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On The Horizon

Mobile Meeting

Every third Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm at McAllister’s Restaurant on Government Boulevard, Mobile. The restaurant is located one block west of Grady BMW. Exit I-10 to I-65 then exit I-65 Government Boulevard East. The restaurant is on the right.

BMW Lookalikes



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BMW 2002

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BMW News

-Savanna Sparks

May 16-17: Members Only Two-Day M School at the BMW Performance Center in Spartanburg  
The first of four BMW CCA Two-Day M Schools from the BMW Performance Center will be held May 16-17 at the Performance Center's Spartanburg, South Carolina location. Offered for members at a discount of several hundred dollars, this \$3,395 (normally \$3,995) course includes not only the ample amenities of the Performance Center—including a full range of current M cars, professional instruction, and access to the Performance Center's slalom, skid pad, handling course, timed-run course, and more—but also the opportunity for drivers of all skill levels to gain the confidence and skill to properly handle any of BMW's most powerful offerings. Travel arrangements are not included, but the price does include meals, lodging, and everything needed to make this two-day celebration of M power complete.

BMW News Cont.

E30 Article

- 2 To register for the school, please call BMW Registration at (888) 345-4BMW. You must have a valid BMW CCA membership to participate in this program.
- 3 The members only Two-Day M Schools are being offered on four separate week-ends throughout 2015 including May 16-17 and November 7-8 in Spartanburg, South Carolina, and June 13–14 and October 10–11 in Palm Springs, California. The M2 has been spotted once again at the 'Ring in Germany. The prototype was painted in the formerly 1M exclusive Valencia orange, as well as being adorned with larger air intakes, updated bumper, and full LED head and taillights. It is suspected that it will be available with the DCT, M3/4 suspension and rear differential. The little coupe is expected to boast around 360-370 horsepower with a starting price of \$50,000.

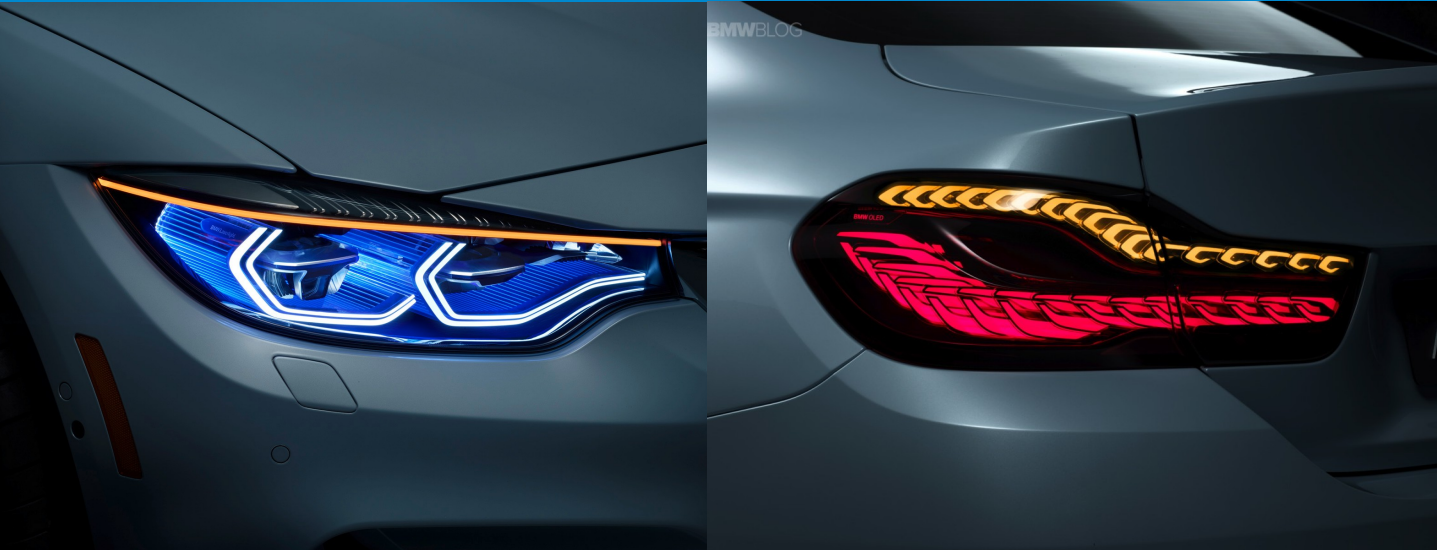
Another bit of information on some of BMW's new innovations from the Detroit auto show is their new OLED taillights, shown at the show on an M4. The tech produces light from wafer-thin, just 1.4mm thick, semiconducting layers of organic material. The OLED segments can be activated individually, allowing different patterns of light to appear under assorted conditions, such as allowing different designs to be displayed under various braking strengths or an example given at the show, a different design when the car is in Sport mode.

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Other than the planned 100 year anniversary M car, according to BMW Blog:  
“On May 22nd, at the Concorso d’Eleganza Villa d’Este, BMW will unveil a new concept car. The BMW 3.0 CSL Hommage pays tribute to the classic BMW 3.0 CSL, an icon of the 70s and one of the best racing cars ever built. The new 3.0 CSL Hommage combines the classic design of the original 3.0 CSL with new design cues. The design of the 3.0 CSL Hommage delivers improved aerodynamics, thanks to the rear and roof spoilers. The flared fenders also pay tribute to the original CSL and gives the car enhanced sporty looks.”

Just a few tidbits have been released on it so far, such as this teaser rendering, so I guess we’ll stay tuned until May 22nd!



BMW Sales

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BMW will be offering a \$1000 credit until June the 30th on their 3 series sedan, and 4 series Gran Coupe in celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the 3 series. There will also be a \$1500 credit on all 5 series cars. Those who have been members of BMWCCA for a full year also receive rebates of \$500-\$1000 on new units as well, so if you're looking for a 3 or 5 series, May and June would be a good time to shop!

Savanna Sparks

Client Adviser, BMW of Mobile

With this issue I am going to launch a new column covering the infamous BMW E30. It will not be a lengthy column just good sound advice and tips to help our E30 owners. This decision was brought about by the number of E30 owners we now have in the Mobile area. It seems each month that we are adding another one, these are drivers from Derak Beassley's M3's ( yes he has two, one white and one black ) to those that are driven daily.

Well let's get underway with our first E30 tip. Some of you are aware of the strip of plastic underneath your car on both sides in front of the gas tank. These strips are for aerodynamics to keep air from being trapped in the cavities that these strips cover. The problem with the plastic is if you ran over something and pulled the plastic down, they are not going back in place. They have very little memory as some plastics and will hang down, need I say more.

Discussing this with my local dealership parts department, I found my answer. It seems that BMW had realized they had a problem with the plastic covers and decided the makes them from galvanized sheet metal and do they fit better, absolutely. All it takes is a 10mm socket for the plastic nuts that hold these pieces on to the car.

The part numbers are:  
Left side 16-11-1180-292  
Right side 16-11-1179-429

As always before ordering, double check these part numbers.

My car is a '88 325is and they fit my car perfectly. Hopefully they will fit your E30. Don't forget to observe all safety rules when jacking up your car.

Stay tuned and I will cover something unique in the next issue.

Bill Smith

