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Detailing Tech Session in Charlottesville

by Brad Day



Summer is finally here and your BMW's paint will be under fire from the summer sun's UV, eager birds and those afternoon Virginia storm showers. But you want to keep your car looking perfect, right? Then you should probably come hangout and learn how to protect your paint and keep it looking new all year. Join us Saturday, July 29th for our detailing tech session hosted by Automotive Aesthetic in their new, larger location at Pantops. Waxmaster Daniel will be teaching us the finer points of detailing and the protectants you can use to help your car's finish look its best.

We'll get started at 11am on Saturday, July 29th. Automotive Aesthetic is located 1389 Richmond Road on Pantops right behind the Auto Superstore. The chapter will provide food and soft drinks and Daniel will provide answers to your questions along with his wealth of detailing knowledge. This is a free event but please RSVP by sending an e-mail to Brad at ub3r02@gmail.com so we know how much food to get. See you there!



by Peter Larsen

Our Annual Picnic starts just before noon on Sunday morning August 6, 2017, at Darden Towe Park in Charlottesville.

The food will be fabulous as always! Catered by a local catering firm, the German-themed food choices will be varied and delicious. Some members will bring their own desserts. Lisa Cunningham will hopefully (hint, hint, Lisa!) bring her famous "Crack" peppermint chocolate treats and they will be devoured rather quickly! Everyone enjoys a full meal and hopefully beautiful sunny weather.

There will be games for the whole

family as well, such as Corn Hole and Ladder Golf. All I can say is everyone who played last year had lots of fun!

There will be a raffle giveaway with a bunch of useful BMW-related goodies! You will likely win something.

There will be the chance to meet many fellow BMW enthusiasts, ask them about their BMW, talk about your BMW, and plan your next BMW purchase. If you would like to make a dessert to share with the group, please do!

Put it on your calendar and please join us!

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Meet the Roanoke BMW Dealer

by Nick Frye

We had a great meeting with the folks at Roanoke BMW. They have plans on hosting a meeting at the dealership once a quarter! The first of those is actually happening (or has happened, by the time you read this) on the 13th

of June. I will work on making sure that all Blue Ridge Members are aware of the happenings in the Roanoke area. The Tarheel Chapter has a few members in the Roanoke/Blacksburg area, and they have a monthly meet up at the Pizza Pasta Pit in Salem on the second Tuesday of every month. If you would like more information about that, please let me know.

Still working on finding volunteers in the Roanoke (and Lynchburg!) area that want to help organize events.

If you have ideas, and want to see it happen let Peter or myself know.

We will help you get the event off the ground, and you could have all the warm and fuzzies knowing you helped fellow enthusiasts have an enjoyable time!

Again, if you have any questions or want to help, look for my contact info... It should be hiding somewhere within the pages you hold in your hand!



The Vintage is Big and Still the Best

by Brad Day

One Saturday in May the tiny mountain town of Hot Springs, NC was once again overrun by a horde of vintage Bavarian machinery...and we're not talking spaetzle makers here.

The weekend started off right with a visit to the BMW CCA Foundation who timed their opening of the

Heroes of Bavaria exhibit to coincide with The Vintage. Go see this exhibit! It features historic BMW race cars you will likely not see again on display (visit bmwccafoundation.org for more info on the exhibit.)

On Saturday around 550 vintage BMW cars and motorcycles descended on the Hot Springs Resort. Some highlights from the

show included not one but two 700s, a sport coupe AND a cabriolet, 16 E3 (Bavaria) sedans all in one place and an Isetta art car decorated by show attendees.

If you missed it, I'm very sorry for you. BUT, head on over to atthevintage.com and check out all the pictures and the fantastic drone camera footage. Plans for next year are already underway!

A Message from the President

by Peter Larsen



Hi everybody!
It's been an eventful Spring for everyone in the Club, and Summer is finally here!

Now is the time we all finally get comfortable driving without worrying about pollen! I know, it's a small thing, but for a proud BMW owner.....it matters.

On the activities front, we are planning some events for this summer. The main one will be a Tech Session in Charlottesville, which Brad Day is organizing. Look for some details in this newsletter on that, and check out our website, and Facebook page for more.

Our signature Tire Rack Street Survival event is back! We will be hosting this event at Richmond International Raceway on Saturday November 11, 2017. Same as last year, and a new Champion, Steven Rivera, has arisen to lead the event. Steven will need lots of volunteers. Prentiss has agreed already to be

an Instructor again, and we have many members who have stepped up. We will have many more details in the Fall 2017 newsletter.

Our Facebook Likes continue to grow. Now at 635likes, we are on our way toward my goal of 700 Likes by the end of 2017. Facebook is a way to ENGAGE members, particularly our younger members. Like the page if you have not already.

The Twitter account is growing. We are: @blueridgebmwtwi. Follow us as we put up events information and cool pics.

Don't forget to attend the monthly meet-ups. We have one every month in Lynchburg, Charlottesville and Richmond. Richmond turnout averages 10-20 and lots of new members. Brad Day (Chapter Treasurer) leads the Charlottesville and Nick Frye (Chapter VP) leads the Lynchburg socials These are casual, laid-back social times to sit .around and talk about BMWs.

See you all this summer!

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**Check out our website for current news and more
www.blueridgebmwcca.org**



Wine Tour: Rain and Shine but All Fun

by Brad Day

The 2017 Wine Tour was a blast despite some clouds and a bit of rain towards the end of the day. But the mists held off just long enough for us to get through the best parts of the twisty back roads of Albemarle county on our way to Glass House Winery. We did get a little wet as we pulled into Barbourville Vineyards but the amazing tour of their impressive facility made it worth the dampness! We hope you can join us next spring and keep your eye out for this fall's Brew Tour!



Photo by Sarah Click

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.

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It's Time for the Raffle

by Nick Frye

Take your chance at winning an Alpina B6 in this years Raffle. Tickets are \$25 each, and the grand prize is a Special Edition 2018 Alpina B6, valued at \$133,475. First prize is 2017 M2, and the main prizes are M240i's.

There will be 1 car given away

for every 5000 tickets sold. With chances like that, how can you not buy a few tickets. You must buy your ticket(s) by September 29th and the drawing will occur during Octoberfest!

There are also some side prizes being given away, depending on when you bought your tickets.

> See www.bmwcca.org/raffle for more information.

CAR OF YOUR DREAMS BMW CCA RAFFLE 2017

RAFFLE STARTS JUNE 1

GRAND PRIZE BMW ALPINA B6
2018 xDRIVE GRAN COUPE

4.4 Liter BMW TwinPower Turbo V-8 xDrive,
Intelligent all-wheel drive
ALPINA Blue Metallic
Ivory White/Black Bi-Color Nappa Leather
ALPINA Piano Black Trim
Driving Assistance Plus Package
Executive Package
Bang & Olufsen Sound System
Apple CarPlay Compatibility
20" Light Alloy
ALPINA CLASSIC wheels &
Michelin Pilot Sport 4 tires

MSRP: **\$133,475**

*Winner responsible for all applicable taxes

One car is given away for every 5,000 tickets sold!

FIRST PRIZE 2017 BMW M2
MSRP: **\$51,700**

MAIN PRIZES M240i
MSRP: **\$45,145**

BONUS: For every ten (10) tickets you purchase you will receive a special limited edition ALPINA Grille Badge! (not available for purchase separately.)

Proceeds of the "Car of Your Dreams" Raffle are used to offset the program related expenses of the donor. Car Club of America that might otherwise be borne by our members through increased dues. Raffle licensed in the state of Georgia.

RAFFLE STARTS JUNE 1
Entry deadline: Sept 29, 2017

SPECIAL DRAWING PRIZES!
There are even more ways to win! Purchase a Car Of Your Dreams Raffle ticket during one of the special drawing periods and you'll be entered to win that period's special prize. See bmwcca.org/raffle for details!

3 Series - 84 thru 05 Z3 Roadster & Coupe

Rear Shocks & Rear Shock Mounts Installation Tips

from Bavarian Autosport

HISTORY & ASSUMPTIONS:

We have found the installation of rear shocks and rear shock mounts on the these models to be an area of concern. The installation is often done incorrectly, leading to premature failure of the shock mount. The installation tips below will help you perform this task successfully. These tips assume that the installer is either familiar with the procedures for replacing standard BMW 3 series rear shocks and mounts or has access to the applicable repair manuals and possesses an appropriate level of experience to perform this task. Repair manuals for the above listed vehicles are available from Bavarian Autosport.

NOTE:

These instruction tips DO NOT apply to the urethane rear shock mounts, part number ASRSM, However, these instructions DO apply to the blue urethane rear shock mounts, part number N44040BAV.

INSTALLATION TIPS:

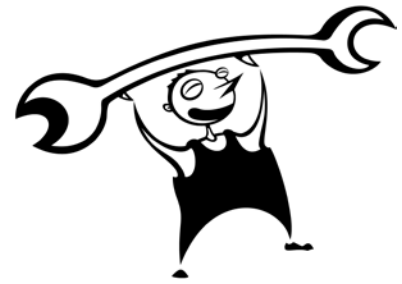
1. When disassembling the rear shock mounts from the rear shocks,

note that there are two cupped washers on the shock shaft– one washer above the mount and one washer below the mount. Also note that the cupped (concave) end of each washer faces away from the mount (i.e. the upper washer cups upward, the lower washer cups downward).

2. It is imperative that these washers are reassembled in the proper orientation and position (as shown in illustration) with the new shocks and/or mounts. If the shock and mount being disassembled does not have the washers installed or they are installed incorrectly, they must be acquired and installed properly before installing the assembly in the vehicle. The washers are available from Bavarian Autosport.

INSTALLATION OF OPTIONAL SHOCK MOUNT REINFORCEMENT:

1. The shock mount reinforcement is installed above the wheel tub sheet metal. In other words, install the reinforcement plate over the shock mount studs before installing the shock mount nuts.



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

Tire Rack Street Survival is Back!

by Peter Larsen

The Tire Rack Street Survival is back after a successful event last year. We are having this flagship event on Saturday November 11, 2017 at Richmond International Raceway.

A huge thank you goes to Steven Rivera, a very involved Blue Ridge BMW CCA member, who stepped up to be the Street Survival Coordinator. Steven will be point man for the event. Please email Steven to schedule your time slot to volunteer: stevenrivera@allstate.com.

We will have about 35 students and need nearly 60 volunteers. Most

students come with their parent(s).

Students and parents first arrive at 7:30am on this Saturday morning event. After checking in, the students and parents take their vehicle to the safety inspection areas where we teach the students about correct tire pressure and ensure their vehicle is safe for the training course. We need at least 10 volunteers for the vehicle check area. Students are then assigned to groups and the classroom and driving instruction begins.

The goal of Street Survival is to teach young drivers more about car control and accident avoidance. Students will become more familiar with how their

car handles, stops and operates in a safe and controlled environment.

Audie Chenery with VMSC is once again our Instructor Coordinator. Audie did a fabulous job training the 20-30 instructors last time, and she will be managing every process of the day. Prentiss Davis, long-time BMW member, will be an Instructor again.

More details coming in the Fall 2017 Chapter newsletter. Get your teenage drivers excited now about this event! Registration will open this summer.





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On the Horizon

Here are some upcoming Blue Ridge BMW CCA events that you will want to attend in 2017:

July

- 5 - Richmond Meet Up at Capital Ale House Innsbrook location. 5:30pm
- 5 - Lynchburg Meet Up at West Side Deli. 5:30pm
- 18 - Charlottesville Meet Up at Timberwood Tap House at 5th St. Station. 6pm.
- 29 - Saturday. Detailing Tech Session at Automotive Aesthetic in Charlottesville, Va. 11:00am start.

August

- 2 - Richmond Meet Up at Capital Ale House Innsbrook location. 5:30pm
- 2 - Lynchburg Meet Up at West Side Deli. 5:30pm
- 6 - 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.
- 15 - Charlottesville Meet Up at Timberwood Tap House at 5th St. Station. 6pm.

September

- 6 - Richmond Meet Up at Capital Ale House Innsbrook location. 5:30pm
- 6 - Lynchburg Meet Up at West Side Deli. 5:30pm
- 16 - Classics on the Green in New Kent County at the New Kent Winery. 33rd annual event. 11am until 4pm. Registration opening soon. Check it out now at www.classicsonthegreen.com.
- 19 - Charlottesville Meet Up at Timberwood Tap House at 5th St. Station. 6pm.

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