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# **ON** THE COVER:



**O'Fest Forever... or Bust:** Two years ago we attend our first BMW CCA Oktoberfest in Greenville, SC and enjoyed every day of the event. Have to tell a secret; this was really not my first Oktoberfest because I had the opportunity to attend one in Bavaria when stationed in Europe back some time ago. To this day I still remember the oompah band, long rows of picnic tables, people wearing traditional attire, huge steins of beer and plates of sausages. The beer garden at our Club's annual event brings back those memories seeing folks dressed in lederhosen, traditional German hats, dirndls, and of course the beer

and camaraderie of members in attendance.

We're making a bit of history for ourselves by having attended the last Ok-

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# MEMBERSHIP CORNER

This month, we'd like to give a warm Tarheel welcome to **26** new and returning members and associate members. This brings our total chapter membership to **2869!** Our membership is the life71 blood of the Club. Without your participation, there would be no Club. We offer a wide variety

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of activities, 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 Car Guys Will Survive

It's safe to say that each year, as the holiday season kicks in, many of us may feel an urge to look back and contemplate the previous twelve months. That's fine by me, but I don't do that, at least not usually.

You see, I'm something of a carpe diem guy, meaning that dwelling on the past isn't exactly my thing. By and large, I view the past as water over the dam. Sure, there are always good memories I will treasure, and there also will be some not-so-great experiences – call them 'learning moments' – which I'll file away for future reference. But apart from that, there's little to be gained from obsessing about what's past.

I guess this makes me like the character in one of my favorite sci-fi shows, who advises a friend: "Draw from your past, but do not let the past draw from you."

That said, however, I must make an exception this time around. I'm going to look back at this year as it's ticking down to its final weeks because it was a difficult year, yet one that I got through with nary a scratch. I attribute that to my circle of likeminded friends, whose companionship and mutual support enabled me, and them, to successfully and safely navigate the past twelve months. This was a pretty big deal, if I may say so, for those months were troubled times indeed. As you know all too well.

To say that 2021 has been a harrowing year in so many ways would be a gross understatement. Although COVID seemed to be abating, here and there, it still loomed large, with the grief it continued to inflict on so many people. Not to mention its propensity to mutate into variants that had us riding a veritable rollercoaster of off-and-on lock-downs, masking and distancing mandates. Or its side effects such as its impact on our pocketbooks and our ability to travel. Yet thankfully (or surprisingly, some might say) our little band got through what Satch Carlson called "a pandemic dystopia" (Oct. ROUNDEL) in a manner not all that different from our normal, pre-pandemic lifestyles.

I could cite several reasons why we were able to thumb our noses – in a manner of speaking – at the Bug. But the one that strikes me as primary in this context is the plain fact that all of us are car guys.

You may know some of us, or at least recognize their names. Yes, some are current or past members of the BMW CCA; but others aren't. Yet as fans of anything belonging to the genus automobilia, including but not limited to BMWs, we found this to be the perfect reason to continue to get together, to work on cars and hang out socially. As a result, we rarely if ever felt cooped up, isolated. Especially as time went on. True, we took precautions; we got vaccinated, avoided crowds and all that. But it was arguably this interest we have in common that enabled us to carry on, individually and socially, without feeling unduly distressed by what was bedeviling so many other people.

For one, messing with our cars kept some of http://www.tarheelbmwcca.org us sufficiently busy to ignore (almost) the fact that things weren't exactly normal in the world around us. In my case, this meant lending my longtime buddy Paul Mele a hand with one of his many projects, at times in the company of other car guys like Marc Shatell. And having Paul assist me in servicing my daily drivers, the Z3 and E36 M3; or dealing with a balky instrument cluster in my E23. And checking out Gene Casale's E46 M3 as it slumbered in his Garage Mahal.

Then there were our social sessions. We got together weekly (or tried) to have breakfast or lunch, usually al fresco (weather permitting) on someone's porch or at an outdoor eatery (Kipo's Greek taverna being our most recent favorite hangout). And if weather threatened, there was always the above-mentioned Garage Mahal. With guys like Phil Williamson, a charter member of the Tarheel Chapter, reminiscing about old club times or holding forth about the latest Formula 1 debacle; and Greg Cagle regaling everyone with tales of one of his favorite topics, European post-WWII mini cars: and Mark Borkowski's stories about car museums he has visited, our sessions never lasted less than three hours, give or take. The beer helped.

Another significant benefit of this affinity for cars and driving was that it allowed some of us to leave all cares behind by hitting the open road. Long road trips, for fun or to visit family and far off friends, provided huge relief from the abnormal here-and-now. I for one racked up some 4K miles on trips to our mountains, and the beach at Oak Island, and Arkansas, and Upstate New York, to name a few of my destinations. And so did Mark, on several drives to lower Florida. Cruising down previously unexplored byways, and little cameos, like watching families picnicking in the open air, some accompanied by their pets, at a rest stop off the Interstate, left one feeling pretty carefree. Not to mention all the material this yielded to regale friends with at the aforesaid food and drink sessions

There were, of course, some things I missed, like face-to-face meetings of our Chapter Board. (The ZOOM sessions we resorted to could never

replace the real thing.) I also missed going to the Vintage, though that was a calculated decision; I planned to be in Ohio at the time. As for missing Oktoberfest Forever – well, let me just say that the event's restrictive format, though understandable, would have spoiled the fun for me. On the flip side, I did, however, make it to the club race at VIR back in April. (Nothing beats the reek of hot brake pads in the morning – except maybe zipping down a curvy Chatham County two lane in my roadster, top down.)

So, there you have it; my take on what it took to beat the Covid Blues. Mind you, I'm not advocating that being a car aficionado is the one and only cure-all for troubled times. Other abiding group interests – art, music, travel, bird watching, you name it – can serve the same purpose. What I will say though – at the risk of making it a cliché – is that the old BMW-no-space-CCA slogan about people from all walks having an interest in common had it right. It's what enables any and all of us to enjoy life the way we like it. Even when the going gets tough, I might add.

Enjoy the holidays, especially the road trips!



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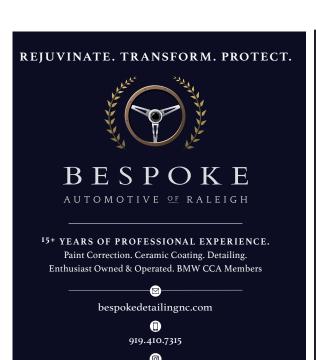
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# **CLUB** RACING REPORT

BY PAUL HOECKE

# Tarheel Racers Score at The Glen, CMP; BWR Close at Indy

Hello, again, fellow club racing fans!
This CR Report was supposed to be short and sweet. With November devoid of nearby events and the 2021 Tire Rack BMW CCA Club Racing (CR) season about to conclude at Roebling Road this month (Dec. 10-12), it looked like we were almost done. We figured that we could wrap up things for this issue by reporting on one last event before Roebling Road – the race at Carolina Motorsports Park (CMP) at the end of October. Well, we were wrong: We shouldn't have ignored Watkins Glen.

Turns out, contrary to what we said here last month, the field of 70-plus racers competing in the Joel Ajavon Memorial race at Watkins Glen (Oct. 15-17) DID, after all, include a relatively small but feisty Tarheel Chapter contingent. (Duh!)

What happened was that, with just a tad over a week to go until race day (hence well after we filed the previous report), a bunch of racers including six local track warriors surprised us by signing up for the event! We're guessing that the chance to lay down some rubber at a late-season Premier Points event on this historic track was just too irresistible to pass up. (That ought to teach us to NOT jump the gun!)

One of these latecomers from our chapter was Charles Harding, who once again came to race against Virginian Todd Brown, his neck-and-

neck rival in the C-Mod class. The other local racers were Spec E46 pilots Evan Levine, James Colson, Al Pereida, and Scott and Mike Joy (the latter two having reconsidered their earlier withdrawal from the event). They faced an intimidating group of about a dozen other E46 racers hailing from up and down the Eastern Seaboard as well as the Midwest and West.

The weekend was hosted jointly by National Club Racing and the Vintage Racing Group (VRG), with four CR races – a sprint Friday; two sprints Saturday; and an enduro Sunday – slotted in between the VRG sessions. Given the large field, Spec E46 cars gridded separately behind all the other classes, but both groups ran together in each race. And there was one last surprise: Brown chose to race his No.801 B-Mod car (an F87 M2C-SR) instead of his usual No.800 CM ride in all the races. It took some of the pressure off Harding's quest for CM points, but it didn't dampen the fireworks between the two once they hit the track.

The extent of the racing talent present may have made our guys feel like David facing Goliath. But the real challenge for most racers turned out to be traffic on a short track, which Harding took full advantage of.

Friday's sprint was a 7-lap affair, and Harding won it going away. Brown actually got the quicker start, but Harding passed him on the first lap and never looked back; he ran almost 2 minutes

flat per lap, taking the checker more than 17 seconds ahead of Brown. Back in the pack, Levine finished a close second in Spec E46, trailed at some distance by the other four local hot shoes. Harding also won C-Mod in both of Saturday's races, though not as easily. He led flag to flag to an overall victory in the 5-lap feature race but finished third overall in the other (8-lap) sprint, taking the C-Mod win behind two B-Mod drivers, one of them Brown, who finished second overall. Levine, on the other hand, had a fine run both times, moving steadily through the field to post two convincing wins in Spec E46.

However, Sunday's 41-lap endurance race showed that being fast isn't necessarily best in the long run. The race ran half an hour longer than the typical CR one-hour format and left most of the 44-racer field many laps down at the finish. Brown (assisted by a codriver) won overall; he was also the only driver on the lead lap at the finish. Meanwhile, Harding (driving solo) posted the fastest lap time of the day but ended up fourth in CM (19th overall) after pitting and retiring several laps short of mid-race. Of the other local hot shoes, Mike Joy made the best of the situation, finishing third in Spec E46. Pereida brought up the rear, while Levine and Colson chose to sit out the race.

Unlike at the Glen, the race at CMP, two weeks later, was an all-CR event. Hosted by our close neighbors, the Sandlapper Chapter, it also saw a much greater Tarheel Chapter presence. Not only did local racers (including several Glen participants) make up about half the entries; they also accounted for most if not all the drivers in six of the nine classes. That, plus the three-race schedule – two sprints including the feature race on Saturday and one on Sunday – set the stage for a lot of fast-paced action and strong runs, including fifteen wins, by local hot shoes, especially Harding and Sri Haputamtri.

Harding dominated the weekend. The two other C-Mod drivers present never challenged him as he led the field, flag to flag, to overall victories in all three sprints. Likewise, Haputantri pretty much ruled the three-entry DM class, posting

three class victories while finishing second overall each time. Two of the races also saw Alex Goare, the other local racer in the class, trail him to the finish in third place overall.

In Spec E36, an all-Tarheel cast – John Alemanni, Phil Antoine, Jeff Breiner, Mark Fishero, Bert Howerton, Harry Meyer, Scott Reavis, Tom Tice and Jack Wilkins – made for lively intramural contests throughout. Much of that was Breiner and Howerton battling for the class lead, with Breiner winning the first sprint and Howerton returning the favor in the third race. However, both were beaten to the checker by Wilkins in the middle (feature) sprint. Three other local hot shoes added to our chapter's hoard of victories: Rob Chrystler beat a lone class rival for KP honors in two of the races; Jay Golding, racing solo in B-Mod. claimed three class wins while finishing fourth overall each time: and Aiden Baker Crouse (in his first CR race this season) won Spec E46 in the 25-lap feature sprint. In doing so (and finishing second and third in class in the other races), he outran most of the 17-entry E46 contingent. including eight local drivers: Tony Cottrell, Bart Hayes, Mike Joy, Robert Likovich, Amy Oldenburg, Al Pereida, Dave Sprague and Mike Utecht.

Turning to the 2021 Season Finale at Roebling Road, we expect it to follow the same format as in prior years. That is, it will run in conjunction with the Vintage Drivers Club of America (VDCA), and the CR part will consist of three races for points, including an enduro, on as many days. (There's always a chance that a fourth 'fun' sprint gets added after things get going.) BimmerWorld will run their Club Racing school prior to the event, and Mike Hinkley, our go-to guys for all CR matters, informs us that the VDCA will, once again, host their traditional Saturday night pig roast and oyster repast. Beyond this, we can't say much at this point because we're filing this report long before race day. However, early registrations suggest that local hot shoes will, as usual, make up a large chunk of the field. We expect to have results of the race and (hopefully) the final 2021 season standings of our track warriors in our next report. So, stay tuned.

On the local pro racing front, BimmerWorld Racing (BWR) joined the fray in the final two races of the SRO/Pirelli GT4 America series at Indianapolis (Oct. 14-15) in full force, with the No.94 Silver entry driven by Chandler Hull and Jon Miller rejoining the two ProAm entries, the No.34 M4 of Bill Auberlen and James Walker, and the No.36 car raced by James Clay and Nick Galante. All in all, they did a bit better than OK.

In Thursday's Race 1, two of BWR's teams finished a tad short of a spot on the podium, the Hull/Miller duo taking fourth place in Silver (7th overall) and Auberlen and Walker finishing fifth in ProAm (9th overall). However, the Clay/Galante duo ended up seventh in class (11th overall). This was a comedown from earlier in the race, when Clay looked like a serious contender for second place, until a full-course yellow and mandatory pit stops scrambled things, forcing Clay to play

catchup for the remainder of the race. Friday's Race 2 was something of a repeat in that two BWR teams once again took the checker one spot short of the podium in their respective classes. Hull and Miller eked out another fourth place in Silver (6th overall) after a losing battle for second, and the Clay/Galante duo finished fourth in ProAm (9th overall) after having run the fastest lap early in the race. But the No.36 team of Auberlen and Walker finished Not Classified due to an incident between Auberlen and another BMW fifteen minutes into the race.

However, BWR managed to top off their Indy weekend in fine fashion in the 8-hour SRO Intercontinental GT Challenge race when Clay, Auberlen and Hull drove the No.36 M4 GT4 to a victory in the GT4 class. This was the team's second consecutive win in this race

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toberfest and now the first O'Fest Forever! This trip started with loading the boot of the Z4 in the early morn with our possessions needed for the four night stay at the host resort, Sonesta, on Hilton Head Island. Also stuffed in the boot was a bed, food, treats, and toys for our nearly 12 month of age dog. All in was the call at 0 dark thirty... Jude got into the navigator's seat and with assistance, Chaz, a standard poodle, hopped in to sit on her lap. With the final flight check made, off we went. First stop, pet resort to lodge Chaz and unload his things from the boot. Relieved from a 47-pound pup sitting in her lap, we were off to Hilton Head, a place we had never visited. Traveling country roads, we worked our way southwest to connect with I-95 south of Goldsboro Our next stop was Manning, SC at a Hampton Inn where I could connect to Wi-Fi to conduct a virtual interview. Yes, had to mix pleasure with some business

Approximately two hours later, we checked in at the Sonesta, received a parking pass, and headed to the registration table where we were greeted by our very own President and Activity Chair of the Tarheel Chapter. Then we headed back to park Indy next to another E89 in the self-park lot. Making headway through the lot to our room became arduous because of the bountiful number of BMWs from vintage to brand new to feast one's eves upon. At the entrance to the resort, we just so happened to encountered two fellow Tarheel members, who noted they had passed us on I-95 in their M2 and then shortly thereafter exited for fuel. We struck up a nice conversation and anticipated seeing more of each other during the stay. Getting to our room, we unpacked, refreshed, and headed to the Akrapovic Welcome Dinner at the Pavilion. Caddy Shack being the theme, individuals were dressed in the attire from the grounds keeper to the golfers and of course, the gopher. Once filling our plates at the buffet station with tossed greens, asparagus, roasted potatoes, salmon, chicken, and steak, we \'

P0\selected a table near the swimming pool. Joined at the table was Kim Crump, the champion race car driver hailed from Minnesota as well an

Olympic Torch Bearer and a couple from New Jersey. We had an engaging conversation about the club, membership, participation in events, and writing articles for chapter newsletters and the Roundel. Temperature wise it was a cool evening for us whereas Kim was quite comfortable in dress shirt and slacks. I liked the baked salmon and dressing for the salad the best and the desserts of cheesecake, eclairs, and pecan pie are worthy of mention. As the temperature dropped, we departed the table and sought refuge close to the dessert table and fireplace. Hands alternated on a hot coffee cup while the other held the utensil for consuming the sweet stuff.

The next day started with Donuts at Dawn under the Pavilion and it so happened another Tarheel couple were there at the same time. Must admit having consumed two of the oversized pastry, one frosted with caramel and the other with chocolate. Yum! There was plenty of coffee to accompany car talk and what all were going to do for the day. Some would participate in the Hagerty sponsored Time-Speed-Distance Rally

or the Car Control Clinic. For us, a self-guided driving tour to Savannah, Georgia. The weather was perfect for top down. The directions were a bit challenging because distances were not included from one turn to another. Nevertheless. we succeeded finding our way driving tree lined roads under the canopy of branches adorned with Spanish moss. Did you know the moss is not Spanish nor a moss? It is a flowering plant from countries south of our boarder. We got a remarkable sampling of the scenery in the Lowcountry. Lunch at the Cotton Exchange Tavern in Savannah came first. Having tanked up on a Cowboy and Rueben sandwiches washed down with an Arnold Palmer, we departed with a doggie bag in tow for a walk along the river and through the historic district in search of parks and traditional southern style abodes. With our visual senses satisfied, we worked our way back to the parking garage to begin the route back to the Sonesta, this time with top up. Along the way just shy of Bluffton, multiple BMWs idle on the road's shoulder accompanied a disabled companion from

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Florida, a 3.0 CSI. We pulled over to ask what the ailment was and anything we could do. Concluding an electric problem as the root cause, a tow had been called. All under control, we continued our way arriving back at the resort before sunset. Refreshed and ready to go we attended Amica's Appetizer and Social in the Vender Hall followed by the Beer Garden under the Pavilion's cover for a pint of Sam Adams Octoberfest and conversation. We just so happened to link up with the owner of the 3.0 CSI to hear the rest of the story while we sipped our beverages. A local resident

had stopped, made a suggestion which was appreciated and accepted, placed a phone call, and requested the garage stay open after hours and send a tow. As the story went, a diagnosis of an implosion of the battery occurred rendering the vehicle inoperable. Despair set in knowing it was after the normal

workday hours out in the Lowcountry far from home and where does one get a new battery for a E9 of 46+ years vintage? But long and behold, the owner/mechanic had the remedy! Located within the garage, an airplane he was building, just so happened to have a battery that perfectly fit the CSI's requirement. As the conversations continued, our bones got cold from the brisk temp rolling in from the ocean, so back to the warm, comfortable room we went.

On Friday we awoke to rain, wind, and an unseasonable 40 some degrees. However, we got ourselves moving down to the Vendor Hall and Lockton Leisure Lounge for the Amica Biscuit Buffet where we met our Chapter's President and

Activity Chair along with long standing members from other parts of the country. No matter where or when, a great benefit of our club is the opportunity to connect with fascinating people possessing a common thread, our vehicles. While at the breakfast gathering, a trivia game of name that tune and artist entertained many from participating in the contest to singing the words of the songs. At one point, the emcee or better put, the DJ, ask the group to feel free to dance to a tune. Absolutely no one took the offer except spouse and self. For having done so, we were awarded

a gift of a scaled 1:23 BMW 4 Series Gran Coupe in Estoril blue to add to my model collection. Near the end of the morning, our BMW CCA President took the mic to inform us of good and bad news regarding the remaining O'Fest Forever events. The Tire Rack Autocross was canceled, and the Legends of the

Autobahn would be held on Sunday, but not Saturday. With the weather as it was, we decided to spend a quiet day in the room watching movies, reading, and the hope conditions would improve to attend the Hagerty Bimmers in Bluffton Car Show and Concert. Conditions did not improve, the event was still a go, but we elected instead to go out to dinner at Bistro 17, a French restaurant, to celebrate my wonderful spouse's birthday. We postponed her celebration earlier in the week due to the work schedule and no French restaurants, her favorite cuisine, in our neck of the woods. We were back in time for the Beer Garden which had been moved from the Pavilion to indoors. The libation flowed right along with conversation



from the weather to cars and a lot in between

Saturday arrived and the weather was still a bust! We took this as an opportunity to get additional rest and relaxation while watching a Harry Porter marathon. The Sonesta's restaurant prepared tasty nourishment to consume in our room. Then it was time to get ready for the BMW CCA Goodbye Gala. We arranged for Tarheel Chapter members to meet before dinner for a photo op. Once accomplished, we strolled to the banquet hall to be greeted by a mermaid and a ship's skipper. Yes, the theme for the gala was 20,000 Leagues under the Sea. The room was

decorated with a nautical artifacts and various sea life suspended from the ceiling. The illusion was as if you were under water. The centerpieces on the tables ranged from marine vegetation sculptures to vertical fishbowls stocked with live fish. Although an ocean theme, the sit-down dinner featured steak as the main course. Our serving staff was exceptional as was the meal. During coffee and dessert, awards and thanks were given. The guest speakers, race car driver Bill Auberlen and BMW NA Tom Plucinsky, entertained us with a discussion of how Bill got into racing and connected with BMW plus some insight to various



races. Both took questions from the audience including if one were to change the grill of the 4 series, would it negate the warranty. The answer, yes. The crowd also wanted to know if European Delivery would be reinstated. Ruling holds at this time since most vehicles being purchased are SAVs. Tom suggested an alternative to take delivery at the BMW Performance Center in Greer. The evening culminated in watching a video about the next O'Fest Forever to be held in Palm Springs. Overall, it was a good time even with the disappointing weather and having to miss the Legends of the Autobahn. We needed to depart Sunday

morning for the long drive home to reunite with our four-legged companion before the pet resort closed. Yes, just under a 6-hour drive home, but in a BMW, no problem, no worries! ~Alex Kordis





# **Hundred Dollar BBQ Run!**

Chasing The (Alleged) Best BBQ in NC in 2022!



- 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, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 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.















# **New Year Celebration in Raleigh!**

**Great Murals, An Epic Park, Mighty Fine Microbrewery** 



- What: A grand tour of The Triangle Area, looking for fine art work in the form of an array of special murals. Then a walk-about at one of fine city parks, which is itself artistry in motion. And then a trip to one of the fine culinary experiences mixed with a microbrewery in Fuquay-Varina. Nice way to ring in 2022!
- When: Depart on Saturday, January 8, 2022 at 10:00am. Come early for coffee at 9:00am!
- Where: Departure from Farmhouse Café, 320 Vintage Point Ln, Wendell, NC 27591. Driver's Meeting will be at 9:45.
- Objective: Great roads, great friends, great Bimmers ... and a fine culinary experience while stirring some oil and hunting for great apexes!
- 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.



# **Bimmers Puttering To Pinehurst**

# Scrambling Through The Sandhills in Fall



- What: A chance to get out and stretch the BMWs legs on an adventure to the bucolic town of Pinehurst. Famous for shopping, golfing and great walk-abouts, it also home to some fine dining and cool microbreweries. Saddling up the Bimmers is a great way to roll toward winter.
- When: Depart on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 10:00am. Come early for coffee and breakfast.
- Where: Departure from the Starbucks at 180 Cabela Drive, Garner, NC 27529.
- Objective: Terrific downtown tour of the iconic golf resort and cute town central to the Sandhills Region. Terrific opportunity to grab some grub and a cold 'n frost one at the Pinehurst Brewing Company ... <a href="https://www.pinehurstbrewing.com/kitchen-1">https://www.pinehurstbrewing.com/kitchen-1</a>
- Duration: Figure 6+ hours including driving.
- Contact Information: For details, connect with Rob McIsaac at Raleigh.BMWCCA.Activities@gmail.com or 919-880-8012.







# Wonderful Wilmington - 2022 Independence Day Celebration at the Coast



- What: An adventure filled ride to a crown jewel on the North Carolina coast, the Port City of Wilmington. This is a family friendly event that the inner child in all of us can enjoy!!! We'll do this to start the New Year. Also a chance to see the USS North Carolina, a surviving memorial to all the sacrifices made in World War II.
- When: Saturday, July 9, 2022 at 10am. Coffee and tire kicking at 9am.
- Where: Departure from the Starbucks parking lot at the White Oak Shopping Center in Garner. Feel free to come any time after 9 for tire kickin', story tellin' and coffee. Address for Starbucks is 180 Cabela Drive Garner, NC 27529
- Who: Rob McIsaac is organizing the event from The Triangle.
- Objective: A great lunch at the Front Street Brewery on the Wilmington waterfront. From there, many attractions await including the USS North Carolina, the Seaboard Railroad Museum and a water taxi tour of the area.
- Duration: Figure 2 hours of driving each way. If we roll at 10, expect to be home between 6 and 7pm.
- Contact Information: For details, connect with Rob McIsaac at Raleigh.BMWCCA.Activities@gmail.com or 919-880-8012.







# **Bimmers Soaring With Eagles**

# Cape Fear Raptor Center, German Café and More!



- What: A great drive, a visit to an impressive raptor center, a tour of the German Café in Wilmington! All of this and a chance to kick tires with friends too. Bimmers and Raptors, soaring again.
- When: Saturday, April 9, 2022 at 10am. Coffee and tire kicking at 9am.
- Where: Departure from the Starbucks parking lot at the White Oak Shopping Center in Garner. Feel free to come any time after 9 for tire kickin', story tellin' and coffee.
   Address for Starbucks is 180 Cabela Drive Garner. NC 27529
- Who: Rob McIsaac and Pete Osta are organizing the event from The Triangle.
- Objective: A great lunch at the German Cafe in the old Cotton Exchange on the Wilmington waterfront..
- Duration: Figure 2.5 hours of driving each way. If we roll at 10, expect to be home between 6 and 7pm.
- Contact Information: For details, connect with Rob McIsaac at Raleigh.BMWCCA.Activities@gmail.com or 919-880-8012.



# **Bimmers Setting Sail**

Southport, Here We Come!



- What: A post-pandemic weekend adventure away down at the epic, historic, town of Southport. A relaxed getaway, with a chance to cruise the downtown explore the ferry to Bald Head Island, walk the waterfront and / or stretch your feet on sandy beaches. So much to do, so little time!
- When: Depart on Friday, May 13, 2022 at 10:00am. Come early for coffee and breakfast with Chef Patrick.
- Where: Departure from Farmhouse Café, 320 Vintage Point Ln, Wendell, NC 27591.
- Objective: Terrific tour "down the shore", with some fine food and great sighseeing. Many hotels and B&B options including The Robert Ruark Inn (https://robertruarkinn.com/) and a Hampton Inn..
- Duration: A long weekend, leaving on Friday morning ... home on Sunday afternoon.
- 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: **3rd Wednesday each month** 

Time: 6:00 pm

Where:

NONE SCHEDULED AT THIS TIME

# **CHARLOTTE** AREA I DINNER

Date: 3rd Thursday each month

Time: 7 p.m.

Where: WaldhornRestaurant

12101Lancaster Hwy (Old Hwy 521)

Pineville, NC

(Locatednear 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 (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: Changes each month

Please email Kyle Lombardi at clt2thbmwcca@gmail.com or Taylor Ward at tward430@yahoo.com for more information.

**DOWNEAST** AREA BREAKFAST (Greenville, Wilson Rocky Mt)

Date:

Time: Where

Email Alex Kordis for information at alexkordis@tar-heelbmwcca.org

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

Email Alex Kordis for information at alexkordis@tarheelbmwcca.org

# **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 (jgcochrane 1968@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: 6:00 p.m.

Where:

To be announcd each month by email.

Contact Scott Donaldson at roanoke.tarheel.bmw-cca@gmail.com for more information.

# **SANDHILLS** AREA

Date: 4th Wednesday each month

Time: 7:p.m. Where: ScrubOaks

> 5780 Ramsey St #108 Favetteville, 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: 6:30 p.m. Drinks. Dinner

Where: Elizabeth's Pizza (the covered patio)

3927 battleground Avenue Greensboro, NC 27410

Please contact Fraser Dick for more information at fraserdick14@gmail.com

TRIANGLE AREA DINNER (RALEIGH)

Date: 3rd Tuesday each month

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Where:

NONE SCHEDULED AT THIS TIME

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

TRIANGLE AREA DINNER (CHAPEL HILL)

NONE SCHEDULED AT THIS TIME

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2008 BMW 128I (E88) Convertible 2-door 54,000 miles, Titanium Silver Metallic, Leather "Boston"/ beige seats, Cold Weather Package, 6-speed steptronic transmission, Xenon Lights, heated seats, Dual Climate Control, Alloy Wheels, 2 Keys, Wood Trim dash, Minor cosmetic wear on the drivers seat. I am the second owner. Clean title, complete Owner's manual and original brochure, 2 keys included. \$13,000. Please call Keith Cooke, cell 704-724-0815 (near Winston Salem).

# BMW PARTS FOR SALE:

Yakima Fork Mount Bike Roof Rack Complete setup to roof carry two bikes, lockable (with key). Includes 2 Copperhead Rails mounted to Yakima round bar type mounts and I have the bases for BMW E34 Touring. Thoses bases may fit other BMW models as well. Or Copperhead rails can be used with your existing round or square bar type rack. \$125. OBO email rblood@yahoo.

com Concord NC

# **MISCELLANEOUS:**

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# **Buckhorn Lake Picnic Adventure**

# Return to the Tale of the Gekko!



- What: An adventurous drive from Raleigh toward Wilson, exploring some of the finest driving
  available East of The Triangle. This includes some marvelous roads including something I like to call
  "Tail of the Gekko". None will confuse it with "Tail of the Dragon" or Deal's Gap, but it is nice
  driving nonetheless, with some great turns! Then a picnic on the shore of Buckhorn Lake ... plenty
  of room to spread out and Socially Distance during a pandemic picnic.
- When: Depart on Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup> 2021 at 10:00am. Come early for coffee at 9:00am!
- Where: Departure from Farmhouse Café, 320 Vintage Point Ln, Wendell, NC 27591. Driver's Meeting will be at 9:45.
- Objective: Great roads, great friends, great Bimmers ... and a return to normalcy while celebrating Mother Nature.
- 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.







# Bimmers Rolling to Danville Tank Museum! Tankers Racing Toward Fall in South Side Virginia ...



- What: While falls colors may be on our mind in early September, we can still make it to Danville to visit the iconic Tank Museum just North of the Border. Tanks, Bimmers and great dining make a great combo for our September adventure!
- When: Depart on Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022 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 tour of fascinating American military hardware and terrific food. Danville has a great downtown to wander about, historic sites ... and lunch at the Golden Leaf Bistro (215 Craghead St, Danville, VA).
- 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.









# **END** GAME



Allison andDylan Vassily use Tom's 1974 2002 for their wedding getaway car. Like father like daughter!

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# **Riding With The King!**

# An Early Spring Cruise to the Richard Petty Museum



- What: A spirited, family friendly, adventure to Central NC's storied town of Randleman to see The King of stock car racing's museum. An epic tour of NC and NASCAR history, followed by a terrific lunch and a cold brew in Asheboro. The museum is located at 309 Branson Mill Rd, Randleman, NC
- When: Depart on Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022 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 terrific roads ... and some iconic Italian eats. Lunch will be at Positano, 130 C, S Church St, Asheboro, NC. Then a hop to Four Saints Brewing, 218 S Fayetteville St, Asheboro.
- Duration: Figure 6-7 hours including driving.
- Contact Information: For details, connect with Rob McIsaac at Raleigh.BMWCCA.Activities@gmail.com or 919-880-8012









# 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, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022 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 mindexpanding 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.









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