the duo of team owner James Clay and copilot Devin Jones made it to the Gran Sport (GS) podium in style. It kinda takes the wind out of our sails for this report, but we'll plow on anyway – for the sake of those of you who missed watching or hearing about the race.

Namely, Clay started 7th but quickly moved up to third in the 43-car field. Jones took over during the first of two full course yellows and stayed in third place. After the second caution, he jumped ahead, almost made it into the lead, and finished second behind the winning Audi. Along with the duo's fourth-place finish at Daytona, this great finish puts them tied for first place in the GS standings. As you read this, they're in the thick of things in Round Three at Mid-Ohio. We wish them the best of racer's luck.

rectly into our room at 6:30, a great reminder that there was coffee to make and a beach to walk.

The first full day of our shore adventure dawned bright and warm, an idyllic day for getting out and "doing stuff". Because the winds were high, however, a trip to Cape Lookout was a no go. The ferry doesn't run when the surf is rough, so we switched to Plan B. B in this case meant Beaufort.

20 of us hustled across the causeway and on into NC's third oldest town, named for the Earl of Beaufort back in Merry Old England. This is like a mini-version of Charleston or Savannah, complete with an old (some might say haunted) burial ground. Let the games begin.



# Summer 2019 M Club Day

Big Fun @ BMW Performance Center!



## What and Where:

- Each year, the Tarheel and National Capital BMWCCA Chapters sponsor major events at the BMW Performance Center in Greer, South Carolina. These events give us access to the facilities and the instructors at a remarkable location ... at a deeply discounted price. This school is a special program designed by the Performance Center staff specifically for our chapter members.
- The price covers the training sessions ... and the use of current model ///M Cars for the event. M2's, M3's, M4's and M5's were the highlight of the adventure in 2016, 2017 and 2018. We expect more of the same for the coming year. Best of all perhaps, is the opportunity to have a great learning and driving experience while using someone else's Gas, Tires and Oil!
- Remember the old adage that "no car is faster than a rental!"

## When:

- The **summer** event(s) are on June 22<sup>nd</sup> and June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 (two separate events)

## Next Steps

- Registration now open: [msreg.com/Summer2019MClubDay](https://msreg.com/Summer2019MClubDay)

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Lunch was an "out on the dock" affair with wonderful seafood and sandwiches complementing a spectacular view of the city waterfront. While there, a group of the famed wild horses wandered down to munch on the shoreline sea-grass in what turned out to be a very special "dinner and a show". These were part of the herd on the Rachel Carson Preserve, a historic place that she did research at before writing her seminal work, "Silent Spring".

After lunch, it was off for a London bus tour of the city, narrated by a retired school teacher. She was a hoot. She also allowed that we could bring "water" on the bus, so long as we shared some with the guide. A quick stop at the local wine store procured several bottles of Cabernet, and plastic cups, which served us well on what turned into a land bound version of a "booze cruise". The picture of roughly 20 BMW owners riding around in the open air, on the top of the London bus, enjoying a little fruit of the grape was epic! The tour of the city was also fantastic. Old architecture, special homes and beautiful sur-

roundings graced all who enjoyed the trip.

After the trip, ice cream was procured by some. A terrific little general store on the main street offer a wide range of sweets to complement the afternoon sunshine. Then, it was off for a water-bound cruise of the area, on a ship appropriately named the "Water Bug". This took us out toward the Shackleford Banks area including Carrot Island, where we had a chance to see at least one member of the other herd of wild horses in the area. These are descendants of the Spanish horses, sharing a DNA thread with similar horses on Chincoteague Island in Virginia and Assateague Island in Maryland. They are spectacularly pretty animals that are very comfortable in their own environment. The amount of aerial wildlife in the area is truly astonishing, where laughing gulls, egrets and a wide range of other birds enjoy a spot of spectacular natural beauty.

After we tied up at the dock and left Captain Jack to his own devices, we wandered back into town to explore the Maritime Museum and other little shops along the way. Dinner was at 5 PM

sharp at a new restaurant in town called Moonrakers. Apparently, there was a banquet of the local Shag Dancing organization coming in later, so we needed to start early.

That meant that it was dinner outside, on the dock! Perfect evening for some amazing seafood and a delightful bottle of “water” which, in truth, looked suspiciously like a Cabernet from Napa Valley.

It would not be complete if we didn’t celebrate a birthday at dinner of course.

Imagine Rodney Wright’s surprise when he discovered it was his! A rousing chorus of “Happy Birthday” ensued, much to the amusement of all the high school prom goers that also happened to be at Moonrakers for “date night”. You can imagine the rolling of eyes ... and comments about rowdy “adults” messing with the romantic moments of the evening. In the immortal words of a teen from long ago ... “whatever!”

After dinner, a Bimmer cruise back to the Atlantis Lodge allowed everyone to recharge their batteries and get ready for a quiet evening on the beach. Or, that was the original idea! Instead, once we were back to the lodge, a large group wound up in the community room where we discovered a pool table, a ping pong table and an opportunity to have a post dinner wine and cheese party. The festivities carried on right through closing time at 10 PM. Rousing games of ping-pong, an array of story telling opportunities and a chance to enjoy watching the nighttime surf from the third story of the lodge all punctuated a nearly perfect evening. With the ocean pounding in the background, it took no time at all to fall fast asleep on Friday night.

Saturday dawned gray and damp, with the weather forecast showing periodic showers throughout the day. No problem, since our itinerary anticipated we might see some damp weather. Our rally time was moved up to 10:30 AM so that we could head up to Fort Macon. Volunteers from the local historical society planned to fire off a vintage canon at 11:30, and we did not want to miss the opportunity to see that!

The Cannon Ball Run was brilliant. Arriving

a half hour before the big event, and well ahead of the rain, we went off to explore the old fort and the gift shop. Since this was the first time all year the cannons were fired, the introductions were especially funny as we got the story of the 1860 mortar that was to be tested. Apparently, it spent the better part of a century as a decoration at a

State office building before someone decided it would be a good idea to bring it back to life. Indeed!

Since this was to be a live fire exercise, great care was taken to explain the ammo. At the end of the day, the “cannon ball” was a basketball painted in black and named “Wilson”. The explosion that sent Wilson hurtling over the wall was epic and the crowd roared their approval. Nice start to a day!

With the weather looking wet, we broke from the original plan and headed to The Front Street Grill in Beaufort for lunch. Tuna tacos? Best I’ve ever had. After that, the Bimmer crowd broke in multiple directions. Some went to the NC Aquarium while others went back to Fort Macon for more cannon play. Still others wandered the streets of Beaufort shopping and looking for adventure.



The biggest group went to the National Park Service Visitors Center on Harkers Island. This is one of the points of embarking for the cruise to Cape Lookout, something a massive group of Girl Scouts were about to do. Fun to hear the guide's explanation of the science of precipitation and what to look for in terms of wild horses. As they piled into the boat, we went inside to catch a movie and visit the gift shop.

We managed to close the Visitors Center and, with an hour to kill before dinner, headed out toward the little towns of Straits and Marshallberg for some scenic drive time. The timing wasn't ideal, as we hit a monsoon on the way, but still fun to see the area ... and thought provoking to see the damage and recovery efforts underway after Hurricane Florence. After that? Time to eat.

Back in Beaufort we hit the beautiful Spouter Inn, an iconic local place. Once again, amazing food and conversation. Showing up with 20 or so friends for dinner always causes a bit of angst for the staff, but they pulled it off flawlessly. Great crab cakes! Someone noted that this is a bit

like a dining club. Nice drives between brilliant meals. That seems to sum it up nicely.

After dinner, with the rain subsided, it was a nice, leisurely drive back to the Atlantis Lodge ... and a rush to get back to the game room! Wine, cheeses, chips, apples, ping pong and pool featured the evening's activities. Once again, we closed the joint before heading back to collapse with the sound of the crashing surf in the background. Just about the perfect way to end a very full day.

Sunday broke with the run hiding at 6:30AM and no signs of rain. Walking on the beach with morning coffee is a great way to get things going. The jaunt for the day was a quiet drive up NC58 running the length of Bogue Bank, then turning inland for Kinston. Lunch was planned for Vivian Howard's Boiler Room Oyster Bar in Kinston. Always a great choice!!! At this point, we all parted for home. A great adventure was had by all. Bimmers, Driving and Dining make for a terrific combination. **-Robert McIsaac**



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# A Day in Bath

Wet precipitation on the morning of April 6 greeted us in Greenville as my co-pilot and I prepared for the drive to Bath. Under umbrella and wipers, we made way to the Dunkin Donuts for a cup of java and pastry to begin the excursion. With no one else arriving, we departed promptly at 9:30 AM for the second rendezvous in Little Washington. Traveling NC 33 E toward US 17 the throttle on our E89 got some exercise while the co-pilot gave a weather update noting dry roads ahead. We arrived at point #2 to be joined by an E63 and a E46 M. Car talk about the newly acquired E63 ensued and gradually transitioned to a plan change. Spoon River Artworks and Market gave notice the day before of not ready to open their doors. An alternative plan was agreed upon and we three couples traveled a scenic route to Bath with views along the Pamlico River and the Broad and Bath Creeks. With vehicles corralled across the street from the Exhibit Center, we entered to be greeted by a docent who gave insight about the Center and Historic Bath. Being a cyclist in addition to a BMW enthusiast, it was a surprise to see a room devoted to the history of two wheeled human power modes of transportation. The display of 29 maps dating from the 1540's to the 1850's of the Carolinas, Virginia, and

beyond captured much attention.

Hunger came upon us which was satisfied by new menu selections at Blackbeards Slices and Ices. A stroll across the street after lunch to Cottage Treasures Resale Shop enticed all. From there it was back to the Exhibit Center to tour the Van de Veer and Palmer-Marsh homes. The Palmer-Marsh House was built by and the residence of Captain Michael Countache, a merchant, and later acquired by Colonel Palmer, a customs collector and surveyor. A town embedded in rich history, we walked to St. Thomas Episcopal Church, the oldest church in the Old North State, where we heard the organist practicing for Sunday's Service. Continuing onward to the historical marker for Blackbeard, we sat peacefully on a park bench enjoying the vista of the fauna, flora, and water. After a rest, we strolled past multiple historical markers and homes to the marker about the James Adam Floating Theatre which inspired Edna Feber's novel, *Show Boat*.

Back to our motorized transportation, we reversed routes bound for home. Roadways remained dry enabling a fast trek to our respective corrals after a grand time back in time in Historic Bath. **-Alex Kordis**

## Fabulous Farina... Fine Dining in Raleigh

March 3rd turned out to be a very gray and sligOne again, the Farina Neighborhood Italian staff welcomed us with open arms and fabulous food for another edition of the BMW Monthly Dinner in Raleigh on March 19th. Terrific friends, Germany's finest cars and wonderful food, not to mention some great wine, made for a truly delightful spring evening in The City of Oaks.

The weather cooperated again, gracing us with a cool but dry evening, which attracted 16 Bimmers and 31 people for what felt like Bavar-

ian Date Night. The cars tooled into our secret underground garage, with the obligatory throttle blip, highlighting the arrival of the manual transmission vehicles. Something about being inside a parking structure like this draws out the inner adolescent in all of us; back in the day, clearing the "throat" of my '68 GTO produced a certain adrenaline rush which never gets old. Seeing the M3's and other German treats roll in and replicate the process simply proves that all is really right with the world. Of course, one of the rides looked suspiciously like a Porsche 911 rather than the M5



that we are accustomed to seeing Richard arrive in! Apparently, he flew to California to pick up a pristine, low mileage 997, which he then proceeded to drive 3,200 miles back to NC! Sounds like an adventure of a lifetime; he reported that the car was “surprisingly comfortable”. Indeed.

Back on the Bavarians, we had a nice collection of E93 M3's, a lovely E46 M3 that arrived with the top down (ah, Spring), a Z3, a Z4, an X5d, and X3M40 and an E46 coupe ... among others! Great to see, and hear, such a wide range of glorious machines. After some serious tire kicking and storytelling, we wandered upstairs with the dynamic duo of Jimmy and John (i.e., the Jimmy-John show) made quick work of getting the beverages and dinner ordered up. The wide-ranging menu included lots of flat breads, a broad collection of pastas and an impressive collection from the parmigiana family. All great, with whatever wasn't consumed immediately leaving clear take-out boxes with tomorrow's lunch.

The business portion of the meeting covered the drive / adventures coming up over the coming months, including detailed plans for the overnight adventures to Bogue Banks (OBX) NC in April and to Cass, West Virginia, in June. Walter Vincent provided an overview of the various

dining opportunities on the steam engine tours of the W. Va. Mountains, including one the has a murder mystery shows as part of the adventure. We'll need to get registered for the ventures early as they are certain to sell out quickly.

Other news included a review of the B&B in Edenton that some of our group stayed in last weekend (it was great!), and the Saturday vinyl night at the local Irish pub (rock on!). All told, the Edenton trip proved to be completely brilliant. Hopefully the run to New Bern in May will produce a similar result.

We had a chance to enjoy two different birthday celebrations ... and a lot of story swapping and future adventure planning ... before it was time to think about heading for “the barn”. The evening went far too quickly, but the magical soundtrack of the Bimmers, and errant Porsche, getting their wicks lit in the parking garage was fantastic. The blitz was on to get home, moving us one step closer to our next set of opportunities to exercise the Bimmers. April brings charity laps, the Outer Banks, and pollen season. North Carolina gives us so many great reasons to get the BMW's out to play. Welcome to spring! Safe travels and keep the greasy side down ... **-Robert McIsaac**

## Tarheel Banquet and Annual Meeting

Our 2019 Banquet was a huge success! There was a big crowd with over 110 people present. It was an honor and pleasure to have as our guest speaker, James Clay of BimmerWorld in Dublin, VA. James, a long time member of the Tarheel Club, spoke of his racing career and the successes of the BimmerWorld Racing Team. He also spoke about their experiences with building and racing cars for the Pike's Peak Hill Climb. He had a very interesting Q & A with friends and fellow club members asking questions and reliving experiences they had with James in the past. We are so proud of James and want to thank him for speaking and for his generous support of our club over the years.

Our emcee, April Curtis, entertained us all

with keeping the program for the evening lively. The food, fun and fellowship were particularly enjoyable. We thank all of those who helped put the event together and all who attended.

The Tarheel Club would like to thank all our sponsors and supporters for their generous endorsement of our club this year and all the past years.

We especially want to thank the following supporters for the outstanding and generous gifts they donated for the door prize raffle: Bimmer Performance Center, BimmerWorld, BMW CCA, Carmine Import Service, Crown BMW, EuroEnvy, HMS Motorsport, Korman Autoworks, Ohlins and Quantum.



# LOCAL SCENE

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## **ASHEVILLE AREA DINNER**

Date: **Last Tuesday each month**

Time: 6:30 pm

Where: Different Location Each Month

All BMW marques are welcome (cars, motorcycles, Mini, Rolls, etc.).

Contact Chris Joyner at [mrBimmer@reagan.com](mailto:mrBimmer@reagan.com) for more information.

## **CAPE FEAR AREA**

Date: **3rd Thursday each month**

Time: 6:30 pm

Where: Joyce  
1174 Turlington Ave #101  
Leland, NC 28451

Email Matt Sarkela for information at [matt.sarkela@gmail.com](mailto:matt.sarkela@gmail.com).

## **CHARLOTTE AREA I DINNER**

Date: **3rd Thursday each month**

Time: 7 p.m.

Where: Waldhorn Restaurant  
12101 Lancaster Hwy (Old Hwy 521)  
Pineville, NC  
(Located near Carolina Place Mall)  
(704) 540-7047

We're still hanging out at the Waldhorn Restaurant on the third Thursday of each month. Contact Chris Webber at H: (704) 523-9118 C: 704-906-8876 or e-mail at [christopher.b.webber@gmail.com](mailto:christopher.b.webber@gmail.com) to RSVP. Please join us (great German food and beer). See you there!

## **CHARLOTTE AREA II**

Date: **1st Thursday each month**

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Where: The Speedway Club at  
Charlotte Motor Speedway  
5555 Parkway S., 6th Fl, Concord NC

Please email Andy Barbee for more information at [clt2thbmwcca@gmail.com](mailto:clt2thbmwcca@gmail.com) or (704) 701-2294

## **DOWNEAST AREA BREAKFAST** (Greenville, Wilson

## **12 TARHEEL CHAPTER FOOTNOTES**

Rocky Mt)

Date: **1st Saturday each month**

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Where: Scullery Coffee House and Creamery  
431 Evans St  
Greenville, NC 27858

Email Alex Kordis for information at [amkordis@tarheelbmwcca.org](mailto:amkordis@tarheelbmwcca.org)

## **HURRICANE REGION AREA** (New Bern, Jacksonville, Morehead City)

Contact Alex Kordis Area Coordinator for Down East at [amkordis@tarheelbmwcca.org](mailto:amkordis@tarheelbmwcca.org) if you are interested in joining them for meetings.

## **NORTHERN MOUNTAIN AREA DINNER**

Date: **2nd Monday each month**

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Where: Basil's Restaurant / Boonshine Brewery  
246 Wilson Dr., Suite K, Boone, NC  
[www.basilpasta.com](http://www.basilpasta.com)

Cost: Only what you eat and drink.

Contacts: John Cochrane ([jgcochrane1968@gmail.com](mailto:jgcochrane1968@gmail.com)) or Mike Langley ([michaelrlangley@aol.com](mailto:michaelrlangley@aol.com))

A fun gathering of BMW friends for a discussion of all things car related.

## **ROANOKE AREA**

Date: **2nd Tuesday each month**

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Where: Pizza Pasta Pit  
1713 Riverview Dr.  
Salem, VA 24153

Near corner of Electric Road and Apperson Drive.

Contact JoElla John [jjohnmcoupe@aol.com](mailto:jjohnmcoupe@aol.com) or Scott Donaldson [sdonaldson@moog.com](mailto:sdonaldson@moog.com) for more information.

## **SANDHILLS AREA**

Date: **4th Wednesday each month**

Time: 7 p.m.

Where: Scrub Oaks  
5780 Ramsey St #108  
Fayetteville, NC 28311

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ScrubOaks is a contemporary american restaurant that also offers a great sports bar setting. Many regulars frequent the Kings Grant golf club and stop by afterward for a meal. Wednesdays offer half off wine (bottle and glass)

Contact Danny Miller for more information mperformancelife@gmail.com

**TRIAD AREA WEST DINNER (Winston-Salem)**

Date: **2nd Tuesday each month**  
Time: 6:00 p.m. Drinks, 7:00 p.m. Dinner  
Where: Cities Grill and Bar – (336)765-9027  
2438 S.Stratford Rd.  
Winston-Salem, NC 27103

Please contact Marc Schatell for more information at mhs@triad.rr.com.

**TRIAD AREA EAST DINNER (Greensboro)**

Date: **2nd Tuesday each month**  
Time: 6:00 p.m.  
Where: Mac's Speed Shop  
1218 Battleground Ave  
Greensboro, NC 27408

Please contact David Harrison for more information david.harrison@outlook.com

**TRIANGLE AREA DINNER (RALEIGH)**

Date: **3rd Tuesday each month**  
Time: 6:00 p.m. Tire Kickin', 7:00 p.m. Dinner  
Where: Farina Neighborhood Italian  
Lafayette Village  
8450 Honeycutt Rd #100  
Raleigh

Please contact Robert McIsaac for more information at raleigh.bmwcca.activities@gmail.com

**TRIANGLE AREA DINNER (CHAPEL HILL)**

Date: **1st Wednesday each month**  
Time: 6:00-6:45pm People arrive on the top floor of the parking garage for car viewing and stories  
6:45pm Walk to the restaurant for dinner  
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### **Big Fun @ BMW Performance Center!**



#### **What and Where:**

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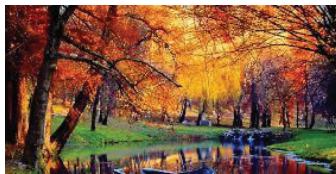
#### **When:**

- The **fall** event(s) are on October 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019 (two separate events)

#### **Next Steps**

- Registration now open: **TBD / site will be open shortly. For the moment, "save the date"**.

Contact Information: For details, connect with Rob McIsaac at [Robert.McIsaac@tarheelbmwcca.org](mailto:Robert.McIsaac@tarheelbmwcca.org)



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# Hundred Dollar BBQ Run?

## Chasing The (Alleged) Best BBQ in NC!



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- When: Depart on Saturday, **July 20<sup>th</sup>** at 10:00am. Come early for breakfast and/or coffee at 9:00am!
- Where: Departure from the Starbucks at 180 Cabela Drive, Garner, NC 27529
- Objective: A great day, an awesome meal, a terrific show and some fascinating photo ops. Pik 'n Pig is located at 194 Gilliam McConnell Road, Carthage, NC 28327
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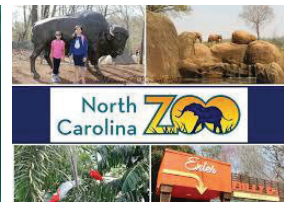


# Zooming to the NC Zoo!

## Lions, and Tigers and Bimmers ... Oh My!



- What: A rollicking good drive to Asheboro, NC, to the State Zoo. At over 500 acres, it is the largest walk-through zoo in the world, and one of only two state-owned zoos in the United States. Polar bears, giraffes, elephants and gazelles are all part of the show ... after a great ride in the Uwharrie Mountains!
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- Where: Leith BMW, 5603 Capital Blvd, Raleigh, NC 27616
- Objective: A great day, a beautiful drive, some amazing sights ... and a great ride home from 4401 Zoo Pkwy, Asheboro, NC 27205
- Duration: Figure 6+ hours including driving.
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