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The Newsletter of the Tidewater Chapter of the BMW Car Club of America



March • April 2017



The Chapters 45th was a "Night to Remember"

COMING EVENTS

- 18 Mar - Saturday 9:00 am** - Bimmer Breakfast, Pop's Diner, Chesapeake
- 26 Mar - Sunday 9:00 am** - Peninsula Breakfast (***NEW***), Shorty's Diner, Williamsburg
- 8 Apr - Saturday 10:00 am** - BMW Car Photo Ops and lunch, Williamsburg Winery
- 15 Apr - Saturday 9:00 am** - Bimmer Breakfast, Pop's Diner, Chesapeake
- 22 Apr - Saturday 10:00 am** - Tech Session, Ron B's Garage, Chesapeake
- 6 May - Saturday 10:00 am** - Blues, Brew, & BBQ on the Peninsula
- 28 May - Sunday 9:00 am** - Peninsula Meet and Greet and Eat

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MEMBERSHIP

Tidewater Chapter: 718 as of Feb. 2017
National: 69,784 as of Sept. 2016

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Your articles and photos are very welcomed by us. To be included in an issue the materials must be received by the 1st of the month preceding the date of the issue. To spice up the newsletter we always need photos of chapter events. We may also use them on the chapter website. Send your contributions to Editor@tidewaterbmwcca.org. Thanks!

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President's Corner

Our annual banquet celebrating our Club's 45 years existence was a great success and we are looking forward to the forthcoming Club events in the New Year. If you were not able to join us for the banquet at the stylish Westin Town Center, you missed the many giveaways including BMW goodies such as two BMW remote control cars and a beautifully framed

photo of a M6 GTLM donated by our longest tenured member Jim Craig. We all enjoyed a great dinner and desserts, plenty of camaraderie, and the introduction of our new board.

The 2017 Club Board is comprised of the following members: President, Darin Kwasniewski; Vice President, Shawn Halsey; Secretary, Ray Laffoon; Treasurer, Ron Boustedt; and Activities Chair, Al Schneider. We fortunately filled all positions on the board, but that is not to say all our key volunteer positions are filled. Therefore, as I do in many President's Corner articles, I am soliciting one of you to volunteer for the unfilled position of newsletter editor.

In the last edition of the newsletter I informed you that Mark Jumper, our former newsletter editor, resigned from the position, as such it is now our most urgent need. Contact me if you are able to help in this area, or would like to find out more about being an editor or any other volunteer position.

Our Club is fortunate to have many corporate supporters, including those that advertise in our newsletter. When looking for a BMW service or sales provider, please consider one of these vendors. Of special note, we owe a big thank you to Checkered Flag BMW of Virginia Beach and Import Autowerks Repair and Sales of Portsmouth for their support of our banquet. Also, a big thanks to our banquet committee: Melissa Waddell, Rob Waddell, Chris Triplett, Judy Semo, and Al Schneider. Job well done!

During the banquet we introduced a new member survey and received many responses. Thanks to all who provided input. An email notice regarding the online version of the survey will be emailed soon to all members. It is a quick and easy survey about our events. This feedback will allow us to better serve our membership. Please take a few minutes when you receive notice to provide us honest feedback (anonymous submission is an option).

During the banquet presentation I informed the membership that we had 25 events last year and we have more on the calendar for 2017, including some regular social events on the Peninsula. The first of these will be our Inaugural Peninsula Breakfast on Sunday, March 26 at Shorty's Diner in Williamsburg. So come on out and join us at this 'landmark' diner and help us make this new event a success. If you can't make it, check out the calendar for our other events and as always I'll "see you out on the road".

Darin Kwasniewski, President

Our Chosen Charity For 2017:

Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia



You can support this effort by bringing canned goods or money to any chapter event. However, money provides more meals than canned goods. Chris Triplett leads the committee. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Chris Triplett, foodbank@tidewaterbmwcca.org

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Join us on Facebook to stay up to date with all your club's activities!

To become part of our Facebook group, you must have a Facebook account. After you sign on to Facebook at www.facebook.com, enter "Tidewater BMW CCA Activities Page" in the search block. You should be shown our activities page along with a link labeled. "Join Group". Click on join group, a box will appear that will ask you if you want to join this group, click the "Join" button. You are then taken to our club activities page, where you can see and post activities and pictures.

Tidewater Chapter BMWCCA

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY

January - December 2016

	TOTAL
REVENUE	
BMW CCA Rebate	11,042.17
Direct Public Support	
Chapter Incentives and Rebates	370.00
Merchandise Sales	362.43
Total Direct Public Support	732.43
Non Profit Revenue	5,362.00
Other Types of Income	
Miscellaneous Revenue	
Banquet Income	1,120.17
Total Miscellaneous Revenue	1,120.17
Total Other Types of Income	1,120.17
Total Revenue	\$18,256.77
COST OF GOODS SOLD	
Cost of Goods Sold	845.99
Total Cost of Goods Sold	\$845.99
GROSS PROFIT	\$17,410.78
EXPENDITURES	
Allegra	6,851.28
Bank Fees	8.39
Business Expenses	
Business Registration Fees	44.90
Total Business Expenses	\$44.90
Contract Services	
Accounting Fees	250.00
Total Contract Services	\$250.00
EPerry	1,800.00
Facilities and Equipment	834.71
Newsletter	2,609.74
Operations	
Annual Banquet	4,111.44
Annual Picnic	1,838.34
Driving Tour	555.00
Event Insurance	740.00
Gifts	39.00
Postage, Mailing Service	424.47
Printing and Copying	106.88
Supplies	217.95
Total Operations	8,033.08
Website Renewal	478.20
Total Expenditures	\$20,910.30
NET OPERATING REVENUE	\$ -3,499.52
	TOTAL
NET REVENUE	\$ -3,499.52

Tidewater Chapter BMWCCA

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As of December 31, 2016

	TOTAL
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
BOA	15,523.37
Total Bank Accounts	\$15,523.37
Accounts Receivable	
Pledge Receivable	700.00
Total Accounts Receivable	\$700.00
Other Current Assets	
Undeposited Funds	0.00
Total Other Current Assets	\$0.00
Total Current Assets	\$16,223.37
Fixed Assets	
Tools	878.15
Total Fixed Assets	\$878.15
TOTAL ASSETS	\$17,101.52
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
Grants Payable	-785.40
Total Accounts Payable	\$ -785.40
Total Current Liabilities	\$ -785.40
Total Liabilities	\$ -785.40
Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	0.00
Retained Earnings	21,386.44
Net Revenue	-3,499.52
Total Equity	\$17,886.92
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$17,101.52

Activities Committee

2017 is here and we have plenty of activities lined up for this year. To kick off 2017, we had the Annual Banquet at the Westin with an excellent turn out of members from as far away as Maryland and Richmond. A big thank you to the member's that have donated items for the raffle and of course, to the Events Committee (Melissa & Rob W., Chris T., Judy S. and Al R.) that devoted a plethora of their time during the planning, setup, and clean up after the Banquet.

Aside from our scheduled monthly breakfast at Pop's Diner, this year's activities will also include the following:

- Tech Session at our sponsors facilities.
- Auto Cross
- Driving events and luncheons in both Hampton Roads and Peninsula.
- Driving events at the Outer Banks
- BMW Photo Ops @ Williamsburg Winery
- Breakfast at a Peninsula location
- BBQ with Porsche CC in Chesapeake
- Pig Pickin's and Oysters at Gloucester Park
- 3 Day Driving event on the Back or Tail of Dragon, Marion, VA
- 3 Day Driving event - Poker Run - from Hampton Roads via the Shenandoah - Blue Ridge Parkway- Luray Caverns, Capitol and back to Hampton Roads.

We look forward to your participation in the upcoming events and should you have a particular activity that you are interested in having, let us know or send the information to: events@tidewaterbmwcca.org. We will do our best to accommodate the suggestion. As always, volunteers for the upcoming events are always welcome. Every little bit helps in ensuring a successful event.

On a final note, RSVP is appreciated when attending. Send your RSVP to: events@tidewaterbmwcca.org.

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- Remote starter switch
- Clutch Alignment tool
- Pilot bearing puller
- Fan clutch wrench & bar
- Electric impact wrench
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- SRS air bag scanner

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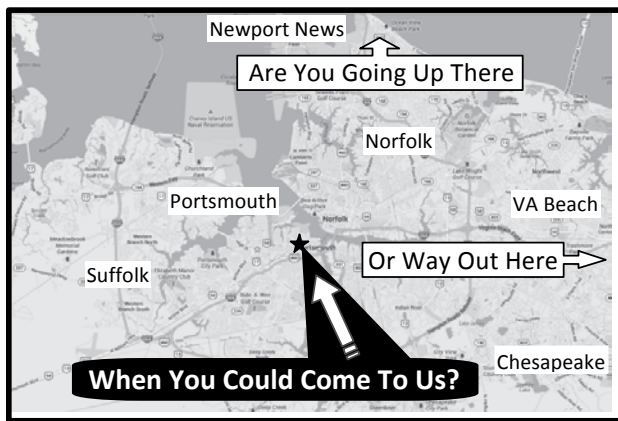
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Valentine's Drive

Al Resnick

Taking advantage of record-setting weather, we had record-setting participation at this year's Valentine's drive. Meeting on the northern edge of Williamsburg, we drove through some beautiful country scenery, meandering through Lightfoot to the York River state park and back into Williamsburg. Despite a split up in the group and a needed intermediate stop, everyone made it to Sal's by Victor, where we had an absolutely fantastic lunch of superb Italian cookery. All in all, a terrific day of very enjoyable driving, BMW comradery and cuisine!



Test Driving The Future

Ray Laffoon

Christian is good! A few weeks ago I took the Beautiful Blue X1 over to Casey BMW to have a new set of shoes installed so the X1 would stay on and propel itself down the road in the general direction the driver wants to go rather than following the random direction brought on by a total loss of traction as induced by summer performance tires on snow and ice. I was reading a book after taking my usual stroll about the show room and the lot. This endeavor usually takes a while so that I had not read far into my book when Christian started to talk with me. I told her I was waiting on my BMW being serviced and that I had only owned it a few months. I was not interested in buying anything in the near future. She left me alone and came by a couple more times just being friendly. On the final try I relented, especially since there was the opportunity of winning \$10,000 for just doing a test drive. I am not planning on it, but if I do win anything I thought it might be helpful in the pursuit of my hobbies: automobiles and motorcycles with a focus on European makes, and international travel. I have discovered that these items absorb lots of cash.

Now I had the quandary of what to drive. I had noticed the 330e sitting on the floor when it dawned on me that I had driven the i3 but had never driven any of BMW's hybrids.



So I asked Christian about driving one of the hybrids they had in stock just to see how it worked. She went off to see what she could find. I must admit that my interest in hybrids is recent. I like motors that feel a certain way and sound a certain way, such as the legendary BMW six cylinder motors. I enjoy the N55 engine in my X1 with its sensation of power and torque, and its orchestration of sound. I never tire of it. I think of hybrids differently. In electric mode, the only sound is the tires and the stereo, much like a golf cart without the bouncing golf balls. Toyota's Prius has a strange look that does not appeal to me along with not being driver friendly from where I would be sitting. And then there are the batteries. I've seen stacks of old batteries and the harm they bring to the environment. I love the diesels I've owned. Efficiency combined with the torque produced by the engine in my red 335d made that car almost perfect for me. I miss that car, except for the repair bills as it aged. However, BMW is committed to a future with electricity as a means of propulsion, and so I thought



I would ask for the chance to experience it.

Christian pulled up front in a new X5 xDrive 40e. I got in and looked over the controls, and was informed that it was ON. The cockpit looked familiar, and yes the instruments were alive, so after I finished strapping in (seat belt but I still think like an aviator), I selected a forward gear and we silently pulled away. First it was very quiet and the sport seats were very comfortable. While pulling onto Jefferson Avenue, I put my foot down and ...not much happened. Then it seemed to wake up and we took off. That surprised me. At the next red traffic light, the engine shut down reminding me of Auto Stop which I have experienced before. When the light went green, we quietly but briskly pulled away. I remember the strange sensation of movement while the tachometer was pointed to zero. As the speed rose, the 2.0 liter four cylinder gas motor seamlessly came to life and we proceeded onward. The car drove like a BMW, with good steering feel and feedback about what was going on out there. The X5 always impresses me with how well it drives for such a large vehicle.

We reached the farthest point of our intended journey when I pulled into a parking lot to check out various settings and how the other features worked. For the most part it was typical BMW. While leaving, I decided to accelerate rapidly when I pulled onto the street. I pulled the paddle to put in in sport mode as we quietly approached the stop sign. I stopped, and when safe to proceed, I floored it. The 241 horsepower turbo four came to life, joining the 111 horsepower of the electric motors, and with all those horses moving the X5's 5000 pounds we rapidly accelerated. After that the return journey was pretty ordinary except for the quiet since the car spent a lot of the journey in electric mode until we were almost back to the dealer when the gasoline engine came on to replenish the somewhat depleted battery. I was not surprised since I was driving with a little more fervor than I usually do.

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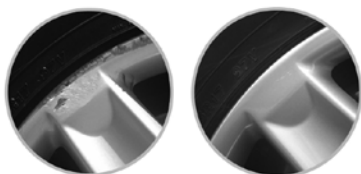
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BEGINS: Starbucks (in Harris Teeter), 1470 Quarter Path Rd, Williamsburg, VA
ENDS: Williamsburg Winery, 5800 Wessex Hundred, Williamsburg, VA

It is not often that we get to show off our Ultimate Driving Machines. Wash and wax your BMW and come on out for our first Photo Ops at the Peninsula. We will take a short drive within the beautiful country roads of Williamsburg and stop at a couple of locations to take some fantastic group photography of all of our BMW's.

The end of the drive will take us to the Williamsburg Winery for our final group photography. As always, please send your RSVP to: events@tidewaterbmwcca.org



TECH SESSION

Come one, come all!!!! Our first Tech Session for 2017 will be on April 22nd, 10 am, at the private garage for race vehicles of Ron Boustedt, the Club Treasurer – 3585 Kentucky Trail, Chesapeake, VA.

The focus of this Tech Session is a *brief familiarization* of how to replace brake rotors and pads, replace brake sensors, and bleed the brake system of your BMW.

This will also be your opportunity to:

1. Have your BMW on a lift and have a look at the under carriage of your Ultimate Driving Machine (UDM). You never know, your UDM just might need some preventive maintenance to be schedule.
"First come, first served on the lift."
2. Have the opportunity to ask other enthusiast of projects that they might have taken to improve or repair their out of warranty BMW.
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Would I consider a hybrid? Perhaps, and I most certainly would if it were a BMW, primarily because it drives like a BMW. I see only two negatives. The first is the increased complexity of the drivetrain. Trained technicians and computer interfaces are needed to efficiently troubleshoot problems as the miles add up, although that is typical of the modern BMW. I also add eventual battery replacement to this mix of complexity for the long time owner as well as the used car buyer. The second problem is the lack

of the traditional clutch and manual transmission. I enjoy driving a manual. Yes I know the newer automatic transmissions can shift faster than I can while being more fuel efficient, but I enjoy that special connectivity between man and machine while driving a car with a manual transmission. I also endure the pain when I don't shift properly. The electric car and the hybrid car lack this feature to include the pain.

This is the future. The i8 beautifully shows what BMW can do when it comes to building a true sports car with electric motors. Along with BMW, manufacturers such as Porsche, McLaren and Ferrari produce some very astounding sports cars with hybrid drivetrains. Formula 1 is all hybrid drivetrains, while LeMans is dominated by hybrids in recent history. I am convinced we will eventually see a relatively affordable hybrid sports car for the masses in the not too distant future whether we like them or not. In the meantime, BMW is perfecting hybrid drivetrains in the Ultimate Driving Machine! I need to thank Christian the next time I see her for helping me experience driving the future that is emerging now!

BLUES, BREW & BBQ

WHEN: 06 May 2017, 10:00 am
BEGINS: 2110 Jamestown Rd, Williamsburg, VA 23185
(Jamestown Settlement Parking lot, NE Corner)
ENDS: Riverwalk Landing, Yorktown, VA

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There will be local booths selling BBQ & local brew.

Be advised that since this is open to the public, parking may be and could be a premium.

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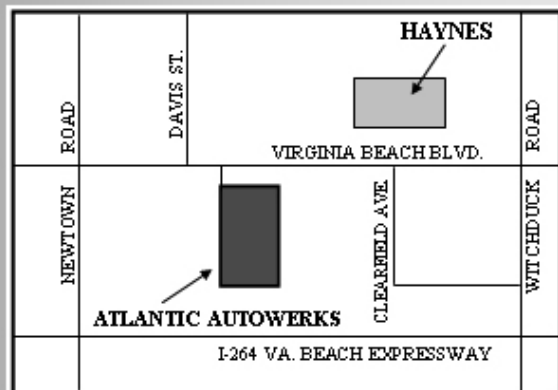
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