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ON THE COVER:



Looking For More... Since '74: The BMWCCA, to great fanfare, recently celebrated its 50th anniversary with a big bash at Oktoberfest at and around the BMW Performance Center in South Carolina. A great time was reportedly had by all who made the trip to be part of the experience. Travel commitments on my end precluded making the Big Trip in October, so we experienced the whole thing vicariously by reading the recent, terrific, articles in The Roundel. While reading the latest issue, however, I realized that there's another big anniversary that we're celebrating this year: The Tarheel Chapter was founded 45 years ago by a

small and illustrious group in Greensboro. That got me thinking about all the water that has gone under the bridge, or perhaps a better metaphor would be miles under the tires, in the intervening years.

From there, I was led to a delightful interchange with unofficial historian Paul Hoecke who has, along with a few other hearty souls, been around since the beginning. Accessing the far reaches of memory, Paul shared a few key bits, including a recollection that the or- *(continued on page 7)*

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

This month, we'd like to give a warm Tarheel welcome to **40** new and returning members and associate members. This brings our total chapter membership to **2971!** 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*
Things They Are A-Changin'

The above headline, story title or whatever you want to call it, isn't new. Not only is it, obviously, a line from a song that's Oh so familiar to those of us with a few decades under the belt. It's also a line Yours Truly borrowed (stole?) for an editorial that appeared exactly forty-two years ago this month, in the January 1978 issue of **FOOTNOTES**. (Egad, how time flies when you're having fun!)

That editorial was about changes: How **FOOTNOTES** was switching from a quarterly to a monthly publication schedule. And adopting a new format, which happens to be the very same look you've been regaled with ever since.

Well, guess what. Things are a-changin' once again, at the National and chapter level. And that includes chapter newsletters such as **FOOTNOTES**.

I won't go into all the changes at the National level you already must have heard about – like BimmerLife, the heretofore weekly online publication, becoming a 'lifestyle' paper glossy which will replace ROUNDEL twice a year; what all the rumors regarding the 'Last Oktoberfest' are all about; and so forth. The official news about all that, and how it may affect our club, will appear in due course, if it hasn't already.

I do, however, want to talk about what's happening along those lines with **FOOTNOTES**. As always, there's both good news – and bad, in a manner of speaking.

First, the 'bad': The Tarheel Chapter newsletter will henceforth (i.e. starting now) appear

entirely online; no more paper copies! Now, I suspect that most of you are already used to reading it on the club website. However, I know that some of you won't like this, even hate it. Which I can understand, being something of a pack rat when it comes to favorite reading matter. But the reasons for this change – the elephants in the room, if you will – are twofold, and quite weighty. (Sorry; bad pun.)

For one, print media are losing ground everywhere, with electronic media taking over, especially where advertising and the revenue it generates are concerned. And print classifieds are similarly affected. I mean, how many of you have, of late, bought stuff online at the expense of print classifieds? A lot, I'll bet, and for good reason. It's easier online, while responding to a print ad all too often risks discovering that the item is already gone. And then there's printing and mailing hundreds of paper copies, which now costs ten times our ad revenues. And the fact that those paper copies typically reach their readers weeks after the official publication date! Wheew!

Well, **FOOTNOTES** going all-electronic will correct all that. Including save our club a bunch of bucks, which will go a long way toward serving you better. Which you gotta admit is all to the good.

The other good news is that virtually nothing else will change. Our website **FOOTNOTES** will continue to publish monthly and will feature the same content as before. You'll see the same editorials, club activities schedules, stories by Area

Coordinators such as Rob McIsaac's great travel-ogues, as well as this column and the Club Racing Report.

Perhaps best of all, our esteemed editor won't have to worry about meeting printer deadlines and it will enable him to provide more room for your stories. Yes, your stories! Which should – and hopefully will – encourage you to share your personal BMW experiences, on and off the road, tall tales or not, with your fellow club members – with lots of photos, of course.

But then, sharing ideas, tips and experiences is what **FOOTNOTES** should be all about. After all, it is your newsletter. This also echoes what the 1978 editorial said as it urged club members (rather strongly) to "contribute written or pictorial material." Its concluding line was (and I quote): "Believe me; once you've tried it, you'll find it's fun to see yourself in print."

Come to think of it, that's just as valid today as it was back then – except for the electronic part, of course.

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CLUB RACING REPORT

BY PAUL HOECKE

Local Racers Score at Roebing Road, VIR

Happy New Year, fellow club racing fans, and welcome to the 2020 BMW CCA Club Racing (CR) season!

If the past is any indication, this month typically tends to stir our homegrown racing crowd into action. With holiday celebrations a (hopefully) happy memory and despite having to deal with the ups and downs of winter weather (it's still January, after all), 'tis time for our dedicated track warriors' fancy to turn to what the new CR schedule may bring. And prepping their trusty racing steeds, of course.

We expect this January to be no different, except for one fact that may make it a bit more special. Namely, it kicks off a racing season which happens to be a CR anniversary – the twenty-fifth year of regulated BMW racing under the banner of the BMW CCA! Along with the influx of rookies, graduates of recent racing schools, we feel it's bound to lend a bit more than its share of excitement to the track contests in the months to come. And we're looking forward to keeping you abreast with how our racers do.

That's all we can say at this point, seeing as how very little of the 2020 CR schedule has been published to date. However, there's lots to report about the two local events which closed out last season; i.e. the CR 2019 Season Finale at Roebing Road; and the ChumpCar – or ChampCar – endurance race at VIR. (We are unclear about the correct label because we've heard that the title of the series was changed in 2018 at the request of the organizers. To avoid unnecessary confusion, debate and readers' complaints, we'll just call it the CC series for the time being.)

Let's start in chronological order with the CC race, which ran in early December on VIR's North Course. Although the series isn't part of the CR

program, we cover it whenever an event happens to be in our neck of the woods because, typically, some of the competing teams are made up at least in part of local racers. And sure enough, this race ran true to form, as three local teams ended up among the front finishers.

Billed a 'Double-8' event, its 50-car field included (by our count) six entries crewed, at least in part, by local hot shoes: Two 'Pinkies Out' teams; one each by Skidmark and 'Simon Says'; and two teams fielded by Sri Racing, all competing in two consecutive endurance races, Saturday's lasting eight hours while Sunday's ran only seven hours. (We won't go into the complexities of CC rules except to say that, to the best of our knowledge, results of the first race of a 'Double' event always impact the scoring in the second race.)

Saturday was not a good day for Pinkies Out. Their two cars, the E30 'Aero' and E30 'Swap', and eight drivers and crew – Chris and Robert Huggins, Chip Schenk, 'Iron Mike' Hinkley, John Hurd, Wyatt Foster and two others – got off to a good start, in second and fourth positions. But three-quarters through the second stint, both cars ran out of fuel on the same lap and had to be towed in, which had them finish eighth and tenth. However, Sunday's race went much better. Foster started in the 'Aero' while Chris Huggins led off in the 'Swap', and when the checker flew seven hours later, 'Swap' was first overall and 'Aero' third. As Hinkley said later, it was a "remarkable accomplishment."

Sri Racing also made their mark. Fielding two cars, the #68 E30 325is and the #69 E36 325is, and a strong driver lineup – Jeff Blum, Amy Oldenburg, Al Pereida and Michael Stoltzfus – they claimed second place overall with the #68 car in Saturday's

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Aug 21-23	Corral at IMSA Race			

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race. Other local drivers included Mike Whitney with the Simon Says team and Jim Sullivan with another team 'Iron Mike' did not identify.

One week later, the season finale at Roebling Road was one for the books. A three-day event held in conjunction with the VDCA folks, it stuck to the traditional format: Three races, a 21-lap sprint on Friday; a 40-lap endurance race Saturday followed by an oyster feast; and the 21-lap feature sprint Sunday, all slotted in between the vintage contests. And the field – thirty-nine entries, including seventeen local track warriors, in twelve classes – was in keeping with the occasion.

Or at least, that's what it was until just before race day, when it shrank to just thirty-four. Turns out, several entrants, including four in the all-Tarheel Spec E36 group, had bowed out, for reasons unknown, just before the start of the event! Luckily, the field was bolstered by Sam Seimon, a graduate of the racing school completed a day before.

The smaller field may have made for faster times on the 2-mile, 9-turn track. But for the remaining thirteen local racers – Krista Williams (CM); April Curtis (with Hinkley) in DM; Jerry Kaufman (IP); Rob Chrystler (KP); Spec E36 pilots John Alemanni, Bert Howerton, Carl Sanders and Tom Tice; Oldenburg and Pereida (again) plus John Park in Spec E46; and Alan Davis soloing in M3T – the number 13 became an omen of sorts. Some did quite well, but two found Lady Luck to be a harsh mistress.

Friday's sprint ran in rain, which caused numerous off-course excursions but no contacts. Despite conditions, Jerry Kaufman took the checker in third place overall to win IP, while Bert Howerton claimed a well-deserved Spec E36 victory and April Curtis chalked up a solo win in D-Mod. But Krista Williams' run was a huge disappointment. She started third overall and looked to be in contention for a high finish, until her transmission broke late in the race, which left her on the sidelines the rest of the weekend.

The 40-lap enduro Saturday ran in cool but sunny weather and saw a repeat performance by

the Tarheel contingent. Howerton, Curtis (with Hinkley co-driving) and Davis racked up wins in their respective classes. What's more, Kaufman was able to claim two victories, though not in his class but by co-driving with other racers – first in JP, doing the first stint in Bill Glavin's car; then in M3T, driving the second stint in Davis' car. We call that a real tour de force.

However, Kaufman's luck ran out in the 21-lap feature sprint on Sunday. He qualified on the pole, and although soon passed by the sole remaining CM driver, he was fast enough to stay within half a second behind the leader, lap after lap. For most of the race, it looked like he was assured another victory in second place overall – until just two laps before the checker, when his rear axle went kaput. It caused the weekend's only full-course yellow, and he ended up credited with finishing 21st. Howerton, Curtis and Davis, on the other hand, cruised to the checker for their third class wins of the weekend. And Seimon was awarded the Spirit of Club Racing flag for his diligence in obtaining his club racing license and taking part in both Saturday's and Sunday's races. As 'Iron Mike' later put it: "Mechanical problems aside, it was clean racing all weekend, with no incidents and no car damage."

Turning to the local pro scene: The ten-race IMSA Michelin Pilot Challenge series is about to start with a four-hour enduro at Daytona on the 24th of this month. And, no surprise, Bimmer-World Racing (BWR) is once again in the thick of it, for their eleventh consecutive season. What's more, they're fielding two BMWs in Gran Sport (GS) this time around. The duo of team owner James Clay and Devin Jones are back in the #82 M4 GT4, while the #80 M4 GT4 is piloted by BWR veteran Nick Galante (2018 Street Tuner champion in BWR's 328i) and new BWR addition Dillon Machavern (2017 GS title winner and co-driver, with Bill Auberlen and Robby Foley, of the GTD-winning M6 GT3 in last October's Petit LeMans). Given this strong lineup and armed with the team's two-season experience with the M4, Clay says "I expect us to win."

ON THE COVER:

ganizational meeting was on March 17, 1974. It consisted of 15 BMW enthusiasts as required the BMWCCA, ensuring that a charter would be forthcoming. The first FOOTNOTES issue came out in April, and in May, the first driving event, the Raleigh Rally, was held. It started at Crabtree Valley Mall which was still under construction. The second chapter meeting was held at the conclusion of the rally. The minutes recorded 25 paying members, and that National President Parker Spooner was there to meet the officers and determine that we were for real. What were people driving? No great surprise that the preponderance of Bimmers were the then new 2002's, along with a few Bavarias, and one of my personal favorites from the way back machine ... a 700.



All this historical context was terrific. It also got me thinking about what I was driving in 1974, my own connection to BMW's, and made me wonder what others were doing at the time. Assuming you can remember back this far, what was your ride like?

In 1974 I was a senior in high school, had just met my best friend and future bride, and was living in NJ. It would be 21 more years before Karen and I made it to NC for the first time. Still, BMW's were already part of my "experience". In 1971, my father upgraded from a '68 Karmann Ghia drop top to a freshly issued 2002. My first reaction in the dealership parking lot was not good ... in fact I remember thinking that he must have lost his mind swapping the open-air cruising of a poor man's Porsche for what appeared to be an oddly



shaped econo-box.

The first drive cured my skepticism. As we went screaming around the local byways I was immediately aware of what David E. Davis, in his classic Motor Trend article from April, 1968 was talking about when he said "Turn Your Hymnals to 2002". Even now the lines are classics to read. For example, he said "Depress the clutch. Easy. Like there was no spring. Snick. First gear. Remove weight of left foot from clutch. Place weight of right foot on accelerator. The minute it starts moving, you know that Fangio and Moss and Tony Brooks and all those other big racing studs retired only because they feared that someday you'd have one of these, and when that day came, you'd be indomitable. They were right. You are indomitable". In fact, my Dad was indomitable. You couldn't be around that car without having a laugh out loud good time.

Unfortunately, she came to an inglorious end on an icy road when an American land-yacht collected it a few years later. It took a while to replace, but in March of 1984 he bought an exquisite E30 / 325e. That car currently has 260k miles on the clock and was the subject of a restoration a few years ago. It remains LOL brilliant.

But, back in 1974, I couldn't have imagined buying a Bimmer. What I could imagine was a good handling, and very good looking, sporty car: my 1966 Corvair Monza was an absolute blast to drive and a far better handling machine than the "big cars with big engines" that my friends had at the time. There was always something I found attractive about the high beltline and big greenhouse of the Corvair, along with the complete



instrumentation in the well laid out cockpit. My Dad spent a good bit of time showing me how to be quick in the Corvair, benefitting from his days pushing rear-engined VW's close to their limits. It was much, much, later that I realized that many of the design characteristics of the Corvair, which appear in the Paris Auto Show in 1959, carried over into the BMW Neue Klasse cars five year later and eventually into both the 2002 and the Bavaria. In reality, putting a late model Corvair



and a CS Coupe next to each other, makes them appear to be the Twin Sons of Different Mothers. I still have fond memories of the three I owned back in high school and college.

It took me until 1977 to buy my first BMW, which was of the two wheeled variety: a slightly used 1973 R60/5 that became my pride and joy for many years. Today, when I think about it, that's the personal one that got away. I'd love to have that Beemer back for old times' sake!

So, the Tarheel Chapter has been around for 45 fun-filled years. Karen and I have been members for 11 of them and are still doing the same things we did in NJ all those years ago: looking for adventures that allow us to get out on great country roads, look for treasures hiding around the next apex and spending time with great people that enjoy a combination of driving and dining. I still get a kick out of my Dad's old E30 ... and am now enjoying a new "preservation" project with a 1997 M3. Our oldest grandson is already spooled up to spend time at VIR. Recently, when he saw a video of me navigating an M5 around the track at the Performance Center, he provided this encouragement: "Go faster Pop Pop, Go faster!!!". Indeed.

So back in 1974, those looking for more, clearly found a great way to connect in the Tarheel Chapter. It just took some of us longer to become members. No matter how, or when, you got here ... life is clearly Better in a Bimmer!. **-Robert Mc-Isaac**

Lions and Tigers and Bimmers, Oh My ...

October 12th dawned as a "Chamber of Commerce" day, with beautifully clear skies and cool temperatures greeting the Bimmer Faithful as they headed out for the scheduled adventure to Asheboro for a visit to the NC Zoo. It was still in the high 60's when the team at Leith BMW opened the doors at 9am, greeting us with a terrific breakfast complete with fixings from Panera Bread and a broad array of coffee. We were in a festive mood of course, swapping stories and

plans, which apparently caught the attention of the service department patrons, one of which got us on the side after the drivers meeting and asked if he "could join the club". Indeed, he can! Materials are already in the mail.

Properly caffeinated, we rollout out sharply at 10am with 8 cars in formation. This included an E36 M3, an E46, a Z4, a Porsche 911 (the owner can spell BMW), an E90 335 and a 230. Also, an Audi Q7 which was a monster, but very effective

as a “family carrier”. Great collection of German engineering, all around! Two more joined along the way, making the count for today 10 cars ... and 24 people. This included four children, not counting the young at heart, all thrilled to be heading for the zoo. With a general preference for starting with the African exhibit as a goal, our game plan was set, and we were off to the races. A blitz down I-540 got us out of Raleigh with minimal drama, other than the table that was laying in the road as we crossed over into Morrisville. Quick thinking dodged the furniture “chicane” and multiple calls to the local constabulary hopefully encouraged a clean-up before anything serious happened. A jag onto US-64 got us past Pittsboro, then it was off onto the byways of NC for some spirited wandering so we could enter Asheboro from the south side. This route avoided most of the traffic in the area and provided the added bonus of taking us up “The Pottery Highway” through Seagrove. Universal agreement that we need to return there again in 2020.

And then we were in “Africa”, or at least a



reasonable facsimile for same. We progressed immediately for the lunch area in the center of the zoo where we found some surprisingly good “Angus Beef” burgers and fixings. After the second meal of the day, we headed into the exhibits to find a generally active and available group of accommodating host mammals. The gorillas and chimpanzees put on a great show for us, showing



both great social skills and some remarkable gymnastics. Nothing but happy kids, irrespective of age, in the zoo on this day.

Deeper into the region, we stumbled on the lion pride, which was actually down for their afternoon nap. Nothing was going to wake them from their slumber, so we moved along to check out the animals in heavy camouflage. This included some festive zebras who were circling around a group of giraffes that seemed intent on stripping a number of trees of their leaves and bark. They are all stunningly beautiful to watch from multiple angles as we headed toward the elephant enclosure. We were treated to a show as one of the locals danced and flapped his ears and trunk for us; terrific performance before we headed off to scope out the rhinos and the Thompson’s Gazelles.

By now our feet were getting tired so we headed back for the Bimmers and blasted east. As much fun as the dancing elephant had been, and it was pretty spectacular, it was great to do a little dancing the with the gearbox as we flashed around some truly epic country roads that wandered us in the general direction of Pittsboro. Once there, we split into two groups. Those that were more flexible with their time made a stop at

a local microbrewery to wash the savannah dust from their parched throats. A lovely idea to be sure.

Those from further east made a stop at Cary Potter for a walk about with Glenda and Kenneth. They kept the shop open late for us ... busy time for them as they get ready for big upcoming shows! Of course, every stop can become a culinary experience, so we meandered over to the local French Bakery to check out the pastry and enjoy an iced Americano. Our strength bolstered by the extra caffeine, we headed further east watching a spectacular moonrise on the horizon. A full moon on this evening provided a stunning backdrop as we rolled into Clayton for a dash of

petrol and a visit to the new local Mexican restaurant. After 235 fun filled miles, it was a blast to kick back with an iced beverage and swap opinions on the highlights of the day!

All too soon, it was time to saddle up for the final leg home. By the time I got back to "the barn" to tuck the M3 in for the night, it has been a 12-hour cruise. Terrific friends, three great meals, a spectacular set of roads to explore, dancing elephants ... this all contributed to a day that would best be described as "Brilliant". A big thanks to the Leith BMW folks for making sure we got started on the right foot! And to all, a good night.

-Robert McIsaac

October's Dinner in Raleigh, A Culinary Delight

We carefully organized October's dinner to coincide with both the Columbus Day holiday and the National BMW Clubs annual Oktoberfest extravaganza in South Carolina. This meant, of course, that many of the BMW faithful had other obligations to fulfill as we rolled into the back half of October. Even with all of that we still had 10 cars, and 15 people, join us for the monthly dinner at Café Farina in North Raleigh. It turned out to be a beautiful evening, leading a number of people to show up with their droptops stowed so that they could enjoy the balmy weather. Others took advantage of the clear, pollen free weather to roll back the sunroofs to get direct access to mother nature's finest. All of that meant for some very interesting tire kicking as we surveyed the assembled Bavarian beauties. The oldest car for the evening "award" went to a terrific, unadulterated, 1973 model 2002 which recently arrived in the old North State after having spent its first 45 years in California. It is always great fun to look at these rolling time machines which provide a sense for what was state of the art automobile magic in an earlier, simpler, time. The next oldest car in the group what is a 1997 E36 M3, which looked massive in comparison to the 2002 and oddly diminutive when compared to a modern F30 4-series.

Interesting to consider the very different driving experiences each of these vehicles brought to bear at a time when they were the pinnacle of development along with how well the older ones have carried themselves forward into the modern era.

Eventually, we made our way out of the parking structure and into the restaurant, where the staff was more than ready to greet us and "get the party started". In addition to having a chance to greet new members, we talked about the upcoming schedule for events, which includes a very busy December! For the month, we have two different drives planned, one taking us east to Wilmington on Pearl Harbor day to visit the USS North Carolina. Stopping at the German Café is, of course, mandatory when in Wilmington! The following weekend, we will point the Roundels west so we can head to the Moravian Village at Old Salem to capture more magic from a traditional holiday setting. Of course, both trips will include fine dining experiences, which are in keeping with our motto of "eating our way across North Carolina"!

The New Year will get off to a quick start with our first trip planned to take us out to the UNC campus for a visit to the Morehead Planetarium. With the weather in January never certain, this

gives us a good opportunity for an indoor activity, coupled with a visit to a local microbrewery. In other words, a little bit of something for everyone!

We wrapped up the evening with a rousing course of Happy Birthday to celebrate “Colonel” Scott Morford’s big day. With proper encouragement, he eventually did blow the candle out on the cannoli ... and shared the dessert with our festive revelers. It turns out a little bit of cannoli will, in reality, go a very long way!

All too soon it was time to start thinking about hitting the road. Once again, it appeared that we closed the restaurant with the staff, a sure sign of a terrific evening. Down in the garage, we had a chance to talk a bit more about the upcoming charity lapse event at Virginia international Raceway. This is a very special treat that comes along twice a year and our collective fingers are crossed for good weather on the big day. The plan this year is to just meet at VIR, rather than having an organized drive from Raleigh to the track. Getting there as close to 8 AM as possible ensures maximum track time!

The drive home was spectacularly pretty. A nearly full moon wandering amongst the clouds made for a beautiful backdrop to an evening that encouraged keeping the windows and the sunroof open. It is, without a doubt, easy to love the fall weather in North Carolina. Clearly, time to plan some new adventures! **-Robert McIsaac**



Morehead Planetarium and Science Center! Star Gazing and Fine Dining in Mid-Winter!



- What: While winter’s “blast” may be upon us in January, that makes for a terrific opportunity to fire up the Bimmers, cruise on over to UNC / Chapel Hill and scope out an amazing gift in our midst ... the Morehead Planetarium. Beam us up, Scotty!
- When: Depart on Saturday, **January 4th, 2020** at 10:00am. Come early for coffee at 9:00am!
- Where: Departure from Leith BMW, 5603 Capital Blvd, Raleigh, NC
- Objective: A fun and enjoyable family outing that promises nice roads, a mind-expanding adventure and terrific food. Chapel Hill has a great downtown to wander about, historic sites ... and lunch at the Top of The Hill Restaurant and Brewery (100 East Franklin Street, Chapel Hill, NC 27514).
- Duration: Figure 5-8 hours including driving.
- Contact Information: For details, connect with Rob McIsaac at Raleigh.BMWCCA.Activities@gmail.com or 919-880-8012.



Car Song Quiz!

Yes class, pop quiz time again! I came up with this list of 20 questions about famous car songs off the top of my head and did not have to look anything up on the Internet for the answers. Can you do the same? C'mon, now...no cheating! Give yourself 5 points for each correct answer – and if you score above 80 percent, you are a true automotive music aficionado. Yes, I know many of these questions refer to songs that were popular before many of you were born, but a true car-music buff will have heard most of them!. This will be challenging for everyone, but I'd bet there's a lot of us who remember car songs back when whitewalls (tires, not haircuts) were the norm and gas was less than 50 cents a gallon - for that group of us, this should bring back some fond memories of when music was music and was listened to without earbuds:

- What two cars were racing “late one night” in the song about a dangerous bend in the road?
- What was the title and who were the artists for the song in item 1?
- What make of shiny red super-stock car in a rickety old garage was owned by a little old lady from Pasadena?
- In the Chuck Berry song “Maybelline”, what car was Maybelline driving, and what was her pursuer driving?
- What year and body style of car was being driven in “Surf City” that was called a “woody”?
- What year, make, and body style of car was being sung about by the Beach Boys recording that had a “competition clutch and 4 on the floor, and she purred like a kitten ‘till the lake pipes roar”?
- In the song in item 6, what did the owner of the car have that would “flip your lid”? “She’s my <blank> <blank> <blank>”, you don’t know what I got (3 words that name the car and song).
- What type of engine did the car in item 8 have and what modifications were done to it?
- In what song did the car have “3 deuces and a 4-barrel on a 389” that you could “turn it on, wind it up, and blow it out”?
- For what kind of car did the artist save his pennies and save his dimes, and what was the car?
- What equipment did the car in item 11 have (induction, transmission, rear axle)?
- What kind of car did “Sally” drive?
- What make of car was a lot of fun until “daddy” took it away?
- Where was the driver of the car in item 14 supposed to be going?
- What car had the same name as a Bo Diddley song where he called himself a type of bird and said “and you can’t keep up with me!”?
- What song from a Robert Mitchum movie ended with the line “the Devil got the moon-

shine and the mountain boy that day”?

-What “little” car named for a deadly snake was the subject of a song by the Rip Chords?

-“Son, you’re gonna drive me to drinkin’ if you don’t quit drivin’ that <blank> <blank> <blank>”?

-On what road did you “get your kicks”?



Answers:

Stingray and Jaguar XK-E

“Dead Man’s Curve”, by Jan and Dean

Dodge

Cadillac and “V8 Ford”

“34 Wagon”

1932 Ford 3-window coupe

The “pink slip”

Little Deuce Coupe

A “flathead mill” that was ported, relieved, stroked, and bored

GTO

1961 Chevrolet with a 409 V8

Dual-quad, 4-speed, positraction

Mustang

T-bird

The library

Roadrunner

The Ballad of Thunder Road

Cobra

Hot Rod Lincoln

Route 66

Now – for those of you who scored above 80 percent without using an iPhone or other connected device – congratulations – you are true car-music fanatics. You probably know several other car songs in addition to these (even The Beatles had one) and can recite the lyrics or at least some of the more memorable lines (“rain comin’ down on top of my hood, I knew that was doin’ my motor good – Maybelline!”). With the decline of the “car culture” beginning with Gen X and Gen Y, there really aren’t any more good car songs these days (and even fewer good artists). Maybe when the self-driving cars become the norm, these songs can be played on their infotainment systems to remind their passengers of the good ol’ days when men were iron and ships were wood and driving was something to be enjoyed.

Class dismissed – keep hummin’ those oldies but goodies! --**Alan Greene**



January 25-27, 2020 Charleston Trip to Oyster Festival

Enjoy a fun weekend to Charleston with a Saturday dinner out and spend Sunday at the Low Country Oyster Festival at Boone Hall Plantation in Mount Pleasant. Be sure to bring chairs to hang out and enjoy great music and oysters on Sunday!

- What:** Weekend trip to Charleston - Leaving Saturday morning, Dinner Saturday night In Charleston, Sunday at Oyster Festival, returning Monday
- When & Where:** 8:30 Saturday (25th) morning, meet at QT in Fort Mill – 891 Gold Hill Road, Fort Mill, SC
- Duration:** Leisurely drive from Fort Mill down to Charleston with stops in Camden and Moncks Corner!
- Lodging:** Stay in or near downtown Charleston - Indigo Inn - \$112; Annsborough - \$175; Vendue - \$225 on Expedia.
- Buy Oyster Festival Tickets Here** - <https://www.freshtix.com/events/lowcountry-oyster-festival-presented-by-red-clay-hot-sauce>
- Sunday 9:15 am meet up before the festival** - Harris Teeter, Six Mile Marketplace, 2195 Tea Planters Ln, Mt Pleasant, SC 29466
- Contact Information:** For details, contact Andy Barbee at CLT2THBMWCCA@gmail.com or 704.701.2294. Some might go down on Friday, let me know and I will connect those going down early.

Hundred Dollar BBQ Run?

Chasing The (Alleged) Best BBQ in NC!



- What: A cruise to Carthage, NC, to the Pik 'n Pig ... a great opportunity for "Dinner and an Air Show". This is the place folks fly into with their planes for the aforementioned \$100 sandwich. It will be considerably less costly in a Bimmer ... but no less fun!
- When: Depart on Saturday, **August 15th** 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
- Duration: Figure 6+ hours including driving.
- Contact Information: For details, connect with Rob McIsaac at Raleigh.BMWCCA.Activities@gmail.com or 919-880-8012.

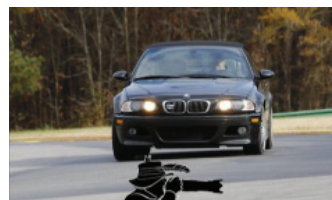


Victory Junction Charity Laps 2020!

Turning \$ Into Noise ... With a Purpose



- What: Several times a year, VIR opens the gates to raise money for a great cause. Pay just \$25 for the opportunity to drive your own car on the historic 3.27-mile full course for 15 minutes. In addition, all facilities at VIR will be open for your enjoyment..
- When: Monday, May 25th at 8:30am. **Coffee at 8:30 ... depart before 9.**
- Where: Bimmer Performance Center ... 3200 Spottswood St #102, Raleigh, NC 27615
- Who: Rob McIsaac is organizing the event.
- Objective: A great drive to see one of America's historic race tracks ... drive the track ... enjoy the facilities ... and kick tires with friends. Dan Connor has offered coffee before we depart from BPC. Great way to support some great causes.
- Duration: Figure 2 hours of driving each way.
- Contact Information: For details, connect with Rob McIsaac at Raleigh.BMWCCA.Activities@gmail.com or 919-880-8012.



2020 Tarheel Chapter BMW CCA Board Elections Official Ballot

Membership Number: _____

Associate Member Number: _____

This cut-out section contains your ballot for the 2020 officers. When you have marked your choices, write your membership number in the space above, then fold, staple and mail your ballot to: Karen Seymour-Blood at 2606 Saddlewood Cir SW, Concord NC 28027. If there is an associate member in your household, you may mark your ballot twice. Be sure to write BOTH membership numbers in the space at the top of this page; the number is for validation purposes only and once checked off, it will be removed. If you would

like to vote for someone whose name is not on the ballot, write their name in the space provided and mark the ballot accordingly.

Ballots must be postmarked no later than February 1, 2020.

You may also vote online at www.tarheelbmwcca.org through January 31, 2018.

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The results will be announced in the March **Footnotes**.

Thank you for voting!

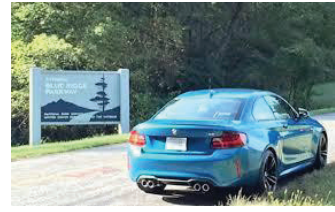
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Brilliant Blowing Rock!

NC Balloonfest, Boone and The Highlands All Await ...



- What: A weekend adventure to Western NC to explore the fall beauty in the area. This is also a chance to take in the NC Balloonfest, the Linville Gorge, Grandfather Mountain, Little Switzerland and a bevy of brilliant sightseeing adventures that are waiting to be "unpacked". Downtown Blowing Rock has a great set of culinary and microbrewery adventures to also be explored! Dining and Driving away across the Old North State heads west.
- When: Depart on Thursday, **October 15, 2020** at 10:00am. Come early for coffee at 9:00am!
- Where: Departure from Leith BMW, 5603 Capital Blvd, Raleigh, NC 27616
- Objective: A fun and enjoyable weekend away that offers great driving, terrific food and some fantastically interesting adventures ... and fall foliage!
- Where to Stay: Hemlock Inn, 134 Morris St Box 422, PO Box 422, Blowing Rock, NC (828-295-7987). The Inn at Ragged Gardens, 203 Sunset Dr, Blowing Rock, NC (828-295-9703). Green Park Inn, 9239 Valley Blvd, Blowing Rock, NC (828-414-9230). Many other options but don't wait too long! Make your own reservations for Thursday, Friday, Saturday nights.
- Duration: Depart on Thursday (10/15) morning ... home on Sunday afternoon (10/18).
- Contact Information: For details, connect with Rob McIsaac at Raleigh.BMWCCA.Activities@gmail.com or 919-880-8012.



Amazing Asheville!

Blue Ridge Parkway Means Weekend Adventure!!!



- What: A weekend venture to the mountain wilds of Western North Carolina! Highlights include spectacular scenery, beautiful mountain roads, the vibe of Downtown Asheville and the chance to visit Mount Mitchell. Great food and amazing adventures are just around the next bend! On a clear day you can see The Smokey's!
- When: Depart on Thursday, **July 9, 2020** at 10:00am. Come early for coffee at 9:00am!
- Where: Departure from Leith BMW, 5603 Capital Blvd, Raleigh, NC 27616
- Objective: A fun and enjoyable weekend away that offers great driving, terrific food and some fantastically interesting adventures.
- Where to Stay: Goal is to be downtown. Best options are Kimpton Hotel Arras, Asheville, 7 Patton Avenue, Asheville, NC, 866-539-9234 or the Aloft Hotel, 51 Biltmore Ave, Asheville, NC, 540-839-5351. Make your own reservations for Thursday, Friday, Saturday nights.
- Duration: Depart on Thursday (7/9) morning ... home on Sunday afternoon (7/12).
- Contact Information: For details, connect with Rob McIsaac at Raleigh.BMWCCA.Activities@gmail.com or 919-880-8012.



LOCAL SCENE

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@fastmail.com for more information.

CAPE FEAR AREA

Date: **4th 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.

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 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 or (704) 701-2294

DOWNEAST AREA BREAKFAST (Greenville, Wilson

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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 alexkordis@tarheelbmwcca.org

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

Contact Alex Kordis Area Coordinator for Down East at alexkordis@tarheelbmwcca.org if you are interested in joining them for meetings.

NORTHERN MOUNTAIN AREA DINNER

Date: **2nd Wednesday each month**

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Where: Booneshine Brewery
465 Industrial Park Drive
Boone, NC 28607
828-278-8006

Cost: Only what you eat and drink.

Contacts: John Cochrane (jgcochrane1968@gmail.com) or Mike Langley (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 or Scott Donaldson roanoke.tarheel.bmwcca@gmail.com for more information.

SANDHILLS AREA

Date: **4th Wednesday each month**

Time: 7 p.m.

Where: ScrubOaks
5780 Ramsey St #108

<http://www.tarheelbmwcca.org>

Fayetteville, NC 28311

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: Sixty Six Grill and Taphouse
3440 Frontis Street
Winston-Salem 27103

Please contact Marc Schatell for more information at marc@tarheelbmwcca.org

TRIAD AREA EAST DINNER (Greensboro)

Date: **1st Tuesday each month**
Time: 5:30 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) - NO JULY DINNER SCHEDULED

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
Where: Hickory Tavern (next to the Hampton Inn
www.thehickorytavern.com
300 East Main Street, Carrboro 27510

Please contact Jeff Krukin for more information at jeff@jeffkrukin.com

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BMW CARS FOR SALE:

1987 E30 Convertible Six Cylinder, Five Speed Manual 1987 Delphin Grey BMW 325i convertible; new tan top. Leather seats newly reupholstered. 2.5-liter inline-six, 5-speed manual transmission; odometer reading 79,000. Replaced drive shaft, new battery, exhaust system, and more. \$6,350; sledd@gmx.com or text "BMW" to 919-219-9642; serious inquiries only

BMW PARTS FOR SALE:

Items for N54 Engine New unless otherwise stated. Price includes shipping unless otherwise noted. Also I can deliver along the Raleigh/Durham/Greensboro corridor. Accept paypal, checks or cash. Call Mike at 910-650-2513

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2 Mann oil filters, \$20 for both
1 flex coupling between the transmission (auto) and the drive shaft, includes new bolts \$30
2 after CAT O2 sensors, after-market brand,, both banks \$40
1 center screen, for the E92 coupe, goes under front bumper in front of the intercooler \$30
1 set BMW cross bars for a roof rack. Fitted the E92, not sure what else. \$60 Local pickup only
1 used car cover. BavAuto brand. Was originally used on an E46 sedan, but then used on the E92 coupe. Just have to fold in the mirrors first. \$55
Stock air cleaner box for the N54 engine. Will sell it for \$30 plus \$20 for shipping, \$50 total.

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To join the list surf on out to:
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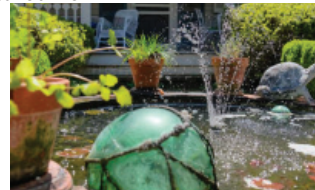
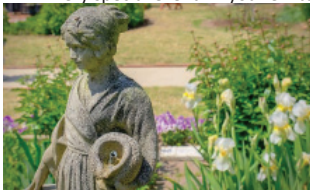
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Easels in the Gardens

Edenton's Biennial Arts Festival Comes Again in 2020



- What: A weekend adventure to Edenton for food, fun and the chance to tour the private gardens in this historic city on the Albemarle Sound. Full details for the 2-day event can be found here: <http://cupolahouse.org/easels-in-the-gardens.php>
- When: Depart on Saturday, **May 2nd, 2020** at 8:30am. Come early for coffee at 8:00am. ***Please note the "extra early" departure time!***
- Where: Departure from Farmhouse Café, 320 Vintage Point Ln, Wendell, NC 27591. This is just off US-264 / I-87 (Exit 427).
- Objective: A fantastic tour of the arts "Down East". Some plan to stay in town on Saturday night for the "after party". B&B option is the Captain's Quarters (www.captainsquartersinn.com). Hotels and Airbnb options also available in Edenton. Best hotel bet is the local Hampton Inn (252-482-3500). Rooms are going quickly so best to get on this soon if interested.
- Lunch on Saturday: The 309 Bistro at 309 South Broad St., Edenton.
- Duration: Two days if you stay until Sunday! Or 10+ hours including driving if you make it a one-day adventure.
- Contact Information: For details, connect with Rob McIsaac at 919-880-8012 or Raleigh.BMWCCA.Activities@gmail.com. Some plan to head over on Friday to get the "Full Experience" for this very special event. If you're interested in coordinating an early departure, let Rob know.



Hillsborough Calling!

Ayr Mount / Occoneechee Speedway Trail



- What: A trip back in time to the 18th Century Hillsborough Plantation known as Ayr Mount. An amazing historic site that happens to sit adjacent to a NASCAR track that was used from 1949-68 ... and which is now a nature trail. ***How cool is that?***
- When: Depart on Saturday, **April 11th, 2020** at 10:00am. Come early for coffee at 9:00am, courtesy of Leith BMW!
- Where: Departure from Leith BMW, 5603 Capital Blvd, Raleigh, NC 27616.
- Objective: A wandering tour of beautiful countryside as Spring returns to The Old North State. Lunch at the Saratoga Grill, a locally known culinary experience that specializes in home-made scones, clam chowder and honey almond salmon. The Grill is at 108 South Churton Street, Hillsborough, NC.
- Duration: Figure 6-8 hours including driving.
- Contact Information: For details, connect with Rob McIsaac at Raleigh.BMWCCA.Activities@gmail.com or 919-880-8012.



END GAME

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Apparently a 2002 can be a holiday decoration! From Clayton, NC

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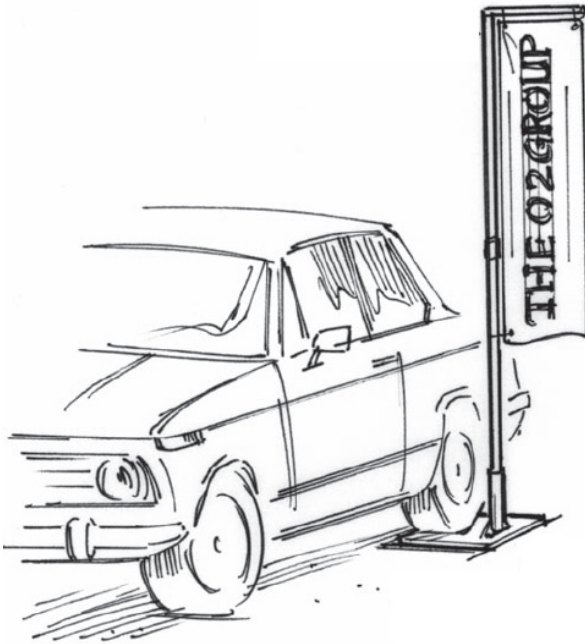
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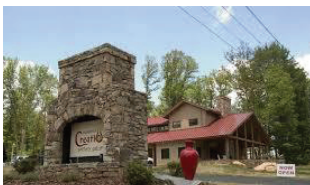


Bimmers Tossing Clay!!!

Country Roads, Take Me Home to Seagrove



- What: A delightful cruise to The Pottery Capital of Central NC, Seagrove. This will be a chance to visit the artisans, shop for amazing art, have a great lunch ... and explore more of NC's byways. And yes, there could be fruitcake at Southern Supreme in Bear Creek.
- When: Depart on Saturday, **June 6th 2020** at 10:00am. Come early for coffee at 9:00am!
- Where: Departure from Leith BMW, 5603 Capital Blvd, Raleigh, NC 27616
- Objective: A fun and enjoyable family outing the promises terrific roads and food ... and a starting tour at the NC Pottery Center, 233 East Avenue, Seagrove, NC. Lunch at the Seagrove Family Restaurant, 8702 Old US Hwy 220, Seagrove, NC.
- Duration: Figure 5-6 hours including driving.
- Contact Information: For details, connect with Rob McIsaac at Raleigh.BMWCCA.Activities@gmail.com or 919-880-8012.



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