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President's Corner

It's been quite a year. We've had a lot of activities and networking this year. I'd like to thank all of you who have volunteered to help keep our club running. There are so many of you who tirelessly give us your time, I really can't name you all.

I'd like to sincerely thank all the volunteers for their help with the newsletter, auto-crosses, Tire Rack Street Survival events, running our monthly meetings, organizing driving events, giving hot laps, organizing dealer discounts, organizing meetings at dealer facilities, shagging cones at driving events, maintaining the website and the Facebook pages, maintaining the mailing lists, organizing parties, and on and on. This club is all of us and we are enjoying the fruits of volunteer labor.

Please don't forget that we are not getting paid to do this, and we are not perfect. We work hard to create and organize each meeting and event. We have to be responsible for everyone and everything before, during and after each event to meet the high standards we set for the club, ourselves, and for you. We have to work with vendors, volunteer recruitment, equipment movement, event operation, and unique member requests.

Every special question or request stretches us outside our planned routines. We generally accommodate everyone and everything within reason. Most times, engage in the event to enjoy it ourselves because we're so swamped just running it. Remember, we are you and you are we. You expect for us to act responsibly and we also expect that from you.

As usual, I'd like to remind everyone that being on our email list is extremely important if you want to stay informed about all our latest ventures and events. The newsletter can highlight upcoming events and cover them historically, but since it's a quarterly publication, it will not get to you fast enough to provide dates and times for everything we do. You also need to be on the email list so you'll know when the newsletter is available to read and download from the sandlapperbmw.org website and from our Chapter page at bmwcca.org.

Regarding the newsletter, about 85% of our members have chosen the electronic version. This means that the last two editions have saved the chapter approximately \$1,500 in printing and mailing costs. Accommodating the other 15% of you who have chosen snail mail delivered, black and

white copies has cost the chapter about \$200 per newsletter. If you do not prefer a mailed paper copy but received one anyway, please visit your profile at bmwcca.org and set your newsletter option to electronic. Let's minimize the number of stamps I have to apply to the ones we mail out. :-)

Finally, we should all be proud that our chapter has the funding to provide a substantial contribution to help support the BMW Foundation. Considering the Foundation's goals, I believe it has the ability to become as important to BMW enthusiasts as a visit to the Manufacturing Plant or the Performance Center. We are happy that it is our neighbor and friend. Please consider providing a donation to this non-profit by the end of the year to take advantage of the "match" that is being provided.

I hope you all have a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and a Happy New Year.

Dwayne Mosley



Happenings

Upstate Holiday Social

Nothing like an overwhelming amount of enthusiasts in one room at one time!

We as a chapter are pretty spread out over this great state, but when the opportunity to have a social arose in the upstate, people traveled from far and wide to participate and share in celebrating another great year as a chapter. The event took place at The Bavarian Pretzel Factory, located in Greenville, SC. When asked how many people we expected to show up, a low figure of "Eh, maybe twenty or so" was proven a very large underestimate. With a grand total of 50 (we included the servers, just to make the figure rounder) we overwhelmed the little meeting room and perhaps the staff as well. It was a fantastic opportunity to mingle and share stories of the year past. Let's make this happen more often. There isn't quite anything as wonderful as being able to talk about what you're passionate about with people equally as passionate.

The next upstate "social" is scheduled for February 2nd at the Pebble Creek Clubhouse at 3:30 pm. Parking will be provided and a private room will also be at our disposal. See you then!



18th Annual EURO Auto Festival

The Zentrum was packed once again, the event keeps growing.

The 18th Annual EURO Auto Festival was held the weekend of October 18 - 19 in the Greenville area of South Carolina. The event covers the entire weekend with two rallies through the surrounding area on Friday morning, a series of workshops Friday afternoon, a hospitality suite at the Embassy Suites hotel on Friday evening and the awards dinner on Saturday night. The main event of the weekend though was the car show held on Saturday, October 19th at the BMW Manufacturing Facility in Greer, South Carolina.

The morning started off with a light rain and fog, resembling Pebble Beach in some ways, but by late morning the rain ended and the temperatures were in the high 60s. By 10:30 in the morning there were 373 of Europe's finest, representing 30 marques in 55 classes spread out across the lawns surrounding the BMW Zentrum museum and the entrance to the BMW Manufacturing plant. The variety of vehicles present had something for everyone, from a 1934 Rolls Royce 20/25 up to many fine examples of 2013 machinery. The major sponsors brought along a host of display vehicles, including representatives from Ferrari, Maserati, BMW and Lotus. There was a repeat visit by the Russian Tupolev 007 Cosmonaut Recovery Vehicle as well. The featured marque for the show was Ferrari. Despite the iffy weather at the start of the day, 52 of the 57 registered Ferraris made it on to the show field. It was an awesome sight seeing that many prancing horses spread out on the lawn next to the Zentrum.

The BMW crowd was very well represented at the show. There were 46 BMWs entered for judging, ranging from early 2800cs and 3.0CSs to a 2013 M5. The BMW marque represented the third largest turnout of the entire show. Well-done BMW. While most of the BMWs entered were members of the Sandlapper and Tarheel Chapters, there were also cars from Georgia, Virginia, Maryland and other areas of the South. All in all, the BMW contingent was large enough to be divided into six classes for judging.

In addition to the BMWs entered in the show, there were 11 MINIs entered in two classes. They ranged from a 1955 Morris Minor to a 2013 MINI Cooper S JCW. The MINI crowd went above and beyond by displaying some of their vehicles along with period accessories and picnic setups. There was even a 1975 MINI Pick Up Truck entered.

Corky Coker, noted automotive aficionado and owner of the Coker Group was on hand for the event as guest judge and keynote speaker at the awards banquet held at the Embassy Suites Hotel. He gave those in attendance an overview of his background, how he got involved with cars in general and how he has turned his passion for automobiles into an automotive empire. Corky was very approachable and he commented on both the quality of the cars and the friendliness of the people in attendance.

One of the show's sponsors, Hagerty Collector Car Insurance, conducted their "Operation Ignite! Youth Judging" program. This program gave 8 children, ranging in age from 6 to 16 the chance to get up close to collector automobiles. Led by an adult guide

through the show, Youth Judges learned the basics of judging while taking a look at selected vehicles, interacting with owners and learning details, facts and the history of each vehicle. This is a great way to introduce the next generation to the car hobby and to ensure the hobby's long-term growth. The Youth Judges at this year's event again presented their award to Ralph Gresens and his 2001 Lamborghini Diablo. This was the second year in a row they presented the award to Ralph.

The BMW CCA National Office had a great presence at the show as well. They had a tent set up to promote membership in the club and to sell BMW CCA merchandise. BMW CCA also arranged for Spaten Beer, a national sponsor of BMW CCA, to be on-site. Spaten had a beer garden set-up in the food area and gave away commemorative glasses and free samples of Spaten beer to those of age. Many thanks to BMW CCA for their participation and support.

By 2:30 Saturday afternoon, the votes had been counted and the winners were announced. The overall winner for People's Choice was a gorgeous red 1972 Ferrari Dino 246GT presented by Dean Stribling. The car looked stunning and was a great representative of the Dino contingent.





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From the brain of the editor

This time of year tends to bring out the best and the worst in people. With the stress of holidays, shopping for the perfect present and year end crunches at work, it's really kind of hard to shuffle life and recreation. I know for one it seems like I woke up yesterday and it was still October, but when I woke up this morning it was magically the end of the year and there are a million (not really) things to do. Shuffling all of these things isn't something that I've ever been good at, and if you're a procrastinator, you can understand. I have realized, however, that by putting off stuff to the last minute never really works out, but it DOES give you an excuse for your poor performance by saying "Oops, I ran out of time". Poor planning can lead to stress, planning for the future and proper execution of these steps to success can lead to less stress.

Unless, of course, you're working with a non-profit organization trying to raise money. The only experience that I ever had trying to raise money was maybe back in high school trying to sell candy bars for the band in order to go on a trip to Florida, nowhere near what I've gotten into now. Being placed on the advisory board for the BMW CCA Foundation not only opened my eyes to how interesting the Foundation is, but what a big target they're shooting for. It's incredible to look at where they were just last summer and where they are now - and they keep on progressing with big dreams and plans for the future. Unlike me, they actually have a plan of attack on how to achieve these goals, whereas I just kind of make it up as I go along (which causes stress, I use four letter words a lot). The Foundation has launched their "Capital Campaign", an effort to raise \$7 million to expand their horizons and make the Foundation even more impressive than it already is. With raising this money, the plans are to increase the number of Street Survival programs offered every year and expand the already extensive archives. In the future, the Foundation sees a new building and a new way to impact the lives of all of us enthusiasts. They've already gotten as far as moving out of their tiny office space into a larger building, but such an impressive organization needs a more impressive building, not just a foreclosed on medical supply warehouse.

As an attempt to help them achieve their goals, I've been put

on board to act as not only a mouthpiece to the world, but also an instigator of good. I understand that not everybody is going to have interest in touring the archives, and perhaps you're already the best driver on the road so you don't need to attend Street Survival. That's not the point though, you have to think about others. Being a self proclaimed narcissist, I've opened my mind to helping others before helping myself for once in my life. I realized that every donation that goes to the Foundation is going to go to the greater good of all of us, not just me and the space around me. For every teenager (or adult for that matter) that participates in Street Survival, that's one less driver on the road you have to be hyperaware of. For every artifact or piece of memorabilia that goes into the archives, you provide those in the future a picture into the past of what BMW has been in the USA. If you think beyond yourself and beyond the limitations of finances, how could you afford not to donate to the Foundation? They work harder than you can imagine pursuing this big dream of \$7 million to improve not only the space around them, but the space that surrounds you as well.

We as a chapter were gracious enough to donate a large sum of money to the Capital Campaign this past November. We didn't do it because we're affluent or wanted to show up all the other chapters that only donated some scrap change. We didn't do it for our names on the wall or pats on the back. We did it because we care, and I think that's why we're all in this club. Thank you for being members, but thank you in advance for caring enough to contribute to the BMW CCA Foundation. All money raised before the end of the year will be doubled, which means that if you're able to donate \$50, it's really \$100. Think about that \$50, what would you spend it on otherwise, I know I'd probably spend it on something I'd probably chew and swallow and forget about a day later. Do you really have to spend that \$50 on toys for your kids that are already pretty well stocked up on Matchbox cars? Do you really need to go out to that fancy seafood restaurant? Do you really need new brake pads (well, always!).

Don't give because you feel pressured, give because you care.

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Quick News

Karting For Grown Ups

Lemans Karting Opened, We Enjoyed

If you're familiar at all with Formula One, or any other race series for that matter, you're familiar with how the drivers typically get their humble beginnings, Karting. We're not talking about those lame tracks with old tires you weave around and a piece of metal with a lawn mower engine retrofit on it, real Karts. As of recently, the state has been pretty devoid of any sort of Karting track, which has caused us grown up kids to perhaps take our spirited driving out on, well, mountain roads.



Now we have a better outlet to thrash our bodies around on, Lemans Karting. Lemans Karting opened up this December and is already a huge hit with the speed lovers in our group. A few of our upstate celebrities hit the tracks and described it as a "hoot". Even if you aren't a self proclaimed Mario Andretti, you'll have fun on this course. Leave the mountains for the old people on Gold Wings and rip up some corners on this indoor track. Annual memberships will be available soon. Check out their Facebook page or visit them in person at 1524 Roper Mountain Rd, Greenville, SC. You can also call them at 864-412-3323.

Moving On Up

The BMW CCA Foundation finds a new home

The BMW CCA Foundation has goals, and they're starting to get accomplished one step at a time. One very large goal was accomplished recently, and we couldn't be happier for them. The Foundation was able to acquire a piece of land and the building that was set on it (conveniently located next to the Performance Center) to set up shop. Their old office was tiny, and becoming very cramped very quick, but now the concept of cramped is a thing of the past. The large warehouse building is being converted to offices with the intentions on being open to the public as a sort of showcase of the BMW historical presence in the US.

Stop in and visit them, they'd love to give you a tour of their magnificent new home. Also, while visiting make sure you ask how you can help contribute to the Capital Campaign. Their new address is 190 Manatee Ct. Greer.



Mini Matters

A tiny piece of our publication for the minis in our lives

A MINI Pole?

John Cooper, You're My Hero

MINI is getting serious about speed, although, they always have been. Being unveiled at next years Detroit Auto Show, the new John Cooper Works Concept has been designed for speed, but doesn't rule out the overall practicality of the car. An elongated jowl (aka grille) which eliminated the area that was previously devoted for fog lights. This offers up optimum air intake and, let's face it, it just looks cooler. When you're avoiding driving through fog due to lack of lights, you'll be impressed by the overall increase of "go kart feel" with lighter alloy wheels and additional body components located around the C pillar to increase to aerodynamics while the car is in spirited driving mode. This leads to a supple feeling, but at the same time gives you the confidence to take corners a little quicker. My advice, reserve one quickly. They'll go fast.



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The Sandlapper Superstars Of The Quarter: All of us!

Our Sandlapper "Superstar Of The Quarter" goes to each and every one of us that put our key fobs into that hole in the dash or even have one of those old fashioned metal things that you have to twist to get your car to turn on. In a recent study our great state ranked second in the nation as far as driving is concerned:

This means not only are we bad drivers, we're really bad drivers. Some states would be offended, some states would even consider taking extreme measures to regulate how their drivers interact with others on the road. Really, this is a badge of honor, it means that not only are we bad drivers, we're the best at being bad.

Let's try for number one next year, shall we? Besides, driving "by the book" can be boring.



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It's kind of sad when you take so much pride in something, spend so much money on something, and spend so much time with something but all you have are a few perhaps mediocre pictures of it that you've taken with your I Phone (or Polaroid). If you have any pride in your ride at all, it deserves the celebrity treatment and should be the center of attention of a photo shoot. What a better idea than to support a local business here in the Upstate. Road Cone Photo located in Simpsonville, has impressed local chapter members, which isn't that easy to do. We're picky. Check out the Facebook page devoted to their work or give them a call to set up a photo shoot 864-238-8542. Who knows, you might make the cover of the Roadster next quarter!



Tip Of the Quarter:

DON'T RELY ON THE IDIOT LIGHTS ON THE DASHBOARD, CHECK YOUR OWN TIRE PRESSURE.

This time of year the weather changes quicker than you can change your underwear with this in mind, your tire pressure monitors can get a bit confused and falsely inform you of a dire need to add air to your tires. Don't stress, however, this is just a little quirk of your monitoring system. Get out, check your pressures and then reset your system. chances are if you've got a newer car you've dealt with this inconvenience. Save yourself a trip to the dealer for a faulty sensor and fix it yourself! you can do it!



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