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ON THE COVER:



Korman Autoworks Open House: Woody Allen once said “Tradition is the illusion of permanence”. I suppose the legendary comedian has never visited Greensboro, North Carolina, where Korman Autoworks recently held their 36th Annual Open House, hosting BMW enthusiasts from far and wide. For the uninitiated - such as Mr. Allen - the Korman Open House is a spring ritual for NC BMW fans as we kick off our “driving season” by finishing our projects, dusting off our garage queens, washing our dailies, and heading to the ultimate North American homecoming for the iconic BMW E30.

A frigid Saturday morning did not prevent the die-hards from rolling out in large numbers, with multiple caravans from Raleigh and Charlotte cruising to Korman Auto during the wee hours of the morning. The doors were set to open at 10AM, and by then the parking lot looked like the ‘80s had invaded, with dozens of e30s taking up majority of prime parking real estate. People braved the cold in light t-shirts, reuniting with their cross-state friends for the first time since the New Year, and keeping warm with handshakes and lighthearted jokes. It was truly spectacular to walk around, checking out all of the beautiful examples of the Ultimate Driving Machine that had come out of *(continued on page 4)*

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

This month, we’d like to give a warm Tarheel welcome to **59** new and returning members and associate members. This brings our total chapter membership to **2,825!** 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*
Murphy Was An Optimist

You're probably familiar with Murphy's Law. In fact, I'll bet any owner of a BMW or other make car is acquainted with it – providing he or she spends any amount of time poking around under the hood or in any other part of said vehicle's innards. And that goes double for the mechanics – sorry, Technicians – who get paid for doing this, whether they work for an authorized dealer or an independent. But for the record – and at the risk of being redundant – I'll remind you of what the law is all about.

Basically, Murphy's Law states that if anything can go wrong, it will.

Of course, like any rule we make up, it also has developed many corollaries, clauses and subsets which fit a myriad of situations. However, it appears that their main function is to provide any wrench twirler who has come to grief in any way, big or small, with convenient excuses why things did go wrong

All that leads me to a question that has bothered me for quite some time: Is Murphy's Law truly a law?

And upon careful consideration, I'd say that it isn't. As I see it, it isn't up there with, say, Newton's Third Law, which states that for each action there's an equal and opposite reaction. (The fact that you recoil after painfully bumping your head against your car's hood has nothing to do with Murphy's Law.)

I don't know who Murphy was, but it strikes me that his alleged law is in the same category as two other so-called laws which also offer useful explanations for failure.

There's the Peter Principle which (as you may recall) proposes that any working individual shall be promoted up to and including the level of his or her incompetence. One of its corollaries states that those who can't do, teach; those who can't teach, administrate; and those who can't administrate are wont to theorize, philosophize or (if they have a law degree) legislate. Applied to car work, this encompasses all those kibitzers who offer you unwanted (and bad) advice but won't lift a finger to help while you wrench.

And then there's Meier's Maxim, which states that any fact which contradicts or otherwise doesn't fit a particular theory shall be disposed of. I won't go into really big issues (such as Climate Change) where this may apply, but I will suggest that it's a phenomenon encountered time and again in many garages. ("Yeah, those coolant hoses may be ten years old, but they still look pretty good to me.")

What I'm driving at is that in reality, Murphy's Law is mainly if not exclusively about human error. And to prove my point, allow me to cite a few real-life examples.

One of Murphy's corollaries states that Interchangeable Parts Don't. We – i.e. several BMW cognoscenti including me – were recently faced with this one while installing a new windshield on an E 30. Everything was ready. The rubber seal which goes around the windshield had arrived via FedEx; the part number on the package matched the specs; soapy water was at hand. But when we started fitting the seal onto the windshield, it turned out to be more than two inches too long!

(Expletive deleted!)

Clearly, the seal must have been packed by someone who was either lusting for a hot date Friday night or too hung over to see straight Monday morning. If that ain't human error, what is?

Another one of Murphy's clauses has it that a Broken Component Shall Be Found To Be Fine – After It's Been Replaced. This is the scenario popularized in jokes about surgeons amputating the wrong limb, but it also occurs when a car problem is fixed by progressively throwing new parts (and money) at it.

In my case, it was a yaw sensor on my Z 3 which dashboard lights said needed replacing. But after doing so with a huge amount of effort (removing a car seat is no fun), and at great expense I might add, those stupid lights were still on. A check of the code reader (something I should've done to begin with) showed that it was actually the much cheaper sensor next to the yaw gizmo that needed replacing! (Duh!)

Finally, I'll mention Murphy's dictum that a dropped component or tool will fall in precisely

The Editor's Desk...

Other than battery technology, the biggest hurdle to achieving electro-motive critical mass is infrastructure - new production methods/tooling, charging stations, dealing with battery recycling, consumer mind-set, etc. will all take time to work out - and BMW is on the move.

BMW recently announced its plans to expand electro-mobility to the Dingolfing Plant and will begin producing the fully electric BMW iNEXT there in 2021. This move is clearly designed to position BMW for the flexibility they will need as the world transitions to electric cars.

"Going forward, the BMW production system will create structures that enable our production facilities to build models with a combustion engine, plug-in hybrid or fully electric drive train at the same time. This will give us unique flexibility and put us in an optimal position on the cost side", Oliver Zipse, BMW Group Board of Management member, responsible for Production said.

I am both excited for our automotive future, yet sad and nostalgic for our dino-burners... Still waiting on my personal jet-pack by the way. **-ed.**



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the manner that guarantees the most damage. The real-life variations on this theme which come to mind are too numerous to relate here. Suffice to say, every time you reach for a tool, make damn sure there's nothing breakable in its path, for chances are you'll drop the tool – probably because you didn't wipe the oil from your fingers (or Nitrile glove).

A long-time friend of mine who was a student of human behavior used to remark that Murphy was an optimist. He was right; the real law is the Goof Factor infecting all of us.

So next time you feel like cursing Murphy, consider first where you went wrong – and learn.



ON THE COVER:

their winter hibernation for this event.

Ray Korman, not to be outdone by his guests, had a #51 CSL Coupe on display for everyone to admire, staging it right in front of the restored #28 tribute E30. But the #28 was the last years story. For 2017 "Mister BMW" recounted his days in mid 1970s, when Bavarian Motor Works first introduced their 3.0 CSL "Batmobile" to American race series. His nostalgic introduction lead into a 20 minute video of the E9 CSL history and racing achievements.

Following the video, Korman took us on another journey through time to BMW CCA Oktoberfest to celebrate the BMW Centennial at Monterey Car Week in 2016. Going through slide after slide of beautiful cars, he closed out in style with the Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion at Laguna Seca, where he had had the opportunity to drive

the #28 M3 in parade laps until the green flag dropped and the parade was over.

After Korman's trip down memory lane, Korman Autoworks fed us with wurst, kraut, and pretzels, with strudel for dessert. As the attendees chowed down, raffle prizes rolled out, and people began shuffling for their raffle tickets and saying their prayers for the prizes they wished to take home. Despite there being far fewer prizes than prayers, we were all happy for those who were lucky enough to win.

At the end of the day, Korman Autoworks hosted 30 e30s, including those on display indoors. Despite being a cold morning preceding a snow forecast, it was a great turn-out and a great time at a traditional favorite. See you all next year.

-Art Magitman (with edits by Cark Gomberg)

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 - Rally Point #2: Depart from Exxon Station off US-64, at 32 Powell Pl Ln, Pittsboro, NC 27312, at 3pm.
- Objective: This will be an overnight adventure that will take us to participate in a driving school at the BMW Performance Center ... driving their M-Cars. Registration for the event is open now. Cost per student is \$795 / day.
- Objective Alternative: An alternative agenda (site-seeing / shopping) will be arranged for non-driving spouses. Greenville is a great place to tour!
- Friday Dinner: Macaroni Grill, 105 E Beacon Dr, Greenville, SC 29615 (Target 7pm)
- Suggested Hotel: Marriott Courtyard (GSP), 115 The Parkway, Greenville, SC, USA 29615 (AAA Rates)
- Duration: Figure 4.5 hours of driving each way (each day).
- Contact Information: For details, connect with Rob McIsaac at Raleigh.BMWCCA.Activities@gmail.com or 919-880-8012.



CLUB RACING REPORT

BY PAUL HOECKE

Wilkins, Glavin Post Three Wins Each at VIR

Welcome to May, fellow club racing fans!

Now that the 2017 racing season is in full swing, we may expect an uptick in action on tracks around our neck of the woods. We are of course talking mainly about events put on by sanctioning bodies favored by members of our homegrown racing crowd – BMW CCA Club Racing (CR), NASA and ChumpCar's Eastern Division. The CR scene in particular may get more exciting for our track warriors if a rumored development – the inclusion of other marques in addition to BMW – takes effect.

How much of that is actually gonna happen is up to the powers that be, as well as our local hot shoes and the time and effort they're willing and able to muster. All we can promise is that we'll try to keep up. Meanwhile, here's what's been happening these past couple of months.

Taking first things first, last month's club race at VIR lived up to expectations and then some. With close to fifty cars in ten classes and some fifty-five drivers, the field was right-sized for the track and competitive too. What's more, one-third of the entrants were from our chapter. In fact, the ten-car Spec E36 contingent was almost entirely made up of local drivers. And except for gusty, chilly winds on Friday, the weekend's weather was sunny and mild. So what's not to like?

Well, maybe the only fly in the ointment from our standpoint was that in the event's three races – two 20-minute sprints with a one-hour enduro in between – only a few local hot shoes finished anywhere near the front. Some of that was due to several really fast frontrunners like C-Mod racer Todd Brown, who set a pace no one could match to win overall in all three races with margins as high as 43 seconds. But the recently repaved track may have had a lot to do with this too, as a num-

ber of drivers (including several of our track warriors) posted personal record times.

Still, our guys were no slouches. All but two completed all three races, and a few finished in the money. Rich Abraham (IP E36 M3) posted the two highest finishes by a Tarheel driver with a class victory in fourth place overall in the long race and sixth overall in the first sprint. But John Wilkins was the most consistent, fending off challenges from several local class rivals to post three Spec E36 class victories. Billy Glavin, the lone E30 M3 driver at the event, also chalked up three solo M3T wins; and April Curtis took the D-Mod crown in the first sprint.

And lest we forget, the VDCA part of the event also saw several local drivers hit the track in their BMWs. Ray Korman was there in his No.28 325e, and so was Al 'the Rev' Taylor. In fact, Al won his class with a seventh-overall finish in the Vintage enduro; and so did Billy Glavin, who teamed up with his dad Bill in their vintage 3.0 CSL to take the checker in fifth overall. All in all, it was great racing weekend all around.

Meanwhile, Tarheel racers were also pretty busy on local NASA circuits. Three of them – Chip Stabler and Phil Franz (both in GTS3), and Paul Patrick (Spec E30) – raced in the Southeast Region's event at Roebing Road on the same weekend as the CR race at VIR. Stabler and Franz finished one-two in class in each of the weekend's two sprint races, while Patrick ended up in mid-pack both times. Previously, in March, Franz had also chalked up one class win in the 'Race for the Pi' at Road Atlanta. And the Mid-Atlantic Region's 'March Madness' race at VIR saw a familiar cast of characters as seven local hot shoes came to do battle in two classes. Four of them – Carter Hunt, Colin Fabeny, Patrick and the 'Rev' – ran with the

23-car Spec E30 contingent, while three more – Jason Weaver, Sanjeev Duggal and Rich Zulman – duked it out in GTS3.

Weaver posted the best result, finishing second in class in the event's first sprint. Hunt also did well, with sixth and fifth-place finishes in that big E30 group, but the others ended up mainly in mid-pack both times – except for Duggal, who sat out the second race.

As far as local drivers go, the only hiatus we've noted was in the ChumpCar World Series. Although there were several Eastern Division races after the 12-hour event at VIR in March (covered in last month's report), all took place far enough from our neck of the woods to keep local teams from showing up. So the next race likely to see our track warriors compete is a 24-hour endurance event at VIR in August.

On the pro racing front, BimmerWorld Racing (BWR) once again encountered problems in the season's second Continental Tire SportsCar Challenge race at Sebring in March. Only this time, it

was fuel. Team owner James Clay qualified second and led the Street Tuner (ST) field during his stint at the wheel of the No. 84 328i. But a fueling problem during the handover to co-driver Tyler Cooke resulted in what Clay described as a "terrible" two-minute delay, so that Cooke started his stint in 13th place. But Cooke put the pedal to the metal, reeling in a bunch of cars, which enabled him to finish in sixth place.

BWR's other entry, the No.81 328i of Ari Balogh and Greg Liefoghe, started 14th, but Balogh was able to move up during his stint so that Liefoghe took over while running seventh. He ran well, moving up to as high as 4th place – until about four minutes before the checker, when the car ran out of fuel! That dropped them to fifteenth place at the finish. (Bummer!)

As you read this, Clay and his troops are in Austin, doing battle in Round Three of the series at COTA. If you feel like watching the action live, do like we do – catch it as it streams on the IMSA Racing site. (The dates are May 5 – 7.)



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One of the center pieces of the Tarheel Chapter's Annual Meeting and Banquet, on April 1, was the presentation of a donation from our chapter to the BMW CCA Foundation. To the applause of more than seventy club members assembled in VIR's Galleria, event emcee April Curtis presented Foundation Preservation Chair Scott Hughes with a check for \$1,000 in support of the Foundation's mission. As the meeting's featured guest speaker, Scott also spoke at some length about the BMW



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CCA's driving school and club racing programs as well as the Foundation's purpose, including the preservation and restoration of historically important BMWs, its library and of course its Street Survival program for young drivers. Prior to that, April and Paul Tillery regaled the audience with a tongue-in-cheek history of our chapter's High Performance Driving School (HPDS) program. It was an absolute hoot!

-Paul Hoecke

Tarheel Banquet and Annual Meeting

Our 2017 Banquet was a great event! There was a big crowd with over 100 present. It was an honor and pleasure to have as our guest speaker, Scott Hughes, the Preservation Chair for the BMW CCA Foundation. He spoke of his and his wife Fran's experiences early in the history of the BMW Club in planning and setting up to Driving Schools and Club Racing as well as sharing about his large collection of cars. He spoke of his racing and Concours experiences. He shared some great videos and pictures of his and other historic cars especially from the 100-year celebration in 2016 at Festorics and Oktoberfest in California.

Our emcee, April Curtis, entertained us all especially with the hilarious report she and Paul Tillery's gave on our 2016 High Performance Driving Schools.

The food, fun and fellowship were especially enjoyable. We thank all of those who attended and invite all of you to join us next time.

The Tarheel Club would like to thank all our sponsors and supporters for their generous endorsement of our club this year and all the past years.

We want to thank the following supporters for the exciting and generous gifts they donated for the door prize raffle:

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-Brenda Dunlevy

Greensboro Area Dinner Meeting

The first 2017 Triad – West Area (Greensboro) dinner meeting was held at 6:30pm on February 22nd at Uncle Maddio's Pizza Joint located in the Palladium Shopping area near Wendover Avenue and Highway 68. There were 16 people present.

This restaurant served all forms and flavors of pizza, salads, desserts, and adult beverages. Everyone ordered their pizzas and ate up while visiting with fellow Triad members. The food and fellowship was enjoyed by all.



We drew for a few door prizes and talked about suggestions for future meetings. Everyone liked the general area for the meeting but agreed to look at another restaurant due to the size of the parking lot.

The evening was cool but there was still time spent in the parking lot around our BMW's sharing our passion for these Ultimate Driving Machines.

If you live in the Greensboro area, join us for our next dinner. **-Brenda Dunlevy**



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April 2017 HPDS, VIR Full Course

For our spring High Performance Driving School, we had wet skies and track on Friday, but glorious, dry spring weather for Saturday and Sunday. And, as if the weekend weren't already fantastic, Billy Mitchell Jr. and Bert Howerton worked pit-out and control, a wonderful throw-back to so many of our HPDS's in years past.

On Saturday, after the track closed, we held our annual Business Meeting, in conjunction with a banquet at the Gallery at VIR. Our featured speaker was Scott Hughes, who was there with his wife, Fran. Scott and Fran have been BMW CCA members since 1970. They were instrumental in getting the BMW CCA HPDS program off the ground, as well as the BMW Club Racing program, which they started up in 1995.



We were in for a special treat from Scott and Fran: they brought their 1972 BMW 3.0 CSL to the track and gave as many ride-alongs to our participants as they could squeeze in. This car was one of just 19 built, and in its time, it competed very capably in the 24 Hours of Le Mans and similar BMW touring car racing events. Scott impressed everyone with his abilities to hurl that amazing automobile around the hills and turns of VIR.

Our thanks to our sponsors, our instructors, and all our fabulous students who came out! We always look forward to seeing you at our schools!

Our next HPDE will be on the VIR North Course, June 16-18. Registration opened on April 13, so go ahead and get signed up.

Enjoy life, and we hope to see you this June on the North Course! **-April Curtis**

Turning Money Into Noise... Again... at VIR

March 3rd dawn cool (borderline cold) and clear in The Triangle region, providing the perfect backdrop for a sprint to Southside Virginia for the planned Charity Laps event at VIR. These events are always a blast, with the track "team" offering a great opportunity to see the operations of the place in a very close and personal way ... and with the promise of drivers of any skill level getting out and working on their personal Walter Mitty story lines. While few of us will ever be driving

legends other than in our own minds, we can still have a great time chasing apexes and working on car control skills that are valuable on and off the track. Plus, these are great opportunities to meet new people and have a great lunch. What could be finer?

Apparently that is exactly what a large contingent of the Tar Heel Chapter decided as well! The day got off to a terrific start with a stop at the Bimmer Performance Center in Raleigh as the ini-

tial rally point. Dan Connor once again provided a great spread of coffee and donuts, ensuring a sugar rush that consumed the BMW faithful by the time we got to the drivers meeting. At 9am sharp, 13 cars and ~20 people headed out on a beautiful, winding, route northward. It took us less than 10 minutes to get broken up into two flights, something we had anticipated would happen at the tail end of rush hour traffic. Part way to VIR we rallied at our favorite BP station in Butner for a pit stop and coffee reload, before we headed on to the track. This time we intentionally broke into the two groups and made our way at a good pace north toward Roxboro, and across Hyco Lake. Along the way we discovered some new roads as we did a bit of “freestyle” cruising to work our way around centers of urban civilization. It was a blast.

Arriving at VIR only a few minutes apart, the two “squadrons” immediately pulled into the queue for the false grid ... and were joined by another group of Tar Heel Chapter members who came up from Durham, Henderson and other points beyond. An accurate count at this point was impossible ... but we estimated that there were more than 20 club member cars and more than 30 club members at the event. By any reasonable measure, that’s a huge group to participate and make a contribution to the Victory Junction charity that was set up by Kyle Petty in memory of his son, Adam, who was tragically lost in a testing accident at Loudon, NH, in 2000. It is impossible not be moved by the circumstances of Adam’s untimely death or the work that many people have contributed to help others in his memory in the intervening years. To borrow from their website, “located on 84 acres in Randleman, North Carolina, Victory Junction exists to enrich the lives of children with chronic or life-threatening illnesses by creating camping experiences that are memorable, fun, empowering, physically safe and medically sound”. Powerful stuff.

Of course, after we got lined up for the track, the next order of business was to eat! Some of us brought picnics, some went to the commissary (awesome burgers) ... and all had an epic culinary

experience. Watching the other cars in the pits or on the track is a time honored tradition for having fun at VIR. Checking on lines through corners and scrutinizing the “hot lap” drivers as they took passengers on thrill rides around the track is also fun ... and instructive. It is always helpful to see how the hot shoes navigate the Oak Tree Turn ... or swing past the sharp and curvy stuff in front of the picnic area. Notes to self are very helpful on the next runs taken by our crew.

While the VIR track has some very fast bits, the best parts are actually the very technical sections that allow for some technique refinement ... and line perfection. The “S” turns running up under the bridge before driving down into Oak Tree is a personal favorite section ... as is the diving down into Hog Pens at speed. Actually, the whole thing is simply “brilliant”. Making it a little more exciting than normal were the cool temps (which had the tires a little less “grippy” than usual) ... and the odd rain shower which briefly hit at one end of the track which induced a short but notable increase in the pucker factor on the back straight.

By 3pm, with multiple runs under our belts, it was time to head south again ... with the specific intention of missing the rush hour madness around Raleigh. Once again, traffic broke us into two groups ... both of which had spirited sprints down the mountains to get back to The Triangle. Arriving at home as the sun was setting the main feature that many expressed was “exhaustion” ... but in a good way. What could be better than BMW’s, track time, a picnic lunch and some beautiful weather? Perhaps something to be contemplated over hot pizza and cold beer ... as plans started to come together for the next adventure. Clearly, life is Better in a Bimmer.

-Robert McIsaac

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Beach Bimmers United!

Spring in NC can be a fickle friend. Some days are wonderfully warm and a great exit from our admittedly mild winters. Sometimes we will get a snap back to cool, stormier times. And sometimes we will get a day like the day we selected for our

Beach Bimmer run ... which was like a meteorological buffet, with a little bit of everything. Makes planning adventures in March a wee bit tricky.

So, for our blast to the beach, little surprise that it dawned gray and chilly. That soon gave way to warm monsoon-like rains. Good times! As

someone noted, our trip to the beach had been planned for “indoor activities” so let’s roll. Indeed.

We had 13 cars and 24 folks rally at Starbucks for our ride south. After overwhelming the good natured baristas with orders for Americanos and Lattes, and the odd breakfast sandwich, we were ready to venture out into the downpour. A hurried drivers meeting which featured a slight route change to accommodate getting so many cars easily shepherded out onto the Interstate, and we were on our way. A blast down I-40 got us out of suburbia and quickly onto the meandering US-highways that promised us an entertaining cruise down to the shoreline. As someone else noted, a radar map confirmed that we’d selected a route that would take us directly through the very heaviest of rains. Oddly there can be something very refreshing about this kind of stormy weather and, although it required drivers to dedicate added attention to focus on the standing water, the



trip went surprisingly quickly. As is our normal practice, we split the drive into two segments, allowing for a quick “pip stop” as we got down closer to the coast. We found the perfect spot as we crossed into Pender County ... a large Su-

noco Station with all plenty of room to handle all the needs of a swarm of Bimmers as they cruised in for a soft landing.

Logistical issues addressed, we reformed the group and headed back onto the final stretch of the run which took us past the historic battleship USS North Carolina, through the port of Wilmington

and on to Carolina Beach. The plan, flawlessly executed, had us meet 3 more cars and 6 club members from the Wilmington Area at the Ocean Grill and Tiki Bar in Carolina Beach for lunch. So, the final head count was 16 Bimmers and 30 folks on a rainy Saturday ... which was a fantastic turnout! Even better, upon arrival at the sandy shores of the Atlantic Ocean, the rain stopped and the sun appeared. I don’t care how good you are at planning ... that outcome requires divine intervention which, by the way, was highly appreciated.

Lots of story swapping as the folks from the Capital area mixed with those who know exactly what a Blockade Runner is. Lots of Z-car stories today ... and M-car musings. For folks who’d never met it was a great “mixer”. Doesn’t hurt that the food was superb (fish tacos were epic) and that the restaurant had a room just for us, on the way to the tiki bar and the beach. It was also the perfect place for Robert and Debbie McKie to (par-

tially) celebrate a wedding anniversary. Yes!!!

After lunch, we headed further south to the Forth Fisher area to explore. An area that is rich with historic sites, the State of NC aquarium and beautiful beaches, this is a part of the Old North State that should not be missed. Many of us chose to explore the sights and sounds of the aquarium which highlights some of amazing creatures around us in the different regions that comprise NC's varied geography.

By the time we rolled out of Carolina Beach to head for home the rain was a distant memory. The race for home was pleasant enough, involving

some added Interstate time just to speed things along a bit. Of course, the promise of breaking off to explore some of our amazing byways was too great, so an opportunity to drive along the winding roads that skirt the Bentonville Battlefield proved to be a strong distraction. Come to think of it, that would be a great place for a picnic run later this summer. The planning wheels are beginning to spin again. By the time we all arrived home we were tired and oddly hungry again ... and appreciative for a great time with good friends, Bimmers, and beautiful roads. **-Robert McIsaac**

March Dinner Bell in Raleigh Rang Loud

Well there was some rough weather in the central part of North Carolina on March 21 with both thunderstorms and hail reported in the immediate area, but it all managed to stay away from Raleigh at dinner time. The warm temperatures and promise of good food at the California Pizza Kitchen proved to be a significant draw as 22 people and around a dozen Bimmers made it to "the field". What a terrific way to spend a Tuesday evening.

As always, when the weather cooperates, there are some great BMWs to kick the tires on during the warm-up to dinner. Also great stories to share about adventures both past and in the future. With summer just around the corner, for example, there is a growing interest in an overnight trip which could take us to the Outer Banks. While it takes some time to get there, the opportunity to cruise down NC-12 in search of lighthouses, great seafood and warm sand, is pretty compelling. Getting away for an overnighter can be a little challenging logistically but past

experiences suggested this is a wonderful trip. If you are interested in exploring this more, please let me know and we can look at putting something together.

In other news, we have multiple car shows coming up over the next two months which are also great opportunities to get out and, in the best possible sense of this phrase, kick somebody else's tires! The shows cover a broad spectrum, between the Student Government Association at Central Nash County High School's effort to support the Make-a-Wish foundation on one extreme up to the Concours d' Elegance at Pinehurst. No matter how you like your cars, there's plenty to see in the coming weeks in NC.

All too soon it was time to relinquish the dinner table and head back to the parking lot for one last look at some of Bavaria's finest. The dinners always go quickly but, at the end, it means that we're just that much closer to the next adventure! **-Robert McIsaac**





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BY PAUL DUNLEVY, President, Tarheel Chapter, BMW CCA

It was our pleasure to have Scott Hughes speak at our Annual Banquet this year. In addition to enjoying his history and his amazing cars, we were reminded of the importance of the BMW CCA Foundation and how much it has grown. For those of you not familiar with the Foundation, I wanted to review what it is and why it is so important.

In March of 2002, the BMW CCA formed the non-profit, tax-exempt charitable BMW CCA Foundation, Inc. The Foundation has several missions: to educate new young drivers through the Street Survival safety program; to collect, preserve, and document the Club's and BMW's history in America through a library, archives, and museum; and to collect and preserve examples of the BMW vehicles that were important to the growth of the brand.

Since the Foundation's acquired property and a building adjacent to the Performance Center in South Carolina at 190 Manatee Court Greer, South Carolina 29651, it has become an outstanding museum and archive. It is one of the world's pre-eminent resources for information about BMWs and BMW history.

Michael Mitchell, the Foundation Curator, said in a recent article in the Sandlapper Newsletter, "Maybe it has been a while since you have visited or maybe you have never been here, so come by and check out the cool

cars and motorcycles we have on display. Some of the cars only stay for a short period of time, so our displays are constantly rotating. Currently, we have a 1938 328 Roadster along with a Sbarro 328 clone. At the time of writing this article, we have 19 cars and 3 motorcycles, many of which are on loan from members."

Beginning May 19 – Aug 31, 2017, the Foundation will be celebrating 75 years of BMW Motorsports. In partnership with BMW of North America and several private collectors, they are assembling more than a dozen exceptionally rare and legendary examples of Bavarian Motorsport for a unique display: Heroes of Bavaria: 75 Years of BMW Motorsport.

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Contact Chris Joyner at mrbimmer@reagan.com for more information.

CAPE FEAR AREA

Date: **3rd Wednesday each month**
Time: 6:30 pm

Where: Gusto Grille
2013 Olde Regent Way
Leland, NC

Area Coordinator position is open in the Cape Fear Area - Please contact Brenday Dunlevy at activities@tarheelbmwcca.org if you are interested in filling this roll.

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: Union Street Bistro
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Date: **2nd Tuesday each month**
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Where: Pizza Pasta Pit
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Salem, VA 24153

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Contact JoElla John jjohnmcoupe@aol.com or Scott Donaldson sdonaldson@moog.com for more information.

SANDHILLS AREA

Date: **(4th Wednesday each month)**
Time: 6:30 p.m.

Where: Luigi's Restaurant
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528 North McPherson Church Road
Fayetteville, NC 28303

Please come out and join us. Please contact Thomas Hart for more information at tvth996@me.com

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Date: **2nd Tuesday each month**

Time: 6:00 p.m. Drinks, 7:00 p.m. Dinner
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Please contact Mark Woolley for more information at woolleym3@aol.com.

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TRIAD AREA EAST DINNER (Greensboro)

Date: **3rd Wednesday each month**
Time: 7:00 p.m.
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Please contact Carmine Cupani for more information at ccupani@carminesimport.com

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Directions: Triangle Town Center on the north side of Raleigh, at the intersection of I-540 and US-1

Please contact Robert McIsaac for more information at raleigh.bmwcca.activities@gmail.com

TRIANGLE AREA DINNER (CHAPEL HILL)

Date: **1st Wednesday each month**
Time: 7:00 p.m. Dinner
Where: Hickory Tavern
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CALENDAR

MAY 2017

May 6	Cars N' Coffee, Charlotte
	Pinehurst Concours d'Elegance
	Corral at BMW Summit at Hendrick
May 9	Roanoke Area Dinner
	Triad Area West Dinner
May 16	Triangle Area Dinner (Raleigh)
May 17	Cape Fear Dinner
	Triad Area East Dinner
May 18	Charlotte Area I Dinner
May 19-21	The Vintage
May 24	Sandhills Area Dinner
May 25	Charlotte Area II Dinner
May 30	Asheville Area Dinner

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