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Florida Suncoast



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Any address or e-mail changes should be submitted to the Suncoast BMW CCA Vice-president (Stan Dale) to ensure timely delivery.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER

- 06 Naples - Christmas Lights Driving Tour
6:30pm to 8:30 pm
Perkins (Starting/Assembling Point)
3585 Pine Ridge Rd
Naples, FL 34109
RSVP/POC: Stan Dale (305) 218-1104

JANUARY

- 16 Tampa/St Pete - Annual Holiday Party
6:30pm to 10:00pm
Bascom's Chop House
3665 Ulmerton Rd.
Clearwater, FL 33763
POC: Russ Garvey (813) 230-5705
- 23 Naples - Gala Holiday Dinner
6:00pm to 10:00pm
McCormick & Schmick's
Mercato, 9114 Strada Place
Naples, FL 34109
POC: Stan Dale (305) 218-1104

Monthly events can also be found on the FSCBMWCCA webpage: <http://www.fscbmwcca.com/events/> and via special e-mail notifications.

FUTURE EVENTS

- 13 Cars on Fifth
10:00am to 4:00pm
Fifth Ave in Naples, FL
POC: Stan Dale (305) 218-1104
\$50 registration
* All proceeds will go to St. Matthew's House
- TBD Hockey & Hot Cars (Tailgate Party)
6:00pm to TBD
Florida Everblades
11000 Everblades Parkway
Estero, FL 33928
POC: Stan Dale
*More details forthcoming...



Have an event you want put on the schedule? Contact your Newsletter Editor (Mike Sackett)....

FSC BOARD UPDATE

November 2015 was a month of change for the Executive Officers and Board of Directors (BOD). During the September Board Meeting, Bob Ziegler, President of Florida Suncoast Chapter (FSC), announced his intended relocation out of the geographical area from which FSC draws its membership. FSC Chapter By-Laws are specific regarding residency of officers. The Zieglers finalized their relocation in mid-November.

Under the same By-Laws provision, Vice-President, Stan Dale, will serve as interim President of the Chapter through the remaining term (January 31, 2016).

In a separate and later announcement, Bob Louty, who has served the Chapter as Vice-President, and who is the current Chapter Secretary, submitted his resignation from that office. That resignation has been accepted, and a new Secretary will be elected, along with other officers and directors for the coming year, in the January 2016 elections.

FSC BOD and members are extremely grateful to both Bob Ziegler and Bob Louty for their unselfish dedication and service to the FSC BMW CCA Chapter. Both are assisting in the transition.

NEW MEMBER WELCOME

<u>First Name</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>
Marc	Acevedo	Tampa	FL
Rick	Bucchino	Bradenton	FL
Steven	Clark	Venice	FL
Ashley	Gandees	Wesley Chapel	FL
Richard	Geib	Cape Coral	FL
Jon	Greenberg	Tampa	FL
Deborah	Gregory	Naples	FL
Nick	Kokinelis	Dunedin	FL
Christine	Logue	Tampa	FL
Chris	Manjourides	Davenport	FL
A	McGinty	Tampa	FL
BJ	McKitty	Wesley Chapel	FL
Michael	Schroeder	Lehigh Acres	FL
George	Bishop	Inverness	FL
Michael	Bondarenko	Naples	FL
Carlton	Carter	Tampa	FL
Gabriel	Coimbra	Wesley Chapel	FL
Richard	Diaz	Tampa	FL
Steve	Grim	Tampa	FL
George	Jackson	Punta Gorda	FL
Brian	Kapuscinski	Punta Gorda	FL
Marco	Monticciolo	Laval	QC
Joseph	Muller	Palm Harbor	FL
Paul	Paquette	Saint Petersburg	FL
Dennis	Parus	Naples	FL
Jaron	Reid	Beltsville	MD
Angela	Riggs	Venice	FL
Dan	Sheppard	New Port Richey	FL
Daniel	Volz	Sarasota	FL
Rudy	Arias	Naples	FL

**YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND EACH AND EVERY EVENT AND
SHARE YOUR PASSION FOR ALL THINGS BMW AND EXPLORE WHAT
YOUR BMW CCA CLUB HAS TO OFFER.**

FIELDS BMW CAR SHOW & BBQ

On Saturday November 14th we had our annual car show and BBQ sponsored and held at Field's BMW in Lakeland. It was held later this year due to construction at the dealership, but the new facilities were evident when we arrived Saturday morning.

Fields BMW had plenty of hot coffee and donuts for us when we began to arrive on what turned out to be a cooler but perfectly sunny day for the event. This year's event was more of a fun concours with voting only for "People's Choice" by car class and over all "Best in Show".

Vehicles began arriving a little before 9AM and filled the lot with late arrivals around 11AM. The cars were arranged by Classic, Vintage, Later models. M-Cars, Z-Cars and X cars. Since no X-Cars came and only one Z-car showed we placed the Z in with the other M-cars since the Z was also an M car as well.

We had roughly just under 40 cars in attendance with many new faces and old faces that many of us had not seen for a while. With the show being a "Fun Concours" many cars were allowed to open their hoods and show off their engines and custom features. After balloting was finished everyone enjoyed a catered BBQ lunch inside the Dealership office. Bob Ziegler counted up the votes and after lunch the awards were handed out to the winner of each class and runner up.

In attendance was the winner of the BMW CCA raffle with his new car that won the late model category, and in a strange turn of luck – or maybe fate- the Best in Show award also went to him. That is one lucky guy. After the awards were made many people hung around talking and looking at cars. It was big success and a lot of fun. We would like to thank the Management of Fields BMW for hosting the event.



PUNTA GORDA OKTOBERFEST

Twenty Two FSC BMW's traveled to Punta Gorda, Florida to participate in the 5th Annual Oktoberfest on Saturday, October 3rd. The event was hosted again by the Mercedes Benz Club of America of SW Florida. FSC members from all over the state; Ocala to Ft Lauderdale, from Marco Island to The Villages and all points in between converged upon downtown Punta Gorda to take in sights, sounds and aromas of Oktoberfest 2015.

MBCA organizing representative Tom Starret noted the show of enthusiasm demonstrated by FSC members was a remarkable dedication to the club and to the BMW brand.



FSC event organizer Stan Dale said, "We more than doubled last year's Show Car participation. FSC Members were offered the opportunity to enter their BMW as a Show Car back in July. RSVP's for the Show Car spots were filled with 3-4 days following the announcement. AND 100% of the RSVP'd Show Cars attended the event. I'm very proud of our members".

Attendees enjoyed Free Admission, Live Music, German Food Tents, German Car Show, Beer tents and tons of fun and fellowship.

Last year the event fielded upwards of 50 Mercedes, BMW and Porsche members that participated as SHAU CARs. FSC BMW's had a reserved area on Herald Court in the heart of the festivities in which to display the Bimmers.

FSC hosted an Information/Hospitality event tent for the day...with several new FSC members stopping by to meet the crew!

This was a great day for a touring drive, coupled with some great food, fun and fellowship. And a great opportunity for FSC to turn-out and support a local community car event. FSC has many worthy vehicles from Vintage, Street, Racing, Modified and the every-day drivers. All are welcome. Mark your calendar for 2016, then come on and join the fun.



FLIP-FLOP RALLY & PICNIC

This was the Chapter's first rally in a number of years. It was hard to predict the level of expertise, so we tried for something in the middle. Alan Barnes, our regular Rally Master for many years, provided limited assistance due to eye issues. Other than some phone calls, he was not available to lend a hand with the Flip-Flop Rally this time around. I made use of ideas and rally instructions from a variety of sources including past FSC events, various other rally organizers and my own experience from rallies in the Baltimore area in the 1970s. In fact, the use of terms like "Flip Flop" and "Jog" instructions go back to my time in Maryland.

Three cars did reasonably well and, consequently, took the top three positions. Fourth, fifth and sixth did okay, but obviously missed several turns because they came in under mileage. Everyone else was far behind. Overall, most people had a good time and took the difficulty in stride – with only a few frowny faces in evidence at the end! Unfortunately, I forgot to record the order of finish for the rest of the field before handing back the scoring sheets to the participants, but the top six are listed below.

We will tweak the instructions a bit before the next event next year and will probably split the entries into a Pro division and Beginner division. Same instructions – same route, but the "Pro" instructions will use something similar to what was used for the Flip-Flop Rally just concluded while the latter will use the same sheet of instructions but with additional confirmations and hints to ease the difficulty factor. Obviously, two sets of awards will be necessary, but that's easier than trying to anticipate the level of experience of the entries – and everybody has more fun.

FSC did conduct a rally lesson and quiz at the August monthly meeting. I can't recreate the lesson and quiz here (maybe for another time and another article), but in the meantime, for those of you who manned one of the 20 cars to participate in the rally with us, here are some of the questions that caused most of the errors out on the course:

- Most people had a problem in the next few turns after #18, R 6th RAG. Turning right at # 18 would have put you on St Lawrence Dr. Then:
19. R Internet Shopping = R on Amazon Rd.,
 20. R 2/10 mile after California Capital = 2/10 after Sacramento, R turn at Oklawaha Ln.
 21. Jog R. After this turn – a right followed by a left – participants were expected to make a non-commanded left turn onto a new named road

because going straight was marked "Dead End" and is not allowed in paragraph 12 in the rules. Further along, the road changed names at a no-choice left turn – also un-commanded – and covered in paragraph 22 in the rules.

23. Flip-Flop L 2nd OPPO. I'm guessing most people lost count of the turns while in the middle of the maneuver and ended up executing #24 – RT – instead of the third turn of # 23, a left turn (a Flip Flop is comprised of three successive alternating turns). Making a "Right turn" at the exit of #23 means they missed check point #2 – literally several hundred yards up the road after the correct LEFT turn. Lots of people did this, but they seemed to find their way (somehow!?) to Northbound Starkey Rd, which came after #25.

There were two other areas that were difficult and all dealt with a careful reading, interpretation and application of paragraph 22 in the rules. The first at #28 (after the left turn at "Oaks"), and the next after #51 (Right ONTO Bryan). There were seven turn commands after "Bryan"

with no supporting confirmation, which made this section the most difficult of the rally. But it was close to home and most participants should have found their way back to the main road and the entrance to the park without opening the multi-point-penalty "Easter egg."

Full disclosure! The rally team did make one error on the question sheet. "R ONTO Bryan after 4th RAG" should have read "5th RAG." Ironically, this was the last thing that was confirmed on the last drive through (of many, many drive throughs over many, many months), and we corrected it for 5 traffic lights, but the revision never made it onto the final draft.

Finally, there was a bit of confusion over what constituted "helpful hints" and information that was considered part of a turn. This is "implied" in the rules rather than spelled out. Helpful hints always appear after the full instruction and are contained in (parentheses) or <diamond points> and are pertinent only after executing the maneuver (or at the point of the turn) to which they are attached – they are not part of nor do they precede the maneuver, nor are they necessary to complete the maneuver. Helpful, yes; necessary no.



Examples of helpful hints as they appeared in the Rally are: 11. L (Old Keystone); 28. L 2nd OPPO <Careful, watch speed...go slowly >; and 38. R (RELAX!). All of these turns can be accomplished without the additional information contained within the parentheses or diamond points.

Information that is considered part of the turn would include language such as "L after 2nd Rag," or "R 3rd OPPO." In these cases, information is contained in the command which must be counted and applied before reaching the turn and is, in fact, necessary to complete the task.

Some instructions include both hints and information such as #28 above and 20. R 2/10 mile AFTER California Capital <Careful! >. In #20, California Capital helps define the turn and is part of the instruction, <Careful! > is not.

Creating this rally was fun. But it was also a long process. Early in 2014, Dave Bild (former co-worker and PCA member) and I started mapping out a rather long rally route. In fact we found it necessary to cut the route in two (the other part is already waiting for a start and finish and will comprise the route for a rally next year) and concentrate on polishing the first half into a complete rally course. We finished the route with a start and finish for Dave's use for another social group. No, not PCA! Dave and I put the project to bed for several months, and then, unfortunately, he was forced to cancel his rally in January of this year. Shortly thereafter, Bill Caldwell and I restarted the project and finished the route for an FSC start and finish and a rally scheduled for April – cancelled again! Finally, with the Flip-Flop Rally back on the schedule and filling with registrants, Bill, with Mary, joined James Koss and I and we re-polished and measured the rally over several days in October for our November 1st rally and picnic.

Dave, Bill, Mary, James and I would like to thank everyone for attending the rally and picnic and making all the hard work worthwhile. We all had fun and we hope all of you did, too! Look for another rally on the FSC schedule for the fall of 2016.

The top six finishers of the Flip-Flop Rally:

1. Car # 9 Duane Daiker, Jeff Gawel
2. Car # 1 Ashley Gandeas, Christopher Gandeas
3. Car #12 Stan Dale, Janet Carpenter
4. Car #7 Donny Gribble, Amber Szedlar
5. Car #4 David Barcza, Terri Barcza
6. Car #11 Dennis Johnston, Kathleen Johnston

Places 1 through 5 all received awards and the points scored ranged from 20 to 182. Second place missed one item that cost them 100 points, otherwise there would have been a two-way tie for first place. Sixth place, car #11, finished a single point behind fifth place! Only one other participant finished within 100 points of the top six places; all others were more than 200 points or more behind.

Russ Garvey
FSC BOD Member



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FSCBMWCCA ANNUAL ELECTIONS

Nominations for the Chapter's 2016 Executive Officers and Directors will close on Monday, December 14, 2015, by action of the Chapter Board of Directors (BOD).

Nominations for the various offices may be made at a Chapter's business meeting, or made in writing by Chapter members, who are not running for any of the offices in question. Written nominations should be submitted both to the current Acting President and Treasurer. At either instance, a member-nominee put forth at a business meeting or in a written document, must be a Chapter member in good standing, have consented to his/her name being put forth by stating that he/she will actively serve in that office if elected.

The Chapter By-Laws, and its nomination provisions, do not provide for write-in candidates for office.

The current BOD, by resolution, decided that the election ballots will be cast electronically by members via the www.motorsportreg.com site, and that electronic voting for candidates will open on Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at 12:01 PM (one minute after Noon), and close on Thursday, January 14, 2016 at 11:59 PM (one minute before midnight). The decision to use this procedure was made by a By-Law provision, which allows the BOD to determine the balloting form and process. Complete information for voting will be provided active and associate members, both at our regular north and south business meetings, and by email. There is NO FEE to vote.

A complete ballot for the various offices will be provided on www.motorsportsreg.com for members to mark their individual votes for candidates. Separately on that web site, your name and membership number will be recorded for ballot validation.

The candidates for office, through written nomination documents, are as follows:

President:	Stan Dale (Naples, FL).
Vice President:	Frank Mann (Clearwater, FL).
Treasurer:	Sandy Cunnagin (Tampa, FL)
Secretary:	Carol Villar (Cape Coral, FL)
Directors (5):	Michael Clark (Palm Harbor, FL) Christopher Gandeess (Wesley Chapel, FL) Russ Garvey (Sarasota, FL) Mike Griffis (Naples, FL) Dennis Johnston (Clearwater, FL)

Florida Suncoast Chapter Annual Holiday Party

(Tampa Bay)

Where?

Bascom's Chop House
3665 Ulmerton Rd.
Clearwater, FL 33762
727-573-3363

When?

Saturday, January 16, 2016, 6:30 PM

Cost?

\$35.00/Member

\$35.00/Guest



Menu

Hors D' Oeuvres

- Mini Crab Cakes
- Smoked Chicken Spring Rolls
- Cheese and Fruit Display
- Vegetable Crudités

Buffet

- **Blackened Chicken Pasta**

Served with broccoli and Alfredo Sauce over pasta

- **Atlantic Salmon A La Maniere**

Lemon, Thyme and White Wine Beurre Blanc sauce

- **Prime Rib of Beef**

Served with Garlic Mashed Potatoes and Au Jus

Sides

- Oven Roasted New Potatoes
 - Sautéed Spinach
 - Vegetable Medley

Dessert

- Pecan Crusted Cheese Cake
 - Florida Key Lime Pie
- Belgian Triple Chocolate Torte

Soda, Iced Tea and Coffee

CASH BAR

Register: Motorsportreg.com – Registration open after 12/01/15

Information: Russ Garvey 813-230-5705



IN THE NEWS

Just two months after BMW introduced the hardcore M4 GTS to the world, all 700 planned examples have been poached by new owners.

Far more than just a body kit, the successor to BMW's M3 GTS comes equipped with a 3.0-liter, twin-turbocharged straight-six engine that features water injection technology to develop just under 500 horsepower to the standard M4's 425 and an increase in torque to 442 pound-feet. A seven-speed M DCT transmission channels the power exclusively to the rear wheels. This translates to a 0-to-60 mph run of just 3.8 seconds and a top speed of 190 mph.

Also part of the GTS package is a series of weight savings techniques, culminating in reduction of 136 pounds. The rear seats have been deleted, the center console and door panels are lighter, and straps replace the interior door handles. BMW's M GmbH has also tweaked the chassis. On board is a three-way, manually adjustable coil-over suspension and new anti-roll bars and supporting mounts. Steering has been adjusted thanks to retuned power assist and M has tinkered with the active rear differential.



Other highlights include 265 front and 285 rear Michelin Pilot Sport Cup 2 tires covered unique wheels, and housing carbon-ceramic brakes. The M4's aluminum hood has been replaced with a carbon-fiber one and its adjustable rear wing, rear diffuser, and front splitter all use carbon fiber construction. A titanium exhaust makes everything sound luscious, too. For some extra coin, the optional Clubsport Package adds a fire extinguisher, six-point harness, and an Acid Orange roll bar.

Of the 700 total units, 300 will be coming to the U.S., each commanding £120,500 (about \$180,000), though it may convert differently. Customers are able to choose from a small number of exterior paint colors, including Mineral Grey, Sapphire Black, Frozen Dark Grey, and Alpine White. By comparison, the BMW M3 GTS from 2010 only came in burnt orange.





Naples-Ft. Myers FSC BMW CCA

Cordially invites

All Members and Spouse (or Guest)

To join us for our Annual



Neapolitan Holiday Dinner

Saturday Evening, January 23rd, 2016



Directions to

Located in **MERCATO**, at
9114 Strada Place,
Naples, FL 34108

mccormickandschmicks.com

Arrivals beginning 5:00 pm

Seating beginning 5:30 pm

Welcome & Remarks 6:00 pm

RSVP via Motorsportreg.com
by January 20th, 2016

Search: **Naples Holiday Dinner - FSC BMW Dinner**
/ Awards

Member \$35.00 - Guest \$35.00

SALAD

Classic Caesar Salad

Walnut Mixed Greens

Candied Walnuts, Blue Cheese Crumbles, Balsamic Vinaigrette

ENTRÉE SELECTIONS

*All entrées served with fresh vegetables and mashed potatoes
unless otherwise noted*

Cedar Roasted Atlantic Salmon

Northwest Berry Reduction

Chicken Oscar

Grilled Chicken Breast with Asparagus, Blue Crab and Hollandaise

Center Cut C.A.B. New York Strip Filet

Finished with Roasted Mushroom Demi

DESSERTS

This "Neapolitan Holiday Dinner" is held exclusively for members and spouses (or guest) of Florida Suncoast BMWCCA – Naples – Ft Myers Group. Space is limited. Attendance is voluntary.

Alcohol will be available at this function on "cash-bar" basis only. Attendees are urged to exercise good judgment in their consumption. FSC BMWCCA urges the use of a Designated Driver.

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