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UPCOMING EVENTS

- 11 **13 TASTE OF THE EASTERN SHORE II** 10:00 AM: Taste Unlimited 4097 Shore Dr. Virginia Beach, VA 23455
- 11 20 SOUTHSIDE BREAKFAST 9:00 AM: Leaping Lizard Cafe 4408 Shore Dr. Virginia Beach, VA 23455
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President's Corner

Choice. At the end of it all, *choice* is something we all have. We can choose to do something or not. We can choose to take action or inaction. We can elect to say a kind word, or a disparaging remark. We can opt to follow through with our actions, or not. We can choose to remain prudent with our health and be cognizant of the global superbug that is omnipresent, or we can throw caution to the wind and risk harming ourselves and others. Years back, then CCA President Steve Johnson chose to respond in kind. Full disclosure,

then BEY EM VEY VP Purvis stepped in to come to my aide; vice aide, thank you Brad. Five years ago I chose to push an event for us, Street Survival. In spite of the omnipresent superbug, we are choosing to continue with that great event and I am happy to report we are hosting it for the fourth time under tenure.

So why am I rambling on about choice? Well, it's simple. After exhausting self-reflection, I've learned that I expend an inordinate amount of energy controlling my emotions. While I do thrive under pressure, I aim not to shoot from the hip unless it is an actual shootout, in which case yay for training and practice. By not shooting from the hip (normally), I was able to remain calm when my very character came under attack. By choosing to not react, I am able to speak the unequivocal truth while retaining the moral high ground. That said, this is not the time or place for that. The relevance of choice is apparent in our daily operations of your Club.

We choose to ensure that we remain financially viable, even though National continues to slash our funding. We choose to continue to publish our storied newsletter, even though the requirement is no more. We choose to continue to host as many events as we can muster, even though we do not currently have an Activities Chairman. And finally, well folks, ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, fraus and fraulines, I choose to continue to serve you daily in the efforts of providing you with the best possible Club experience, even though I am tired.

I must put out a call for help. Perhaps more of a cry. We are indeed in need of volunteers. Seeing as I have a little space (I don't know why Andy gives me a full page, someone should tell him to shut me up), I'm going to throw out a challenge to you. A request. An aim. I would like to see many members reach out to us and volunteer to be the "point man" for one event. Guess what, you can choose the event. Perhaps, in the years past you have really enjoyed the Valentine's Day Drive....well, now is your opportunity to host that for us. You can plan and coordinate it; tweak it to your liking. Perhaps you really enjoy the Freedom Drive...guess what, you can be the one to make it even better than in years past. You will never be alone in this. Myself and the entire Board will be here to support you every step of the way. If you say that you want to get involved but are not sure how much time you can dedicate, well, this is the perfect way to do that. A singular event, each year, all yours! I do hope that we get some people who choose to stand up and say "hey, I want to support our local BEY EM VEY".

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Veep Corner

Return of the great American Road Trip

This story takes place in early August 2021. You know the plan; duck out of work early on a Friday to start your vacation a little early, always flawless. By always, I mean never. I have several "deferred maintenance" jobs on my 07 335, one of which is the vent fan. It quit on me in 2015, but I read somewhere in an E90 forum that if you spray a little WD-40 in there and give it a few spins, you'd be back in

business. For 6 years, every few months I would pop off the cabin air filter, couple squirts and spins, good to go for another 6 months. Keep in mind that I am no mechanic.

This brings us to the Thursday before departure, the vent fan has died. No amounts of WD-40 will bring this thing back to life. New plan, I find a parts store with the fan in stock, I'll grab it on my way home Friday after ducking out early. Pop the old one out, new one in and I'll be back to enjoying the A/C goodness. "Quick 20-minute adventure, in and out real quick" in the voice of Rick Sanchez kept flying through my mind. This should have been a sign.

I chose the hottest day of the year for this project; I was lying on my back across the passenger side door frame and into the floor pan. I was so sweaty that I literally wouldn't have gotten more wet (or salty) if I had jumped into the ocean. Needless to say, this was no 20-minute adventure. An hour and a half into the job, I am livid that I had put the work off for so long. When drenched in sweat and mad at the world, the only thing that happens easily is hitting your head and busting your knuckles.

After this bumpy start, my road trip went off with out a hitch; we spent some time at a working dairy farm in Vermont (think the Bob Newhart show with cows), had a surprise late 40th birthday party thrown for me, and caught a couple of great concerts in Philadelphia on our way back south, and we were in cold high velocity air conditioning the whole way!



Der Jargon

By Andrew McCulley



We're going to be a little more scholastic with this quarter's installment of *Der Jargon*. You've undoubtedly heard the word, as it's literally the "BEY" in BEY EM VEY. The word is *Bayerische*. *Bayerische* translates roughly to – no, it

translates EXACTLY to "Bavarian." Bavaria is one of sixteen states in Germany. It is the largest state by land area, encompassing roughly one-fifth of the land of the entire country, and second largest by population. Interestingly, despite its large population, but due to its large size, Bavaria is one of the least densely populated states in Germany.

Located in southeastern Germany, Bavaria is known for its bucolic mountain regions and lakes, sites such as Neuschwanstein Castle, rarely exported Frankenwein (Franconia wine), and, of course, BMWs. BMW AG maintains its headquarters in Munich, which is the largest city in Bavaria. Designed by Karl Schwanzer and completed in 1972, the main building looks like the head of a four-cylinder engine and is an iconic exemplar of contemporary 70s architecture. The headquarters consists of the main building, the BMW Museum, and the BMW Welt.

The people of Bavaria are very proud of their heritage, most often considering themselves Bavarians first, and Germans second. Many of the regional stereotypes that Americans identify with all of Germany, such as Oktoberfest, Lederhosen, and Schnitzel, are Bavarian traditions. No self-respecting North German from Berlin or Hamburg would be caught dead in Lederhosen!

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As a Tidewater Chapter BMW CCA member there are even more benefits and discounts that come with your club membership. For more information please visit <u>www.twbmwcca.org</u>.

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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ANOTHER OPTION

By Ray Laffoon

Recently BMW announced the end of their European Delivery Program for the US market. The reasons given relate to a preference among customers in the US for X-models, and a low demand for European delivery. I'm a bit surprised at this announcement, especially since I have known many BMW owners who enjoyed taking delivery in Munich, visiting BMW Welt, and then using their new BMW to travel around Europe. There is no better vacation for the BMW enthusiast!



Porsche still provides the option for US customers to order in the US and pick up in Zuffenhausen on the north side of Stuttgart, where they can then find the opportunity to enjoy driving some very marvelous roads that meander and flow across the state of Baden-Württemberg, which I admit is a place where I love to live and drive. The roads here are amazing, the scenery is beautiful, and the food is astounding. Finally, the Alps are not that far away. The autobahn is also available but it is often congested, which is why Stuttgart is frequently called "Staugart" by the locals. I like the autobahn, but a drive through the country on the backroads is how I prefer spending my time. Why should Porsche owners have all the fun?

There is a way for BMW owners to enjoy the roads here! There is a way for a US citizen to purchase a US specification BMW or MINI here in Germany, and enjoy the roads and culture that Europe has to offer. There is only one catch. You have to be part of the US military or a diplomat to use BMW's Military Car Sales. BMW has several dealerships across Germany strategically located near bases used by the US military. Thankfully the offer is there for those in military uniform, US government civilian employees, and contractors with Status of Forces Agreement status. Meeting those requirements will allow the buyer to purchase a US specification BMW or MINI, use it while living in Germany, and bring home good memories and an awesome souvenir.

I have purchased two cars through this service since moving to Germany as a US government



civilian. I was car shopping before leaving Virginia, and that continued when I landed in Stuttgart. I originally thought about buying a Euro-spec used car, something I can't have in the US. After selling 2 cars in the US before leaving, I realized that approach had a few flaws, especially since I wanted something nice which usually costs more. Cheap cars go quickly. The above \$10,000 dollar machinery may sit on the lot for weeks or months. Trying to sell a used car while in the middle of a move to the US did not appeal to me, which meant I had to get a US-specification car that I could bring back.

I was glad my hotel had good connectivity to the internet since this enabled checking the market after my arrival in Germany, While scrolling through the website for Bavarian Motor Cars (bavarianmotorcars.com) I came across pages which contained BMWs and MINIs, new and used, for sale! Since I shipped over my 2-door John Cooper Works MINI hardtop, I realized we needed an SUVish vehicle. Thanks to



the internet, we found a nice house with a garage built in the era of the VW Beetle. After signing the paperwork, I realized that my planned X5 would not fit, and an X3 would fit but I would have to stay in the car unless I did not mind using the tailgate hatch for entry and exit all the time. Maybe the sunroof, but I am not a gymnast! After comparison shopping while wandering and wondering around the Base Exchange parking lot, I realized that the BMW X1 and X2 would be a good choice, but then noticed that BMW offered very good deals on set packages for the Countryman S All4. My wife and I found a MINI Countryman S All4 available in the traditional MINI rally colors of white roof over a Chili red body. It even had a John Cooper Works steering wheel!

That is how we met Antony Jones, one of the most knowledgeable, customer-oriented, likeable salesmen I have ever met who truly enjoys BMWs and MINIs. I submitted the online inquiry form one evening, and Antony called the next day. I enjoyed his friendly, straight-forward manner as he asked me several key questions to confirm our desires and our capabilities in terms of buying the car. The best part is he coached us through the entire process. Debbie and I drove to the dealership in Würzburg to meet him in person, test drive a similar MINI to the one we wanted, process some paperwork, and place a deposit on the MINI we wanted.

The next few weeks involved moving into the house we were renting, setting up utilities, starting a new job, and doing the paperwork required by the US Military, the German government, and BMW. Thankfully Antony has done this for a very long time, and we found ourselves relying on his coaching as we dealt with the Fujiwara effect of competing bureaucracies. There were bills of sale, customs forms, money transfers, acknowledgment of service, etc, etc, etc. The good thing is Bavarian Motor Cars has things like a US bank account that helped with the money transfer (the car was priced in US dollars), and the forms which were needed to work with all the various entities.

Once our car was delivered and prepped at the dealer, Bavarian Motor Cars reserved a hotel room for us in Würzburg, near the Altstadt (old city). My wife and I dropped off our rental car at the Stuttgart airport and went downstairs to catch the train to Würzburg. Upon arrival, we enjoyed a pleasant walk



at sunset through a beautiful park to our hotel. Later that evening, we ate dinner at a sidewalk table overlooking the river, and then explored the historic area and old bridge after dark. The next morning, we enjoyed a nice breakfast and a pleasant walk around the old city, to include the grounds of the schloss (palace). We took a taxi to the dealer (reimbursed) where we met our



DETAILING WITH MR. Q Paint Prep

Materials Needed:

- Clay Bar
- Spray Detailer/Lubricant
- Microfiber Towel

When it comes to polishing automotive finishes to perfection, nothing is more critical than prep work. Specifically, removing microscopic contaminates that have

adhered to painted surfaces. Get these caught up under the pad of your buffer and you might as well have polished with an orbital sander.

Our method for removing such pesky contaminates is something I'm particularly proud of. Q Branch uses nothing but the finest in twenty-first century automotive technology for this job. It's called a clay bar. Clay Barring is the process of rubbing a clay bar over all painted surfaces to lift away remnant contaminates, such as brake dust, road tar, bug splatter, etc.

Clay barring should be done immediately after washing, as you want to minimize the amount of contamination on the surface before beginning the procedure. With the car perfectly clean, having not been driven anywhere since being washed, mold a clay bar to fit comfortably in your hand, spray (the car and the bar) with some type of quick detailer or soap solution, and begin rubbing over the painted surfaces of the car. As with washing, work from the cleanest surface to the dirtiest, which would usually mean top to bottom. Wipe off the excess spray detailer as you work your way around the vehicle.



The Virginia Peninsula Foodbank and the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore have been our traditional charities of choice for many years. We now bring a Foodbank collection box to our events, and we offer reminders on our Facebook page, motorsportreg.com, our Chapter website and emails for every event.

Most of our donations go directly to the Foodbank's Warehouse Distribution Program, which includes all food and grocery products from food drives, purchases, and donations from manufacturers and supermarkets. Just a reminder, before we take the food to the Foodbank, we check the dates on all donations as they will not accept outdated food of any kind, including canned items, so please check the expiration dates on your donations. We receive a receipt with the weight of each donation, and/or for any monetary donation. The donation is always from the Tidewater Chapter of the BMW Car Club of America, never from and individual. We appreciate your continuing support of our charitable effort s on behalf of our Chapter.

https://foodbankonline.org https://hrfoodbank.org

Avril Purvis, Charity Administrator

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 President, Shawn Halsey's Clubhouse. Feel free to reach out if you need to scratch your shade tree mechanic itch.

- HELMETS for track events
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 17mm trans. drain socket
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I will conclude this President's Corner with acknowledging the many difficulties we have faced this past year. Between COVID, continuing regulatory changes, trying to expand our offerings and more, it has been turbulent indeed. I would like to thank all those who have worked tirelessly to ensure a smooth running Club for you. Every Board member has worked round the clock, perhaps even at times choosing to murmur choice words about me under their breath. It would also be prudent for me to make mention that my position and that of Secretary are up for vote at the end of this year. With our newly adopted By-Laws, durations are for two years. We are absolutely allowing for nominations for these two positions; I certainly encourage people to step up!

I hope you choose to read through this lovely newsletter. I hope you choose to show up to our events (and register online beforehand)! I hope you choose to have a positive disposition towards one another. More than anything else, I choose to hope that you all have a great healthy and safe remainder to this year.

Freunde und Spaß mit Autos Shawn



When we updated our Chapter By-laws in 2020, two changes were made to the election of officers.

1) terms of office were changed from one year to two year terms

2) elections for officers are staggered, the President and the Secretary election will be held in odd years and elections for Vice-President and Treasurer in even years.

Well, here we are in 2021, (odd) and the nominations for President and Secretary are now open!

Members in good standing can nominate other members in good standing or even themselves for these positions. Voting will take place electronically during December after the nominations have been published on the website in November and in the Das Kummet. Officers terms will start on Jan. 1, 2022.

Use any one of these methods to make your nominations

- Use the Nomination form at https://www.twbmwcca.org/nominations.
- Email <u>secretary@twbmwcca.org</u> with your name, member#, and nominations for each office.
- Snail Mail to: Tidewater Chapter, PO Box 62145, Virginia Beach, VA 23462 with the same information as above.

bright red 2019 MINI Cooper S Countryman All4. We have never regretted our choice, and despite the paperwork, it was a very pleasant car buying experience, one that I would not mind doing again. After the local BMW Genius explained our car, we drove away for the mandatory visit to the nearby customs yard (inspection and stamps on the paperwork to make it official), followed by driving our new MINI home on the autobahn! And yes, it fit in the garage! The best part is the Countryman fits in our life, comfortably conveying us as we explore the Alps, Italy, and other parts of Europe.

And then along came COVID. Travel was restricted. Bicycle sales went up because we were allowed to exercise but not go anywhere. The bikeways here are outstanding. The mountain bike trails are fun and challenging. The MINI helped us find new trails to explore so that we could continue to enjoy the outdoors and remain sane during the pandemic.

This past January, I drove a friend's 2020 Ford Mustang GT. The newer Mustang is a wonderful car that I enjoy driving. They are the number one selling sports car in Germany (that surprised me!). Mustangs are noticed, even in the unique car rich world around Stuttgart. However, a Mustang will not fit in my garage! We tried to back my friend's Mustang into my garage, and discovered it was about eight inches too long.

Driving the Mustang created a problem for me. I enjoyed my John Cooper Works MINI, but I really enjoyed the power of the Mustang's V8 and the balance of the chassis. So, I found myself looking intently at cars, especially BMWs. I spent a lot of time looking at dimensions. I studied the

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Reminiscing: TASTE OF THE EASTERN SHORE

By Andy McCulley

The sunny July morning provided the perfect backdrop for a cruise to the Eastern Shore. We met at Taste off Shore Drive, where we exchanged pleasantries, waited for other members to arrive, and engaged in tire-kicking banter. We proceeded along the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel – always a pleasurable drive with an outstanding view, over Fisherman's Island, and on to Cape Charles. Once at the Cape Charles Distillery, we were seated in a private outdoor area with various sofas and tables arranged so that small groups could gather and enjoy the tasting.



The menu was prix fixe and consisted of seven courses – each comprised of an alcoholic beverage paired with a tapas plate. Interestingly, each tapas course incorporated the paired alcoholic drink in the actual recipe. For instance, the distillery's Maple Whiskey was paired with a sweet potato dish that utilized the whiskey in a brown butter reduction sauce. The Woo Woo Vodka was paired with rigatoni alla vodka.

Each course was artfully conceived, fluently prepared, and beautifully presented. The most captious foodie would have found the experience both pleasantly educative and satisfying to their palate. There's an ethereal, hedonic pleasure that can be derived from enjoying a high-quality individualized meal. This experience delivered exactly that.



If you feel as though you missed out on this experience, fear not! Taste of the Eastern Shore Part II took place on November 13th in concjunction with the First Settlers Region of the PCA. Future installments of Taste of the Eastern Shore are currently in the works!





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market, and I looked at the particular cars near my work.

I finally settled on either an M2 or a Z4. Several years ago, my wife had the opportunity to ride in a friend's BMW Z4 roadster on one of our first outings with the Tidewater Chapter of the BMW CCA. Since then, she kept looking at Z4s with a certain glowing fondness in her eyes. That glow strongly influenced our decision as to which car to buy. We both wanted a grand touring car, something good for a weekend trip to Grossglockner, Lago Garda or Lago Como. I wanted the balance and power to flow through the Alps. So, we set our eyes on a Z4, with a caveat. I get to choose the motor!

Round 2 with Antony. We brought each other up to date on life, interspersed with discussions about the Z4 that my wife and I wanted. Bavarian Motor Cars had two Z4 M40i roadsters in the pipeline, a black one and a white one. I normally like black, but to me the black Z4 said "racer" more than I wanted. The white car had the cognac leather interior, and looked very nice in the digital presentations. It said Grand Tour to me, so Bavarian Motor Cars put our name on it!

Like last time, Antony coached us through the process. Since I was trading the John Cooper Works MINI, Antony set up an appointment at a nearby BMW dealer that is part of their chain for the inspection. Our JCW MINI was in great condition according to the 30-plus page report (in German) that came out of that process. Antony and I confirmed the trade-in value, and finalized the numbers.

Despite COVID, we received news of the car being built in its factory in Graz, Austria, and eventually it arrived at the dealer in Würzburg. Appointments were set, I picked up the registration, and we drove our JCW MINI to the dealer where we met our new Z4. COVID restrictions muted the experience compared to the night in a hotel, but we were treated well. The BMW Genius took the time explaining how our car worked, and then we went to the Customs yard to finish that part of the process. Then we drove home, remembering to keep it under 4500 RPM and no more than 100 MPH until we had driven 2000 miles.

As many of you who picked up your BMWs in Europe will attest, there is nothing like the experience of driving these cars here on the roads where they were engineered and developed. Antony Jones and Bavarian Motor Cars enriched the experience for us by taking tedious bureaucratic processes and making them part of the magic of buying a BMW or MINI in Europe. I will be out driving the Alps next weekend!

*If you are transferred to Germany, I really recommend you contact Antony Jones if you want a new BMW or MINI. His contact info is:

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BMW TRIVIA QUIZ

- 1. Would you like to write an article for the next edition of Das Kummet?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
- 2. What type of events would you like to see more of? Any ideas for new types of events? Would you be interested in hosting or organizing a future event? Any suggestions for the club's current leadership? If you wish for your answers to remain anonymous, please write them below, do not list your name, and stack them on a table. If you don't mind being recognized, feel free to email responses to editor@twbmwcca.org
- 3. Established in May, 1972 with 35 employees, BMW Motorsport GmbH was founded by which German racecar driver?
 - a. Jochen Neerpasch
 - b. Hans Stuck
 - c. Jochen Mass
 - d. Anke Hacker
- 4. When is the OBX Holiday Drive?
 - a. December 31st
 - b. December 1st
 - c. October 1st
 - d. July 4th
 - e. December 5th

- 5. Who is the current Vice President of the Tidewater Chapter of the BMW CCA?
 - a. Me
 - b. Dan Quayle
 - c. Shawn Halsey
 - d. Patrick Star
 - e. Patrick Morrissey
 - f. Brad Purvis
- 6. When is the next trip to the BMW M Performance School?
 - a. June 19, 2022
 - b. June 18, 2022
 - c. Friday the 13th
 - d. I don't know, but I'm going
- 7. BMW provided the engine for which F1 team during the 1983 season?
 - a. Mercedes-Benz
 - b. Brabham
 - c. McLaren
 - d. Lotus
 - e. Tyyrell
 - f. Toleman
 - g. Theodore
- 8. Which driver won the F1 world championship in 1983?
 - a. Niki Lauda
 - b. Derek Warwick
 - c. Alain Prost
 - d. Nelson Piquet
 - e. Jacques Villenueve Sr.
 - f. René Arnoux
 - g. Manfred Winkelhock

- 9. Who is the largest individual shareholder in BMW?
 - a. Oliver Zipse
 - b. Shawn Halsey
 - c. Stefan Quandt
 - d. Susanne Klatten
 - e. Dr. Milan Nedeljkovic
- 10. The fifth-generation Range Rover, codenamed L460, will utilize which BMW engine?
 - a. N63B4402
 - b. N63B44M3
 - c. N63B44T3
 - d. N63B40A
 - e. N63B4400

A Look in the Rear View Mirror

Our intent is for you to recall events that you have participated in, remember the good times we shared, and to meet other members. Our 2020 Winery Tour took us to Chatham Winery on the Eastern Shore. We proceeded with a scenic drive through Cape Charles, enjoyed some beverages at the Cape Charles Distillery, and concluded with dinner at a local Pizza place.



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