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ON THE COVER: _____



Remembrance and Recover

Recently, we had the opportunity to tour the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountain region around the iconic North Carolina towns of Boone, Banner Elk, Linville, and Blowing Rock. September is a transitional month in this area, still sporting the warmth of summer during the day, but with evenings that cool off nicely into the lower 60's, temperature wise.

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MEMBERSHIP CORNER

This month, we'd like to give a warm Tarheel welcome to 30 new members and associate members in August. This was a nice increase in total chapter membership up to 3014! Our membership is the life blood of the Club. Without your participation, there would be no Club. We offer a wide variety

of activities 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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ON THE COVER:

The abundant forest remains green but with a notable twinge of yellow starting to emerge around the edges. Every once in a while, when descending into an area with its own microclimate, telltale bright yellow and red leaves emerge. The direction of the future is clear; fall is coming.

Without any real forethought, our latest adventure happened to coincide with two unrelated, yet meaningful, anniversaries. We arrived at the Mast Farm Inn near Banner Elk on the evening of September 10th, in time to consider the full impact of the 9/11 tragedy on its 25th anniversary the following day. I was at Ground Zero in New York City on that fateful day, a few short blocks away from the World Trade Center when the terrorist attacks began. I cannot, to this day, watch the videos and see the pictures without tears. Thanks to the first responders from FDNY and NYPD, we were able to get home safely that night when so many others did not. The 25th anniversary was like so many others except that it now feels like it is melting into history. We should never forget the sacrifices made or the lives lost.



Our arrival in the area came as a prelude to the second anniversary of the devastating impact that Hurricane Helene had on the Appalachian Mountain communities in this area on September 24, 2024. Billed as a “once in a century storm”, the damage done across a broad geography here is till hard to describe. Much like resilient New Yorkers, folks here got around to the task of rebuilding their lives, and their communities, quickly.

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The fruits of that labor are now readily apparent as their work, combined with Mother Nature’s relentless march forward, have returned beauty to much of this bucolic area.

Helene actually created two different disasters. One was certainly the storm damage. The second was the economic impact of lost tourists and business which exacerbated the initial storm damage impact. One of the greatest gifts that “outsiders” can now contribute is helping to return the area to a sense of economic normalcy.



We have enjoyed coming to the area for decades. Back in February, however, I got a curious call from the staff at the Mast Farm Inn. Set up as an event venue for things like weddings, they wanted to explore the idea of motorsports clubs coming to the area and using the Inn as home base for a weekend of exploration. The basic question was “would we be interested in scheduling such an event”. The answer came back as a resounding “yes!”. So, the planning commenced.

Organizing the route from home, near Raleigh, was pretty easy. We decided to super-slab it to escape the steely bonds of suburbia as quickly as possible, then break into the mountains for a leisurely last leg into the Boone area. This was an excellent decision, since it allowed us to make the town of Elkin in time for lunch. The staff at Southern on Main were fantastic, as was the menu. Good old southern-style home cooking served up with a limitless supply of iced tea, sweetened or not. A

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remarkable trick to get 24 of the BMW faithful in and fed on time, so that we could keep to our rough schedule of making the Inn before darkness fell.



Refueled, we next headed over to the Piccione Vineyard which was a 15-minute hop from Elkin, landing us in an area served by a post office in the town of Ronda. We never actually found this town, but the vineyard was superb. Rolling up the driveway, you could be excused for thinking you had made a wrong turn somewhere and accidentally landed in Tuscany. Rolling hillsides, lush grapes in perfectly manicured rows, and delightful Italian styled wines to be enjoyed. At the top of the selection list were personal favorites such as Sangiovese and Montepulciano. Given the road ahead, the samplers were modest, but we snagged some to take with us to enjoy while relaxing on the Mast Farm Inn front porch on the evenings to come.



The last leg delivered us to the Inn around 6pm, leaving plenty of light to explore a farmhouse and

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surrounding buildings which date back to 1810. This is a classic, large, farmhouse from the early 19th century which has been converted into an Inn. It is charming in its quirkiness with big rooms, comfortable beds, and old-fashioned claw-footed tubs which double as showers. More importantly, there's a big porch for sitting around in the evenings swapping stories, telling lies, and enjoying adult beverages. Plentiful good parking too, which was great since we ultimately had 30 BMW CCA members in 16 Bimmers make the trip! Folks came from all across the Old North State. Raleigh, Charlotte, New Bern, and Hickory were all well represented when we gathered for meals and driver meetings.



An E39 M5, an X3M40, a Z3, and multiple generations of Z4 highlighted the impressive collection of Bavarian engineering on display. Darkness came pretty quickly after we arrived. A wine and cheese party ensued which was a prelude to collapsing into bed. New adventures awaited in the morning.

The first part of the next day, which in fact was 9/11, came as we headed over to Pearl's Kitchen for breakfast. It was fantastic between the coffee, the breakfast sandwiches, and the weather. Sitting outside under a beautiful Carolina blue sky, it was a poignant reminder of the weather in NYC just before the world changed. Fortunately, on this day, we shared memories from that fateful day even while we made plans for what was to come. Time to make some new memories.

We saddled up and decided to go waterfall exploring. This is a target rich environment in this part of the world, and we chose the Crab Orchard Falls as our first

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stop. This particular site was opened reasonably quickly after Helene but as we hiked up the mountainside, the devastation in the forest became clear. Crews had chain sawed a new and improved path to the falls. Massive trees had been cast around like matchsticks in the storm's aftermath. Fresh growth was also everywhere as time and the changing of the seasons helped to heal the open wounds on the landscape. It was inviting us to sit and rest a spell and drink it all in. Benches along the way provided an inviting respite and were dedicated to people who had helped foster the recovery in this bastion of natural beauty.



It was decidedly warm after our hike, so we concluded that the Linville Caverns would provide an inviting respite. While true, an added bonus was that the only way to get there was on NC Route 194 which provided an outstanding opportunity to stir some oil with vigor on the winding and narrow switchback roads. Always good to get a midday adrenaline rush before heading off to explore caves!

The Caverns have been in operation as a tourist attraction since 1937 and they are spectacular to see. Dark, cool, wet, and with notable tight spaces, this isn't necessarily a good idea for those with claustrophobia. For everyone else, however, they are great! When arriving, it is clear that Helene badly damaged this area as well, having tossed massive boulders around like pebbles. The power of the rushing water through here is hard to imagine. Down in the caverns we were told they had been completely flooded by the storm. It took months to get them dug out and cleaned so they could return to operation. Inside while they have returned to their former beauty, the plant and animal life has changed. They are now excited to report the return of some native fish in the caverns which have been missing for the past two years.

At the end of the tour, our guide offered an emotional thanks for us coming to visit. In addition to helping preserve her job, it was helping the whole area get "back on their feet". Since this was the original impetus for the adventure, it was particularly gratifying to hear.



The trip from Linville Caverns back to the town of Banner Elk is a delightful series of switchbacks and elevation changes that are periodically punctuated with long straightaways which provide for an ample opportunity to "clear out some carbon" without risking an unexpected visit with members of the law enforcement community. Cruising into town looking for a nice place to hang our hats for a while, we were pleasantly surprised to find the Banner Elk Café and

Banner Elk Lodge. This is apparently a shared space with fantastic indoor and outdoor seating. Curiously, patrons are offered both menus. Choosing whatever you want is fine, although there is a cautionary tale that meals arrive at different times from the non-synchronized kitchens. No worries, of course, since the food arrived without much of a wait and it was terrific, irrespective of where it was cooked. We never did get the clear story on why there were two menus, but everything we sampled on both was “two thumbs up”.

The Mast Farm Inn is, for the most part, a wedding venue. Consequently, there is not a kitchen per se to support an actual restaurant. They do, however, on Friday and Saturday evenings offer a “farm to fork” dinner which is a highly sought after option for both guest and locals. We took advantage of this and were happily surprised to have a great short rib dinner prepared by a woman named Velva.



Her story seems to be interwoven with the general history of the area. Her family has owned a local farm for generations. Her parents and husband all passed away over the past half-decade, but she continues to work the farm on her own. She has 30 heads of beef cattle, 30 chickens, and enjoys baking. She creates all the desserts and continental breakfast items for the Mast Farm Inn, something she’s been doing over the last three decades and through multiple owners. She is sharp, calls ‘em as she sees ‘em, but was delightful to spend some time with talking one-on-one. Like many others in the area, she faced tough times in the aftermath of Helene but is taking everything in stride. Her plan appears to be to continue to stay on the farm up to the end of her days with work and her life impossible to

separate into unique strands. Her peanut butter mousse pie on Oreo cookie crust is a clear fan favorite.

We collapsed into bed and it was lights out for the second night.

Saturday dawned as a grey and cloudy affair, with a good possibility of rain in the afternoon. We fired up the BMW’s shortly after 9am and headed into downtown Boone, home of Appalachian State University and their Mountaineer football team. Fortunately, they were at an away game this particular weekend, so we could have a quiet and pleasant stroll around town. Having satisfied our need for souvenirs, we next pointed our compass toward the appropriately named town of Little Switzerland. This really does have an Alpine feel to the area. Sadly, Helene devastated it, and the recovery is moving slowly. It is great to see the Big Lynn Lodge, Little Switzerland Café, and other businesses up and running again. Big Lynn Lodge was a focal point for the area after the hurricane induced floods and has played a big role in helping locals to rebuild their lives. We arrived in the middle of a monsoon which made navigation on the suddenly rain-soaked and fog-enshrouded roads dicey. A quick stop at the Lodge to say hello was well received, then we headed down the mountain to find lunch in a place with better parking and less rain.



While en route, a call from another member of our intrepid band made it clear that they were done with a morning of hiking to visit waterfalls and that we could connect to swap stories and break bread. It turned out

that Banner Elk was central to our respective locations, so we all vectored there. Another great lunch ensued.

Ironically, we had spent a great deal of time looking forward to being able to hunt apexes on the fantastic mountain roads in this region along the North Carolina / Tennessee border. After doing it for hours on end, the idea of being able to return to the Inn and enjoy the expansive front porch was more than a little compelling! We rolled in with a 90-minute buffer before another delicious Velva dinner was to be served. That was a perfect opportunity to kick back, relax, share with our group the different adventures we'd experienced and take advantage of any wine that had survived from the prior evening. Almost on cue, a live band lit off in the barn across the lane playing some great old blues riffs, including a bit from the Allman Brothers Band, the Rolling Stones, and Bob Dylan. The driving club with a driving problem was in its true glory. At this point in the trip, the lyrics from "Southbound" fit perfectly. We are heading home to somebody, although, frankly, none of us were at all experiencing personal blues at this point in the trip!



Our final morning as Mast Farmers dawned cool and cloudy, but with dry conditions forecast for the balance of the day. Perfect for a last day of apex hunting and oil stirring in the mountain paradise. Before we rolled, Velma served up another delicious breakfast including homemade muffins and biscuits which got us ready for a

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final driver meeting of the weekend. And then we were off. This was a terrific journey. The countryside is beautiful, the people terrific, the dining and entertainment options epic. Also clearly visible is the damage to landscapes, businesses, roads, and people's lives. We had a wonderful time exploring this storied area and were grateful for the opportunity to make some small contribution to helping them to rebuild as they see fit. In many places we saw the slogan "Mountain Strong" on signs, shirts, and buildings. The recovery is underway, the region is beautiful as ever, and we are now planning a return engagement. The leaves are starting to turn in early September, with reds and yellows poking through on the edges. Fall is coming, then winter. The ski resorts we passed along the way are getting ready for a new season themselves. The next batch of green in the spring will invite us to spool up the BMW for a return engagement. "Mountain Strong", indeed.



Epilogue: Five miles from home, late on a Sunday afternoon, we stopped for fuel. In addition to a full load of premium, we collected a nail roughly the size of my index finger. Fortunately, the tire was near end of life anyway, so it wasn't a financial concern. A call to the newly opened Mavis tire emporium secured the very last time slot for the day and they plugged it. When I went to pay the bill, they refused to charge me. All they asked was "please tell your friends about us". Pretty strong endorsement and a nice we to wrap up a terrific weekend.

~by Robert McIsaac

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Oct 2-4	Tarheel Fall HPDS VIR	Alton, VA	Dylan Vassily -Gilbert Reynolds		tarheelbmwregistrar@gmail.com
Oct10-11	Tire Rack Street Survival	Raleigh, NC			https://streetsurvival.org/
Oct 17	Bimmers Cruising to Creedmore	Creedmore, NC	Robert Mcisaac		919-880-8021
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Oct 31-Nov 1	Fall ///M Club Day	Greer, SC	Robert Mcisaac	919-880-8021	Raleigh.BMWCCA.Activities@gmail.com
Nov 7	Bimmers "Racing" to Elizabethtown	Elizabethtown, NC	Robert Mcisaac		919-880-8021
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Nov 20	Charity Laps at VIR	Alton, VA	https://virnow.com/charity-laps/		
Dec 5	North Raleigh Performance	Raleigh, NC	Robert Mcisaac	919-880-8021	Raleigh.BMWCCA.Activities@gmail.com
Dec 10-11	BimmerWorld CCA Club Race School	Roebing Road	Peter Kamarchik		
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Dec 10-13	BMW CCA Club Race	Roebing Road	John Alemanni		bmwccatarheelracechair@gmail.com

Bimmers Helping Kids in Need!

North Raleigh Performance Sponsors This Year's

Toys for Tots Program



- What: A chance to have a very special pay it forward moment by supporting this year's Tots for Tots program. In 2025, they delivered 24 million toys to nearly 11 million children. We can be a part of making it an even bigger success in 2026.
- When: Depart on Saturday, **December 5, 2026**, at 10:00am. Come early for coffee and donuts.
- Where: [North Raleigh Performance](#), 3101 Spring Forest Rd, Raleigh, NC 27616. The event is being organized by General Manager Eric Torres.
- Objective: Making a special contribution to children in need during the holiday season. Bring a toy to contribute to this special US Marine Corp program. Then we will have a fantastic country drive through the Falls Lake area to get to a special lunch spot. Details on the Toys for Tots program [can be found here](#).
- Duration: Figure 6+ hours including driving.
- Contact Information: For details, connect with Rob McIsaac at Raleigh.BMWCCA.Activities@gmail.com or 919-880-8012.



MARINE CORPS RESERVE



A Day at the Ultimate Driving Museum

For those of you that are unaware, the BMW CCA Foundation not only conducts the Tire Rack Street Survival Program for our teens beginning their driving education but the Foundation also hosts a library, archives and a museum. This serves as a repository of our favorite marque's history in the USA. The museum hosts events and exhibitions involving displays of different collections of special BMWs. Some of these past exhibitions include Alpinas, motorcycles and etc. The latest collection on display is the M3s from the E30s forward to the current generation. It is listed as "BMW M3, 40 Years of Evolution".



This exhibit included Mark Wooley's unique E30 M3 which he donated to the Foundation and Ray Korman's E30 M3, which has been lovingly restored by Scott Hughes, the current owner. There were race cars from every model of M3 and other unusual M3s from current and past iterations were also on display. Unfortunately, the Foundation had to limit the number of cars to 24 due to space constraints.

I was surprised and honored by a request from the Museum's Curator, Michael Mitchell, to display my E92 M3. This car was the BMW CCA Raffle top prize in 2013. It was built by BMW Individual for the BMW CCA with guidance from the membership of the club. A survey of the membership's concept of the ideal raffle car resulted in the unique specifications of this car. Some of them include the BMW CCA logo

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embroidered on the seats and embedded in the piano black dash trim as well as the door sill plates. It is also labeled as The Club Car as well as 1 of 1 by BMW Individual. Some of the other features include the Competition Package, the Cold Weather Package and the Premium Package. It was also fitted with Piano Finish Black Trim, Carbon Fiber Front Splitters, a BMW Electronic Steering Wheel and other Special Order Equipment. I acquired this car from the club after the raffle winner decided to take cash instead of this special car. I had seen it on display at the Monterey Festorics where I mentioned to our Executive Director that if the winner did decide not to take it, I would be interested. I could not participate in the raffle since I was on the National Board at the time. Much to my surprise, that actually came to pass and I now have it. I have subsequently added a few personal touches from Dinan, Brembo, BBS and some additional carbon fiber pieces.



My wife, Brenda and I attended the packed Grand Opening Ceremony in May. There were several speakers, including some race team members who regaled us with the history of BMW racing in the US. Our own Ray Korman was among those recounting the stories of the beginnings of his BMW racing experiences. This collection is on display until January 16, 2027. It is well worth a visit if you have the interest and time.

~ by Paul Dunlevy

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VIR Car Corral 2026

Once again, the BMW CCA tent and car corral were back at Virginia International Raceway August 21-23 to watch the weekend of racing. My friends decided to do Saturday only and we got on the road by 8:00. We arrived at VIR, parked, and checked in. We missed the early morning Meet and Greets with the teams but soon it was time for the raffle. Many nice items were given away, thanks to the sponsors. Next up was lunch with delicious BBQ, sides, and a dessert. There was plenty of food, snacks, and beverages for all, throughout the day. Thank you, Paul Seto for once again planning and organizing a great event.



We were able to watch the GTD & GTD Pro practice in the morning. Next up were parade laps for BMW and then Corvette. First up was a driver safety meeting and then we headed to our cars where they started to line us up. We got in 3 laps and were able to exercise our BMWs a bit. Many attendees enjoyed their first time on the track. We got back just in time for the fan walk down pit lane. It was the most crowded that I've seen.



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Soon it was time for the main Saturday race to start. This was the 2-hour long Michelin Pilot Challenge race for the GS and TCR classes. Some fans gathered at the fence for photos and to cheer the drivers on, as it was a beautiful day. Some stayed under the shade of the tent and were able to watch a closed-circuit TV broadcast. Unfortunately, this year VIR allowed popup tents in the area between the coral tent and fence line. This blocked our direct view of the race!



It was an interesting race with a lot of incidents and cautions but only a few within sight of our coral tent. The 95 Turner BMW stayed at the front of the pack for most of the race and finished 3rd overall. Unfortunately, the other BMWs didn't fare as well, with the highest others finishing 10th and 11th. The 19 Mustang won the race with a late pass and Mike Skeen finished second in his Mustang. A Cupra won the TCR class.

We decided it was time for us to head home but many stayed on for the GTD and GTD Pro qualifying for the Sunday race. Many attendees would return for the Sunday race where the #1 Paul Miller BMW finished 5th in GTD Pro, and the 96 Turner BMW finished second in GTD. Ending a good weekend for BMW.

~by Richard Daugherty

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Spirited Mountain Drive

The Charlotte area is fortunate to be 2 hours or so from the North Carolina Mountains. Whereas the Raleigh group plans annual beach trips we plan annual spirited mountain drives. Our usual route is still affected by Hurricane Helene damage so this year we planned a somewhat different route, thanks to Dave Hurwitz. The only concern as the day approached was forecasted rain.



We had 18 cars and X people, deciding to split them into two groups to facilitate getting through traffic lights and meeting spots. Cars varied from new Z4s, M3s, and M4s, to several 3 and 4 Series. We met at the Harris Teeter Fuel Center near route 16 and I-485, a convenient place on the northwest side of Charlotte. After a driver's meeting and signing the necessary paperwork, we headed out with the second group only 10-15 minutes behind.

We quickly hit some backroads heading towards Lincolnton and our first stop at Mutzie's Burgers. They have a large parking lot and a picturesque location for photos. Next up after cruising through Lincolnton was Old-18. We were able to really exercise the handling abilities of the BMWs through the twisties. Some folks were kind enough to pull over and let our groups of cars through. Next up was a quick stop at Mull Elementary to regroup the cars before the slog across interstate 40. You can't do much with all the truck and SUV traffic along the route, to get to Marion, NC and Love's Travel Stop.

After a bathroom break and some folks picking up road snacks, we headed up 226 just as the second group arrived. This road splits into 226A, the older route up the mountain. That is a route to really test the handling prowess of our group of cars with lots of hairpins, and tight corners. You could still see some hurricane damage, even after 2 years. After a quick stop at the NC museum of Minerals, we got to Switzerland Café for a nice lunch. The second group joined us shortly. It turned out to be very pleasant rain-free weather so many sat on the outside patio dining area. A nice break from the summer heat of Charlotte.



Lunch gave us ample time to catch up with old friends and meet new friends. It's so nice to introduce new folks to the club and the activities that we do. Soon it was time to head down the mountain and head towards Dot's Dario. This is an ice cream shop just outside of Marion. So many flavors and choices of ice cream. Bring cash, they don't accept credit cards. Not just us, they had a constant line of customers.

Some folks headed directly home while others retraced the route down Old-18. So many said their goodbyes and headed out. With the pleasant weather and lack of rain, it was a great drive and enjoyed by all. Stay tuned for future adventures and mountain drives.

~by Richard Daugherty

Bimmers and BBQ!

A Great Way to Munch into the New Year!



- What: North Carolina offers an array of culinary experiences, and everyone loves some good BBQ. Hiding in the area south of Greenville is the Skylight Inn, located in the town of Ayden. This was recently featured in the News & Observer as one of "America's Top Cheap Places to Eat". Like a siren song calling, we must go and check it out! It is also near one of our favorite ice cream places in all of the Old North State, Simply Natural. Sounds like a two-for-one deal!
- When: Depart on Saturday, **January 23, 2027**, at 10:00am. Come early for coffee and breakfast.
- Where: We will start at the Farmhouse Café, 320 Vintage Point Ln, Wendell, NC 27591.
- Objective: Enjoy the countryside around us, stir some oil, and get welcome the New Year. Fine roads, good friends, interesting food. Terrific way to welcome 2027!
- Duration: Figure 6+ hours including driving.
- Contact Information: For details, connect with Rob McIsaac at Raleigh.BMWCCA.Activities@gmail.com or 919-880-8012.

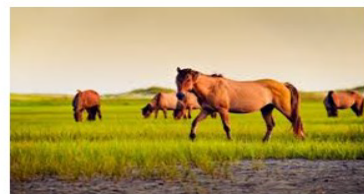


Beach Bimmers 2027!

Cruising the Southern OBX: Lighthouses, Wild Horses and More



- What: A three-day tour of North Carolina's amazing Southern Outer Banks (SOBX) to explore Beaufort, The Shackleford Banks, Cape Lookout, Fort Macon and the delights of Bogue Banks. Salt air, seafood, historic sites and sand between our toes!
- When: Departure on Thursday, May 13th. Return on Sunday the 16th. Departing from the Harris Teeter, 67 Flowers Xrds Wy, Clayton, NC 27527 **at 10am sharp**.
- Hotel this time will provide a base of operations from which we'll travel the area. The targeted hotel is the Atlantis Lodge, 123 Salter Path Road, Atlantic Beach, NC 28512. **Call (252-726-5168) to make your own reservations!** Backups are the Alice Hotel, across the street at 118 Salter Path Rd, Pine Knoll Shores, NC (252-247-5118) or the Double Tree 2717 W Fort Macon Rd, Atlantic Beach, NC 28512.
- Objective: Great drives, awesome sightseeing and some terrific seafood! Boat cruises around Beaufort, a visit to Cape Lookout and time with NC's famous wild horses!
- Contact Information: For details, connect with Rob McIsaac at Raleigh.BMWCCA.Activities@gmail.com or 919-880-8012.
- Drive Registration: <https://ews.bmwcca.org/sign/01krravræggj8pe5mz2tqhs3/waiver-select>



Vintage BMW's Together Again

Open House: Beemers and Bimmers Keep Rolling 2026



- What: A gathering of the BMW faithful to share technical insights, support methods, and Vintage Bimmers
- How: The **BPC** in R has a new home. I
- When: **Saturday, Oct 10, 2026** for the event. Foo
- Bonus Round: We
- Where: Bimmer Pi
- Contact Informatic
- Registration: <https://www.bimmerperformancecenter.com/registration/>



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Tarheel Chapter BMW CCA and Tarheel SportsCar Club are pleased to announce the next double-header weekend of the Tire Rack Street Survival teen driver safety clinics in the Triangle area. Registration will open **Monday, August 3rd 8pm.**

We will host two clinics the weekend of October 10-11 at the familiar Raleigh Police Driving Facility. Not sure what Street Survival is? Details can be found on the TRSS program website:

<https://streetsurvival.org/>

We'll need lots of In-Car coaches and dozens of event volunteers. Parents of registered students are encouraged to volunteer too.

General Volunteer Registration will open at this site:

<http://msreg.com/Tarheel-TRSS-Volunteers-Fall-2026>

Student and In-Car Coach Registration for the two separate clinics will open **Monday, August 3rd 8pm:**

Saturday, October 10

<http://msreg.com/Tarheel-TRSS-Oct10-2026>

Sunday, October 11

<http://msreg.com/Tarheel-TRSS-Oct11-2026>

Coaches register for each day separately. Students may only register for one day. Share on all the socials and let us know if you or others in your family can be available to help as coaches or volunteers.

Thanks,

Ethan Steinman, Event Coordinator

Phil Antoine, Chief Instructor

Jon Strine, Volunteer Coordinator





BMW PERFORMANCE DRIVING SCHOOLS M3 ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL

Get ready to celebrate BMWs of past and present at the BMW Performance Driving Schools M3 Anniversary Festival on Sunday, November 8, 2026. See special BMWs on display and running on our track, share stories over a delicious barbecue lunch, meet BMW factory driver Bill Auberlen and even go for a hot lap in a BMW racecar.

You'll see a selection covering 40 years of street and race BMW M3s and M4s, along with various other BMW models on display, and you'll also get the chance to see them perform exhibition laps.

Details

Location: BMW Performance Center, 1155 Highway 101 South, Greer, South Carolina

8AM - 10AM or 10AM - 12PM: Driving Experiences led by pro instructors

12PM - 1PM: Barbecue lunch

1PM - 3PM: Exhibition featuring the BMW M3

Beer, wine and soda will be available for purchase after driving events conclude.

\$275 – Driving Experience with Festival Admission Ticket

- One two-hour Driving Experience (8AM or 10AM)
- Pro instruction
- Off-road Experience
- Entrance to the M3 Festival Exhibit
- Barbecue lunch
- Early registration is advised – just 100 tickets per session available

[Book Now](#)

\$50 – Festival Admission Ticket

- Entrance to the M3 Festival Exhibit
- Barbecue lunch

[Book Now](#)



Hot laps in BMW racecars available with a select group of pro drivers including BMW factory driver Bill Auberlen, the winningest driver in IMSA history.

TopurchaseDriving Experienceand Festival Tickets, call 888-345-4269 or visit BMWPerformanceDrivingSchools.com for more information.

LOCAL SCENE

ASHEVILLE AREA DINNER

Date: Last Tuesday each month Time: 6:30pm

Where: Different Location Each Month

All BMW marques are welcome (cars, motorcycles, Mini, Rolls, etc.).

For more information, contact Chris Joyner at ashevilletarheelbmwcca@fastmail.com.

CAPE FEAR AREA

NONE SCHEDULED AT THIS TIME

CHARLOTTE AREA I DINNER

Date: 3rd Thursday each month Time: 7 p.m.

Where: Waldhorn Restaurant

12101 Lancaster Hwy (Old Hwy 521)

Pineville, NC (Near Carolina Place Mall)

(704) 540-7047

We're still hanging out at Waldhorn Restaurant on the third Thursday of each month. Contact Chris Webber at (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 DINNER

NONE SCHEDULED AT THIS TIME

DOWNEAST AREA DINNER

NONE SCHEDULED AT THIS TIME

HURRICANE AREA DINNER

NONE SCHEDULED AT THIS TIME

NORTHERN MOUNTAIN AREA DINNER

Date: 2nd Wednesday each month Time: 6:30 p.m.

Where: Basil's Restaurant. (828) 386-4066

246 Wilson Dr Boone, NC 28607

Cost: Only what you eat and drink. Contact John Cochrane (jgcochrane1968@gmail.com) or Mike Langley (michaelrlangley@aol.com) A fun gathering of BMW friends for discussion of all things car related.

ROANOKE AREA DINNER

Date: 2nd Tuesday each month Time: 6:00p.m.

Where: To be announced each month by email.

For more information, contact Scott Donaldson at roanoke.tarheel.bmwcca@gmail.com.

SANDHILLS AREA DINNER

NONE SCHEDULED AT THIS TIME

TRIAD AREA WEST DINNER (Winston-Salem)

Date: 2nd Tuesday each month

Time: 6:00 p.m. Drinks, 7:00 p.m. Dinner

Where: Sixty Six Grill and Taphouse

3440 Frontis Street Winston-Salem 27103

Please contact Marc Schatell for more information at marc@tarheelbmwcca.org

TRIAD AREA EAST DINNER (Greensboro)

Date: 1st Tuesday each month

Time: 6:30 p.m. Drinks, Dinner

Where: Elizabeth's Pizza (the covered patio)

3927 battleground Avenue Greensboro, NC 27410

Please contact Fraser Dick for more information at fraserdick14@gmail.com

TRIANGLE AREA DINNER (RALEIGH)

Date: 3rd Tuesday of middle month of each quarter (Feb, May, Aug, Nov)

Time: The fun starts at 6:00 p.m.

Where: Lafayette Village

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

Footnotes classifieds...

Ads are free to members in good standing of the BMW CCA. Non-members can also place advertisements here for \$5.00 per month. Please enclose all necessary information with your advertisement. Unless you tell us otherwise, your ad will appear here for three (3) consecutive issues.

**Classified advertisements can be emailed to the Editor's attention at:
newsletter@tarheelbmwcca.org**

2007 BMW 335xi Sedan.

Rare green Tiefgrün Metallic / Black Dakota. 6-speed manual, non-iDrive, 138,541 miles. Fresh Index 12 injectors, new clutch/flywheel, Bilstein B6 shocks, replacement transfer case, VCG, MSD80 MOSFET fix. Logic 7 sound. Raleigh, NC. \$11,500 OBO. Contact: Scott Morford | (317) 796-5309 | dreamer.pear-95@icloud.com

1999 BMW M3

5 speed convertible blue, navy blue top. Very good condition. Paint is good and mechanically sound. The taupe leather interior is in good condition. Extra set of original wheels, garage kept. 134,000 miles. Asking: \$11,500. Contact: Russ Thompson at 910.200.4810

2005 BMW Z4

Just 32,615 miles, Pristine Exterior: Paint is excellent, garage-kept or custom-fit car cover, Top is in perfect condition. Recent motor service, new brakes and battery in 2025, Great overall condition inside and out, Clean title. Email for price Connie Fowler
conniegfowler@gmail.com

E39 M5 Style 65 Wheels

Factory Style 65 set of wheels purchased from dealer in 2016 never

1999 E36 M3

VIN WBSBG9338XEY82877
Completely repainted and bodywork done. (hellrot red) New exterior rubber, new tires, new windshield, new badges New "M" leather front seats, new head and deck liner 5 speed manual, factory spoiler, never tracked All fluids gone through, AC works! Garaged, 180,000 miles, Asking \$25,000 Located in Charlotte.
Rita Andersen, 704-607-5780

Free. Spare donut tire from our 2015 X5 (G30, I believe). New, never used. Pick-up in Fayetteville 28303, or I would deliver to Triangle Area next time I am up that way.
mlarson@nc.rr.com or leave voicemail (910)818-8005.

"Bottlecap" 14" wheels with hub covers. NIB. No longer available from BMW and might be the last new set you will ever find for your restoration project. \$1000 for the 4. Prefer to sell the set but will negotiate on singles.
mlarson@nc.rr.com or leave voicemail (910)818-8005

installed. Have receipt. M stickers included, perfect condition, still-boxed. 18X8 and 18X9.5. \$7500.00
OBO Ken Fleming 336-399-8186

MISCELLANEOUS:

Tarheel Chapter BMW CCA Forum

Join us online: Some time ago, the listserv was replaced by a bulletin board forum. You can view it here:

<https://www.bmwcca.org/forum/index.php>

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS:

The 02 Group

A special interest group for 2002 owners in NC. For more information about the group and how to join, check out our website: www.the02group.org

The Z-Series Car Club of America (ZSCCA)

A national special interest group of BMWCCA dedicated to the enjoyment of all Z-Series BMW's. Several local groups are active in VA and NC. Find us on Facebook, or at zscca.org

WANTED:

Your photos and stories.

Got a tale to tell about your Bimmer, photos you want to share with your fellow **Footnotes** readers, or just a suggestion? Email your submissions to newsletter@tarheelbmwcca.org. Come on, you can do it... We would love to hear from you!

END GAME

Photo by Robert McIsaac



Visiting the Mast General Store

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2026 HPDS Schedule

Here's the 2026 Tarheel BMW CCA HPDS Schedule:

April 17-19 VIR Full Course

July 17-19 VIR North Course (Moved from June. Not a typo.)

October 2-4 VIR Full Course

Registration will open on a Monday evening @8pm, approximately 9-10 weeks prior to each event.

Feb 9 Registration open for April event.

May 11 Registration open for July event.

July 27 Registration open for October event.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW. THE PRE-REGISTRATION ANNOUNCEMENTS MIGHT GO TO SPAM...