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The Vintage 2016 - Many, Many Changes

Brad Day

As most of you know our neighbor state to the south has hosted the biggest gathering for vintage BMWs in the country for a number of years, 12 years to be exact starting in 2004. The first 12 events took place in and around Winston-Salem, NC starting at West Bend Vineyards in Lewisville with barely 50 cars in attendance. The event eventually moved to Shelton Vineyards in Dobson and finally to the historic Moravian village of Old Salem in the heart of Winston-Salem. By 2015, it was common to see over 300 BMWs at The Vintage. But 2016 brought with it change. A change in location

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Annual Chapter Picnic

JOIN US ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 7

by Brad Day

Bratwurst? Check. German potato salad? Check? Fun and games an a bunch of BMW fanatics? Check. It must be time for the annual chapter summer picnic! Mark those calendars for Sunday, August 7th because from 12pm until 3pm we will once again be taking over the pavilion at Darden Towe park in Charlottesville for our once a year summer fun fest.

We'll have the ladder golf ready, prizes and surprises and of course amazing catered food ALL FOR FREE! Chapter members feel free to bring a guest but please RSVP to Steve at beadbrothers@gmail.com or by calling 434-962-9540. The picnic will be held rain or shine as the pavilion provides plenty of cover from a summer shower or

from the sun. Proximity to the Rivanna River generally helps with a bit of a breeze, too!

Darden Towe Park is in Charlottesville, on Route 20 about a mile north of US 250 at Pantops. From I-64, take the Shadwell exit (124), head west on US 250 toward Charlottesville. After you pass Charlottesville BMW on the left, you'll take a right at the next light at the foot of the hill onto Route 20. Turn left at the first light on Route 20 into the park. When the road comes to a T, turn right, and the shelter is at the end of the parking lots. We often park the group in the field behind the pavilion, so drive on past the soccer crowd and look for all the BMWs. See you there!

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and a change in attendance. The mountain town of Asheville became the host city. Event organizer, Scott Sturdy, had pulled up roots and moved to Asheville and took his event with him. The change was big. An untested venue, new host hotel and date changes all loomed large. I've been helping Scott plan the event for the past several years and the uncertainty of a huge modification to the winning formula had us worried. No longer would The Vintage take place over Memorial Day weekend. Instead Scott moved it back a week to avoid a tourist heavy Asheville Beer Week extravaganza slated to happen during the days leading up to and including Memorial Day weekend. Registration opened and slots began to fill up, but we didn't hit 300 registrations. That was nothing new. Usually we'd hit 300 as the procrastinators came out of the woodwork 2 weeks before the event date.

And then we hit 300. And 330. We took a trip to Asheville in mid-April to sort out some planning details, meet the host hotel staff and check out the Saturday show venue in Hot Springs, 40 miles northwest of Asheville. The huge grassy field leading to the Hot Springs Resort and Spa would be an excellent locale. Surrounded by mountains and twisty back roads, it couldn't have been better...though the recent forest fires that were still smoldering as we drove past were unsettling. After confirming the event space would hold well over 300 cars and wasn't likely to burn down we returned home and reported back to the eagerly



awaiting Facebook followers that this year's event was going to be great! Then we hit 400 registrations. Then 450. In a hurry Scott had to cap the registration at 500 to keep us from out growing our event planning. Yes. 500 vintage BMWs. The BMW CCA Foundation, an hour away from Asheville in Greer, SC and a stone's throw from the BMW factory, was hosting a Friday tour of their amazing museum. Yeah, that sold out...200 tickets gone in a flash. (The BMW CCA Foundation is an amazing place. Don't you dare miss it if you are planning a visit to the BMW factory, Zentrum, Performance Center or just passing by the Spartanburg area. bmwccafoundation.org)

As you can imagine the entire weekend was a hit. Though due to the off and on rain we had around

450 cars actually arrive at the show field on Saturday but hundreds of additional spectators were undaunted and filled the streets of sleepy Hot Springs. My descriptions of the cars in attendance can't possibly do them justice. I'll just say this and then you can head over The Vintage Facebook page and see for yourself: 3.0CSL race car AND road car. 1800tisa. Isetta 600. Glas 1600GT. ///M car corral. V12 swaps. Turbo insanity. (Visit the Facebook page for all the photos and some amazing videos: facebook.com/groups/atthetvintage) If ever you felt out of place with your old BMW, if ever you felt alone in your obsolete Bavarian sedan, this is where you belong. These are your people. This is your tribe. 2017. Asheville. Be there. Visit AtTheVintage.com for all the info.



CLASSICS ON THE GREEN

Center Virginia British Car Club

by Mike Johnston



British and European Sports & Classic Car Show and Wine Festival. Sunday, September 18, 2016, at the New Kent Winery, 8400 Old Church Road, New Kent, Virginia.

From 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM (rain or shine). 250+ antique and classic British and European cars are expected. There is also a full schedule of events on Saturday, September 17, 2016.

Advance purchase admission to the car show and wine festival is \$25.00 (advance purchase will be available through the COTG website.) Admission for the car show only is \$10.00 for adults

(children 12 and under are free). A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Fisher House - McGuire Veterans Medical Center, Richmond, VA.

Additional information and ticket purchases will be available through the COTG website: classicsonthegreen.com

Information about the New Kent Winery can be found at newkentwinery.com

Additional information can also be obtained by contacting Kevin Allocca at (804) 909-5751 or at Kevin@SellingRichmond

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VROOM VROOM



A Message from the President

by Peter Larsen



Hello Blue Ridge BMW members and friends! Summer is here and a perfect time to get out in your BMW and enjoy the weather!

Summer is a great time to RENEW your BMW CCA membership if it's due. It's only \$48 a year. And the benefit of Roundel magazine every month, invites to Chapter events, and discounts at the dealer make it so worth it. Thank you to every one of you – around 800 members – who have renewed each year.

We will have a few key activities and events this summer. First up is the monthly socials in the locations of Richmond, Charlottesville, and Lynchburg. These are great fun and an easy event to bring guests to. The BIG EVENT of the summer is the Annual Picnic. This will be held on Sunday August 7, 2016 at Darden Town Park in beautiful Charlottesville, VA. We will be sending out registrations soon!

We have made a strong effort in

the last year to sponsor new and FREE chapter events. Our financial statement from 2015 shows that we spent significant chapter funds to host free tech sessions, go-karting and cook outs! This was an intentional effort on our part to spend some chapter funds on some really fun and wonderful get-togethers and try to draw some new members into our chapter.

Our Chapter Facebook page continues to grow. We approaching 600 connections and growing each year. Have you LIKED our Facebook page? It's "Blue Ridge BMW CCA". Please LIKE it.

Twitter is active too. Follow us at "BlueRidgeBMWTwi". Thanks! Instagram is also a way to connect. Follow us at "Blue Ridge BMW". Lots of pictures are posted weekly. Celebrating my 3rd year as your President, I am continually humbled and grateful for the support of the Board, as well as so many members.

If you have suggestions about how to improve the chapter, please let me know. Larsp2e@gmail.com or call me at 804-405-2322.

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Please submit all classifieds, photos, announcements, articles, etc. by Sept. 1 to guarantee inclusion in the next newsletter issue. Unsolicited articles and photos are always welcome. Send to Peter Larsen at larsp2e@gmail.com.

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www.blueridgebmwcca.org**

Picture Perfect

Check out all the fun we have!



Classifieds



For Sale: 1996 BMW E36 M3 Coupe

Exceptional condition. Unmolested OEM condition. Very low mileage (82272). Garage kept. One family owned. All documents (including original window sticker), manuals and maintenance records since new. All maintenance performed, needs nothing. 5 spd, Coupe, Luxury package, factory rear spoiler, sunroof, fold down rear seats. Email for more info and phone number. More pics: http://s85.photobucket.com/user/tripower_photo/library/E36%20M3?sort=3&page=1. \$17,500. Contact Troy Booth. bavarianfanatic@outlook.com.

Classified Info: Ads are free to Club members listing personal, BMW-related items. All ads will run in one issue only unless otherwise requested. Submit ads to Peter Larsen at larsp2e@gmail.com.

New Address Reminder

If your mailing address has changed, please contact the National office to update their records. National supplies the mailing labels both for the Roundel and our chapter newsletter. We are unable to make changes at the local level. Log into your account at bmwcca.org or call 1.800.878.9292 to make changes.



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Control Arm Bushing Installation Instructions

From Bavarian Autosport

Something we ALL need to do sometime on our BMWs!

Part NUMBERS you need:

- ASCB1 (Performance Control Arm Bushing)
- ASCB6 (Urethane Control Arm Bushing)
- ASCB2 (Performance Control Arm Bushing)
- ASCB7 (Urethane Control Arm Bushing)
- ASCB5 (Urethane Control Arm Bushing)
- ASCB8 (Urethane Control Arm Bushing)

INSTALLATION ASSUMPTIONS:

These instructions will assume that the installer is either familiar with the procedures for replacing the standard

BMW control arm bushings OR has access to the applicable repair manuals and an appropriate level of experience to perform this task. Repair manuals for the above listed vehicles are available from Bavarian Autosport.

PROCEDURE:

1. Raise front of vehicle and support on jack stands.
2. Locate upper control arm (or thrust arm). This arm angles back from the strut to the frame at approximately a 45° angle (arm angles forward on 6 cylinder 5 series 97 thru 03).
3. Remove the lock nut or cotter pin and nut which secures the ball joint to the strut assembly. The ball joint is located at the outer end of the control arm
4. Release the ball joint tapered pin from the strut by hitting the side of the strut housing where the pin goes through. Use a heavy (2 lb. or more) ball peen or sledge hammer. It may help to apply upward pressure on the arm at the same time to release the pin.
5. Remove the nut and bolt securing the control arm to the frame (through the bushing), and remove the control arm from the car
6. Remove the existing bushing from the control arm by using the Control Arm Bushing Tool (not applicable to all models) or take the arm to a shop which can press the bushing out for you.
7. Install the new bushing using the installation tool or a hydraulic press.

For Performance Bushings:

Be sure the reference marks on the bushing and arm are properly lined up before installing.

For Urethane Bushings:

Notice that the center hole in the bushing is offset. Install the bushing so that the hole is offset toward the mark on the arm. If the bushing has a yellow mark, line this up with the mark on the arm.

SAFETY WARNING:

Please be advised that the bumper jack supplied with your vehicle is for emergency use only. We strongly recommend the use of jack stands in conjunction with a floor jack to prevent any accident that might occur with the dropping of the vehicle. We also recommend the use of safety goggles while working on your vehicle.

IMPORTANT:

Control arm bushing installation requires the Control Arm Bushing Tool (Part# W312130) or a hydraulic press.

For Performance Bushings:

Be sure the reference marks on the bushing and arm are properly lined up before installing

For Urethane Bushings:

Notice that the center hole in the bushing is offset. Install the bushing so that the hole is offset toward the mark on the arm. If the bushing has a yellow mark, line this up with the mark on the arm.

8. Reinstall the control arm on the car by reversing steps 3 thru 5. For Urethane Bushings, coat the ends and center of the aluminum sleeve liberally with white lithium grease. Follow the recommended tightening torques listed on the next page.

NOTE: FOR PERFORMANCE BUSHINGS, DO NOT TORQUE CONTROL ARM BUSHING NUT AND BOLT UNTIL CAR IS LOWERED TO GROUND. URETHANE BUSHINGS CAN BE TORQUED WHILE VEHICLE IS RAISED.

9. Secure ball joint to strut with the nut and tighten to recommended torque below. Install a new cotter pin, if used.
10. Lower car to ground. Tighten control arm bushing nut and bolt to specified torque below.

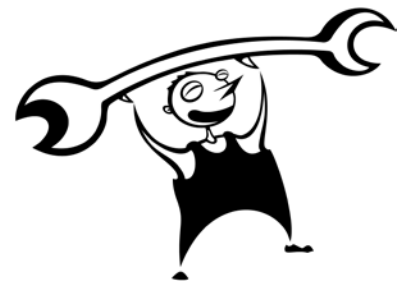
TIGHTENING TORQUES:

Control arm bushing nut and bolt:

Performance Bushings: 96ft./lb.

Urethane Bushings: 30ft./lb.

Control arm ball joint to strut nylock nut: 63ft./lb



The Tool Box

Paul Muskopf, tool steward
mooseheadm5@yahoo.com

If you'd like to borrow a tool, contact Paul and he'll make arrangements to get the tool to you.

The tools:

- Electronic troubleshooting manuals on CD for e23, e24, e28, e30, e31, e32, e34, and e36 models. Easily navigated wiring schematics (in English) showing colors and sequence of wires and connectors.
- Hub and rear wheel bearing R&R kit
- Master bushing kit for subframe bushings
- 16 1 050 - fuel line disconnect tool
- LT-940 - fuel pump retaining ring removal tool
- Tool for removing cooling fan from older models
- Reset tool/code readers for service indicator lights for models through 2007
- Windshield lock trim tool
- Anti-theft radio screwdriver
- Clutch alignment tools for various models
- Bentley manual for the e30 (3-series 84-90)
- Bentley manual for the e34 (5-series 89-95)
- Bentley manual for the e36 (3-series 92-98)
- Bentley manual for the e39 (5-series 95-03)
- Bentley manual for the e46 (3-series 99-05)
- Parts CD BMW Mobile Tradition: includes e12, e21, e30, motorcycles to '69.
- G-Tech accelerometer
- Pressure brake bleeder by Motive Products
- Tie rod end puller
- Complete set of hex wrench sockets

Financials

2015 - 2014

Cash in bank accounts

January 1, 2015 - December 31, 2015

BALANCE SHEET	2015	2014
ASSETS		
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$25,690.34	\$32,693.80
INCOME STATEMENT		
INCOME		
Membership Fees	\$11,388.67	\$14,646.36
Rebates / refunds	\$2,250.00	\$185.00
Event fees	\$2,762.66	\$3,305.97
Interest	\$7.02	\$7.01
Street Survival Sponsorship/Donations	\$2,065.00	
Miscellaneous	\$944.20	
TOTAL INCOME	\$19,417.55	\$18,144.34
EXPENSES		
Newsletter – NL TOTAL	\$7,160.46	\$3,392.31
Postage		\$19.60
Insurance – EVENT	235	\$575.00
Event Expenses – EVENT TOTAL	\$15,411.82	\$8,577.63
Annual Dinner – EVENT	\$6,208.53	\$4,784.34
Tour/ Rally – EVENT	\$2,197.97	\$863.66
Picnic – EVENT	\$1,472.36	\$1,367.56
Tech Sessions – EVENT	\$1,764.32	
Street Survival – St. Surv TOTAL	\$1,236.52	\$1,562.07
Other events – EVENT	\$3,533.64	
Miscellaneous/ Other – MISC TOTAL	\$2,612.31	\$3,740.62
Meetings - MISC	\$860.20	\$1,895.51
Merchandise – MISC	\$1,303.84	
Web Page – MISC	215.64	
Trophy/ Prizes		\$1,732.11
Tools – MISC	115.63	
P.O. Box – MISC	92	\$88.00
State Corporation fee – MISC	25	\$25.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$26,421.11	\$16,305.16
NET INCOME (LOSS)	-\$7,003.56	\$1,839.18
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On the Horizon

Here are some upcoming Blue Ridge BMW CCA events that you will want to attend in 2016:

July

Both Richmond BMW dealerships are having Open Houses this summer. We are planning a Blue Ridge BMW CCA event at each dealership in July. A great time to have the Master Technicians at the dealership assess your BMW for FREE. Lunch provided by the chapter! Look for more details on dates, but it will be on a Saturday for each dealership.

- 6 – Richmond Monthly Gathering. 5:30pm at Capital Ale House Innsbrook.
- 6 – Lynchburg Monthly get together at 5:30pm at West Side Deli.
- 19 – Charlottesville Monthly Gathering. 5:30pm at South Street Brewery.

August

- 3 – Richmond Monthly Gathering. 5:30pm at Capital Ale House Innsbrook.
- 3 – Lynchburg Monthly get together at 5:30pm at West Side Deli.
- 7 - Annual Chapter Picnic at Darden Towe Park in Charlottesville, VA. Always a great turnout. Fun and games for the whole family. Open to all Blue Ridge BMW CCA members and guests. Look for registration to open in July.
- 16 – Charlottesville Monthly Gathering. 5:30pm at South Street Brewery.

September

- 7 – Richmond Monthly Gathering. 5:30pm at Capital Ale House Innsbrook.
- 7 – Lynchburg Monthly get together at 5:30pm at West Side Deli.
- 18 – Classics on the Green in New Kent County at the New Kent Winery. 32nd annual event. 11am until 4pm. Registration opening soon. Check it out now at www.classicsonthegreen.com.
- 20 – Charlottesville Monthly Gathering. 5:30pm at South Street Brewery.

For up-to-date event info, see our website: www.blueridgebmwcca.org

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