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ON THE COVER:



Factory Racing: Or in our case, racing to the factory. Sometimes in life, it is better to be lucky than good, and this is clearly an example of that! Lots of preliminary work and planning could never have anticipated the run up to our Big Day.

The good news was that the day we headed to SC dawned bright and sunny ... and windy. This was the aftermath to a day of high wind and torrential rain, which trapped at least one of us at an airport in NJ with no way to get back to RDU. Fortunately, luck broke in our direction and my flight landed at RDU at 3am ... leaving a 9 hour margin for sleep and final trip prep. Yikes!

Fortunately, with good weather on travel day and the route already prepared it was simply a matter of getting to the Rally Point. The worst problem of the entire trip happened at the start; we (I) managed to leave the carefully prepared route sheets at home on the kitchen table. Oops. Fortunately we were able to e-mail it to all participants and we started the first leg with 13 cars and 24 people exactly on time. "Time" was a key concept here since we had arranged to meet other groups
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MEMBERSHIP CORNER

This month, we'd like to give a warm Tarheel welcome to **51** new and returning members and associate members. This brings our total chapter membership to **2,797!** Our membership is the lifeblood of the Club. Without your participation, there would be no Club. We offer a wide variety of activi-

ties, and welcome the opportunity to get to know you better at some of these events. We encourage you to contact your Area Coordinator to find out about local dinner meetings and other ways to get involved in YOUR club. Come join us, you'll have a great time!

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PAUL HOECKE *Notes from the road*
And Now For Something A Bit Different

Today, I'm putting my usual ramblings on hold. Why? Because it's April which just happens to be our club's birthday – well, birth month if you want to be picky. Anyway, it's the perfect opportunity for me to look back in time and then fast-forward to the present, to demonstrate how far this chapter has progressed in the forty-two years since it was founded back in 1974.

Mind you, when I talk about progress, I don't mean size or organization; I mean mental maturity.

You see, back in the Days of Yore, when this club – I am, of course, referring to the Tarheel Chapter, BMW CCA – was a mere infant (and some of you reading this weren't even born), we were a bit wacky. Oh, we loved BMWs at least as much as we do today, but being a minority in the automotive landscape, we felt pretty smug about having a corner on what was clearly destined to be the future of personal transportation in this country. (At least, so we thought.) And that smugness – not to say elitism – exhibited itself in some pretty bizarre ways.

Like for instance, the editors of this publication would pick the April issue to go off on a kind of journalistic excursion into LaLa Land. They'd publish a parody issue of FOOTNOTES – actually an insert titled Toe 'n' Heel Feetnutz – which featured wildly creative 'tech tips' that would allegedly solve certain recurring problems early BMWs were prone to. This was ostensibly in recognition of April Fools' Day; but in reality it was the editors testing club members' sense of humor and, in

some cases, their gullibility too.

A popular topic of this bogus April issue was something called the Cochabamba Distributor, which supposedly would turn a 2002 into a fire-breathing Corvette killer. The distributor was real; it didn't have any spectacular features except for its spark advance. But it was also 'rare' in that it was only installed in 2002s delivered in Bolivia (because of the country's 8,400-foot average altitude above sea level), which for some local '02 aficionados raised its desirability quotient to stratospheric heights. At least one club member (who shall remain nameless) raised a tremendous ruckus, threatening all kinds of mayhem including secession from the club, all because he tried to order one through the club and couldn't. (It proved that some people can't recognize a joke.)

Other so-called tips really pushed the credibility envelope, suggesting weird tricks such as cross-wiring coolant temperature gauges and fuel gauges. The result – declining coolant readings combined with a rising fuel level – was said to guarantee vastly lower mental stress for Bavaria drivers concerned about their cars' woefully inadequate radiators. (Readers were blithely told to ignore the fuel readings.)

There were long articles, too – such as the totally fictional one about the wanderings of a spare water pump that was passed, allegedly 'as a club service', from one Bavaria driver to another in anticipation of the pump's failure, a frequent cause of worry with E3s back then. (Excessively tightened V-belts used to destroy water pump bearings

with numbing frequency.) Except, so the story went, the one time a guy REALLY needed that spare pump, he'd just passed it on to the next Bavaria owner.

And the arrival electronic fuel injection (FI) spawned apocryphal Letters to the Editor, such as the one asking: "If we now have Moe-tronic FI, shouldn't earlier systems (i.e. D and L-Jetronic) be called Curly and Larry-tronic?" (Evidently, the author of this gem was a Three Stooges fan.)

Some anecdotes were real, inserted in an attempt at legitimate humor. One that my good buddy Phil Williamson reminds me of was about the club member who drove from Raleigh to Daytona for the big race – and couldn't figure why his fuel consumption on the return trip was worse than before. A friend, having listened to the guy's complaints, suggested it was a matter of terrain and elevation. Pointing to the road map, he said (with a dead-pan expression): "Driving to Daytona, you were headed down. But coming back, you were going up." And so it went.

No wonder some more rational club mem-

The Editor's Desk...

If you, like myself, are an aficionado of car themed T-shirts (and BMW in particular) you will want to listen up!

The BMW Car Club of America Foundation has been offering up some great looking designs of late. The most recent of which (just went up on their site for pre-order in March) is the "Art of Racing" design - "Exclusive T-shirts in both men's and ladies cut. The design is celebrating BMW racing in the U.S. From the iconic Nick Craw 2002 up to the current BMW RLL M6 GTLM."

Some of the other really nice designs they are currently featuring on the site are the "BMW is 100" and the BMW #59 E9 3.0CSL T-shirts - both very nice!

If you have not seen their store site, they have everything from photos, hats, posters, shirts, autographed items, etc., all BMW related - check it out at www.bmwccafoundationstore.com/

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bers at the time expressed serious doubts about the editors' sanity, not to mention suspicions about their outré smoking habits. (I'm not trying to imply anything, but this was, after all, during the Tripping Seventies.)

If you're wondering what I'm leading up to, it's this: If there's one thing this trip down memory lane points up, it's the striking contrast between what was then and the present-day club. Clearly, we've matured. We're still BMW fans, perhaps more than before. But we're no longer a bunch of car nuts thumbing our noses at everyone who isn't part of our little world.

Oh, I'll readily admit that reminiscing about those inane early days caused me to wax a bit nostalgic, but only for a nanosecond, no more. Recalling all those silly April stories was enough of an antidote. (I guess that's what growing up is all about.)

These days, BMWs are part of the automotive mainstream; and so is our club. As an organization, we take to heart every part of our mission as stated in our bylaws, especially the one about promoting "interest in motoring and touring [and] safe and skillful driving." But those phrases would be empty rhetoric, were it not for the active participation of individual club members who make things happen, whether as club officers, or Area Coordinators, or volunteers helping run events such as our driver schools and Street Survival clinics. Heck, even your attending a monthly dinner meeting in your Area is important. As someone has said, 99 percent of life is showing up; and to quote the Membership Corner blurb on Page 1 of this issue, "our membership is the lifeblood of the Club." Just getting to know your fellow BMW fans will make your membership worthwhile. Besides, you never know what you may learn – stuff that will enhance your 'BMW Experience' – until you sit down at that dinner table.

In short, your participation is what makes our club the success it is today.

That's why I hope you're at our Annual Meeting and Banquet, which are taking place at VIR as this issue of FOOTNOTES comes off the press.

There's a pretty important amendment to our bylaws on the books, and your vote is key in determining if the amendment accepted or rejected. Another item on the meeting agenda is the announcement that Bud Boren is retiring as Chapter Treasurer, after twenty-two years in that position! He is handing the financial baton to Andy Barbee, formerly one of the Charlotte Area Coordinators, who won your vote in the recent election. And that's not all.

After some sixteen years of Board service, as Chapter VP, President and most recently Member-at-Large, JoElla John has (for personal reasons) decided to resign from her position on the Board. And guess what: Having hailed Bud Boren for his many years of dedicated service (including Activities prior to his Treasurer job), the Board chose to 'recycle' Bud by appointing him Member-at-Large in place of JoElla! (I'll leave it to Bud to explain why he is willing to be such a glutton for punishment.)

And that brings me back to the matter of your participation. Clearly, there will come a time when one or another of the people who keep this club running – as Board members, Area Coordinators or in other functions – will want to step down. And that person's replacement will be someone who feels he or she has the skills, the interest and, above all, the love of our favorite marque to take on the job. That individual may be you. So, if you're willing, let the Board know you're interested. Rest assured; you'll be welcomed with open arms.

But if serving the club in some capacity isn't your cup of tea, I still urge you to get involved in our club's activities. So, go ahead; join Triangle Area Coordinator Robert McIsaac in one of the driving events he organizes (like the BMW factory tour he put together in February); or rub shoulders with likeminded folks to hear Ray Korman, the unrivaled dean of our local club racing crowd, hold forth at his Open House later this month.

After all, why join a car club if you're gonna stay a paper member.



Pinehurst Concours d'Elegance 2016 – Special Ticket Offer for Tarheel Chapter Members

This year marks the 4th year of this increasingly impressive event which includes a wonderful collection of cars displayed on the fairway at the Pinehurst Golf Resort in Pinehurst, NC.

The format for the year changes a bit with everything now happening on a Saturday vs. Sunday as in the past. The event this year happens on Saturday April 30, 2016. See here for more details.

pinehurstconcours.com/

And as they started doing last year, the car club corrals are now located on an adjacent fairway to the main event (which features a collection of really special cars in the judged classes). But as we saw last year the combined Porsche, Mercedes, Corvette, BMW, Italian exotics, and other marques displayed in the car corrals represented a really great collection of cars, too. They now call the club corral section of the event the Fairway Club. And getting into the Fairway Club means you get to park in the “middle” of the Concours (vs. some remote parking lot). For more details, see here.

pinehurstconcours.com/fairway-club

BUT tickets to the Fairway Club are NOT available to the general public. And you can't find a link to buy them on the Concours website. You have to be a member of one of the “invited” car clubs to get access to the Fairway Club. And Tarheel Chapter BMW CCA members are “invited”

again this year. Do keep in mind, the Concours organizers request that we not share this link to non-Tarheel Chapter members to keep this as a special arrangement for car club members only. So here is the special link for Fairway Club tickets.

events.cuetoems.com/pcde_2016/OnlineTicketSales.aspx?l=bmw16

I do need to let you know, due to high demand for Fairway Club tickets from all of the other car clubs, there are only a limited number of spaces still available. Do act fast if you want to participate. On the order page, please be sure to insert the car club designee name as Thomas Hart (our AC in the Sand Hills). That's how the ticket office knows to assign you to the Tarheel Chapter area for BMWs.

If you may have already purchased spectator tickets, the Concours ticket office has graciously offered to refund/exchange these tickets for Fairway Club tickets. After you purchase your Fairway Club tickets, call the Concours ticket office and ask for “Lauren”. She will be able to help you with this change.

Would be really great to see some of you bring your special, not too often seen BMWs to display as part of the Fairway Club. Sparkling clean or all original is equally appreciated.

Hope to see a good turnout by the Tarheel Chapter this year! **-Victor Varney**

CLUB RACING REPORT

BY PAUL HOECKE

More VIR Preview; Plus NASA, BWR Briefs

Well, fellow club racing fans – as you read this (on our website) our big spring race at VIR is only a short week away. It's your opportunity to enjoy great road-course racing in VIR's park-like, spectator-friendly environment – a race track which, in our estimation, has no equal.

Mind you, to call the event a biggie is no hype. After all, with hardly any BMW CCA Club Racing (CR) events taking place anywhere on the North American Continent prior to this race, VIR is the undisputed 2016 season opener, not only for just about every hot shoe from up and down the Eastern Seaboard but racers from other parts of the country too.

Small wonder that club racers from all over have been flocking to the registration site like the storied swallows of San Juan Capistrano for a couple of months now. And when we say 'all over' we're not just blowin' smoke. At press time, the dozens of entrants included more early birds from our neighbor, the North Atlantic Region, than from our region.

What's more, our remark about the swallows isn't all that far off the mark either; last we checked there was at least one entry from the Pacific Region on the roster!

Registrations by our local racing crowd have been running pretty much on a par with those of racers from other parts of our region. Our Early Bird Award goes to five local hot shoes, M3T pilots Billy Glavin and Alan Davis, and Spec E36 drivers Phil Antoine, Mark Fishero, and Tom Tice; they signed up way back in February. But then, we're betting that the list will be a lot longer by the time the first green flag flies.

That will be on Friday, as the weekend's first race gets underway. If the past is any indication, it will be a sprint race. Like the weekend's three other races – another sprint and an enduro Saturday, plus the feature sprint Sunday – it will be for points, meaning it's the perfect opportunity for racers to get a great start in their chase of a national or regional class championship this year. This virtually guarantees that competition will be pretty fierce.

By then, a couple of dozen wannabe racers will have completed the racing school that BimmerWorld is hosting at the track on Thursday and Friday. Most of them are driving BMWs, but there's a scattering of Porsches too – and one guy in a Honda. (Hey, we're not that particular.) And who knows? Maybe some of them will graduate and get their baptism by fire in that first sprint.

Finally, lest we forget, Saturday is when Tarheel Chapter is hosting our Annual Club Race Outing for club members, their families and friends. It will feature a hospitality tent, where you can grab some refreshments and club regalia; and the traditional noon-time parade laps around the race course which allow all you non-racers to sample what driving VIR is like – though in a somewhat more sedate manner.

But wait; there's more. The weekend also happens to be the season opener for the Vintage Drivers Club of America (VDCA). It's their Fourteenth Annual Wild Hare Run, which in the past has always packed the paddock and the track with a lot of interesting machinery. And this year they're inviting members of the Vintage Racing Group (VRG) to join in the fun. Organized by run groups

featuring everything from vintage sports sedans to open-wheel formula racecars, the vintage guys will do their share in turning the weekend into a truly colorful spectacle.

In short, it's an event you don't want to miss, whether you enjoy watching any kind of car racing or are strictly a fan of BMWs in racing trim. So go ahead; sign up for the Outing. You'll have a great time.

Meanwhile, in NASA racing news, the two 'local' regions, Mid-Atlantic and Southeast, joined forces for the big 'Race for The Pi' event at Road Atlanta last month. Predictably, the entrant list was huge. However, it seems few local hot shoes showed up; we only spotted two on the registration list: Jon 'the Jet' Kozlow, who came to instruct in his specialty, Time Trials; and Spec E30 racer Paul Patrick, who pretty much sticks to NASA events. In any case, though, we can't give you any results because the event took place shortly after we filed this report.

We're in the same hole when it comes to BimmerWorld Racing (BWR), as they renew their

chase of the 2016 Street Tuner (ST) class crown in the IMSA CTSCC series. Namely, Round Two of the series, at Sebring last month, also took place after our filing deadline for this issue.

At last report, team owner/driver James Clay had his troops working overtime on improving the reliability of their cars in preparation for the Sebring race. Considering that the No. 84 F30 turbo of Clay and Tyler Cooke gave up its ghost forty-nine laps into the Daytona series opener back in January, Team BWR must have been glad to have all those weeks to fix the gremlins that keep plaguing their cars. One bright spot may be the team's two newcomers, Jerry Kaufman and Kyle Tilley. Driving the No. 81 car, they qualified 12th at Daytona and managed to hang in there to the finish, despite a few bumps which cost them some ground and left them in 19th place at the checker. But the fact that the duo did finish in what must have been a sink-or-swim debut says something.

We're looking forward to telling you all about them as well as BWR's results at Sebring in our next report. So stay tuned.



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ON THE COVER:

along the way to Spartanburg! The first pit stop was, appropriately enough, in Pittsboro, NC. Another group of Beemers met us there. A quick Gas 'n Go had us back on the road for a stunningly pretty drive through the Uwharrie Mountains which offered beautiful views, nicely maintained roads and modest traffic. NC-49 is worth the trip.

After a quick blast around Charlotte, just ahead of rush hour, we made another quick stop at Kings Mountain, NC. A little more gas, a little more coffee, and we were ready for a quick blitz down I-85 to dinner in SC. We had reservations at the Macaroni Grill near the BMW factory. A call early in the day (imagine this conversation: "I'd like to make a reservation for 20-40 friends ...") had given fair warning to the team so when 32 people arrived for dinner they were ready. It would be hard to overstate just how good the staff was. Meals all arrived together and on time. They were all hot and tasted fantastic. By the time we closed the place everyone agreed ... it had been a "most awesome" experience. Time to finally get some sleep.

Tour day (i.e., Friday) also dawned sunny and dry. A quick breakfast led to a Rally in the parking lot and a quick shot to the factory. With the Zentrum closed, finding the entrance to the tour proved a little problematic but with a time buffer built into the schedule we were all set and ready to tour at 9:30am. One minor problem of course ... we understated the number of participants a bit! With 38 people on the tour, we gobbled up two tours via the trams AND a walking tour! The factory staff was great and the trams very cool; with seats from an X5, these are the best trams anyone is likely to ever experience. Ever.

The factory tour itself never gets old of course. Seeing the precision of the manufacturing process, which is choreography of people and machines, is simply fantastic. As the world-wide source for X-vehicles, the SC factory is simply a "must see" space. With typical German precision, the tour was exactly on time ... which had us set for the next stop on our adventure. With the factory museum (Zentrum) closed, someone men-

tioned that the BMWCCA Foundation museum might make for a good alternative venue. Wow!!! What an understatement.

The BMWCCA Foundation has a great mission for supporting youth driving skills and preservation of key information for the brand. They currently have a modestly sized warehouse facility that is a little hard to find ... but a gold mine of Roundel goodies. This now is a shared space that covers both BMWCCA (Bimmers) and BMWMOA (Beemers) material and it was amazing to see the likes of a Schnitzer-powered 2002 racer next to an E9 next to an R1100S. The staff had rallied volunteers to help with the tour ... and gave all 38 of our tour mates a great experience. Impossible to say enough nice things about the tour. If you want to help out, they are selling bricks to support building a new facility ... and happily accept donations of BMW memorabilia. If you want to get more details, Michael Mitchell is the curator and was immensely helpful in organizing this event. He can be contacted at michael.mitchell@bmwc-cafoundation.org or (864) 438-2055.

By now we were hungry. Again. So we headed down the road to Theo's Family Restaurant for a great lunch experience. Showing up with this many people is always a challenge but they handled it with smiles and aplomb.

After lunch it was time to head home. Another nice ride up the byways of SC/NC was simply a hoot. What a great way to spend a few days with an awesome group of people. And, of course, the vehicles were fun as well. For our X3, it was a chance to spend "her" first birthday back at the factory. We had a new M4 ... an M3 in Interlagos Blue ... an E46 with 312k miles on the clock ... and lots of wicked cool stuff in between. We had someone join us from Roanoke VA ... and a long distance runner from Whiteville NC.

Great people, great cars, great food, nice roads and good weather. Put it all together and it was ... "awesome!!!" Leading, of course, to the question ... what's next?? **-Robert McIsaac**

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BMW Tech Day



Once again, I BIG thank you to Dan Connor at the Bimmer Performance Center. Dan and his team hosted us on Saturday, February 6, for a BMW tech day. Graced with a sunny, cool, morning and the promise of kicking tires while drinking free coffee, we had a perfect storm event. By the time it was all over we lost track of the number of participants at something north of 50. The final tally was likely closer to 70 which exceeded our estimates informing both the amount of coffee and the number of parking spaces to allocate. To be clear, this is a great “problem” to have!

Dan and his team showed us around the recently expanded shop, which now includes fabrication capabilities, suspension alignment equipment similar to what is available at the dealer and a large, clean, workspace. In addition to preparing both E36 and E46 track cars there was a very stealthy M5 in for some “special tuning”. The newly fabricated turbo gates for this installation were really impressive; it was also “top secret” so no pictures allowed!

Of course, a personal favorite, the “labor of love” E30 with the 5 L V-8 under the bonnet, was

center stage. There is nothing subtle about a car painted in a blue hue that would be right at home on an original Mach 1.

And then there was the parking lot! At least half a dozen E30s were joined by an amazing array of street and trackable vehicles. A stunning red 2002 made a nice contrast to an M4 convertible is Silverstone. In between were a dizzying array of Bavaria’s finest coach work from the last half-century

The BPC team came prepared to show us all how the dynamometer works. An E36 with almost 300k on the clock acted as dyno demo for the event which had the software engineer show how to flash the onboard computer with varying settings to crank up the excitement level. We are well beyond torque wrenches and air hammers at this point!

All too soon it was time to saddle up and head home. A great time was had by all. Bimmers and Bagels make for a nice start to any weekend! Ride safe and keep the greasy side down! **-Robert McIsaac**

Crank it Up!



It was a dark and stormy night, but that didn't deter a hearty band of the BMW faithful from venturing out for some hot laps in a cool place in Garner, NC. The target of our attention was Rusk Hour Karting, a local venue that combines a great (indoor) track with a tavern that offers some surprisingly good burgers, pizza and other fare to fuel the needs of open wheel racer wannabes!

After grabbing a quick snack, it was time to head for the driver's briefing room for the "pre-flight" instructions on the do's and the don'ts. Green pedal, go faster: check. Red pedal: go slower: check. No bumping, drafting, crashing or any other NASCAR moves: check.

With 15 people at the event, we had to break into three groups, which actually made it even more entertaining as we watched for hot laps, consistency, thrills and the occasional spills

(read: epic spins). Some do this on a regular basis, while others haven't done it in a period measured in decades. Some came with spouses while others came with friends ... or parents. No matter who was there, we all had a great time.

It may not be Road America or VIR, but getting off the on "marbles" remains a hair-raising adventure. Losing track of a car behind you can make the next turn way too narrow, or lose the momentum needed to shoot the next apex. Always critical to keep the motors on these things spinning and up on the cam.

All too quickly it was time to head for the pits and park 'em for the evening. A great time was had by all ... now we need to plan our next adventure. The hot shoes in the local Subaru club are ready for some good natured competition! -**Robert McIsaac**



Raleigh Dinner Update



After a weekend that featured snow, ice, sleet, brine trucks and monsoon-like rains, it was a special gift to have the sun return and the temps soar into the 60's for the day of our dinner. You have to love winter in NC. Just a tease on the cold and nasty stuff, then a sudden return to spring-like weather. For those of us who migrated from the North, this is heaven.

The combination of good weather, brine free roads and the promise of a good meal had 22 venture out to the CPK at Triangle Town Center. As always, the staff was waiting for us ... and made it a great experience. Long before we got there, of course, there was much tire kicking and storytelling to be done. In addition to getting a lesson on top stowage on an M4 drop top, we got to explore the joys of Z4 ownership, marvel at the fuel economy on the Bimmer diesels and meet several new members who were "out and about" for the first

club event.

We also got an update on a very full performance driving school schedule for the next few months (if you haven't registered already, time to firewall it) and heard about a range of upcoming autocross events sponsored by the Triangle Sports Car Club. Dates for those events are on their website.

We also have a full list of country road driving events coming up! A trip to Halifax to explore a bit of the history preceding the Declaration of Independence is now booked for April 9.

Great story telling continued at dinner. A factory pickup of an R60/2 (that's a Beemer not a Bimmer) was fantastic; hearing about German engineering and build quality was wunderbar.

All too soon it was time to saddle up and head for home. **-Robert McIsaac**

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Please register in advance so we can plan for the Parade laps and snacks.

Register on MotorsportReg (www.motorsportreg.com). Search for "Club Race Outing".

Spectator tickets to enter VIR can be purchased at the VIR Main Gate on the day of the event (typically \$10 each for ages 12+). After parking, go to the Tarheel BMW Reception Tent near the False Grid for check in. If you wish to participate in the free Parade Laps, you must sign the Tarheel waiver and get an armband prior to noon. There will be someone as you line up on the False Grid checking for armbands. Please Remember: All persons going on the track (drivers & passengers) must sign the waiver and get an armband.

Drivers: Come to the Tarheel Reception Tent at 11:45am to attend a short driver's meeting before lining up your cars. There will be a pace car and a chase car.

For information contact:

Jonathan & Maria Strine
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LOCAL SCENE

ASHEVILLE AREA DINNER

Date: **Last Tuesday each month**

Time: 6:30 pm

Where: Carrabba's Italian Grill
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CAPE FEAR AREA

Date: **3rd Wednesday each month**

Time: 6:30 pm

Where: The Forest clubhouse at Cape Fear National golf course, located in the Brunswick Forest development in Leland, which is just off Highway 17 south of town.

For dinner information, call Alan Greene at H (910) 228-5037, C (910) 512-5652 in Leland, email: cagreen48@gmail.com - Please RSVP by 3rd Monday for headcount.

CHARLOTTE AREA I DINNER

Date: **3rd Thursday each month**

Time: 7 p.m.

Where: Waldhorn Restaurant
12101 Lancaster Hwy (Old Hwy 521)
Pineville, NC
(Located near Carolina Place Mall)
(704) 540-7047

We're still hanging out at the Waldhorn Restaurant on the third Thursday of each month. Contact Chris Webber at H: (704) 523-9118 C: 704-906-8876 or e-mail at christopher.b.webber@gmail.com to RSVP. Please join us (great German food and beer). See you there!

CHARLOTTE AREA II

Date: **4th Thursday each month**

Time: 7 p.m.

Where: Acropolis Cafe
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Please email Bob Atkinson for more information at bobbmwcca@gmail.com or call (704) 906-4315.

DOWNEAST AREA (Greenville, Wilson Rocky Mt)

No information available at this time.

HURRICANE REGION AREA (New Bern, Jacksonville, Morehead City)

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NORTHERN MOUNTAIN AREA DINNER

Contact Abby Jane Carpenter for more information. carpentergreer@yahoo.com

ROANOKE AREA

Date: **2nd Tuesday each month**

Time: 7:00 pm

Where: Pizza Pasta Pit
1713 Riverview Dr

Near corner of Electric Road & Apperson Dr.
(540) 387-2885.

Announcements via BMW CCA Meet-Up Group - Roanoke.

SANDHILLS AREA

Date: **(4th Wednesday each month)**

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Where: Luigi's Restaurant
(www.luigisnc.com)
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TRIAD AREA EAST DINNER (Greensboro)

<http://www.tarheelbmwcca.org>

Date: **3rd Wednesday each month**
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Where: Pie Works
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Please contact Gareth Holl for more information at hollsome@gmail.com

TRIANGLE AREA DINNER (CHAPEL HILL)

Date: **1st Wednesday each month**
Time:
Where:

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