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President's Corner

Hello and welcome to 2023! I hope this year is off to a great start, and that you fulfill all of your goals and new years resolutions! This particular edition of President's Corner may indeed be the most difficult I've ever had to write. More on that in a moment.

It was brought to my attention that for those who are newer readers of my column, there may have been confusion regarding the tone of my previous article. It was intended to be humorous.

Ironically, as I added a portion specifically for new members, it entirely slipped my mind in the paragraphs prior that *new readers* may be reading it. I know that not everyone will share my passion or enthusiasm for our 2002 restoration efforts. Admittedly, I hoped there would be more support from our readership, specifically financially speaking. Perhaps, however, we have not done an adequate job of informing and updating the readership; something that will be rectified. I can happily say that in the near future we will have an article featured in Roundel. The restoration team will improve upon their regular updates with our readership as well as regularly publicize how to support the efforts. Additionally, new and improved efforts will be realized to showcase the 2002 *swag* that directly supports our cause.

Now, onto other items. I am now able to report that after a great deal of consideration, I will not be seeking re-election at the end of my term this year. This has not been an easy decision to make. It has been a tremendous pleasure and honor to serve as President of the Tidewater Chapter. Alas, true to my beliefs, a person should not hold the position forever. It is time for new blood, new ideas, and new methods. I have done my part. I am proud of the work we have accomplished together and even more proud of the team that makes each and every event possible. Our success would not have occurred without them! Your trust and faith in me over the past several years has made a strong and positive impact on my life. Thank you. Rest assured I will serve the remainder of my term with diligence and fortitude; I am eager to accomplish a few more tasks. In that vein, I hope to make each event this year the best we've ever had! Even after my time as President closes out, I will remain involved in the Chapter. In accordance with our By-Laws, the immediate past President is to be a Member At Large. In that roll, I will be able to support the Board with my input and any knowledge derived from my years of experience. It will, however, be just that. Input. The next President and Board will be the ward of our beloved BEYEM VEY. It is to them and their posterity that we will commit our future.

And we now resume our regular programming. Yet to come this year, we will be continuing with our fantastic *Taste of Eastern Shore*. We are looking to expand that to a *Taste of the OBX* as well! Tire Rack Street Survival will resume this year with a two-day event. It is wonderful to see the positive difference we can make on young drivers' confidence and

capabilities. If you have the time, we would definitely appreciate your help as a volunteer! Back of the Dragon will resume this year with slightly different agenda, headed up by our newly appointed Dragon Drive coordinator, Nate Collins. Additionally, we are changing up our *monthly breakfasts* to now rotate between breakfast, lunch, and dinner! Hope to see you out at some events to make great memories with us.

Wohin auch imme die Straße führt Shawn Halsey

HPDE EVENTS

March 17-19, 2023: NCC, Summit Point Jefferson Circuit

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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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OBX Drive



By BMW Outer Banks Rep Linda

The southernmost region of the Tidewater Chapter includes a pristine ribbon of sand that runs along the Atlantic Ocean, known as the Outer Banks. I have lived in this magical place for almost 30 years now. Beauty is in the eye of the beholder and beauty is all that my eyes can see when it comes to the Outer Banks. The very first time I saw Jockey's Ridge it was not yet even a state park. My eyes danced with excitement when I saw sand dunes as high as mountains. Because of my love for this scenic treasure, our club has had the unique experience of climbing that sand dune and absorbing the breathtaking view from the summit.

On another occasion, the club had an adventure traveling along the windy, curvy patch of road called Route 12. The wind blowing and sand danced across the blacktop surface like salt and pepper. We were on our way to Bodie Island Light House to see a silent sentinel that has stood there through the years, warning the ships that pass by our coastline, guarding them from impending dangers of the treacherous waters and dangerous shoals. After all, that is why the Outer Banks has earned the name "Graveyard of the Atlantic." What a majestic building, with all its fascinating history, and the subject of another great cruise.

Of course, we can't forget the Cruise of Bridges, starting from one end of the island at Wright Memorial Bridge, Currituck, to the much less traveled quaint fishing villages of Manns Harbor and East Lake. We crossed a total of 5 bridges on that cruise. Along with every cruise, the club enjoys spectacular water views of one of our many sounds or marinas and a fresh, delectable seafood luncheon good enough to make you want to come back again.

November 6, 2022 was another special Outer Banks Cruise. A famous historical event took place at the Outer Banks that changed our world forever. On this desolate spit of land, on a cold December day the Wright Brothers from Dayton Ohio had come to Kitty Hawk, NC to conduct experiments of flight and with great success achieved the first manned, heavier than air powered flight on December 17, 1903 and from that meager start we now have modern day flight and even rockets flying to the moon. Such an unbelievable feat right here.

We celebrate this great accomplishment every year on that date at the Wright Brother's National Museum and Memorial Park. Our club had the opportunity to celebrate this great event, visit the Memorial, and spend time in the museum or walking around the grounds. We were lucky enough to have a park ranger to guide us and explain many of the details and problems the brothers had to solve in order to achieve flight. We had time to visit their living quarters and see how they had to live during that time and also the exact runway and landing spot where the great experiment took place.

After our visit to the Memorial, we had a great lunch at the Black Pelican Restaurant on the oceanfront in Kitty Hawk. The restaurant building itself notable for having been the lifesaving station when the Wright Brothers flew. The area was extremely remote during those days, so in order to let the rest of the world know of their great success, the telegraph at the lifesaving station in Kitty Hawk was used. There are many old photographs in the restaurant showing the heroism of the surf men and the proud history and rescues of the Coast Guard. It was a beautiful, warm day and our members had a very informative journey and a special lunch. These are the kinds of things we do when our club comes to the OBX for a cruise. We meet new people, eat great food, and have a wonderful time. I hope you will come join us for one of these fun adventures at the Outer Banks.









Photos taken by Andy McCulley at The Amelia 2023



DETAILING WITH MR. Q

As it becomes warmer out, the days get longer, and everyone starts getting the sniffles, it's time to start getting your fun cars back on the road! Spring is in the air, and in this quarter's installment of Detailing with Q Branch, I want to cover some typical detailing-related recommissioning items.

1. Wash away the winter!

The most important item on the list likely relates to your daily driver(s). We've had a fairly mild winter in Hampton Roads, but there were a few instances when VDOT graciously decided to spray down our roads with brine, a highly corrosive substance. Giving the underside of your car a deep cleaning will prolong its useful life, reduce wear on suspension components, and minimize rust accumulation.

Pay special attention to the wheel wells, behind the wheel well liners, and to brake lines, suspension components, and welded seems. This is a good time to give your car a thorough inspection underneath to see what maintenance items you'll need to address.

2. April showers bring May flowers

Just because we're done with winter doesn't mean we're out of the woods yet! April tends to be a rainy month, and you want to make sure your glass is coated with RainX, or another hydrophobic coating to increase visibility during a downpour. Also, you'll want to check the condition of your wiper blades. Check the blade for tears, listen for chatter when the wiper arm extends across a wet windshield, and watch for streaks. If any of the aforementioned issues are apparent, it's probably time for new wipers.

3. Wax on, wax off

Now, this one's a bit misleading, as my preference has long been in favor of ceramic coatings over traditional wax. If you're old school, however, throw on a nice coat of carnauba to protect your paint, and to get it ready for car show season. To further enhance paint protection, consider using a spray detailer as a drying aid whenever you wash your car.

In conclusion, I'm gauging interest for another detailing tech session. The nice folks at Detail Garage have graciously offered to host us again (provided we're all on best behaviour ;)). If you're interested, please send me an email at editor@twbmwcca.org with the topics you'd like to cover, and I'll relay the information to Detail Garage.

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
- Tie rod separator pickle forks
- · Remote starter switch
- Clutch alignment tool
- · Pilot bearing puller
- Fan clutch wrench & bar
- · Electric impact wrench

- · 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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BMW Car Club of America Foundation

The BMW Car Club of America Foundation has been around for over 20 years, but many of our members are still unaware of its purpose, programs or services offered by the Foundation. The Foundation was formed in Greenville, SC in March of 2002 as a 501(c)(3) charity. The purpose of the BMW CCA Foundation is to serve as a living repository of BMW information and to establish programs to benefit BMW owners and the general public.

The Foundation maintains at Triad of initiatives in support of its mission:

- The Street Survival Teen Driving Safety Program
- · The Library, Archives and Ultimate Driving Museum
- · The Conservation and Preservation Program

The TireRack® Street Survival Teen Driving Safety Program was one of the first initiatives of the Foundation. The premise of Street Survival is "learning by doing." It is a hands-on course for students from age 15 to 20 taught by experienced instructors both on the course and in the classroom. This is not "Drivers Ed," nor anything like it. The program teaches students to think and look ahead while exploring the proper techniques to steer, brake and escape an accident while training in their own cars (they do not have to be BMWs). Your Tidewater Chapter conducts a TireRack® Street Survival School staffed by Foundation instructors and our own driving coaches every Fall at the North Carolina Center for Automotive Research (NCCAR), in Garysburg, NC. To find out more about Street Survival visit: http://www.streetsurvival.org.

The Foundation Library, Archives and The Ultimate Driving Museum are located at 190 Manatee Court in Greer, SC (next door to the BMW Performance Center). The goal of the Archive is to "...maintain a historical archive of all things BMW and BMW Car Club related and to make available to the public technical, historic and general information on BMW automobiles and BMW related organizations." The program creates a repository for BMW related historical documents, literature and paraphernalia, providing club members access to rare and interesting artifacts while insuring their continued existence. The Ultimate Driving Museum is generally open from 9:00am to 4:00pm most weekdays; however, they do close certain special events and most holidays, so it's a good idea to call first: 864-329-1919. You can learn more about the Foundation's Library, Archive and Museum program, much of which is now online, here: https://bmwccafoundation.org/about/programs/library-archives-and-museum/

The Foundation's Conservation and Preservation Program ensures the objects in our archives and museum are maintained to a condition that makes these objects accessible to enthusiasts. The Foundation has over 50,000 objects in its inventory. At least 95% of

our objects are in good to excellent condition. The preservation program focuses on ensuring these objects remain in that condition. The Foundation also has objects that require conservation. These are typically items of historical significance that require repair, restoration or renewal. Some objects can be restored in house while others require professional restoration. Before undergoing restoration, the Conservation and Preservation Committee reviews the cost/benefit of the restoration in light of the object's historical significance.

BMW Motorcycles a Century of Innovation: For 2023, The Ultimate Driving Museum will present a new exhibit celebrating the 100th anniversary of BMW Motorrad. We will feature BMW's most exciting two-wheelers from 1923 to the present (vintage, modern, Motorsports, and customized). The exhibit will highlight the company's world leading technical innovations, racing victories, and world records, and the pure passion that drives BMW's motorcycle division to this day. Approximately 45 motorcycles will be on display, plus five BMW motorcycle powered vehicles, like the Isetta, 600, Formula BMW, and a Farmobil. The exhibit opens on May 19th in conjunction with The Vintage.

There are many ways to support the Foundation's programs via a donation.

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At this point you may be asking yourself, Brad, why on Earth are you telling us all this? The simple answer is I am our chapter's "Ambassador" to the BMW CCA Foundation. As such, I serve as a spokesman for the Foundation at the chapter level and I am here to answer, or find an answer to any of your questions about the Foundation, its activities and services. Feel free to contact me anytime.

Brad Purvis
Tidewater Chapter BMW CCA Foundation Ambassador
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BMW TRIVIA QUIZ

- 1. How many chapters of the BMW CCA are there around the world?
 - a. 126
 - b. 66
 - c. 68
 - d. 162
 - e. 216
- 2. How many chapters of the BMW CCA are there in the United States?
 - a. 126
 - b. 66
 - c. 68
 - d. 162
 - e. 216
- 3. The Tidewater Chapter is the th oldest chapter of the BMW CCA.
 - a. 6th
 - b. 7th
 - c. 14th
 - d. 1st
 - e. 26th
- 4. Who designed the BMW M1?
 - a. Giorgetto Giugiaro
 - b. Giovanni Bertone
 - c. Chris Bangle
 - d. Wilhelm Hofmeister
 - e. Marcello Gandini

- 5. What model featured electronically retractable doors?
 - a. Z4
 - b. 73
 - c. ZX1
 - d. 71
 - e. iX
- 6. What automobile manufacturer successfully purchased the rights to the Spirit of Ecstasy mascot and signature grille seen on Rolls Royce cars?
 - a. BMW
 - b. Mercedes
 - c. Bentley
 - d. Volkswagen
 - e. BWM
- 7. What artist designed the artwork featured on the 2016 M6 GTLM shown below?



- a. John Baldessari
- b. Jeff Koons
- c. Art Vandelav
- d. Cao Fei
- e. Ernst Fuchs

- 8. Which model was the first BMW to feature the now famous, and distinctive "Hofmeister Kink?"
 - a. E24 6 Series
 - b. 3200 CS
 - c. 2002
 - d. 507
 - e. 3.0 CS
- 9. Who designed the current 4 series, internally named the G22?
 - a. Chris Bangle
 - b. Wolfgang Reitzle
 - c. Domagoj Dukec
 - d. Adrian van Hooydonk
 - e. Lim Seuna-mo
- 10. The 1975 318i was the first BMW to be fuel injected. What generation of fuel injection did it have?
 - a. D-Jetronic
 - b. C-Jetronic
 - c. K-Jetronic
 - d. L-Jetronic
 - e. LH-Jetronic

Answers to quiz on page 9

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Did You Know?

BMW windows with one-touch operation also feature an anti-trap safety feature. BMW, being the ever so cautious yet innovative brand that they are, loved the idea of one touch operation. A convenience that will save an incalculable amount of time...mostly because how often do we open and close our windows? Humor aside, many American cars have express-down operation, that is auto down for the driver window only. BMW offers one touch down and up to provide ultimate convenience. Of course if you are closing a rear window from the driver seat, you run the risk of trapping the finger of a young curious child, or the nose of an equally curious pet.

BMW built into each of these cars is safety feature which will prevent tragedy! The motor will detect when there is additional resistance on the window when closing and automatically stop the closing procedure, and even lower the window slightly. It is sensitive enough to stop when it detects the pinky finger of an infant! Don't believe, try it yourself. While we endorse safe, smart, and responsible decisions...the author of this article can confirm having tested this feature first hand (no pun intended) many times over. So next time you lower the windows for fresh air, raise them again with confidence knowing that your BMW is looking out for all occupants!

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.

Our annual Valentine's Day Drive in Williamsburg always adjourns with an Italian feast!



February 8, 2020 Williamsburg, VA

Der Jargon

By Andrew McCulley

Another quarter another *Der Jargon*! This time we will discuss a common European traffic feature that many Americans find perplexing. The roundabout, or *Kreisverkehr*. I've always liked them, as they alleviate traffic congestion, and eliminate the necessity for a traffic light.

You may be surprised to hear that, according to the IIHS, kreisverkehrs are safer than traditional intersections, but they can lead to elevated blood pressure for American motorists, since they aren't as common here. In fact, the United States did not receive its first modern kreisverkehr until 1990! Of course, another thing that creates anxiety is that our Driver's Ed training is, well..., cursory at best.

In addition to being safer and more efficient, kreisverkehrs are also better for the environment. This sort of goes hand-in-hand with efficiency, as they reduce idling time by not requiring you to stop and wait for a traffic signal.

If you're a fan of kreisverkehrs, then you're in luck! Virginia has adopted a "Roundabout First" policy, which requires that kreisverkehrs be considered with preference when updating intersections. If you're





not overly familiar or comfortable with them, I encourage you to find one and maybe practice entry and exit. You may come to find that they're a convenient alternative that saves time, and reduces the likelihood of incidents.