

# ***The Southern Accent***

*BMW Car Club of America*

## **Gulf Coast Chapter**



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## **Gulf Coast Chapter News and Updates**

Written by: Rusty Grimes Gulf Coast Chapter President

I want to take a moment and thank you for your membership in the BMW CCA Gulf Coast Chapter. As of January 2017 I started my second, two year term as your President. It is an honor and privilege to serve this chapter and get to enjoy the great camaraderie that comes along with BMW ownership.

I want to introduce our officers to you and hope that you will make it out to a chapter drive, or third Thursday chapter dinner so you can meet these folks in person.

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Our team is proud to serve you and we welcome any and all questions and feedback.

What do we do as a BMWCCA Chapter? We have fun at various events along the Gulf Coast. Most recently we met at the monthly Cars & Coffee meet in Ft. Walton. Details are on the last page of the newsletter. We represent one of many car clubs there and always have a good showing.

After the meet a few CCA members got together and made an impromptu drive to a local restaurant for a late lunch. The drive was incredible and the scenery was even better. We ended up at a place called Two Cousin's Café in Darlington, Florida. This is our group parked at the restaurant....



## 28 new or refreshed BMW models planned through 2021

February 15th, 2017 by [Horatiu Boeriu](#)

The next four years will be quite busy for BMW. According to [Auto Motor und Sport](#), BMW plans to offer 28 new or re-freshed models from until 2021. Next in line to be launched is the [BMW 5 Series Touring](#) at the Geneva Motor Show in March, followed by the [6 Series Gran Turismo](#) in the summer.

Also this summer, [BMW will unveil the new X3](#) which goes on the market towards the end of the year. The X2 will shortly follow with the same small petrol and diesel engines of the X1. Those two new SUVs will pave the way for the ultimate crossover ever built by BMW – [the X7](#) – which launches in 2018.



Rendering F90 M5

Also this year, BMW will give us a look at the new [F90 M5](#) and the highly-awaited [M2 GTS/CS](#). Both M products will be available to purchase in 2018. We already know that the M5 will benefit from all-wheel drive and will have a 4.4-liter twin-turbo V8 delivering over 600 hp. The M2 GTS/CS on the other hand will get the 3.0-liter engine from the M3/M4.

Even though the AMS article doesn't mention this, our sources say that we might see this year a concept of the [upcoming 8 Series](#), along with the unveil of the [BMW i3 S](#). BMW will step into 2018 with the new [G02 X4](#), followed by the [G05 X5](#). The i8 Spyder, new Z4 and X3 long wheelbase are some of the others products planned for 2018. The next-generation G20 3 Series will also be introduced in late 2018, for a 2019 launch.

Check out the full list of models below as presented by AMS. There are still a couple of products in there that we can't confirm, like the i5 scheduled for 2121.

**BMW 5 Series** – February 2017  
**BMW 5 Series Touring** – Summer 2017  
**BMW i3 S** – Summer 2017  
**BMW 5 Series M Performance** – Summer 2017  
**BMW 6 Series Facelift** – Spring 2017  
**BMW 4 Series Facelift** – March 2017  
**BMW 2 Series Coupé** – July 2017  
**BMW 2 Series Convertible** – July 2017  
**BMW 6 Series GT** – 2017  
**BMW X2** – End of 2017  
**BMW X3** – End of 2017  
**BMW X7** – 2018  
**BMW M5** – 2018  
**BMW M2 GTS/CS** – 2017  
**BMW M2 Facelift** – 2017  
**BMW Z4** – 2018  
**BMW X3M** – 2018  
**BMW i8 Spyder** – 2018  
**BMW X1 L** – 2018  
**BMW M4 GT4** – 2018  
**BMW X4** – 2018  
**BMW 8 Series Coupé** – 2018  
**BMW 3 Series** – 2018/2019  
**BMW X5** – 2018  
**BMW 1 Series** – 2019  
**BMW iNext** – 2019  
**BMW 8 Series Convertible** – End of 2019  
**BMW i5** – 2021



BMW M2 GTS

## 2018 BMW Z5 spy shots

24JAN2017 via MotoAuthority

### 2018 BMW Z5 spy shots

It was in 2011 that we first caught wind of BMW and Toyota's plans to jointly develop a "mid-size sports car platform" to spawn replacements for their respective Z4 and Supra models.

Today we have new spy shots of a prototype for the BMW, which we're expecting to be called a Z5. Adopting the new name links the car with BMW's legendary 507, and it should also enable the automaker to position the car higher than the Z4 and thus charge a steeper price.

The higher positioning is supported by the larger size of the prototype compared to the Z4. The shots also reveal similar proportions to the Z4 though there's now a soft-top roof as opposed to a retractable hard-top. We can also make out the new, extra-wide grille design in one of the shots.

The higher positioning should translate into improved performance. After all, the new car will be going up against entry-level versions of cars like the Jaguar F-Type and Porsche 911. The base model may end up with an inline-4 but we'd expect an inline-6 option to prove the most popular. All should feature turbocharging as standard.

While there's been talk of hybrid technology being used, BMW will likely forgo this to differentiate the Z5 from Toyota's Supra successor, which [has also been spied](#) and is expected to go the gasoline-electric route. Sadly, we've heard there's [no plan for a BMW M-tuned version](#).

Look for the debut of the new BMW sports car, whatever it's labeled, in late 2017 or early 2018. It's too early to talk pricing but expect a premium on the \$50K starting price of the Z4. The good news is that the higher positioning of the Z5 may pave way for a new entry-level sports car in BMW's lineup, a model rumored to be [called the Z2](#).

As for the new Supra, Toyota has already previewed the car with its [series of FT-1 concepts](#).

Though yet to be confirmed, it's thought the jointly-developed models will be built at a [Magna-Steyr assembly plant in Austria](#) starting in 2018. Sharing a production facility makes sense considering the low volumes of pricey sports cars.



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## Upcoming Events

Cars & Coffee Ft. Walton

Every 2nd Saturday 10-12

Behind Starbucks at Santa Rosa Mall

340 Mary Esther Blvd, Mary Esther, FL 32569

Cars & Coffee Tallahassee

Every 3rd Saturday 8-10:30

Texas Roadhouse

3131 Capital Circle Northeast

Tallahassee, FL

Cars & Coffee Pensacola

Every 4th Saturday 8-10

Behind Mellow Mushroom

5175 Bayou Blvd, Pensacola, FL 32503

3rd Thursday Chapter Dinner

Starts at 6:30

Locations:

-Ft Walton Beach FL region:  
**AJ's on the Bayou- 200 Eglin Pkwy NE,  
Fort Walton Beach, FL 32547**

Tallahassee FL region:

**to Be Announced**  
- Pensacola FL region:

**Mellow Mushroom, 5175 Bayou Blvd.**

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