

Das Kummer

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE TIDEWATER CHAPTER OF THE BMW CAR CLUB OF AMERICA

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Presidentially Speaking...

We are already halfway through 2003. Hopefully you have set aside some time for a summer vacation at the beach or in the mountains. Where will you be going? More Americans are expected to avoid foreign vacations this year, perhaps you are one of them. If so, you will join a larger group of drivers on the road this summer. I will probably be one of the drivers on the road with you although mysterious e-mails from Cheshire with names like Bermuda and St. Kitts keeping turning up. Wherever you go I wish you a safe and fun filled vacation.

Do you have an interest in charitable activities? The Board is looking for a few individuals to help our Chapter develop a charitable event or recommend a charitable event our Chapter can support. BMW CCA Chapters that sponsor charitable events compete for Public Service Awards funded by ZF Industries, the maker of many of the transmissions and other drive line components in your BMW. Events held in 2003 are eligible for an award in 2004. I have an outline of the program for anyone who is interested. If you would like to help, please contact me at cheshire@pinn.net or 757-651-0575.

There will be a slew of new BMW models coming out in the next year or so. The new 5 series, the 1 series and the 9 series are all working their way towards production. Pictures made available so far show a variety of styling cues in these models. Some seem to have enough of the traditional BMW styling cues to be called evolutionary designs while others are substantial departures which I would call revolutionary designs. The 7 and the 9 come to mind as revolutionary designs. Time will tell whether the lack of a single design strategy will help or hurt BMW. For now, it at least makes for interesting debate (and sometimes argument) about the design direction of BMW.

We have lots of events coming up. Please take a moment to look at the calendar printed in this edition of

Das Kummer. The next event will be a Tech Session at Atlantic Autowerks' new location. It may double as their Grand Opening also due to delays in construction. Come out and see their new facilities. The March Fun Rally was well attended and many of you asked for another rally. We have one coming up July 26th. We will have a Club Quarterly Dinner in August hosted by Mark Hall. More details on this event appear in this newsletter. We also have two driving schools remaining this year. The next one is in mid-September. Please register early. And, as always, if you would like to suggest another event we should add to the calendar please e-mail me your suggestion.

If you are looking for another excuse to get in your car and drive, the autocross season is well underway. Bob Brochu and Tom Bleh are heavily involved in the organizations that sponsor local autocrosses. They will be happy to get you started. Spectators are also welcome. Events are held almost every month and we list these events on our calendar as a service to you.

And finally, please don't miss the articles devoted to Pete and Laurie Lautares who are moving to South Carolina. See page 4.

Until we meet again...

Bob

Editors Note: Kempton Shields and Bob Eveleigh were mentioned favorably in the June Roundel magazine. Page 94 has a great picture of Kempton's 'M6 Shark' race car and their placements for the race. It must have been the fact that they had a crewchief! Way to go guys.

Events on the Horizon...

- July 12** Tech Session at Atlantic Autowerks - NEW
LOCATION see page 14 for their ad and maps.
- 26** Peninsula area Fun Rally
- Aug 23** Club Dinner
- Sept 14** Safety and Performance Driving School III

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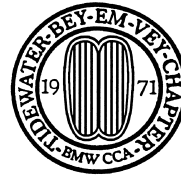
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Call Rusty Barton at 427-0315 for your needs.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tidewater Chapter BMW CCA 2003 Calendar of events

www.tidewaterbmwcca.org

2003 Club Event Goals:

Provide BMW owners and their families with a wide variety of events, encourage greater participation by spouses and young drivers and schedule "fun" events to relax and unwind from the daily pace at work.

Notes:

Events listed in regular type are Tidewater Chapter events. Events in italics are held by other organizations but members of our Chapter regularly participate in these events. For members interested in High Performance Driving Events (HPDE), racing and additional autocrossing opportunities, please see the "Track Junkies" section of our Web Site – www.tidewaterbmwcca.org.

- July** 12 Tech Session at Atlantic Autowerks 5461 Va. Beach Blvd. in Virginia Beach. They will operate between 10 AM and 3 PM on Saturday. Contact Bob Parsons at bcparsons@picusnet.com 587-7423.
26 Peninsula area Fun Rally [no skills required!] starting in Hampton then heading up the Peninsula. Expect a relaxing drive on the back roads of the Middle Peninsula, followed by a group lunch. Starting at 9:45AM from the Hampton Coliseum. [See article elsewhere in this issue]. Contact Joe Bivins, joebivins@aol.com, 757-481-7338 or Jim Waldeck, waldeckj@aol.com, 757-229-0836.
- Aug** 23 Club Dinner will be Carmela's restaurant (39 Coliseum Crossing) in Hampton. We start at 7:30 and please call Mark Hall at 757-887-8735 or BudgetM3@cs.com RSVP for this event.
17 TSCC Autocross at Little Creek Amphibious Base, 9AM-3PM. Contact Bob Brochu: z3brochu@aol.com, 430-8124.
- Sept** 14 Safety and Performance Driving *School III* at Langley Speedway in Hampton. Contact Bob Brochu at z3brochu@aol.com, 430-8124.
21 TSCC Autocross at Little Creek Amphibious Base, 9AM-3PM. Contact Bob Brochu: z3brochu@aol.com, 430-8124.
27-29 PCA First Settlers Region VIR high performance driving school. See <http://vista.pca.org/fst/> for event information.
- Oct** 4 Fourth Annual Oktoberfest at Checkered Flag BMW in Virginia Beach from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30p.m. Free vehicle inspections, test drives, member vehicle display, prize giveaways, lunch and an Oompah Band. Contact Doug Rauch at 546-9566, dorauch@yahoo.com
4-11 BMW CCA Annual Oktoberfest. In 2003 the National meeting and fun week will be held in Austin, Texas. See www.bmwcca.org for more information or contact Bob/Cheshire Eveleigh, cheshire@pinn.net, 491-0955.
12 Eastern Shore Seaside Fun Drive. 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Contact Bob Parsons at activities@tidewaterbmwcca.org or 587-7423.
- Nov** 2 Safety and Performance Driving *School IV* at Langley Speedway in Hampton, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Contact Bob Brochu at z3brochu@aol.com, 430-8124.
9 Club quarterly general membership meeting and dinner at Szechuan Garden Restaurant, 2720 North Mall Drive, Lynnhaven Mall North Shoppes in Virginia Beach, 463-1680. Starting at 7 p.m. Contact: Contact Bob/Cheshire Eveleigh, cheshire@pinn.net, 491-0955.
16 TSCC Autocross at Little Creek Amphibious Base or Fentress Airfield, 9AM-3PM, Southern Chesapeake. Contact Bob Brochu at: z3brochu@aol.com, 430-8124.
- Dec** 13 Manteo Island and Weeping Radish Brewery Drive. Meet up in Va. Beach or Chesapeake then a leisurely drive down the Outerbanks. We stop at Jockey's Ridge State Park for a mid-trip break then head on to the Radish in time for a traditional German lunch.
21 TSCC Autocross at Little Creek Amphibious Base, 9AM-3PM, Contact Bob Brochu: z3brochu@aol.com, 430-8124.

For Pete's Sake?

Pete and Laurie Lautares are leaving our Chapter and moving to Pamplico, SC to be closer to Laurie's parents. For many years Pete and Laurie have been an important part of our Chapter. Pete served as President of our Chapter for 10 years until the late 90s, a tenure that will be hard to beat. Pete has remained active in the Chapter by acting as a regular Driving School Instructor, Club Toolbox Custodian and regular attendee at our Chapter events. We will all miss Pete and Laurie and wish them the best as new Sandlapper Chapter members. We hope they will stay in touch and come back to Chapter events from time to time. Best Wishes from all of us to you Pete and Laurie!

Editors note: I solicited a few members to recall thoughts and funnies about Pete over the years. Pete, these are true, you may not know it, but they are all about you my friend.

The first thing that comes to mind is he always starts off the messages he leaves on our answering machine with "Hello Sports Fans" - ALWAYS! *Rusty Barton*

A few years ago Pete shared the following with me in a phone conversation where he had just began substitute teaching in the Virginia Beach Schools system.

"Yeah they got me teaching High School French"... after a long pause I replied, "Do they know your from South Carolina?" *Dan Trem*

"Pete is a hard worker for the club and it's members. But there are probably only two reasons that he is not serving time. His girls, and the fact that he is a Clemson University fan" *Ken Gaillard*

We know Pete well and fondly remember all his fun calls to us when he was President of the Tidewater Chapter. Pete, we look forward to having you so much closer to us and hope you will drop in from time to time.

From the 'Love Muffins' at the BMW CCA National Office.

Editors note: Wynne and the folks at the National office are a fun bunch so this is an inside joke of some kind.

At one of the club banquets Pete got up and said something like: "Did anyone get a look at that pink Miata in the parking lot?" and made an exaggerated gagging gesture. Of course it was my fiancé's car as she was attending her first club function. The poor guy was mortified once he found out. *Peter Florance*

WHAT DO YOU MEAN THE CALIPERS WERE ON BACKWARDS!! THEY BOLTED RIGHT ON! OH! THE BLEEDERS ARE SUPPOSED TO POINT UPWARDS??!! OOPS!!! THE BRAKE PEDAL WORKS NOW! *Bob Brochu*

I don't really remember the first time I met Pete— we are both too old to remember the "first Time" for a lot of things, but I do remember.....

.... Pete being the envy of all us "BMW motorheads", because he had a TWO car garage!

.... working many a night in his garage ... on MY cars, with his continuing guidance, and always willing helpful hands.

.... always being supplied with munches by Laurie, and her understanding and support for our "sickness".

... having Das Kummnet newsletter "Lickem & Stickem" parties at Pete & Laurie's house to get all or our 185 newsletters out — and solving every BMW problem in the books at the same time!

... Pete starting his second career [after the Navy] at an Auto Repair business— and quickly finding out that they did not do quality work to Pete's standards. So he did not live with it — he quit them to find a place with better standards.

.... Trips to Summit Point to do Driving Schools with his "Old Yeller". After about three of them, Pete said "We should do driving schools in the Tidewater Chapter" At that time we had all of 200 members, and I through that he was just dreaming, but he proceeded to do it — first at Fentress Airfield, then Ft. Monroe, then Langley. He kept politely leading us all forward and upward. *Joe Bivins*

Pete took great interest in helping me learn to work on my first BMW, the white 535i. The funniest look I ever saw on his face was when he replaced the brake master cylinder on 'Old Yeller'. All those hard lines, working on your back, hands in a tight space. He was frustrated [busted fingers] so I took a try. I got lucky and did them in about 60 seconds. "How did you do that?" Pete yelps. The look on his face was priceless.

By the way, Rusty is correct about the "Hello Sports Fans" on the answering machine. I always knew it was from Pete.

I'll miss you guys, good luck in South Carolina. *Curt Kiser*



Peninsula Club Dinner - Aug 23rd

Old friends, new friends, good friends...this is the group that gets together for the twice-a-year Chapter social event, a.k.a. the Club Dinner. We rotate the location between the Southside and the Peninsula to give all of our members an opportunity to participate. This year's summer location is perfect for both—right about at the midway point between Williamsburg and Chesapeake. We hope you can join us on Aug 23rd for a taste of old Italy at Carmela's in Hampton near the Coliseum. Carmela's has a very varied selection of both traditional and non-traditional Italian fare, and they pride themselves on using only the freshest ingredients. Most dishes are cooked to order, which takes a little longer to arrive at your table (those of you that have been to Italy will understand), but it's worth the wait! We'll start at 7:30pm...Please call Mark Hall at 757-887-8735 or drop him an email at BudgetM3@cs.com to RSVP.

From all directions: Take exit 263B off I-64 (Mercury Blvd, US 258). Move immediately to the left lanes to make a left at the light onto Coliseum Drive. Continue north on Coliseum (you will drive past the Coliseum Mall on your left). Just after the mall, and just after the light at Cunningham, you will see the Coliseum Crossing on your left. Carmela's is tucked away at the back side of the strip mall.

Chapter Picnic - A Beautiful BMW Day in the Sun!

If you bet against a rain free Annual Picnic at Newport News City Park after the torrential downpour on the previous evening, you missed a great time! A light westerly wind drifted through the Park and swept across our picnic site overlooking the Newport News reservoir. As the parking area filled with 4 decades of shiny BMWs other park visitors came to our parking area to feast on our BMW showcase. We cut open a watermelon as an appetizer for the "big" and little kids. Frisbees and kids filled the park as the Tidewater BMWs basked in the sun under a blue sky. By noon our picnic tables were covered in flowers, home-made desserts, salads and "family specials" and Bob Parsons starting grilling burgers, hot dogs and chicken filets.

While BMW chit-chat filled the picnic area, we all came to realize what a great club we have. These are the "good-ole-days" for sure. After lunch Bob Eveleigh called the gaggle to order to recognize all the attendees including many new members and their families (a special thanks to all of you for coming!). Then Bob distributed more than \$200 in gift certificates from Casey BMW and Checkered Flag BMW as door prizes. Later, as the picnic area emptied and with the last of the coolers packed away I leaned back in my seat and sipped on a drink. It was a really good day. Bob and Carol Parsons fired up their '72 2002 as I fired up my '73. Bob took the lead as we started a spirited drive home. Inka Orange and Victory Red screaming down the road. This is good. Today was great. BMW friends are super.

Mark your calendars now for the next big cookout at the Checkered Flag BMW Oktoberfest on October 4th. Biss spaeter! Wir sind unterwegs!

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Great Grand Prix Race Results

Monaco

June 1, 2003, Weather: dry, air 74°F, track 74°F

Monte Carlo (MCO). Juan Pablo Montoya achieved the first victory of the 2003 season for the BMW WilliamsF1 Team at the Monaco Grand Prix. It is the sixth since the beginning of the team's partnership that began in 2000—the last victory for the team was at the 2002 Malaysian GP. WilliamsF1's last Monaco victory dates back to 1983 with Keke Rosberg. Montoya celebrated the second win of his F1 career after Monza 2001. Ralf Schumacher finished the race in fourth position. With today's result, the BMW WilliamsF1 Team closed the gap to rivals McLaren and Ferrari in the Constructor's World Championship. Montoya and Schumacher are both now fifth in the drivers' ranking.

Juan Pablo Montoya: "Today was the ideal day. The car worked well, the tyres worked well and the team did a fantastic job. We really needed this."

Canadian GP

June 15, 2003, Weather: dry, air 21°C, track 28-32°C

Montreal (CAN). The Canadian Grand Prix has been a positive weekend for the BMW WilliamsF1 Team: After starting from the front row with both cars for the first time this season Ralf Schumacher and Juan Pablo Montoya both finished on the podium (2nd & 3rd). The

The last time both drivers of the BMW WilliamsF1 Team joined the podium ceremony together in the same positions but in opposite order, was at the German Grand Prix in 2002. Ralf is now fourth in the driver's championship with Juan Pablo fifth whilst the BMW WilliamsF1 Team consolidated third position in the Constructors and have closed the gap to the leading team (Ferrari) which is now just 21 points ahead.

Ralf Schumacher: 2nd

"These two podium finishes are super for our team. Obviously it is a bit disappointing again not to win after I have set pole position but I could not quite achieve the victory here. There was no way I could overtake Michael even though I was stuck on his tail. Also my left rear view mirror broke and it was bothering me as it was even hitting my helmet in some corners."



WELCOME TO OUR NEW CCA MEMBERS

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Bryant, Linda
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Summer Fun Rally Planned for the Peninsula Area

We have planned a great way to enjoy a nice spring day—by having you and your “partner for the day” drive the back roads of the Middle Peninsula in your favorite car! And, to top it off, the rally will end at a nice European restaurant for a late lunch—with lots of prizes for both the apt and the inept. This will be a “fun” rally with No timing involved. You just follow directions, and answer a few questions along the way. The roads are guaranteed to be fun, and the questions will at least be “interesting”. We will have “Bail Out” envelopes for all, so if you do get lost you can still get to lunch with everyone.

All enjoyed the Virginia Beach area Spring Rally, and this will give us a chance to explore the Middle Peninsula and some of its beautiful byways. COME AND ENJOY A SUMMER DAY WITH US!

Mark your calendar for Saturday, July 26. Be at the Hampton Coliseum [in the Coliseum parking lot that faces I-64] at 9:45AM for a 10:00 start. Everyone should be at our selected restaurant by 1:15 or so to start enjoying lunch.

Please Contact Joe Bivins at joebivins@aol.com, 481 7338, or Jim Waldeck at waldeckj@aol.com, 757 229 0836 to let us know who is attending. We need to prepare the right number of event packages and provide a lunch count to the restaurant in advance.

If you participated in our Virginia Beach Rally this spring or last springs Smithfield rally the format for this event is similar. If you have never done a rally before they are fun and not difficult.

Here is some more information [provided by Bob Eveleigh in a previous newsletter]:

What is a rally? It is a fun drive through the countryside with a set starting point, set route and set destination. Only the event organizer knows the route. As a participant you need to follow a set of directions given to you the morning of the event. These directions will lead you to the destination point for lunch.

How much time do I have to complete the route? As much as you need but lunch will start at a specific time and it is ok to give up and head to the restaurant when lunch time gets near. By the way, the event is planned

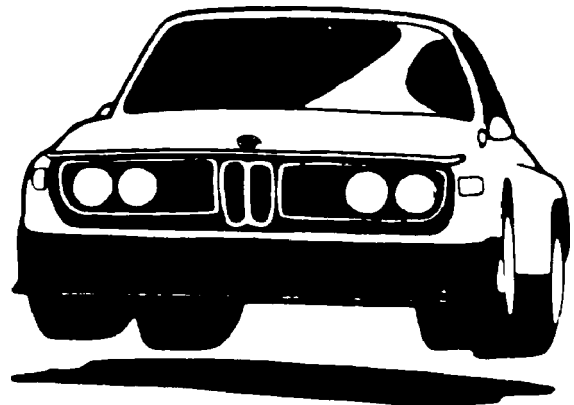
so you can follow the posted speed limit and finish in time for lunch. In fact, we want you to follow all traffic signs and laws of Virginia. This is a fun event not a timed event.

What if I get hopelessly lost? This may happen so you will be given a ‘bail out’ package at the beginning of the event. The bail out package contains a map with the route to follow and information on the restaurant. You will also have the organizer’s cell phone number in case you have an emergency or need to drop out of the event for any reason (although we expect to end up with the same number of people as we start with).

What else do I need to know about the event? You need a navigator. If you don’t have a navigator then post a message on our Das Kummer Yahoo Group telling everyone you need a navigator. You will probably find a volunteer. The driver drives and keeps track of the mileage traveled while the navigator calls out the directions and looks for answers to the clues.

What clues? Oh, I forget to mention the clues. On the instruction sheet there will be clues and questions asked along certain points on the route. You must read the clue and find the answer to the question. At the end of the route you will turn in your directions with the total number of miles you traveled and your answers to the questions. The team with the lowest miles traveled wins a prize. So does the person with the most questions answered correctly. Ties are resolved by the event organizer.

Is there anything else? Gas tank mostly full, a bottle of water, cell phone and pocket change are all good things to have on hand. Also make sure your car is in roadworthy condition as always.



It's a Mod, Mod World

By Robert J. Avery

Why anybody would take a perfectly acceptable automobile, like a 3 or 5 series BMW, and begin changing out stock parts and swapping them with various aftermarket pieces is a curious phenomenon. One which can cause serious personality changes in the automobile as well as the owner, one that can either create great beauty and enhanced performance when well executed, or a tacky image and mechanical difficulty when poorly contrived, and one that is stuffing the coffers of the big aftermarket tuners with vast sums of Dollars, Euros, and Yen.

After primitive man first fashioned a wheel from the cross section of a log, there were many evolutionary steps along the way to the high tech wheels and tires of today. There seems to be something innate in the spirit of humanity that always strives to take something good and make it better. Some may want to enhance the looks of their chariot with custom paint, 747 airfoils, and "bling-bling" wheels, while others wish to add more horses. Many would like their chariots to round the pylons at the Circus Maximus with greater speed and ease, and some want greater stopping power. There is a large contingency that wants a windshield shattering sound system and a screaming exhaust.

Putting aside facetiousness for the moment, we can basically divide the modders into several groups: those who are modifying to build a competitive race car; those who are modifying to build a sneaky street machine that they can also enjoy racing occasionally; those who are modding to build a street rod/show car; and those who are pretenders who might take a 525i and put an M5 body kit on it. In most of these cases the most successful modders, in my opinion, are those who remember the old maxim that states: "Form follows function." A little bit of old fashioned common sense is also a useful commodity.

I know a guy who has a 540i that appears to be a fairly stock vehicle to a casual viewer, but it has over 400 horsepower and can easily outrun a stock M5. This guy spent at least 30K on various goodies from Dinan and others to make his car unique, but did it in a tasteful way that is a serious attention getter. He did it slowly and methodically over several years, and his car gradually evolved into the fine machine that it is today. Sadly, I have also seen some misconceived ideas that should never have been perpetrated on any

BMW; cars with outlandish paint jobs, wings that look like Bullwinkle's antlers, nitrous oxide blowing holes in expensive alloy, and too many stickers and "M" emblems to mention on any self respecting 318ti.

Yes, modding is fun and one mod always seems to lead to another, but don't overdo things. Have a plan and a budget. Always remember that your BMW may seem like a member of the family, but never neglect your actual loved ones in its favor. Use taste and look before you leap into the latest fad. Try to limit your racing to the track; you just never know if that elderly lady from Pasadena might not have a Vortech supercharger under there somewhere.

Occasionally I will write again to keep you up to date on what is happening on the mod scene. Don't do anything I wouldn't do, and keep the shiny side up!

Oktoberfest 2003 Registration is Open

Registration for Oktoberfest 2003 in Austin, Texas is now open. The event will be held October 4-11. You can register at www.bmwcca.org. If you are planning on attending and can lend a hand with the event, please e-mail Tammy_Dye@roundel.org. If you want to learn more about Oktoberfest from fellow Tidewater Chapter members contact Bob Eveleigh, Rusty Barton, Joe Bivins or Curt Kiser. Contact information for these individuals can be found in the Officers and Staff section of this newsletter.

Atlantic Autowerks Tech Session

It's been a while since our friends and supporters over at Atlantic Autowerks have had a tech session but that will change on Saturday, 12 July. The delays on their shop construction have pushed the proposed Grand Opening back so this Tech session may serve as a Grand Opening also. Anyone that has dealt with new construction crews will understand.

So come out and see their new digs on 12 July from 10 AM to 3 PM. For directions to the NEW location check out the ad on page 14.



CLASSIFIED ADS

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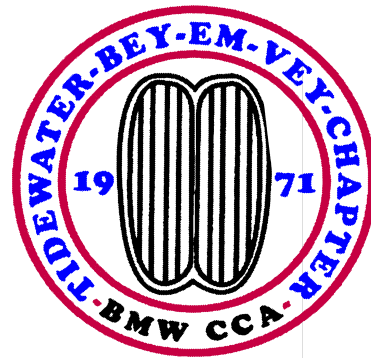
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