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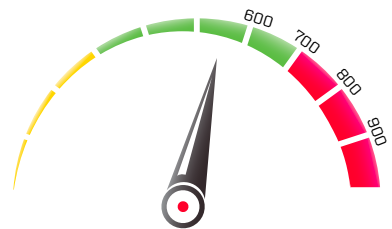
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 08 20** **STREET SURVIVAL DAY 1 & 2 – AUG 20TH-21ST**  
8:00 AM: NCCAR  
310 Technology Dr., Garysburg, NC 27831
- 08 27** **SOUTHSIDE BMW BREAKFAST**  
09:00 AM: Baker's Crust Landstown Commons  
3388 Princess Anne Rd. Ste 311, Virginia Beach, VA 23456
- 09 10** **PENINSULA BRUNCH**  
11:00 AM: Schlesinger's SteakHouse  
1106 William Styron Square S, Newport News, VA 23606
- 09 17** **SOUTHSIDE BMW BREAKFAST**  
09:00 AM: The Rustic Spoon  
1658 Pleasure House Rd. Ste 101, Virginia Beach, VA 23455
- TBD** **TASTE OF EASTERN SHORE PART III**  
TBD
- 10 07** **DRAGON DRIVE 2022 – OCT 7TH-10TH**  
12:00 PM: Shell/Pilot Gas Station  
2400 Holland Rd., Suffolk, VA 23434
- 10 15** **ECW AUTOFEST – NON CHAPTER EVENT**  
10:00 AM at Williamsburg-Jamestown Airport  
100 Marclay Dr. Williamsburg, VA 23188
- 11 06** **OBX DRIVE**  
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## President's Corner

Perhaps it is just me, but from my perspective time has sped up like *double fast forward* on a VCR. Yes, I know what a VCR is... I used to program them to record new episodes of JAG. Well, now that I've shown my age, I'll explain the *what's-what* of Club happenings.

We have been accelerating ahead at full throttle with Club events.

For the first time ever, we are hosting two Tire Rack Street Survival events in one year - and in one weekend no less. What is sure to be a full and busy weekend will be wrought with smiles from eager learners

and support staff alike. Speaking of Street Survival, yes we can always use

more help. Please email [streetsurvival@twbmwcca.org](mailto:streetsurvival@twbmwcca.org) to volunteer yourself if you have not already!

Sadly we did have to postpone our Independence Day drive, alas we will reschedule that! Stay tuned for the new date. Also on the horizon is our annual Dragon Drive. True to BMW, we are continuing to reinvent that weekend to ensure it delivers joy and passion at every turn! Also to come, our third *Taste of Eastern Shore*! This time, rather than just tasting and learning about cordials, we will be delighting in specialty craft cocktails. Again to be sublimely paired with a tasting menu that would force chefs at Three Michelin Star restaurants to question their training. In addition, for the first time, we will be encouraging attendees to dress in their best *Swinging Twenties* attire; the motivation being a prize to be awarded to the best dressed.

We will conclude the year with the remainder of our more *traditional* events, to include Scavenger Hunt, Fall Foliage, and so-on. We will have voting for Vice President and Treasurer at the end of the year, so keep your eyes peeled for that. If you feel inclined to support the Club more directly, rest assured that I can put you to work. Also progressing is our historical archiving project; taking the form of a book. While we do not yet have an estimated completion date, I am very excited for the progress that has been made. The final product will be something to be treasured, and a great coffee table read for years to come.

And now for the best part. What you **ALL** have been waiting for with bated breath and giddy-like anticipation. The 2002 is alive and progressing! The restoration team has divided into two crews, the Blue crew and the Gold crew. With tasks being duly assigned and a strict agenda for progress, it won't be long before this beauty is cruising the roads of Hampton Roads! Okay okay, "won't be long" is relative, and perhaps optimistic. Alas, the engine is solid. Before this article is published, the engine will have a working cooling system and a new fuel pump. With an interior that is nearly fully gutted, work will soon begin on the arduous task of rust reduction. While the work is progressing nicely, we are aware of the long road ahead. Unfazed by that fact, I do have a small plea for you. Each and every one of you. Whether you are reading this at home, in the lounge of your favorite BMW Service Station, on a train through the Alps, or cooly as you wait for the fuzz to clear out so you can do donuts in the parking lot, I have a small yet major favor to ask. **WE NEED**

# The Power of M: Celebrating 50 Years

The BMW CCA Foundation's current exhibit celebrates 50 years of BMW M cars. The exhibit is in memory of Eric Keller, the principal of Enthusiast Auto Group (EAG), who suddenly passed away earlier this year. Eric was a true champion of BMW cars, and was instrumental in elevating models to collectible status among car aficionados. On display are 25 pristine examples of M models dating back to the early 1970s and spanning to modern day. The exhibit will run from May 16, 2022 through January 21, 2022. If you are unable to spectate in person, use the link below for a virtual tour of the exhibit.

<https://theultimatedrivingmuseum.org/museum/current-exhibit/>



Our Tidewater Chapter will host TWO Tire Rack Street Survival courses on **Saturday August 20th. and Sunday August 21st.** at NCCAR in Garysburg, NC.

A day designed to help teenage drivers become more observant of traffic situations and experience the impact of distractions. Using the teen's own car and accompanied by an in-car coach, they will not only learn but also practice maneuvering through challenging situations and avoiding accidents.

If you have a teenager that wants to attend, please visit [MotorsportReg.com](http://MotorsportReg.com) to sign up.

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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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# To the Summit of Jockey's Ridge: The 2022 OBX Drive

By Linda Coggins



OBX, what exactly does it mean? Many people have no idea, nor have they ever been there. It is one of North Carolina's barrier islands. A sandy spit of land known collectively as the Outer Banks, often abbreviated to the letters OBX. It is a unique place, a beautiful place, known for its history and shrouded in mystery. Quiet seaside villages, myriad hotels, motels, restaurants and Mom and Pop businesses. It's most notable claim to fame is being where the Wright Brothers conducted their flight experiments. The first engine powered airplane flight took place in Kitty Hawk on December 17, 1903 with Orville Wright piloting the plane for a whopping 12 seconds and a distance of 180 feet. Their final 4th flight of the day lasted 59 seconds and a distance of 852 feet becoming the best flight out of 4 attempts that day. At that time Kitty Hawk included the area now called Kill Devil Hills which is where the actual flight took place and where the Wright Brother's Museum is located which is actually a few hundred feet behind my house. The phrase "First in Flight" has been incorporated into many of the names of local businesses and attractions because of this great event taking place here. The monument to flight blinks in my kitchen window every 7 seconds at night like a twinkling star and the ocean plays the symphonic sounds of crashing waves upon the shore, sometimes loud and rough, exemplifying the strength of nature in the manifestation of a hurricane. Other times gentle, rolling, calming waters, with the calls of many seabirds singing their songs against the night sky.



I try to share a part of this history with our Bimmer enthusiasts that sign up for the annual trek down here, which in the BMW CCA has become known as the "OBX Cruise". We have shared meals at some of the best seafood restaurants and had very tasteful luncheons. We've visited some interesting attractions like the Currituck Light House, Bodie Light House, Jockey's Ridge at Nags Head, the Christmas Shop in Manteo, the Kitty Hawk Memorial to Flight, and, of course, we have stopped at the ocean where some members got their feet wet at seaside parks. We have cruised through neighborhoods and back streets that most tourists are not even aware of, including the Maritime Forest. Most recently, approximately 30 members came to this year's



special cruise which included time to climb the tallest sand dune on the east coast at Jockey's Ridge State Park. I nicknamed this cruise the "Cruise of Bridges" from start to finish, we crossed a series of 4 bridges the Wright Memorial Bridge, the Melvin R. Daniels Bridge, the William Umstead Memorial Bridge and, finally, the Virginia Dare Memorial Bridge. At 5.2 miles long, it is the longest bridge in the state of North Carolina. We had a delicious lunch on the patio at the Pirates Cove Marina, with a fantastic view of the sound and marina from the Blue Water Grill.



So you see, if you don't sign up for the OBX Cruise every year, you are really missing out on a very special adventure. Each year is a different cruise, with different sights, routes, and restaurants. We also have drawings and gifts with our activities. I am already starting to think of ideas for next year's cruise. Don't be one of those people that miss out on the adventure. Talk to one of the members that has gone on these cruises and you will find out how much fun they all had. For me, the best part is the joy in showing everyone the

beauty and mystery of the OBX. Don't miss next year's event. Sign up and come on down, the more the merrier! I will be waiting for you!

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*Stay tuned for the next article on Ray's visit to the Musée National de l'Automobile Collection Schlumpf in Mulhouse, France!*





## DETAILING WITH MR. Q ARE WE CLEAR?

This quarter's installment of *Detailing With Mr. Q* will address one of the most dreaded and frustrating (for me, at least) topics in detailingdum. You guessed it, window cleaning! Particularly, cleaning windows from the *inside*. There are tons of tips, tricks, and hacks involving newspapers, magic erasers, and even hand sanitizer! I'm not here to tell you these hacks don't work, but instead to overview a process that consistently provides quality

results. Let's get on with it, shall we?

The windshield is always a pain, particularly on newer cars with wide dashboards and steeply sloped windscreens. What I've had great success with is spraying the windshield down with a foaming cleaner and using a squeegee to remove it.

- Place a towel over the dashboard to prevent getting window cleaner on the dash.
- Spray the entire windshield with a foaming glass cleaner (Sprayway, RainX, etc.). Your choice.
- Take a squeegee, and beginning from the top, squeegee across half of the windshield – begin either at the outer edge, or in the middle directly below the rearview mirror.
- Work your way down until you've reached the section where the windscreen meets the dash. Use a paper towel or waffle weave microfiber to remove any remaining cleaner at the bottom.
- Move to the other side of the car, and repeat the process for the second half of the windshield
- Use a paper towel or waffle weave microfiber to remove any remaining cleaner on the windscreen.
- To fit in tight areas where the windshield meets the dashboard, use a microfiber towel folded over a spatula.

The above process is very effective if your windshield is merely streaked and not significantly dirty. Otherwise, after spraying the windshield with a foaming cleaner, take a wet microfiber and agitate to remove dirt, film, fingerprints, etc. Then spray the windshield down again and complete the process as outlined above.

Now, how do you decide what window cleaner to use? Just about any should be sufficient if the formula contains **NO AMMONIA**. Two reasons to stay away from ammonia: it can damage and discolor your dashboard and any surrounding materials, and ammonia tends to streak – in sunlight, ammonia will dry to the glass before it's fully evaporated, leaving a heavily streaked finish.

## 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
- Service light resetting tools – very useful
- Tie rod separator – pickle forks
- Remote starter switch
- Clutch alignment tool
- Pilot bearing puller
- Fan clutch wrench & bar
- Electric impact wrench
- Lockstrip tool
- 17mm trans. drain socket
- 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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# Membership Chair Intro



Happy Fall Y'all!

My name is Amy Finney and I am your new Membership Chairperson! Unlike some of the other chapter officers, I am a relative “newby” in the Bimmer world. In early 2019, I was on the hunt for a long awaited sports coupe. My husband and I started at Lexus... wasn't a big fan; then we headed to Audi... wasn't for me either. Finally, we headed over to BMW. As you might have guessed, I absolutely fell in love with my 2020 440i and pretty much everything BMW! (She still makes my heart skip a beat and I can't help but smile every time I turn her on!) Several

months later, Shawn extended an invitation to attend the Taste of Eastern Shore event in Cape Charles. It was fantastic! Not only were the food and drink phenomenal, but every person I met was incredibly welcoming and made me feel right at home from the very beginning. Soon after that event, my husband and I officially became members and have been participating in events as often as we can. I have meet so many awesome people of varying backgrounds and expertise, and seen so many beautiful cars and scenic routes along the way! There really is something for everyone here!

I hope to see each of you very soon at one of our upcoming events. We have a very exciting fall planned! Please feel free to extend an invite to a friend or acquaintance so they can see first hand what the Tidewater Chapter BMW Car Club is all about!

I look forward to working with each of you as we continue to grow and strengthen our membership. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any suggestions on how we can improve your membership experience or with any questions! (My email is [membership@twbmwcca.org](mailto:membership@twbmwcca.org).)

-Amy

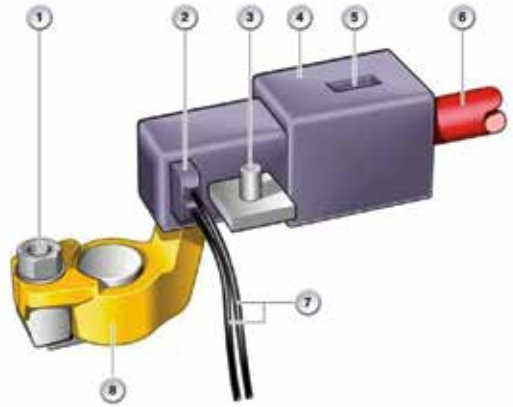


# Did You Know?

The BMW Battery Safety Terminal (BST) is an innovative safety feature that helps keep you safe when you need it most. Tucked away discretely with your battery (in the trunk, for you recent BMW converts), this life-saving device rests atop the positive terminal [6]. Hidden underneath the protective plastic covering [4] is a small pyrotechnic charge that will (when instructed by the car) *explode*, disconnecting the electrical power to the engine compartment, while maintaining electrical power to other systems such as the hazard lights, interior lights, power windows, and door locks.

Exhaustive research determined that a major concern following an accident was an electrical fire. Accordingly, the disconnect process occurs in the the approximate amount of time it takes for a human to blink. This small one-time use device proved unmatched in reducing post-accident electrical fires.

When the MRS (Multiple Restraint System) detects an impact severe enough to warrant activating the BST, it will most likely also activate the fuel supply cutoff. Just as the engineers were concerned with an electrical fire following an accident, they also worried about a fuel fire. The fuel supply cutoff alleviates that worry.



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*President's Corner, continued from pg 4*

**YOUR DONATIONS!** Mark my words, this automotive icon will roam the streets one day, perhaps with you behind the wheel. This car is still in need of work and more importantly, parts. Parts, as you know, cost money. Please donate what you can. Even if it is only \$10. Every little bit helps. I promise your donation will make a difference. If each of our readers donates \$10 today, it will go a very long way towards helping us reach our goal.

In conclusion, I am very grateful that we're back on the road again. Having our various meetups. Seeing familiar faces as well as new ones. We continue to exemplify all that is wonderful about BMW.

Wohin auch immer die Straße führt  
Shawn Halsey

## BMW TRIVIA QUIZ

- In what screening did Pierce Brosnan drive an E31 8 Series?
  - Tomorrow Never Dies
  - Goldeneye
  - Moonraker
  - Bond Drives a BMW
  - The Living Daylights
  - The World is Not Enough
  - Die Another Day
  - Sagres Beer Commercial
- On what day is the next Street Survival?
  - April Fools Day
  - August 20
  - August 21
  - September 6
  - October 31
  - The third weekend in August (Saturday and Sunday)
  - The Sunday following the first blue moon occurring on the fortnight before Halloween
- What was the last year the S54 engine was offered in an M car?
  - 2007
  - 2006
  - 2008
  - 2009
  - 2010
- What was the last year the S54 was offered in the M3?
  - 2007
  - 2006
  - 2005
  - 2009
  - 2004
  - 2003
- How many Z3M Coupes built for the North American market were fitted with the S54?
  - 21,345
  - 2,134
  - 12,435
  - 768
  - 678
- How many Z3M Coupes built for the North American market were fitted with the S52?
  - 1000
  - 1,256
  - 2,561
  - 2,180
  - 2,189
- In what movie did Alec Baldwin drive an E31 8 Series?
  - The Hunt for Red October
  - Fun With Dick and Jane
  - Glengarry Glen Ross
  - Alec Baldwin: A Biography
  - Fear and Loathing in Baltimore
  - Miami Blues
- When did Wolfgang Reitzle become the head of product development at BMW?
  - 1949
  - 1950
  - 1987
  - 1991
  - 1994
- BMW's infotainment system, known as iDrive, was first introduced in which concept car?
  - Z9 (1999)
  - E1 (1993)
  - Z22 (1999)
  - ICE (2004)
  - CS1 (2002)
- Who is the new and current CEO of BMW M?
  - Frank van Meel
  - Harald Krüger
  - Oliver Zipse
  - Dieter Zetsche
  - Wendelin Wiedeking

Answers to quiz on page 9

# Der Jargon

By Andrew McCulley

In this installment of *Der Jargon*, we will be discussing the word *drive*. In German, as a noun, translated to *fahrt*. As a verb, it is translated to *fahren*. The “-en” at the end is a common way to delineate a verb in German. Now let’s explore how *fahrt* and *fahren* can be used in compound words.

The Germans loooooove compound words almost as much as Icelanders love consonants. *Einfahrt* refers to a driveway or entrance. Can you guess the antonym for *Einfahrt*? We covered in in a previous installment.... It’s *Ausfahrt*, which is the German phrase for Exit. Remember, in Germany, all roads lead to *Ausfahrt*! When discussing leisure driving or joy riding, as BMW owners tend to do with their Ultimate Driving Machines, the Germans often use the term *Herumfahren*.

The German education system takes driving very seriously. Prior to enrolling in driving school, one must complete an eye exam and a first aid course. Then, one may enroll in driving school, known as *Fahrschule*. *Fahrschule* involves 14 classroom (theory) lessons and 12 “special training rides” (*Sonderfahrten*). Once you have completed the requisite learning, you will take your theory test (*Theorieprüfung*), and must attain a minimum of 100/110 possible points. One third of test takers fail the *theorieprüfung*. Within twelve months of passing the *theorieprüfung*, you must complete your practical test (*praktische Prüfung*).

After passing the *praktische Prüfung*, drivers will be issued a paper driver’s license, and must collect the permanent license from the licensing authority. A driver is considered “under probation” during the first two years of being licensed, whereby any violations may result in revocation of their license. If a person is driving under the influence (*trunkenheit am steuer*) during this period, their license will be revoked.

Now that you’ve attained your German driver’s license, stay tuned for the next installment of *Der Jargon*, where we’ll explore more terminology you can expect to use while driving through Deutschland!



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## 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!



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