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President's Address

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Celebrations Abound

Right now, some of the most storied automotive marques are celebrating milestone anniversaries. Aston Martin turned 100 in 2013. Maserati turned 100 in 2014. Our dear BMW turns 100 years young in 2016 and keeps on celebrating right thru 2018 with the 100th anniversary of their first car produced. However, there's one company that is so intertwined with the cars we love, and yet you may not realize that they are also celebrating something big this year. Honoring 85 years of design and engineering, designs that we just can't overlook or forget, is style house Pininfarina. Yes, the Italian-based design firm known for their work with Ferrari, Alfa Romeo, Maserati and even General Motors got its start in 1930. The family-owned firm has produced a large body of design over the eight plus decades, with the hallmark of their work being style and quality materials. Who can forget the look of the Ferrari Testarossa, Dino or GT Berlinetta Lusso? How about the lovely Alfa Romeo Giulietta Spider? Let's not forget the collaboration BMW did with Pininfarina, the Gran Lusso Coupe, which won a special mention in the German Design Awards in 2014. For those of us who would like a closer look, perhaps BMW will showcase the Gran Lusso during their anniversary festivities starting next year? For more on Pininfarina and the special vehicles they design, go to Pininfarina.com

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Happy Motoring!

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Editor's Note:

Once again all my fun time and work have put me behind in my obligations to the club, I apologize.

Oktober Fest BMW CCA style was a grand occasion once again, held in the coastal area of New Jersey just outside Atlantic City and some events were in Atlantic City. I will share this event in my next newsletter. If you have never gone to O'Fest, plan to do it at least once in your lifetime. You won't regret it!

The Multi Club overnight trip and Tail of the Dragon Drive was another great time with like-minded folk. River City Chapter of the Memphis area played host and did a great job of selecting our lodging and get gatherings. We had club members from all over, besides our Tennessee chapters Kentucky, Kansas City, North Carolina and others were represented finely. We had 24 cars lined up to run the Dragon no traffic and one County Sherriff sitting alongside the road chatting with the photo taking folk pretty much ignoring us. We ran up and down many times stopped took pictures talked and were done in time to still call it lunch time. Great weather, cool and sunny!

Just a reminder to all, if you have not heard from us recently we DO NOT have a current email address for you. CCA has instructed us to send only to email in the file they send to us and if it is not current you will never hear from us. Even though we would love to do it, we cannot change this for you, you must login at BMWCCA.org and change your preferences yourself. If you have never logged in instructions are there for starting a new login with your membership number.

Brenda

Choo-Choo Bimmers Christmas Party | December 8, 2015 at BMW of Chattanooga

Celebrate the holidays with us at BMW of Chattanooga! Our December meeting / Christmas party will be held on Tuesday, December 8, at 6:30 P.M. at BMW of Chattanooga. Food will be catered by Those Girls Can Cook and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided. If you like, bring any adult beverage you'd want to share.

BMW of Chattanooga Parts Manager, Dan Taylor, will offer any single BMW part or lifestyle accessory at dealership cost to all of our chapter members. *This special is good the night of the party only!*

There will also be a Dirty Santa gift exchange. To participate in the fun, bring a wrapped gift valued about \$20.

*** Please RSVP by December 1 to our chapter vice president Lana Freeland at LanaFreeland77@gmail.com Let her know if you are vegetarian or have any dietary restrictions as she is working with our caterer.

Interested in Owning an E46 M3?

Chapter member Bill Rogers has decided his 2002 M3 needs a new home. It is a 6 speed Topaz Blue with black interior, CSL style wheels, 123,000 miles. Please contact Bill at wroger67@comcast.net or at [423-280-7969](tel:423-280-7969) if interested.

Win a Trip to the Performance Center | BMW CCA Membership Drive

This year's membership drive has begun! For every person you successfully refer to join the BMW CCA, you will be entered into a drawing for a one-day M school at the BMW Performance Center, a 2016 Oktoberfest Social Package registration and a \$200 American Express gift card. Three times the chance to win for every member signed up to the CCA - what a deal! See complete terms and conditions at BMWCCA.org/membershipdrive

Don't forget to review our meeting schedule at ChooChooBimmers.org and add us to your calendar.

The Old Curmudgeon's Corner . .



I LOVE TRAFFIC CIRCLES . . . IN EUROPE! Chattanooga, Tennessee not so much!

They are so civilized in Europe and the Germans have just perfected the driving experience. They take it seriously from the driving knowledge that is required to get a license and the roadways are designed and built to facilitate safe and quick transportation. Everyone seems to know what to do, when to do it, and how fast to do it.

In Chattanooga they just don't get it. The circle at Jenkins and Shallowford is a frustrating place, drivers will sit and wait for the circle to be completely empty before entering and if you enter in front of them they will lay on the horn. UGG . . . I keep telling myself to get a U Tube video of how they work and post it on Facebook. Tomorrow after I get this newsletter done.

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How Expensive Is It To Own a Bugatti Veyron?

From BMWBlog.com

Premium and luxury cars not only come with great performance and looks, but also with a hefty maintenance bill. In this category we have premium brands like BMW, Audi, Mercedes, Porsche – maybe even Ferrari. But there is another category of its own – hypercars. [Bugatti Veyron](#) – with its millions of dollars price tag – falls in this segment.

Needless to say, owning and maintaining a supercar capable of driving more than 250 miles per hour is ludicrously expensive. But if you have the money to own one, then footing the bill shouldn't be an issue. In the end, there are only eight of them in the United States.

1. Taxes

MSRP is 3.2 million dollars so in California or Illinois, it will cost you another \$320,000 to buy and register the car.

2. Tires

The whole set of tires is \$32,000 – no wheels. If you want to replace the tires more than three tires – as Bugatti recommends – you need to replace the wheels which costs \$120,000. Why do you need to replace the wheels? The tires are glued to the wheels.

3. Maintenance Service

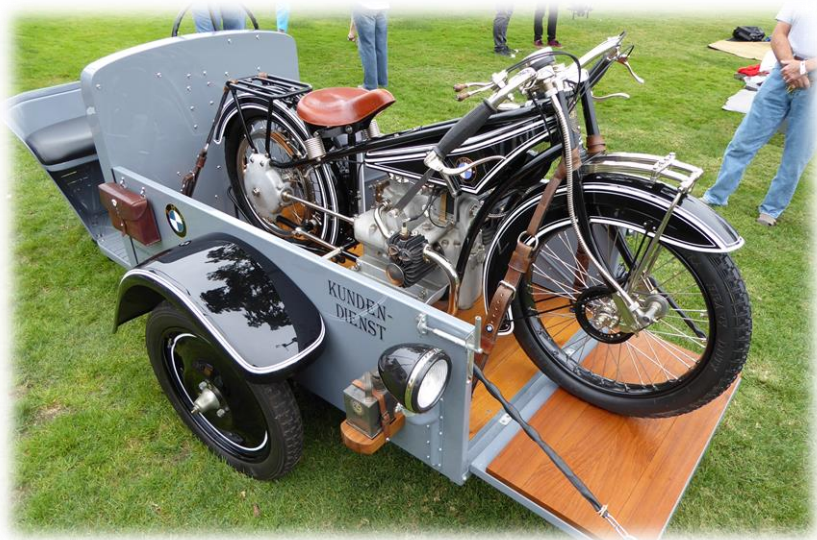
\$30,000 a year for service as it's recommended by Bugatti. The oil change costs \$20,000. The automaker offers a maintenance program – no tires replacement – at 50,000 Euros and Bugatti will cover the service for three years.

When you look at these things, owning a BMW doesn't sound so bad after all!





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<http://xtremesportsphotography.photorelect.com/store/ThumbPage.aspx?e=9713590&g=0QAK026K08>
for more pictures from Kilboy.





Picture from Rob Mitchell at BMW CCA Oktober Fest 2015 of the BMW F76 vintage "SUV"

Future Meetings
All at 6:30PM

December 8, 2015
Holiday Party

BMW of
Chattanooga
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New Club Members

Welcome to our Chapter of the BMW CCA come out and join us when you have a chance. And of course thank you to all those who renew every year.

Ken Fast

Carl Puckett

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Newsletter Stuff

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Advertising in the Bimmer Newsletter is an inexpensive way to get your company or services known to a great demographic group.

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Please help us to build a strong and active membership by telling other BMW owners and enthusiasts about the benefits of club membership. Not only do we have monthly membership meetings at local restaurants to have fun and discuss club business, there is other benefits list below.

BMW CCA offers the following benefits and services:

- The single finest automobile publication available: Roundel
- Discounts on parts and supplies
- Free classified ads reaching all members plus non-member web surfers
- Library and video services
- Help from technical and maintenance experts
- Distinctive club decals
- "Friends of BMW" booklet listing members who will assist you
- Ombudsmen to assist you with BMW dealers or suppliers
- Value Information Coordinator to assist with insurance claims, purchase or sale
- BMW Special Interest Groups (SIG's) listed in the Roundel

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