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The Newsletter of the Tidewater Chapter of the BMW Car Club of America



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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**September 16th: Pop's Diner Breakfast**

**September 24th: Peninsula Drive**

**October 6th-9th: Back of the Dragon**

**October 14th: Tidewater Street Survival**

**October 21st: Pop's Diner Breakfast**

**October 29th: Pumpkin Run**

**November 11th: Autumn Colors Drive**

**December 2nd: OBX Drive**

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Tidewater Chapter: 703 as of August 2017  
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# President's Corner

This fall our Chapter has several exciting and important events taking place. We will be hosting two major driving events in October including our (now) annual Back of the Dragon tour, and "Street Survival" teen car control clinic. Also we will be seeking nominations for our 2018 Club Board, with elections to follow in December.

This years 'Back of the Dragon' tour is scheduled for Columbus Day weekend, October 6 to 9. We did it last year and it was a blast. The 32 mile stretch of road rivals its famous namesake the 'Tail of the Dragon'. Over the weekend we will also be testing the suspension on our vehicles with a tour to 'The Breaks Park', enjoying some BBQ in the unique Burke's Garden (family home of our very own Dr. Luis Schrader, member and tour organizer), and attending the 'Song of the Mountains' concert at the famous Lincoln Theater. Please RSVP today at [MotorSportReg.com](http://MotorSportReg.com), and reserve your room at the General Francis Marion Hotel.

Street Survival will be hosted at NCCAR near Roanoke Rapids, NC on October 14. This is the teen car control clinic organized through the BMW CCA Foundation and sponsored by Tire Rack. Our Tidewater Chapter has hosted this clinic before, and we are excited to bring it back with the help of our friends at the BMW CCA Foundation, and assistance from the Porsche Club and Tarheel (NC) BMW CCA. If you know any teen drivers, this will be an opportunity for them to learn the fundamentals of car control, driving reaction, and car dynamics. In addition we are seeking volunteers to assist with this event.

In the following pages you will find a nomination form and descriptions of the Club Board positions. Nominations are open for the following elected positions: President; Vice President; Treasurer; Secretary; and Activities Chairman. The October driving events outlined above are just a couple examples of the value the leadership provides for our members; the Club is always looking for members to take on these roles to continue providing value and a quality Club experience. Please take a moment to read the nominations form and descriptions and consider nominating yourself or another member for any of these positions. I'm also happy to provide more information to anyone who might be considering these positions or other non-elected positions where help is always needed, including newsletter editor and events committee members.

Details of all these events can be found in the following pages. We hope you will enjoy this edition of Das Kummert and we look forward to seeing you out on the road!

Darin Kwasniewski  
President

## Our Chosen Charity For 2017:

### Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia



You can support this effort by bringing canned goods or money to any chapter event. However, money provides more meals than canned goods. Chris Triplett leads the committee. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Chris Triplett, [foodbank@tidewaterbmwcca.org](mailto:foodbank@tidewaterbmwcca.org)

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# MOTORSPORTREG.COM

Al Resnick

First off, some of you have heard of MotorSportReg.com, but for those who have not, I'd like to take a moment and explain what it is. MotorSportReg, quite simply, is a national on-line event registration for 1000+ motorsport clubs, racetracks & sanctioning bodies.

So for each of us, it provides an easy way to see what car-related activities are scheduled. **As a user, it is free of charge.** To sign up, go to: <https://www.motorsportreg.com/> All you have to do is create log-in credentials (EMail & password) and your name; you can, as I have, also provide additional information – about your car, emergency contact and medical information. Once you've created your account, you'll see a chronological list of all events – this is your “Dashboard”; you can, as I have also done, tailor this list to suite your interests, based on your preferences for types of event (merely check the boxes of event types of interest), location (by changing the distance from your home) and sponsoring clubs. Also, if you so choose, you'll get

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To sign up for an event, all you do is click on its name and you'll end on the event's information screen that will provide you details about the event; then you can click on the continue button and move onto to registering for the event; as you complete the registration, you'll not only see a final screen with your status for the event, but you will also receive an EMail . If you have any questions, you just click contact host button – and for our club, one of us will answer you quickly

Our club has switched over to using MotorSportReg like all of the clubs around have done. It provides us a way to better to let all know about events and to know who will be coming to our various events.

Here's a great source to answer questions: <http://blog.motorsportreg.com/msr-service-faq>

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## Annual BMWCCA & PCA BBQ

Cars streamed into Deep Creek on a sunny and warm afternoon in July for the Second Annual BMW/Porsche BBQ! Guests were treated to everything from homemade brew, BBQ ribs, and even live tunes by Southbound17 featuring Jeff Triplett, the Clubs former president. The spacious patio at Ron Boustedt's house provided ample seating for all to enjoy. Some even took a dip in the pool! While the food, brew, and music were the highlights in backyard, the cars lining the driveway shone brightly. Captured by an aerial drone, thanks to our picnic coordinator James Loriol, the display of vehicles rivaled anyone's dreams. With just over 70 in attendance this BBQ get together is growing and we expect to add it to the events calendar next year. Raffle prizes were provided by Checkered Flag BMW and guests walked away with a few pieces for a new wardrobe! Special thanks to both Ron and Cyndi for yet again opening up their home to the clubs and to James along with his volunteer team of grillers, raffle ticket salesmen and car parkers!

*We thank you all!*



## Peninsula Drive - Gloucester

Come on out and enjoy a great drive through the Middle Peninsula countryside.

We will meet at 10:00 am on September 24, 2017 in the 17 Plaza shops parking lot at 4123 George Washington Memorial Highway (US 17), Hayes, VA 23072 -- about 5.2 miles up from the Coleman bridge. From there, we'll be out and around the Middle Peninsula and end at Olivia's in the Village, 6597 Main St, Gloucester Courthouse, VA 23061 (804) 694-0057 for a grand lunch and plenty of Bimmer talk.



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# Spätzle and Grits!

Ray Laffoon

This newsletter is not about politics, so I am not going there. For whatever reason, German automakers periodically become hot topics in the mainstream news with one of the most recent being Volkswagen's Dieseldate. I enjoyed our VW Jetta TDI, but Volkswagen made us an offer that we could not refuse as part of the court mandated settlement. Actually, we could have refused it... but I digress. The result of not refusing is we have new countertops and back splash in our kitchen. A few months ago, the press made noise about the US government threatening to end the North America Free Trade Agreement, and adding a 35% tariff on vehicles manufactured in Mexico and Canada. The media homed in on BMW for some reason, despite



many other auto makers having factories in Mexico. BMW is building a new factory in Mexico; BMW's response is to continue to build the factory because the vehicles built there are intended for the global market and not just North America. Even after a casual look at BMW production you see that BMW seems to be more concerned about vehicle quality than about where it is made. Naturally the factory location has to make economic sense, and to make that happen BMW thinks globally. The latest incident involves a discussion between US President Trump and German Chancellor Merkel that did not go well in terms of German cars and their perception. Once again, the media turned to BMW with the response being that they do not intend to change their plans. I must confess to having several very close German friends and a fondness for driving German cars especially in their country.

Before we Americans run out and sell, burn, or mutilate the cars we mostly enjoy due to their being foreign, I want to bring a little perspective about

BMW in the US of A. Back in 1994, BMW opened a factory in the South Carolina upstate, an area known for its strong NASCAR fan base. Fast cars are a natural in this part of the world as I was happy to realize during my undergraduate years at Clemson University.

Unfortunately, the 1968 Chevrolet that was handed down to me was not fast. It could haul, but not haul while hauling. Michelin had discovered that South Carolina's upstate contained people with a strong work ethic, good values, and abandoned textile mills, meaning they needed jobs. South Carolina has shown itself to be a good place to set up business. Apparently, the word made it to BMW. The result is Spätzle and Grits! A factory was born, and an industry developed in the Southeast United States, along with Mercedes Benz in Tuscaloosa, Alabama; Volkswagen in Chattanooga, Tennessee; Nissan in New Smyrna, Tennessee; Honda in Lincoln, Alabama and; several other non-US companies producing motor vehicles in the US. I find it interesting that 80% of the Spartanburg BMW plants purchasing volume is from 235 suppliers located in the US.

The March 2017 edition of *Roundel* provides a nice summary of the impact of BMW investing \$7,400,000,000 over time. BMW's Spartanburg plant can produce up to 450,000 units per year. 2016 was a record year with 411,171 X-Type vehicles being produced. The plant started out producing the 3-series, the Z3 and the E85 Z4. Today it produces



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July 15th was pretty much the hottest and most humid day of the year as six classic BMWs gathered for a country road trip to Cowlings BBQ. The fun drive on a variety of 2 lane roads was fast and scenic. If you like older BMWs (1990 and older) join us for good times and vintage BMW support.

Steve Waddell  
BMW Classics Chair  
classics@tidewaterbmwcca.org



# Independence Day Drive

Al Resnick

Well, it wasn't West Virginia (or even western Virginia), but the country roads were very kind to us and took us through the corn fields and woods of Isle of Wight, Surry, Smithfield and Wakefield on an absolutely spectacular Sunday drive -- the route was set to give us plenty of time to enjoy our "driving machines." We split into two groups; Ms and non-Ms. Giving the Ms a several minute head start we had the pleasure of being in front of the second group. We quickly caught up to our higher powered brethren (partly due to a sneaky sign that didn't present itself clearly enough to them). Even so, through the almost 50 mile drive, we managed to stretch out our cars' legs and fully use the superb Bimmer handling characteristics -- let's hear it for sport mode!



After having an All American lunch at Wakefield's Virginia Diner we again let our Ms set off first, but gave them plenty of room. While we didn't break into three digit speeds, our cars were up for the drive as we saw our favorite yellow diamond sign (with the curvy arrow) many times. We concluded our drive in Smithfield, partaking in some terrific brews and of course, Bimmer talk at Wharf Hill Brewing. Couldn't think of a better way to celebrate our nation's birth!



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# Independence Day Drive - Take II

James Loriol

Al R., better words couldn't have been said. For the M series group, it was a great stretch of road, if a bit bumpy at times, where we could decently tap into the great potential of our M series cars. The back country roads with great scenic views coupled with the power of an M really made the drive a great enjoyment. I can certainly say that the M powered cars did not see our economic friends in the rear view mirror once we left the Virginia Diner for the

Wharf Hill Brewing Company. Only a dust cloud was to be visible in the rear view mirror. There is something to be said about having those nice curves in the road where people can dip into the corners and come out with a grin on their face. I hope everyone had as much fun as I had and can't wait for another amazing adventure!





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The benefits are more than fine automobiles, as marvelous as they are. I came across a 2014 University of South Carolina study that showed that in 2013, BMW employed 7,654 workers in the Upstate. By their calculations these employees added \$12,537,202,953 to the economy. Additionally, BMW indirectly added 30,777 jobs in South Carolina for a total of \$16,634,341,520 being added to the state's economy. This is big for South Carolina and the US, especially revitalizing a section of the country that fought mill closures for decades. The national impact of BMW Group Plant Spartanburg is 38.5 Billion US dollars annually! The study states "BMW's employment multiplier is one of the highest in the state and is twice as high as the average multiplier effect of all industries. The combination of BMW's high total volume of activity and its high employment multiplier effect make it a uniquely strong contributor to the state's economy." I found a more recent article (2017) in the news that said that BMW now employs 9,000 workers, which is 1,346 more employees than in the earlier study. Keep buying BMWs, and we can get that number past 10,000!

There were two other points of interest in the study. BMW is a leader across South Carolina in "environmental stewardship by operating as a sustainable enterprise and serving as an example for others to follow." BMW is an "innovator in a



variety of areas including green management, extensive recycling and reuse programs, and clean energy sourcing." Like in Germany, BMW is showing that car manufacturing can be relatively clean and sustainable in terms of the environment and continues to transfer that trend from Germany to the Upstate.

Likewise, "BMW contributes to local economic development through advanced research and development activities at the Clemson University International Center for Automotive Research (CU-ICAR) in Greenville, South Carolina. These collaborative efforts help increase the rate of technological innovation in the automotive and motorsports industry as well as to help promote a more highly-educated, technically-proficient workforce." Education is a good thing and makes for a good place to live.

The reality is BMW is continuing to build cars in the US, continues to feed the US economy, and adds to the well-being of those around it by the effort to be ecologically friendly. My *Clemson World* alumni magazine keeps me apprised of the efforts of BMW to help Clemson University and the other education institutions down to the grade school level in South Carolina. To my surprise, this week (June 26, 2017) BMW announced that they are investing another \$600 million into the South Carolina plant to support future production of BMW X Sport Activity Vehicles! This effort helps BMW, it helps South Carolina, and it helps the United States.

Source: *BMW's Impact in South Carolina: Two Decades of Economic Development*, Darla Moore School of Business, University of South Carolina, December 2014

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If you are currently a Facebook user, hopefully you are familiar with our Facebook Group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/TWBMWCCA>. We have been utilizing this Group for several years - it is for member's exchange and communication. We have now added a new Facebook Page to our social media lineup at <https://www.facebook.com/TWBMWCCA>

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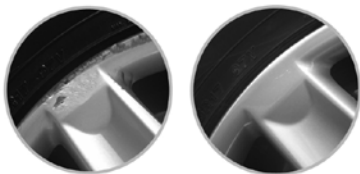
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# Nominations for Chapter Officers for 2018

Our Tidewater Chapter of the BMW CCA is doing great things! It is the officers who catch the vision, build the framework, and execute much of the work to make it happen. The officers value the BMW marque and vehicles, of course, but they also care about the members, who share the same enthusiasm. In addition, they seek to bring people together to experience the enthusiasm and enjoy a higher level of the Bimmer experience.

Being an officer can at times be difficult, invisible, and thankless. However, more often it is rewarding being the catalyst to making things happen for and with your fellow Bimmer fans. You'll find new friends, lots of fun, a shared enthusiasm for the ultimate driving experience...and more than a little satisfaction when you see things come together.

Elections for the officers of the Tidewater Chapter will be held in December and we need your help to continue our chapter's path to excellence. If you know someone who would be perfect for an officer's job, please nominate that person! If you think that you could do the job well, and want to do it, please nominate yourself!

Here are the positions that must be filled to make this chapter work:

**PRESIDENT                      VICE-PRESIDENT                      TREASURER                      SECRETARY                      ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN**

Position descriptions can be found in the newsletter or on our website at [www.tidewaterbmwcca.org](http://www.tidewaterbmwcca.org). Want more information? Call and talk to someone who's done it before or is doing it now!

All current members and associate members in good standing are eligible to nominate himself/herself or another member.

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO NOMINATE SOMEONE ELSE OR YOURSELF!

## The Rules:

- Officers are elected for a one year term starting January 1
- A Nominee must affirm willingness to serve in and fulfill the duties of the office, if elected. This may be done by physical **OR** electronic signature, submitted to the chapter's Secretary.
- Each Nominee and nominator must be a member in good standing.
- Nominations must be returned to the Nominating Committee by 15 November 2017

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**SEND THIS FORM BY MAIL, OR SEND AN EMAIL WITH THE SAME INFORMATION**

## Tidewater BMWCCA 2018 Nominating Form

### Return to:

Tidewater BMW CCA – Nomination Committee  
P.O. Box 62145, Virginia Beach, VA 23462-2145  
OR email [secretary@tidewaterbmwcca.org](mailto:secretary@tidewaterbmwcca.org)

**Deadline: Must be received by 15 November 2017**

**BY SUBMITTING THIS NOMINATION, YOU CERTIFY THAT THE NOMINEE HAS AFFIRMED WILLINGNESS TO SERVE IN AND FULFILL THE DUTIES OF THIS OFFICE, IF ELECTED. (This will be personally confirmed by the Secretary.)**

Office to be Filled \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Membership # \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated By: \_\_\_\_\_ Membership # \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator Contact Info (address, phone, email) \_\_\_\_\_

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# Officer Position Descriptions 2018

*See p. 16 for how to nominate!*

## PRESIDENT

- Presides over all meetings, prepares the agenda, and directs the discussion.
- Acts as an ex-officio member of all standing committees and temporary committees except the nominating committee.
- Executes all documents and correspondence in the name of the Chapter as authorized by the membership or the Chapter Board.
- Signs or co-signs Chapter checks.
- Responsible to ensure that all required reports be submitted to the National Office within the required timeframes.
- Maintains the Chapter's copy of the BMW CCA Operations Manual.
- Responsible to ensure that corporation reports are filed on time

## VICE PRESIDENT

- Acts in the place of the President during his or her absence, or when so required by the President.
- Assists the President and/or the Chapter Board in any manner that they may direct.

## SECRETARY

- Records and preserves the minutes of Chapter business and Board meetings; presents and reads such minutes at the request of the President.
- Prepares necessary correspondence for the Chapter when required.

## TREASURER

- Keeps and preserves the records and books of accounts reflecting the financial condition and operation of the Chapter & any corporate documents that obligate the Chapter financially.
- Prepares the annual financial report for submission to the National Office.
- Prepares the report of financial condition to be provided to the Chapter membership each year.
- Ensure required fees and taxes are paid on time.

## ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN

- Primary responsibility is for planning, organizing, and supervising the staging of Chapter events and activities.
- Appoints members or recruits volunteers to take care of portions of each event. Keeps records of these events and how well they succeed.
- Responsible for financially structuring the entry fees for events in such a way that the Chapter costs (including insurance and any plaques or trophies) are covered with a small profit. (Growth of the Chapter rather than profit is the goal.)
- All costs for an activity must be included in computing the final entry fees. These include insurance, postage, telephone calls, publicity, supplies and any rental of equipment.
- Arranges to receive merchandise, trophies or awards as donations from local merchants or car shops, the cost of the event should still be structured as though they were paid for. This will provide continuity from one event to another as well as reward the Chapter financially for their efforts.

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## GREAT PUMPKIN FUN RUN SUFFOLK

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 10 AM – 2 PM

Test your knowledge and navigation skills by answering questions while enjoying the scenery and following along the rally route. Bring a navigator, but if you can't find one no problem - just contact us and we will pair up folks as needed.

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Meet at 10 AM at Panera Bread, 1217 N. Main St, Suffolk, VA (757-538-0570). Rally ends with lunch at Amici's Restaurant, NY brick oven pizza and Italian in downtown Suffolk, 157 E. Washington St, (757-923-5300).

RSVP by October 26 (needed for accurate head count for lunch!) at [MotorSportReg.com](http://MotorSportReg.com) or for more information: [events@tidewaterbmwcca.org](mailto:events@tidewaterbmwcca.org) or Steve Waddell, 757-539-1305, [classics@tidewaterbmwcca.org](mailto:classics@tidewaterbmwcca.org)



# 'Back of the Dragon' Weekend Tour

A 32 mile span of Virginia Route 16 with over three hundred curves, the 'Back of the Dragon' is one of the premier riding roads in the nation for sports cars, with spectacular views crossing three mountains in western Virginia from Marion to Tazewell. Columbus Day weekend we will head west to tackle this twisty route and other fun roads. Highlights of the tour will include:

- Drive 'Back of Dragon' multiple times ([backofthedragon.com](http://backofthedragon.com)), Oct. 7 & 8
- Club BBQ prepared by the Amish in Burke's Garden ([visittazewellcounty.org/burkes-garden-2](http://visittazewellcounty.org/burkes-garden-2)), \$10/person includes BBQ sandwich, potato salad, string beans, and homemade apple pie
- 'To the Breaks and Back' tour ([clawofthedragon.com/to-the-breaks-and-back.html](http://clawofthedragon.com/to-the-breaks-and-back.html)), and/or other tours
- Breaks Interstate Park, "Grand Canyon of the South" ([breakspark.com](http://breakspark.com)), and lunch at the park
- Caravan from Hampton Roads to Marion October 6 (rendezvous location TBD)
- 'Song of the Mountains' concert (<https://songofthemountains.org>) at the famous Lincoln Theater
- Accommodations at the historic General Francis Marion Hotel ([gfmhotel.com](http://gfmhotel.com))



Plan now to join us Oct. 6-9 on the 'Back of the Dragon':

- Make hotel reservations (276-783-4800), and inform the hotel you are with the BMW Car Club , block of rooms under Dr. G. Schrader.
- Order 'Song of the Mountains' tickets online ([thelincoln.org](http://thelincoln.org)) for Sat., Oct. 7 at 7 pm, \$25 each (or purchase at door if available)
- RSVP at [motorsportreg.com](http://motorsportreg.com)

For questions contact Darin Kwasniewski at [president@tidewaterbmwcca.org](mailto:president@tidewaterbmwcca.org) or 757-304-1512

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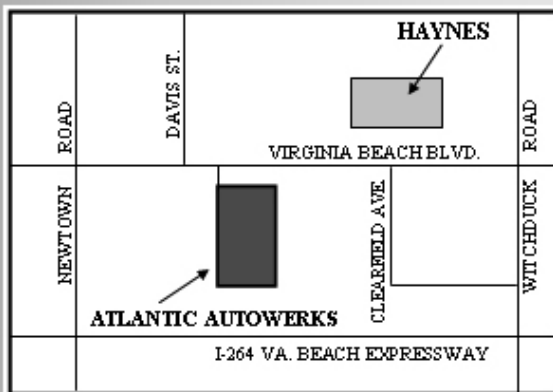
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