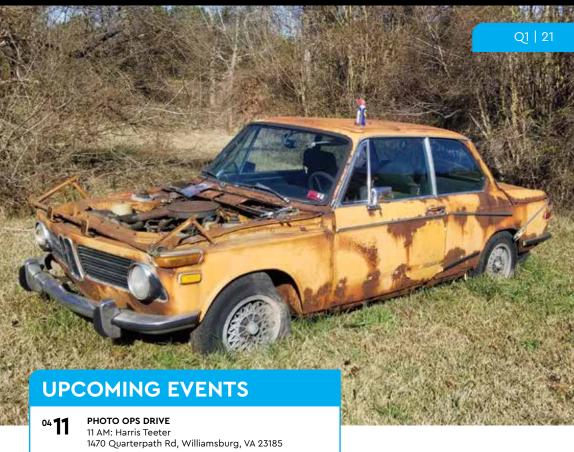
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President's Corner

Well, who among you would have suspected that nearly a year later we would still be facing the challenges brought forth by COVID-19? Admittedly, not I. Alas, such is life. I cannot help but wonder if this is what people thought during the Spanish Influenza? Bubonic Plague? Granted, the flow of information was not as it is today. Did that mean people were calmer? More rational? More understanding and respectful? Perhaps, if we only communicate via this medium, we can inspire a cataclysmic change. Perhaps not. Then again, as cataclysmic evokes sinister connotations, that is not something to strive for. Instead,

we do strive for excellence in all that we do. Excellence in our member-facing events, in our Board meetings, and in our treatment towards others. So the next time we ask how the drive is, we expect your response to be "excellent". I jest :)

Every quarter, I ponder deeply what to write. My desire to pen something monumental and life altering is met by realizing the limitation of my medium. Alas, I am not someone to embrace limitations. Instead, I prefer to breach and excel past them. Beyond expecting myself to author something profound and life altering, I desire to tie it into the Club. Something that is also relevant and beneficial to the Chapter I serve. PS, that is Tidewater in case some of you were wondering. There is a theory that the average member of a local chapter does not know the name of their RVP (Regional Vice President) or the name of the National President. I think most of you know me, or at least know of me. I strive to get to know all of you. However, the National leadership does not appear to care to get to know us.

Perhaps, as is the case with any institution, we have a quota to meet. While some have a quota of units sold, time worked, patients tended to, etc., our quota would be membership. Okay, in all fairness, although we DO NOT have a *quota of members*, we do receive benefits (funds) based on our current membership count. Want to know what that benefit is? Well, as I believe in transparency I will tell you. For your annual membership fee, we (the Tidewater Chapter) receives a whopping \$8/ annually from every registered Primary member. That is, not an associate member. As we sail into our highly subsidized annual banquet, keep this thought in mind. All we do, we do with a budget of \$8/primary member/year. We used to receive more per member, and with a lower membership fee... but that is a story for another time.

Previously, I had implored each of you to do your part to help us recruit additional members to our Chapter. Beyond the additional funds that the Chapter will receive (and no, I do not receive any funds from this), there are benefits to the members; Chiefly, a discount at many places when getting service on your automobile. Think about it, driving around Hampton Roads you see another BMW... they may or may not receive a discount when getting serviced. Alas, enter my latest idea.

The challenge I previously put forth to our membership proved largely unsuccessful. Enter the new challenge. For calendar year 2021, if you recruit a new primary member to our Chapter, I will personally gift you Tidewater glassware as a thank you for helping us recruit new members. In conducting a cost/benefit analysis, I see this going one of two ways. A complete flop and I gift no glassware to people, or a great success and Melissa needs to order more glassware! If I have my druthers, I want her to place another order.....!

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DETAILING WITH MR. Q WASHING

By Andy McCulley

Interior maintenance is typically seen as one of the more laborious tasks of car care. The best explanation I've pondered is that people tend to put off interior cleaning far more than exterior care. As the situation compounds, the prospect of a full interior detail becomes increasingly daunting. The idea of interior maintenance is to minimize wear and tear to interior surfaces (i.e., preventing steering wheels and gear selectors from becoming "shiny", minimizing bolster wear on the seats,

and keeping interior trim and touchscreens effulgent and swirl-free).

If you're beginning with a new vehicle, proper care will go a very long way to maintaining the "as-new" appearance of interior surfaces. However, if your car is pre-owned, you will likely have to undertake an arduous cleaning process to restore everything to nearly "as-new." Don't get too distracted by the myriad products available for interior detailing, as the process is approximately 90% technique. For this article, we will assume you are beginning with a brand-new vehicle, or one that is otherwise in perfect condition. A process for restoring the interior of a pre-owned vehicle will be the subject of a future installment of *Detailing With Mr. Q.*

Right, now pay attention. When it comes to interior care, cleanliness is foremost, as keeping your interior clean will significantly minimize wear and tear. Dirt is abrasive, and abrasion causes wear. Therefore, clean leather will long outlast dirty leather. It's as simple as that. The same applies to carpet, plastic, pleather, alcantara, cloth, velour, and any other materials you may find inside your car. Keep this in mind, as you will want to wipe down high-contact interior surfaces such as the steering wheel, gear selector, door pulls, seat bolsters, and frequently used buttons *every time you wash your car*. Keeping these surfaces clean will minimize any wear that results from use and contact.

The process is simple – simply choose an interior detailer and leather conditioner that you like, grab a clean microfiber towel, and you're all set. Begin spraying the cleaner onto the towel and wiping off any surfaces that receive frequent contact. Once everything has been wiped down, apply leather conditioner to all leather surfaces to keep them supple and to help them retain tensile strength. Only condition the leather once it is clean, as conditioner can enhance the aging process by attracting more dirt if not applied to a clean surface.

To address the trim, buttons, gauge cluster, and any touch screens, take an exterior spray detailer and apply with a clean microfiber cloth. Waxes and protectants in the spray detailer will help these areas to repel dust while simultaneously enhancing their luster. You'll be amazed at how much better carbon fiber or piano black interior trim looks with a coat of spray wax.



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Whatever your reason for owning a BMW, you have the opportunity to meet others with common interests, form new friendships and learn more about your "Ultimate Driving Machine". Participation is up to you whether that be face-to-face, virtually, actively or occasionally.

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THERE IS AN APP FOR THAT!

By Ray Laffoon

Today was rainy and windy, not a particularly fun time to be out and about. It's also the day that I found myself parked in a parkplatz far away from my office, so as I walked to my car, I had time to think while the wind grabbed and rattled my coat as I was pelted by large rain drops. I opened the back hatch of the MINI Countryman, quickly settled my backpack, and pressed CLOSE on the hatch (the button with a profile of a MINI with a partially open hatch etched upon it). I quickly scooted around to the driver's door being very thankful that all I had to do was press the button on the door handle and then pull the handle to open the car door. As I settled in the driver's seat, for some very strange reason, I opened MINI Connected on my iPhone and selected a truly classic driving song from ages past, CW McCall singing (??) about the adventures of Rubber Duck and Pig Pen driving across the USA during the age of CB radio and the 55 Mile per Hour speed limit. Don't ask me why. All of this occurred before I started the car.

I am pretty amazed at the apps for our cars offered by BMW. I don't always understand them, but I do appreciate the capabilities they give us. I remember being able to lock and unlock my 2014 X1 using the app on my iPhone. I'm not sure if it was good or bad, but it was almost as fascinating to look at my driveway in Virginia while sitting in a hotel room in Germany via a camera connected to another app.

Both BMW and MINI offer apps with similar features. Other manufacturers have apps as well, some good and some in need of much improvement. I had an app for my 2015 Mazda 3, but it lacked some of the capabilities offered by the BMW equivalent. Basically, the Mazda app provided an owner's manual and a way to set up service. BMW's apps provide far more utility. I especially like the ability to input a basic route on the app while sitting in my house or hotel room, and then pull it into the car's navigation system when connected by wire or Bluetooth to the car. The app also will help you decide when best to leave and help you find parking. Without the app, I find myself sitting in the car working the iDrive to put the information into the car's system. That takes a while, whether I draw the letters and numbers on the top of the dial or spin the dial. Talking is an option, but I have trouble with the voice recognition feature for some reason. You would think that any manufacturer









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CLUB TOOLBOX

For those who have always wanted us to put a name with a face, here's a picture of our club tools. They've been relocated to our treasurer Ron Boustedt's house. Feel free to reach out if you need to scratch your shade tree mechanic itch.

- · HELMETS for track events
- Service light resetting tools very useful
 17mm trans. drain socket
- Tie rod separator pickle forks
- · Remote starter switch
- · Clutch alignment tool
- · Pilot bearing puller
- Fan clutch wrench & bar
- · Electric impact wrench

- Lockstrip tool
- · Brake bleed system very useful
- · Coil spring compressors
- PEAKE code/reset tool all models can be connected under hood or dash
- · SRS air bag scanner



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Stemless Wine Glass



that builds cars in South Carolina would have a voice recognition system that can handle an American Southern accent! The app saves time and effort. Admittedly, so does Apples CarPlay.

There are other useful app functions. Amazon Music is available; for that matter so is Alexa, although I am not sure as to the reason. The BMW app will also work with your Apple watch. The newest function (at least to me) is the digital key which allows you to use the App on your phone as a key to your BMW. I have yet to own a car that allows me to try this feature. Maybe someday in the not-too-distant future I will have that opportunity. Admittedly, it is another thing to add to our already busy mobile phones.

Finally, since I mentioned parking in a previous paragraph, the BMW app will remember where you parked your car. This is very important if you parked your car on Einbahnstrasse in a large German city!

*Einbahnstrasse – German for one way street

BMW TRIVIA QUIZ

- 1. Which BMW model was nicknamed the "Whispering Bomb?"
 - a. M1
 - b. 78
 - c. 750iL
 - d. 2002
 - e. 2000 CS
- 2. Which BMW show car made its worldwide debut at the 2012 Legends of the Autobahn concours?
 - a. Zagato Z4 Roadster
 - b. Zagato M6 Gran Coupe
 - c. i8 Concept
 - d. Concept X1
- 3. Who was the most famous American celebrity to own a new 507?
 - a. Shawn Halsev
 - b. Alain Delon
 - c. Elvis Presley
 - d. Nicholas Cage
 - e. Prince

- 4. What was the year and model of the last BMW to be sold with an M10 engine?
 - a. 1990 318i
 - b. 1995 318i
 - c. 2008 330i
 - d. 2005 325i e. 1985 318i
- 5. Which BMW models were sold with a real (S Code) M engine, but were not marketed as an M car? (choose all that apply)
 - a. 633CSi
 - b. 850CSi
 - c. Alpina B7 d. Z8

 - e. M1
 - f. 1987 M6
- 6. Which manufacturers use BMW V12 engines for their US models? (choose all that (vlags
 - a. Toyota
 - b. Tesla
 - c. BMW
 - d. Land Rover
 - e. MINI
 - f. Rolls Royce
 - q. Bentley

- 7. Name the car with a BMW V12 that was not produced for the US market (write your answer below)
- 8. What was the model of the first car produced using the BMW name? (choose all that apply)
 - a. Isetta
 - b. 507
 - c. 315
 - d. 235
 - e. 3/15
- 9. Which company produced the wheels exclusively offered on the F21 BMW 320is?
 - a. Borg Warner
 - b. Mille Miglia
 - c. BMW
 - d. Speedline
 - e. Mahle
- 10. Which BMW 3-series model has a 2.5 liter engine and is NOT badged 325?
 - a. 318i
 - b. 335i
 - c. 320i
 - d. 323i
 - e. 324i

Please bring your responses to the next BMW Breakfast, where the answers will be reviewed, and the person with the highest score on the guiz will receive a prize!

An Event Not To Be Missed

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Produced with sponsorship from The Werk Shop, Classic BMW of Plano, Texas, CocoMats, and Yokohama Tires, the BMW CCA Foundation has assembled twenty significant cars and four equally compelling motorcycles at their beautiful, newly air-conditioned museum in Greer, South Carolina.

Included among the rare classics on display are a 1930 3/15 PS DA2 Cabriolet, believed to be the oldest BMW in North America; three of BMW's race-dominating pre-war roadsters – a 319/1, a 315/1, and a 328; a Pebble Beach trophy-winning 503 cabriolet; a 507, two Baroque Angels; a pair of EMWs, likely the only ones in the United States, built by the Soviets in BMW's former factory in Eisenach; an Isetta 300; a race-prepared 1960 700, and more. Motorcycles include a race-winning R47 sport bike and an R2 single; a postwar R24 and a sidecar-and-trailer-equipped military R75.

The vehicles are supported by extensive archival photos and stories, and an audio tour is available for download to mobile phones. If you can't make it to the show, a virtual tour is available online at www.bmwccafoundation.org.

A beautiful, 166-page, full-color GENESIS exhibit book, written by Jackie Jouret, is also available from the BMW CCA Foundation store, in softcover or limited-edition hardcover.















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MANNY - PART DUEX

By Brad Purvis

Lately, I've been prattling on about Rachel, our 1983 320i, which has taken center stage of late. Lest Manny, a.k.a., the Red Baron, be forgotten I thought I'd provide him with a bit of press time. As you may or may not remember, I purchased Manny, a 1998 Hellrot 540i Sport, on BaT back in August of 2018. If you recall my previous piece about buying on BaT, you know purchasing a car via an online auction can be like ordering a box of chocolates. You never know what you're going to get until it arrives. My apologies to Mrs. Gump.



Overall, the car was as advertised, however, there were a few items that needed attention. As with all my new-used charges the first item is to renew all fluids. This done, I set about having a few annoying idiosyncrasies attended to. First, was the sloppy shift linkage, something not mentioned in the car's BaT description, but immediately apparent upon first drive. The simple idea of installing a short-shift kit was quickly transcended by the discovery of worn transmission locking pins. Replacing those meant the transmission was coming out, and as long as that was happening then the clutch might as well be replaced too. Mission creep was well underway.

The other annoying issue, also discovered on the initial trip home, was the erratic fuel gage. Sometimes it worked and sometimes it didn't. That would have to wait. During the ensuing weeks and months, the lower heater hose failed necessitating a flatbed to the shop. While replacing the two heater hoses, we discovered the power steering pump was leaking, which was attended to along with new engine mounts. I opted to do this simply because I am a true believer in prophylactic maintenance. Later, a replacement of the coolant expansion tank cured a persistent coolant low message due to the low coolant sensor float separating from its ballast. I also chose to fit Manny with a new pair of shoes as the tire date codes were truly ancient even though there was plenty of good tread left.

In case it's beginning to sound like all work and no play, Manny and I signed up for our chapter's Back of the Dragon run. The fuel gauge problem reared its ugly head again, so I became very conservative requesting fuel stops en route, something I'm sure my bladder appreciated as well. Quantity indicator aside, Manny was a treat to drive through the mountains of western Virginia and the Back's 32 miles and 300+ curves, and although the weather wasn't cooperative, the titillation of touring during the early days of the pandemic was a great escape. I did, however, decide to exit stage left on the morning of the last day and faced torrential rains on the way home. Surprisingly, Manny was none the worse for wear at the end of the trip. A couple of hours' worth of Zen clean-up was all that I needed to get him looking as good as before we left. I know some people loathe to

take their pride and joys out in the rain, but as long as there is no salt on the road, I'm game to test the mettle of our machines.

I finally decided to attend to Manny's erratic fuel gauge after getting a case of the heebie-jeebies while driving around the back roads of our glorious Old Dominion. The gage failed completely and when the fuel low-level warning light came on, I realized I was miles from nowhere. I eventually found a gas station, and even if it wasn't Shell, I filled the tank and headed for the barn. As I recall, I pumped more gas into the tank that day than it technically holds. It was time to answer all bells.



The process of curing the undependable gauge was not as straightforward as I'd hoped. Most online forums are full of suggestions and cures, all invariably wrong, or at best a smidgen of useful information. Error codes, on the other hand, indicated the left tank sensor was faulty, so that was replaced. Sadly, this did not entirely fix the problem. The right tank sensor tested okay, which left the gauge or wiring. My local independent workshop removed the instrument cluster and sent it to an instrument repair facility in nearby Richmond. Unfortunately, after they repaired it, they shipped the cluster back to the wrong shop (similar name), and it took over six weeks for them to fess up to their mistake and then convince the shop they sent it to to return to its rightful owner. Apparently, they were initially hesitant to do so. The lack of integrity of some people truly amazes me. The repaired cluster eventually arrived and was quickly installed, so all is now right with the world.

Manny still could use some help with the driver's front seat cover, and a small portion of a sagging headliner has yet to be addressed. There are a few broken plastic trim pieces, which I'm sure are unobtanium, which need sourcing, but none of this detracts from the sheer joy of driving this wonderful Bavarian machine.

An E39 is probably one of the very best everyday performance sedans BMW ever built. "It is so choice. If you have the means, I highly recommend picking one up." Thank you, Ferris. That said, most are at that point in their lifecycles when some heavy maintenance items need addressing, and preventative maintenance requires more than what's outlined in the owner's manual. I recommend Mike Miller's Lifetime Maintenance Schedule® as a starting point. Like any



BMW, a lot of these repairs don't come cheap, and some are downright eye-watering, so hopefully you can find a good independent BMW repair shop, or you can do some of the maintenance and repairs yourself. To me, the reward comes when I slide behind Manny's wheel and turn the key, knowing shortly I'll be transported to a time and place of my choosing in this red rocket ship.

Tidewater BMW Club Photo Album Site

In order to allow all of our members to view and share photos from our events, we have a Shutterfly share site and we have recently updated that site. What I'd like to do in this short article is to tell you a little about it and invite you to view and share photos.

HOW TO ACCESS SITE

Our share site is at: https://tidewaterbmwcca.shutterfly.com/. Since our site is on Shutterfly, you must first set up a Shutterfly account with your Log-in ID and password; to do this, go to Shutterfly's home page (https://www.shutterfly.com/ and click on Sign Up (you are not purchasing anything; about the only thing that will happen is that you'll start getting Emails from Shutterfly, which you can unsubscribe to) — if you already have a Shutterfly account, you're good.

If you'd like to be able to upload pictures you have taken at any of our events or download

pictures, please send one of the club officers an Email (our Email addresses are located on page 2 of this magazine). Once you do so, one of us will send you an Email inviting you to the site. Then, after logging in, you'll see this:

If you click on the PLEASE READ heading, you'll be taken to a page that provides instructions on how to either:

- Upload pictures to share with all of us
- Download photos for your own use.

The CALENDAR heading is a link to the club's web calendar



The SIGN UP heading is a link to MotorSportReg, which is how you can quickly and easily sign up for our club events. By the way, once you have a MotorSportReg account, you can set a "dashboard" of events, customized to your likes and geographic preferences (for example, my dashboard displays in addition to our club events, all autocross and high performance driving events within a 300 mile range). You can add as much information as you'd like to your account

USING THE SITE

Now for the real meat of the site. If you click on PHOTOS & VIDEOS, you see the screen to the right.

This section contains an album for almost every event that club has sponsored dating back to 2012 – well over 50 albums. The newest event albums are displayed first. Once you find the event album you're interested in, click on VIEW ALBUM. You will then see all of the pictures we have for that event. Please feel free to:

- · Download those of interest to you
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- Tag yourself or other members in the pictures you view.



UPLOADING PICTURES TO THE SHARE SITE:

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- With your mouse, hover over EDIT (in white after title)
- Select ADD PICTURES from the menu that appears
- Click on the orange UPLOAD button that appears on the next screen
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 - Select the pictures you just uploaded and delete them -- each photo will have an orange checkmark and you click on the trash can; don't worry, the pictures are also in the album on the share site. I guess it's one of those "features" of Shutterfly

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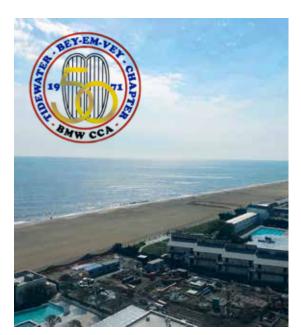
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50th Anniversary Annual Banquet









A Look in the Rear View Mirror

Our intent is for you to recall events that you have participated in and remember the good times we shared and the other members. Despite the weather, our young driving students really got a lot out of the day & thanks to our volunteers who made this terrific public service event possible!



April 13, 2019 PhotoOps Drive, Williamsburg, VA

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Evolution car cover made by Covercraft. Selling for \$100. Purchased new, used twice. No longer need as I sold my 3-series.

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