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Grand Opening
Barbeque
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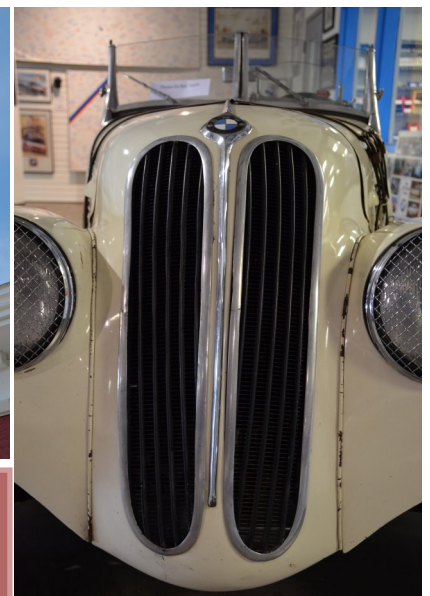
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Vote Today!

*Lynchburg,
Tennessee*
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Upcoming Club Events:

Oct 31—Nov 4 - Oktoberfest in New Orleans
Sat, Nov 4 - Barber Proving Grounds Autocross
Sat, Dec 9 - Muscle Shoals Music Fun Run

Heroes of Bavaria (Page 3)

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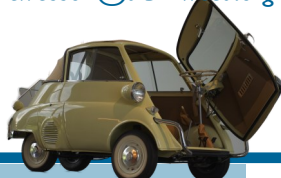
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President's Letter

Hello Again

It's time for pumpkins, goblins, autumn leaves and my favorite time of year. We still have some fun planned for you driving School Junkies and music lovers alike. Our Barber driving school is just around the corner and the Muscle Shoals Sound is coming in December. It has been a great year and we need to finish it with a bang so come out and join us.

It's time for officer elections and we have a great set of candidates for you to vote on. Please see the Officer Elections section for candidates and voting details.

It has been an honor to serve the club over the past years, but the time has come for new leadership and guidance to carry us forward (Page 4). I will not be running for office, but will do my best to help the new group of officers in any way possible. I am

A club event is incomplete without food. Our team of drivers enjoying a meal together after a day of Karting (see Page 7). Photo Courtesy of Sam Fara

Hildegard's
Biergarten



looking forward to enjoying every event as an enthusiastic participant.

Remember - Keep the shiny side up, but drive it like it was meant to be driven. 'Til we see each other.

Sincerely,
Steve Lowery,
President, HOD BMW CCA

The Benefits of a BMW Club Membership

- Vehicle Rebate: BMW CCA members in good standing (membership for 12 months prior to the purchase) may be eligible for substantial rebates up to \$1,500 on the purchase or lease of a new or Certified Pre-Owned BMW from any authorized U.S. BMW Center. See bmwcca.org for details.
- Outstanding national events including BMW CCA's premier annual gathering, Oktoberfest.
- 12-month subscription to the Club magazine, *Roundel*.
- Driving schools, autocrosses, safety schools, fun runs and Club Racing.
- Regional club-sponsored car corrals at major road races, like the Indy and Grand Am Series at Barber Motorsports Park.
- Free classified ads on the website and in *Roundel* magazine.
- Access to our Technical Service Advisors for personalized advice.
- Ombudsmen to help with dealer issues.
- Friends of BMW: A roster of fellow BMW CCA members who can offer coffee and conversation, repair tools, workspace, sometimes even help when you're out on the road.
- Club library and video services. Borrow BMW-related books and videos.
- Availability of a BMW CCA affinity credit card.
- Free BMW CCA decals available from the club office.
- Access to all areas of the growing online community at www.bmwcca.org.

Heroes of Bavaria: 75 years of BMW Motorsport

The BMW CCA Foundation, in partnership with BMW of North America and private collectors from coast to coast, is proud to present 22 exceptionally rare and legendary examples of Bavarian Motorsport for your viewing pleasure.

Visit your CCA Foundation Museum, and see them all, up close. Get acquainted with the 1937 BMW 328 Roadster that won at Zandvoort in 1939. Peer into the cockpits of the Group 4 and 5 Racing CSLs, including winners at Daytona and Sebring. Look over the LeMans-winning V-12 LMR, the Williams FW-22 Formula One car, and the only factory-built CSL Rally Car in existence. Unless you visited the BMW 100th Anniversary exhibition at Laguna Seca last summer, chances are you've never seen this many BMW race cars in one shot.

This place is worth seeing. The BMW CCA Foundation Museum & Archive is located directly next door to the BMW Performance Center, and across the street from BMW's largest manufacturing center. The Museum & Archive currently preserves about 45,000 BMW-related items, from rare cars to engines to art. It's the largest such collection in the Americas. And if you're a member of the BMW Car Club of America, it's being collected and maintained on your behalf. Come see it!

Public Hours: Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
On display thru January 12, 2018

Weekday Admission Prices for BMW CCA Members (with proof of membership): \$5.00

Address: 190 Manatee Court, Greer, South Carolina

Details: <http://bmwccafoundation.org/heroes-of-bavaria-75-years-of-bmw-motorsport/>

Press release courtesy of the BMW CCA Foundation



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HEROES OF BAVARIA 22 HISTORIC RACERS ON DISPLAY THROUGH JANUARY 12





**Vote
Today!**

2018-2019 Officer Election Ballot

The Heart of Dixie Chapter elections are held every two years (even when candidates are running unopposed). Below are the nominations for the posts and their candidacy statements. Ballot postmark deadline is **November 30, 2017**. Show your support for our club and send in your ballot!

Name: _____

Membership Number: _____

Print this page, fill in your name and membership number, make selections, and mail by November 30, 2017 to:

HOD BMW CCA
c/o Sitton & Hard, CPAs
2870 Old Rocky Ridge Road, Suite 110
Birmingham, AL 35243

SELECT ONE FOR PRESIDENT:

PRESIDENT: TODD LATTANZI

From an early age, I've been passionate about cars. My passion grew with age and about 8 years ago I joined the BMWCCA and our local chapter. Since, I've been a regular participant in many of our events and have made many new friends I'll have for a lifetime. To share my passion with others, a few years ago I became a coach for our Tire Rack Street Survival events. Coaching has been an exceptionally rewarding experience. As your chapter President, my interest is to find new ways to share our passion with others, increase the involvement of our existing base of members and introduce new members to the benefits of participation. I'd appreciate the opportunity to work together with you for our chapter.



SELECT ONE FOR VICE PRESIDENT:

VICE PRESIDENT: CHRIS JONES

My name is Chris Jones. I've been an active member of the Heart of Dixie chapter for almost seven years. I've thoroughly enjoyed participating in the diverse activities our chapter offers such as Fun Runs, Driver Education programs, and social events. I would be honored to serve a second term as your Vice President and do my part to give back to our Heart of Dixie BMW CCA chapter.



SELECT ONE FOR TREASURER:

TREASURER: DALE SITTON

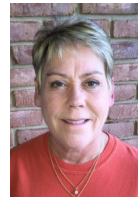
It has been a privilege to serve the Heart of Dixie Chapter of BMW CCA as Treasurer for the past 13 years. I have owned BMWs almost continually since 1979, joining BMW CCA in 1992. I have been part of the Heart of Dixie Chapter from its very beginning, having attended the first informational gathering in 1998. I consider it a distinct honor to be an Officer of this Chapter.



SELECT ONE FOR SECRETARY:

SECRETARY: CAROL LOWERY

I have served as secretary and / or event chairman of the chapter for the last 20 years. I have truly enjoyed being a part of the growth and success of our chapter. I would consider it an honor to receive your support for the position of Chapter Secretary to continue my service to this wonderful group of BMW enthusiasts.



We are also looking for new volunteers to help with the club. Please contact the President with your willingness to lead or support one of these many positions: **Activities / Event Coordinator:** Plans the yearly calendar of events and coordinates each activity; **Driving Event Coordinator:** Plans and organizes all track or autocross driving events; **New Member Chair:** Contacts all new members monthly with welcome letter, club information and phone contact if required; **Newsletter Editor:** Assembles, edits, publishes and distributes quarterly club newsletter per club guidelines;

Sponsorship Chair: Contacts all current and potential sponsors of the club—collects all sponsor contributions and insures correct implementation of the program; **Web Master:** Responsible for all website content remaining current on a weekly basis. We are also looking for members to help plan and lead club events including our **Fun Runs**.



Lynchburg Fun Run by Troy Wesson



Photo courtesy of Steve Harper

After a preceding week of heavy rain, HoD took to the road on Saturday, June 24 for a sunny fun run to Lynchburg, TN to visit Jack Daniels Distillery and to enjoy a family style meal at Miss Mary Bobo's Boarding House. Unbeknownst to our leader, even after careful planning, AL65 just south of Huntland, TN was severely underwater and impassible to anything other than the local pick-ups. After readjusting our route, the convoy of enthusiasts headed over AL79 into Winchester, TN with plenty of time to arrive for an enjoyable lunch. To round out the day, the distillery tour was re-scheduled for after lunch and is always a favorite for our club.



Photo courtesy of Steve Harper

Regional BMW Tail of the Dragon Event:
 Hosted by River City Bimmers.
 October 20-22 at Fontana Village, NC.
 Details: <https://www.facebook.com/events/118665858679888>

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Miss Mary Bobo's Boarding House



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Century BMW BBQ

On Saturday, July 22, Century BMW of Huntsville, Alabama opened its doors to the Heart of Dixie Chapter for a Grand Opening BBQ at their new showroom and service center.

Our members enjoyed private tours of the facility including behind the scenes in service and parts. In addition, test drives were available, as well as, free car washes and key checks for recalls.

For lunch, we enjoyed a catered BBQ meal in the spotless service bay. Attendees were not disappointed with an extensive raffle of prizes provided by Century. The grand prize was a free weekend at our own Heart of Dixie High-Performance Driving School at Barber Motorsports Park on September 23-24.

HoD looks forward to many future endeavors with Century BMW and their continued support of our club.

BMW Club Day ///M School

by Troy Wesson

You may be reading this months later and I can assure you that I am still grinning from ear-to-ear. My only previous experience driving an ///M car was at the 2009 Oktoberfest in Atlanta and that was limited to city streets and highways. On August 19, I had the privilege of taking on a BMW CCA Club ///M day at the performance center in Greenville Spartanburg SC. Normally \$1500, club days can be had for less than half the price at only \$700.

For that price and a class size limit of 32 people, we got to drive all day in the M2, M3 and M4 on a variety of courses. No worries about insurance, brakes, or tires. How soon can I sign up again?

Our morning started out at 8AM with brief classroom instruction before hitting the course. We were broken up into 4 groups and run through 4 exercises in the morning and 4 in the afternoon.

In the morning we did Rat Races with the M3 on an oval skid pad where two cars competed at keeping ahead of their respective marker cone without passing. Our group then moved onto the large circular wet skid pad where we experience understeer, oversteer and drifting in another set of M3s. For this exercise, our instructor rode with us. Our third morning exercise was a road course in the M4 where we practiced skills like cornering and braking. An finally before lunch, we took out the coveted M2s on a handling course similar to an autocross.

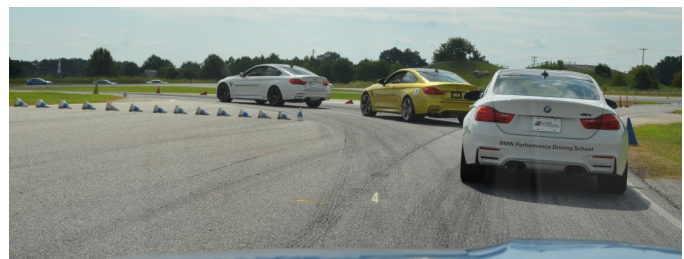
Lunch was catered with an incredible selection of sandwiches, wraps, salads, chips and drinks. We had an opportunity to socialize with our fellow club members from across the country before washing up and heading back out.

In the afternoon, our first event was a longer road course with speeds up to 110MPH in the M4 – my favorite car! Next was a smaller (and new to us) road course with elevation changes in the M3. In both events, we were all able to get on track at the same time without passing. Multiple instructors kept us safe with in car radios and a “pit lane” that allowed faster drivers to by pass slower drivers without pressure.

Our third event was back onto the handling course with the M2, but this time with a digital timer. We all got 4 shots at the fastest lap for prizes. It was amazing to see how close we all could run the course within a half second of each other. Our final event was the Figure 8 skid pad. We got to attempt drifting again in this new configuration. As a bonus, our group elected to cut short our figure eights and learn how to do a highspeed J Turn in reverse—just like on the police shows. I mastered that one!

No ///M School would be complete without a highspeed ride along with the instructors in the M3. If the tires were not worn out yet, they would be at the end of this event. We all piled in and received a thrilling ride around the entire facility including multiple laps drifting around the large skid pad before finishing the event with some smoking tires.

When the event drew to a close at 4:30pm after a brief wrap-up and survey, we had the opportunity to exit through the coveted gift shop for exclusive BMW merchandise. Sign me up again!



All photos courtesy of Troy Wesson

Veloce Karting by Sam Fara

On 19 August 2017, eleven hardy BMW CCA racers braved polished concrete, air conditioning and Italian machinery at the Veloce Indoor Speedway in Huntsville, AL. Activities included: 8 lap Practice, 10 lap qualifying and a 12 Lap "Grand Prix". It was a fun introduction to electric karting for the uninitiated, but still provided ample opportunity for close competition at speeds of up to 50 mph. At the completion of the race, there was a podium ceremony and an enjoyable lunch at Hildegard's Biergarten (picture on page 2), which was just around the corner.

Qualifying Results

Racer	Best Lap	Avg.	Gap	Proskill
1 Gordo Cooper	30.591	39.547	-	1643 (+79)
2 Bugg Boyz Raci...	31.549	41.060	0.958	1323 (+90)
3 Buggboyzracing01	31.687	39.502	1.096	1406 (+59)
4 Todd Lattanzi	31.810	39.914	1.219	1255 (+50)
5 Reuben	32.232	39.189	1.641	1235 (+30)
6 Laguna M3	32.308	40.239	1.717	1215 (+10)
7 Craig	32.770	41.894	2.179	1301 (-23)
8 SarahGrace	32.862	47.191	2.271	1175 (-30)
9 Estorilm3	33.428	41.058	2.837	1155 (-50)
10 Tucker	33.744	42.746	3.153	1135 (-70)
11 Sam	33.900	42.024	3.309	1115 (-90)



Race Results

Racer	Avg.	Best Lap	Gap	Proskill
1 Gordo Cooper	30.133	29.466	-	1712 (+69)
2 Buggboyzracing01	30.814	30.047	9.010	1477 (+71)
3 Bugg Boyz Raci...	30.849	30.042	9.276	1380 (+57)
4 Reuben	30.909	29.927	10.841	1282 (+47)
5 Todd Lattanzi	31.048	29.928	12.281	1279 (+24)
6 Laguna M3	31.529	30.432	18.595	1223 (+8)
7 Craig	31.567	30.074	19.497	1278 (-23)
8 SarahGrace	32.983	31.455	1L	1149 (-26)
9 Estorilm3	32.992	31.945	1L	1114 (-41)
10 Sam	33.014	31.805	1L	1060 (-55)
11 Tucker	33.082	31.768	1L	1059 (-76)



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