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Presidential Address



Our club exists because of our collective interest in BMWs and prospers through the efforts of members who commit their time to support club activities and functions. One of our key club functions is our quarterly newsletter.

For the past two years, Ron Steurer has willingly stepped up and provided editorial services for the Old Hickory Chapter. As an expectant father, Ron is moving on to another chapter in life and will be passing the editorial torch. He will continue to contribute to the newsletter with his own column, and we look forward to his future contributions in the future.

Our thanks go out to you, Ron, and we are very grateful for your past and future contributions.

If you recall, a solicitation for a new editor was included in our last newsletter. We are happy to announce that Matt Smith has offered his services to our club. This issue will be his first editorial contribution. We welcome you, Matt, and look forward to your future offerings. A note of interest about Matt is that he is an associate member through his wife Hailey's primary membership. Hailey is very much the BMW enthusiast and drives an E46 330xi. She is working hard to get Matt out of his Mazda and into a BMW. Stay on him Hailey!

From the Editor



How to persuade your husband to buy a BMW:

- Step 1: Buy a BMW.
- Step 2: *(No second step needed.)*

As Murray mentioned, I own a Mazda. When I bought it, it was all I needed: fun, practical, and satisfying to drive. But when Hailey bought her BMW, I began to wonder whether satisfaction was really enough.

Her 2005 330xi (I think of it as my Bimmer-in-law) got to me very quickly. The engine's deep-throated

rumble and roar, the quick acceleration squeezing me into my seat, the huge grin on Hailey's face—I get none of this from the Mazda.

Needing no further encouragement, I started reading reviews. I looked at models and prices. I watched all of the BMW videos from *Top Gear*. Using the BMW website's "Build Your Own" feature, I have created a version of every coupe, sedan, and M car, in every color, with every trim and option. I've considered how my Mazda3 would look with a kidney grille and a Hofmeister kink.

And of course I see BMWs *everywhere* now. Franklin is crawling with them. I even spot them at a distance, standing out from the more vanilla cars. You can always tell a BMW, can't you? There's something in a little old 2002 that's also in a giant 760Li. Whatever it is, I want it.

In short, I am afflicted with Bimmer-brain. I caught it after one ride in Hailey's E46. There's only one cure: to give in. I expect to buy a BMW of my own early next year. Until then, I'll be learning,

thinking, and writing about BMWs as the Old Hickory Chapter's newsletter editor.

I have to thank Murray, the board, and all contributors for their help and encouragement. My thanks to Ron Steurer in particular for providing all the guidance I needed. As for my Bimmer-brain, all the folks I've met in this great community—and their beautiful cars—are making it worse. This is a good thing, and I thank you.

—Matt

Murray's Musings



Stress & De-Stress

Recently, the word hectic is the only term that I can use to describe my life. Daily requirements and priorities for both work and home are a steady stream that continually accumulates into a backlogged list of work. This backlog is a continuous cloud over my head that is difficult to overcome. This hanging cloud has left little time for the activities that allow me to escape the daily stresses of life.

However, in the back of my head, another list is accumulating, a personal list that will eventually provide relief from my hectic life. The list in my head is not a wish list; it's a "going to do" list of things that will bring enjoyment and escape, enhance my personal well-being, and provide me with a sense of accomplishment—something I don't always get at work.

My list would only be understood by car people. It consists of car things, such as replacing wheel bearings and headliners, inspecting flex couplings and CV joints, replacing oil seals and gaskets, and adjusting valve lash and spark plug gaps. These are real projects, all needing advance planning and special tools in order to get the work done. It takes lots of thought (some may call it daydreaming) to make them become a reality in the future.

I know it's really a strange list of "going to do" things that motivate me and give me incentive. But these are the simple activities that de-stress me and allow me to eventually escape my day-to-day backlog. I hope that each of you has a "going to do" list that allows you to de-stress and escape. If you don't have one, it's never too late to get started on your own "going to do" list, whatever it may be. Happy Motoring.

—Murray



No sign of stress here. From David Yando's account of Vintage in the Vineyard—see page 4.

Old Hickory Happenings



June 2nd Cars @ Coffee and Club Drive

We had a great turnout at the June 2nd Cars @ Coffee, with BMWs and MINIs by the dozen.



We were definitely in the majority with a broad spectrum of models represented. Especially noteworthy were three Roundies and an Isetta.



Late in the morning, we lined up for a short drive to Thompson's Station for lunch. We had around 40 participants, including several newcomers from the Montgomery County area.



The caravan was substantial as we headed out. It was a great day for a drive, and the food at the Hardwood Grill was just as great. The restaurant was just across the road from the historic Thompsons' Station Railroad Depot.



Come join us for more Old Hickory Chapter events!

Upcoming Meetings:

July 12: Cozymel's in Cool Springs

August 9: BMW of Nashville

September 13: Jed's Sports Bar & Grill in Nashville

October 11: Corky's in Brentwood

Other Activities:

July 21: Keeneland Concours in Lexington, KY

August 4: Drive, dinner, and drive-in movie

September 17-23: BMW CCA Oktoberfest in Columbus, OH/Mid-Ohio track

2012 Vintage in the Vineyard



David Yando

In less than a decade, The Vintage (aka “Vintage in the Vineyard” or simply V@V) has grown from a Memorial Day backyard gathering of a few dozen 2002 owners into the largest gathering of vintage BMWs in the country. Having outgrown one vineyard and then another over the years, The Vintage now occupies the streets of Old Salem in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, with vintage cars stretching a full half-mile on both sides of the street. This year’s crop included Isettas, E12s, E21s, E24s, E28s, E30s, and of course 2002s. In all, there were 282 officially registered cars.



Now a National event (you’ve no doubt seen the full page ads for the event in Roundel), The Vintage has attracted attention from major sponsors, such as the city of Winston-Salem, Liberty Mutual, BluntTech, Bavarian Autosport, and—most importantly—Spaten, or as I refer to them, “The Official Social Lubricant of BMW CCA.” Also in attendance were the BMW CCA Foundation, several food vendors, and many vendors with new and salvaged parts.

Organizer Scott Sturdy and his band of volunteers put on a whale of an event. This year’s fun began on Friday at Farmington Dragway. A rally, or more correctly a tour, was our plan for the day, but my wife Lora and I also wanted to see the drag races

and “mechanic’s challenge” that were also scheduled.



After a brief driver’s meeting, we settled in to watch the drags on this historic eighth-mile strip. First off was a pair of E28 M5s, an even match. For the next half-hour, we saw some pretty lopsided matchups! One of the fastest cars was a sleeper E30 coupe with a hole cut in the hood as clearance for its dump truck-sourced turbo. Another fun one to watch was a new Valencia orange 1M—too new for vintage display—spinning its tires in third about halfway down the course, and getting a strong chirp into fourth.



The rally itself consisted of a great drive through North Carolina countryside, ending up at Westbend Winery, site of the first few Vintage meets. A good lunch and some new friends later, we were off to see the old restored Shell gas

station, and to get some rest. Friday night saw everyone converge on the host hotel for a meet-and-greet reception with hors d'oeuvres and, you got it, plenty of free Spaten. The parking lot held so many fine vintage cars it was almost worth the drive alone.



Saturday dawned cool and clear, and we made our way to Old Salem. From 8:00 to 10:00, the parade never ended, and Scott's parking directors were quite busy. There was plenty of time to wander the streets of Old Salem, visit the farmer's market, local shops, and the Moravian bakery in use since the early 1800s. Along the way, there were cars everywhere. Although it got a little warm, there was plenty of shade, and yes, plenty of Spaten!

During the show, we met up with an old friend, Mike Pugh, who invited us on a Sunday morning drive to lunch at another '02 owner's home in

Mountain City, Tennessee. It was on our way, or close enough, so drove there with a dozen '02s (and an E36 M3 cabrio) in a brisk convoy. After a great afternoon and our new friends' hospitality, it was time to turn our '76 towards Nashville. 1,005 miles later, we were home!



This was our second Vintage—our first was at Shelton Vineyards in 2010—but it won't be our last. We always make new friends at events like this, and this year we hauled in a bumper crop. I just hope I can get the air conditioning installed in our '02 before the next one! It's an easy day's drive, and the show is a lot of fun, inexpensive, and low-key. Highly recommended. You don't even need to know the difference between a Roundie and a Square Tail.



Good to Know



Membership Update

Please welcome our newest members from the last few months!

Bob Appleby , Murfreesboro	Waymon Holland , Mount Juliet
Gary Bellar , Goodlettsville	Sandra Jacocks , Jackson
Frank Bijvoet , Prospect	Brack Leaberry , Nashville
Robert Bourne , Lancaster	Robert Miller , Cookeville
BR Campbell , Tullahoma	Pat Morin , Brentwood
Natalie Courtney , Cookeville	Alexander Oliver , Clarksville
Michael DePietro , Murfreesboro	Joseph Payant , Jamestown
Joseph Faiz , Murfreesboro	Joe Remke , Lawrenceburg
George Foster , Crossville	Mark Sidwell , Cookeville
Ashley Hadlock , Goodlettsville	John Wise , Brentwood
Allen Holland , Jackson	Bryan Dismore , Murfreesboro

Chapter Activity Emails

If you're not receiving monthly emails about our chapter activities, you're not on our mailing list. Our list is generated from a member list that might not include your personal email. To get on our list and receive notices for club activities, send a request to Tyree Peters at tpeters@oldchickorybmwcca.org.

Oktoberfest 2012

Join fellow BMW enthusiasts from all over the U.S., Canada, Mexico and other countries in Columbus, Ohio, to participate in a variety of car-oriented activities such as TSD rallies, autocross, club drives, performance driving schools, concours competition, gymkhana, and of course food and socializing. It's a great event that welcomes all. For more information, check the Oktoberfest website at www.bmwccaofest.org.



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Chapter Financial Statement

Assets

Cash in Bank Accounts	6346.29
Inventory	0.00
Equipment	0.00
Accounts Receivable	0.00
Prepaid Expenses/Deposits	21.51
Other	0.00
Total Assets	6367.80

Liabilities & Equity

Accounts Payable	0.00
Other	0.00
Equity/Retained Earnings	6367.80
Total Liabilities & Equity	6367.80

Income Statement

Income	
Membership Dues	4323.41
Rebates from National	1085.00
Advertising Revenue	0.00
Driving School Fees	8280.00
Autocross Fees	0.00
Other Event Fees	2883.26
Merchandise Sales	0.00
Interest	1.29
Misc./Other (see below)	5008.00
Total Income	21580.96

Expenses

Newsletter Costs	2437.08
Postage	579.20
Insurance	1085.00
Driving School Expenses	7595.65
Autocross Expenses	0.00
Meeting Expenses	969.56
Other Event Expenses	1486.63
Telephone Expenses	0.00
Misc./Other (see below)	6323.29
Total Expenses	20476.41

Net Income **1104.55**

Misc./Other Income

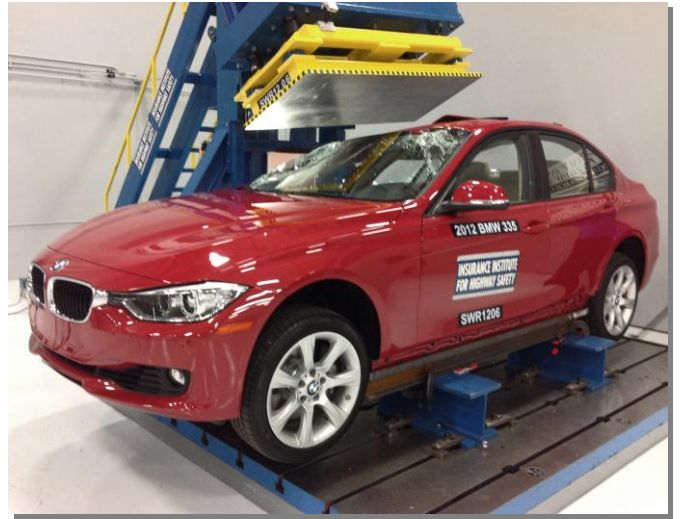
Driving School Loan	5000.00
Bank Fee Refund	8.00
Total:	5008.00

Misc./Other Expenses

Website/Internet	875.17
Corporate Annual Report	45.00
PO Box Rental	56.00
Driving School Loan Payback	5000.00
Holiday Party Mailing	347.12
Total:	6323.29



All-New BMW 3 Series Sedan earns “Top Safety Pick” from IIHS. The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety today named the all-new 2012 BMW 3 Series Sedan a “Top Safety Pick,” continuing the company’s long-standing commitment to offering class-leading safety with each new model. In order to earn “Top Safety Pick,” a car must receive a rating of “good,” the Institute’s highest rating, in all of four tests—40 mph frontal offset impact, side impact, rear impact protection/head restraint and rollover protection—and must be equipped an electronic stability control system like BMW’s Dynamic Stability Control.



BMW Design under new leadership. Karim Habib took over as Head of BMW Design June 1st. The 42-year-old Lebanon-born Canadian has been in charge of Exterior Design for BMW Automobiles since March 2011. He joined the BMW Group design team in 1998 and, among other achievements, shaped the design of the current BMW 7 Series.

Following his studies in Canada and California, Karim Habib had various posts in interior and exterior design before becoming Team Leader for Advanced Design for the BMW Group and later heading the BMW Exterior Design department. Now the designer and engineer takes overall charge of the design of BMW cars.

BMW Group U.S. reports May 2012 sales. The BMW Group in the U.S. (BMW and MINI combined) reported May sales of 28,321 vehicles, an increase of 7.1 percent from the 26,452 vehicles sold in the same month a year ago. Sales of BMW brand vehicles increased 7.3 percent in May for a total of 22,168 compared to 20,651 vehicles sold in May, 2011. Year-to-date, the BMW brand is up 13.8 percent on sales of 104,779 compared to 92,068 sold in the first five months of 2011. In May, best-performing vehicles included the 5 Series, up 45.3 percent to 6,102 units; the 6 Series, up 159.9 percent to 725 units; and the Sports Activity Vehicle segment (X3, X5, and X6), up 23.8 percent to 6,939 units.



BMW debuts the Zagato Coupé at the Concorso d’Eleganza Villa d’Este. This one-of-a-kind beauty is BMW’s first collaboration with Zagato, the Italian design house whose 90-year history includes models for Fiat, Alfa Romeo, Lancia, Maserati, Shelby, Jaguar, Aston Martin, and Bentley.

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