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



# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

0720 BIMMER DINNER Cibus Chophouse - Hampton, VA 6:00 pm - Closing Time

**BIMMER BREAKFAST** TBD: 9:00 am - 10:30 am

08 23 BBMW CCA CAR CORRAL & HOSPITALITY TENT Michelin GT Challenge at VIR Virginia International Raceway – Alton, VA

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# President's Corner

Dear Tidewater Chapter Members,

As we continue to navigate through another exciting year for our chapter, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the vibrant community we've built together. Our love for BMWs not only connects us through shared experiences on the road but also binds us in our passion for automotive excellence and camaraderie.

One of the cornerstones of our chapter's success has been our diverse and engaging events calendar. From chapter meals to scenic driving tours and informative tech sessions, our events are where friendships are forged, skills are honed, and the thrill of driving our Bimmers is celebrated.

Today, I am reaching out with an opportunity to shape the future of our events program. We are actively searching for a dedicated individual to take on the crucial role of Events Chairman. This position plays a pivotal role in planning, coordinating, and executing our calendar of events throughout the year.

What are we looking for in an Events Chairman? First and foremost, a passion for BMWs and a commitment to enhancing the member experience. Whether you're an experienced event organizer or someone eager to contribute to our chapter's growth, we welcome your enthusiasm and fresh ideas. Yes, there may be times you will require a thick skin, be open to criticism and suggestion, or be the brunt of someone else's ire, but isn't that true in all aspects of life?

The Events Chairman will collaborate closely with our board and committees to create memorable experiences for our members. This includes everything from sourcing exciting venues and organizing logistics to promoting events and ensuring smooth execution on the day. But don't feel like you to have to do this alone. Our board members will assist you and back you up. You can always draft, bribe, or cajole other members into assisting you as needed. Forming an events committee is not beyond the scope of being chairman.

If you have organizational skills, a knack for detail, and a vision for engaging fellow members, I encourage you to consider stepping up to this rewarding role. It's an opportunity to make a tangible impact on our chapter's vitality and member engagement.

To express your interest or nominate a fellow member, please reach out to me or attend our next chapter event where we'll discuss this role further.

Thank you for your ongoing support and dedication to our Tidewater chapter. Together, let's continue to drive the passion forward and create unforgettable moments on and off the road.

Warm regards, Jarod Mosely President, BMW CCA Tidewater Chapter

# Manual's Lament

# by Brad Purvis

As a lifelong enthusiast of driving, I can't help but feel a profound sense of loss as I witness the gradual disappearance of manual transmission BMWs. These vehicles represented the pinnacle of the driving experience, offering an unparalleled connection between driver and machine. Each shift was a tactile conversation, a dance of coordination and finesse that made every journey memorable.

I learned to drive with a manual transmission car, a 1964 VW Beetle, albeit my father took me to my driver's test in my mother's Buick LeSabre. During the ensuing years at least one of my cars always sported a manual transmission.

The manual gearbox was more than just a transmission system; it was an art form. It required skill and understanding, rewarding those who take the time to master it. The thrill of downshifting before a corner, the satisfaction of a perfectly timed upshift – these are pleasures that automated systems simply cannot replicate. The manual transmission demands engagement, making each drive a deliberate and immersive experience. Plus, it's hard to text and drive while shifting. Now, there's an idea. No driver under the age of thirty should be allowed to drive an automatic equipped automobile.

BMWs with manual transmissions were the epitome of a philosophy. They stood for precision engineering and a commitment to the pure joy of driving. The click of the shifter, the feedback through the clutch pedal, and the symphony of the engine responding to your inputs created a bond between driver and car that is becoming increasingly rare in today's automotive landscape.

The shift towards automatics and paddle shifters, driven by market demand and technological advancements, undeniably offers convenience and performance. Yet, something essential is lost in this transition. The manual BMWs were a testament to a time when driving was about more than just getting from point A to point B. It was about the journey, the mastery, and the unfiltered connection to the road.

As I lament the fading presence of manual transmission BMWs, I feel a bittersweet nostalgia. The roads ahead may be faster and more efficient, but they will never quite capture the same magic. That said, my increasingly arthritic knees seem to appreciate the evolution.

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Whatever your reason for owning a BMW, you have the opportunity to meet others with common interests, form new friendships and learn more about your "Ultimate Driving Machine". Participation is up to you whether that be face-to-face, virtually, actively or

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# BMW in the 1960s



by Brad Purvis

Having risen from the ashes and thwarting a takeover by Mercedes-Benz due to Herbert Quant's intervention in 1959, BMW were ready to sweep into the Swinging '60s with a newly energized workforce led by innovative leadership. With Quandt's guidance, BMW built the new Munich Milbertshofen plant to facilitate the production of the 1500, also known as the Neue Klasse (New Class). Styled

by Wilhelm Hofmeister, it was the first BMW to feature the iconic 'Hofmeister kink' on the C-pillar. A styling feature which endures on all BMWs to this day. The 1500's sleek design was fitted with the iconic M10 four-cylinder engine by Alexander von Falkenhausen.

The suspension was also new, with a McPherson strut front axle and a semi-trailing-arm rear, a setup which lasted for 30 years until the E36 3-Series switched to a multi-link setup in 1990. The Neue Klasse was a big hit when it debuted at the 1961 Frankfurt motor show, racking up over 25,000 orders before production even began. By 1972, over 350,000 units had been made, thus securing BMW's future.

BMW didn't stop there. In 1968, they launched the famous 2002 range, starting with the 1600-2, a sportier and cheaper two-door version of the Neue Klasse on a shortened chassis. This "ICON" of BMW history was a massive success, with over 850,000 sold worldwide, which pretty much vindicated the esteemed David E. Davis' remarks in the April 1968 issue of Car & Driver: "The BMW 2002 may be the first car in history to successfully bridge the gap between the diametrically-opposed automotive requirements of the wildly romantic car nut, on one hand, and the hyperpragmatic people at Consumer Reports, on the other."

Late in the decade, BMW tepidly re-entered the luxury market when the "New Six" debuted in 1968. The E3 saloon, was a large luxury 4-door sedan with a six-cylinder version of von Falkenhausen's engine, called the M30. This engine powered many BMW models until the early 1990s.

Concurrently, BMW ventured into the luxury coupe market with the E9, a truly beautiful automobile much coveted by collectors today. Surprisingly, and despite its luxe-coupe pedigree, the E9 went on to become a legendary racing car, winning the European Touring Car Championship in 1973, along with a class win at Le Mans the same year, but that story belongs to the next decade when BMW truly came into its own.

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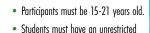
Our goal is to teach students how their vehicles react under different driving conditions. Each vehicle has unique handling characteristics — for example, front-wheel-drive versus rear-wheel-drive — and we want students to be comfortable in the vehicle where they spend most of their time. Students should use their daily driver, or the family vehicle, for the driving exercises.

# How long does the school last?

The one-day program is a mixture of classroom and hands-on exercises with instructors in the vehicles with the students. In the classroom they learn about proper seating and hand positions, mirror placement, the concept of the contact patch of their tires, the theories of weight transfer, and the use of long distance vision and situational awareness. Then the students are put through a series of exercises that are based on real-world situations. The students learn

skid control on a wet skid pad; go through lane change and accident avoidance maneuvers; do braking exercises; and they drive a slalom course to learn about weight transfer. The challenges of driver distractions — such as the radio or navigation systems, cell phones for talking, texting, or selfies; and the significant effect of too many other teens riding with them — are emphasized.

62% of teenage passenger deaths occurred in vehicles driven by another teenager.



driver's license (i.e., not being held by authorities) or permit. If the driver has a permit, that permit must be held for half the time required by the

state having jurisdiction, plus a minimum of 25 hours driving experience.

 If under 18, students must have their parents' permission to participate in the Tire Rack Street Survival school., and parents must sign the Minor Waiver.

 Parents are encouraged to attend and participate in the classroom sessions with their teens. They will see the program firsthand, and perhops learn valuable information themselves!

Distracted driving

 Students must present a photocopy of their license, proof of insurance, and the original signed Minor Waiver form (if under 18) to participate in Street Survival schools. crashes kill more than 5,000 people a year.

Nearly 50%

involve a

of teen driver

single vehicle

fatality accidents

- Source: NTSB

Tidewater BMW CCA Street Survival at NCCAR in Garysburg, NC

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# Hals und Beinbruch!

From the Editor

Greetings, eminent members of the BMW CCA Tidewater Chapter.

It's that time again—time for our quarterly newsletter to materialize as if by magic! Oh, wait. My wand seems to be malfunctioning because the only spells I'm casting are "Ctrl+C" and "Ctrl+V." Yes, I'm talking to you, the phantom members who enjoy reading but forget that contributing is part of the Chapter experience.

If I may be sold bold as to endeavor to explain further. This newsletter doesn't spontaneously generate content. It's not an autonomous entity with a knack for witty commentary or breaking news about the new breakfast/lunch/dinner. In short, it's not Roundel. It relies on you, the members, to share your stories, insights, and yes, even your gripes about the lack of manual transmissions on new BMWs. (See page 5).

Every quarter, a dedicated few submit their pieces—bless their overworked keyboards, but let's face it, even their creativity has limits, well, except Ray Laffoon, who isn't even in-country. When the same voices dominate every issue, we risk becoming the monotone hum of an overplayed podcast. Diversity is the spice of life, folks!

Imagine a club where everyone pitched in. We'd have tech tips from grandmasters of the garage, travelogues from our resident globetrotters, techniques from autocross buffs, and maybe even a comic strip or two. WHOA! Instead we're stuck recycling the same old material like a sitcom in its tenth season.

Here's a thought: writing an article for the newsletter is not a Herculean task. Think of it as your chance to shine, to be the Shakespeare of your automotive social circle. Your contribution could be a haiku about the latest dinner, a photo essay of your toolbox, or even a top ten list of the best excuses for not submitting an article (irony appreciated).

To those who say, "I don't have time," I ask: Do you have time to read this rant? Then you have time to write a paragraph. To those who claim, "I have nothing to say," I respond: I've heard you talk. I've seen your FB and Instagram posts. You have plenty to say.

So, my dear members, let's break this cycle of apathy. Pick up your pens, tap on your keyboards, and send in your contributions. Let's make Das Kummet a vibrant tapestry of our member's voices. After all, if I wanted to talk to myself, I'd start a diary.

Yours in vexation.

- Brad

# The Unloved Bimmer

# by Brad Purvis

The BMW E21 series, rolled out in 1975, was supposed to be the next big thing. As the first of the 3 Series, it was destined to be a legend, right? Well, not quite. For the BMW faithful, the E21 is that awkward cousin everyone tries to forget at family reunions.

The predecessor, the 2002, was the life of the party, zipping around corners with a joyful scream. Then came the E21, with all the excitement of a lukewarm cup of coffee. Sure, it had a sleek design and fancy features, but driving it felt like be ing stuck in rush hour traffic — endless and unremarkable. Early models, especially with their carbureted engines, were like temperamental teenagers: moody and prone to random outbursts.

As new 3 Series models burst onto the scene, each better than the last, the E21 faded into the background faster than a one - hit wonder. The E30, its successor, was the star everyone loved, while the E21 became the family secret, kept in the basement with old photo albums.

To the BMW faithful, the E21 is remembered with a mix of nostalgia and a heavy dose of "what were they thinking?" There is about as much nostalgia there as there is for Yuppies of the same era, but that makes sense, as it is the original Yuppie car . While it may never be the toast of car shows, the E21 is an essential chapter in BMW's history, the unloved middle child in the story of automotive greatness. I guess that's why I own one.



# **CLUB TOOLBOX**

For those who have always wanted us to put a name with a face, here's a picture of our club tools. They've been relocated to our President, Shawn Halsey's Clubhouse. Feel free to reach out if you need to scratch your shade tree mechanic itch.

- · HELMETS for track events
- Service light resetting tools very useful
   17mm trans. drain socket
- Tie rod separator pickle forks
- · Remote starter switch
- Clutch alignment tool
- · Pilot bearing puller
- Fan clutch wrench & bar
- · Electric impact wrench

- · Brake bleed system very useful
- Coil spring compressors
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# **BMW TRIVIA QUIZ**

- 1. In what year was BMW founded?
- 2. What was the last year BMW raced the Z4 GTE/ GTLM in ALMS/IMSA?
- 3. Which iconic BMW model is known for its role in the James Bond film "GoldenEye"?
- 4. Who was BMW's first design engineer?

- 5. What was BMW's first mass-produced electric vehicle?
- 6. What the first BMW-badged car?

Answers on page 17

# Calling All Bimmerfiles: Share Your Ideas for Club Activities!

Are you passionate about your BMW? Do you love spending time with fellow enthusiasts, discussing horsepower, torque, and the thrill of the open road? If so, then you're in the right place!

Your Tidewater Chapter is always on the lookout for fresh and exciting activities to engage our members and foster a sense of community among our fellow members. Whether you're into classic BMWs, track events, rallies, or simply scenic drives and lunches, we want to hear from you!

We believe that the heart of any great car club lies in its members, and that's why we're reaching out to you for ideas. Maybe you've been dreaming of a scenic group drive along the Blue Ridge, a DIY car detailing workshop, or a track day at VIR. Or perhaps you have a unique concept that's never been tried before!

No idea is too big or too small – we want to hear them all. After all, diversity is what makes our club so special, and your input could be the spark that ignites our next unforgettable event.

So, whether you're a seasoned Bimmerfile or a first-time owner, we invite you to share your ideas with us. Together, let's rev up the excitement and take our chapter to new heights!

Submit your ideas via email to <a href="mailto:events@twbmwcca.org">events@twbmwcca.org</a> or speak up at our next breakfast, lunch, or dinner. Let's make this year one to remember!





Der Jargon



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https://www.bmwcca.org/membershipbenefits/discounts

# HPDE – What Is It and How Do You Do It?

by Al Resnick



These questions may have crossed some of your minds; how do you really experience the joy and thrill of letting our ultimate driving machines get fully exercised? Well, if you have never had any track experience (or even some), HPDEs are a great way to learn and have fun!

Going to good ole' Wikipedia for a simple explanation of what they are: "High Performance Driver Education (HPDE) refers to driving schools held on dedicated racetracks designed to teach drivers proper high-speed driving techniques. HPDE events are held by various automobile enthusiasts' clubs at some of the most renowned road-course tracks around the world. Participants include both students and instructors. Students are grouped according to their ability and experience, with "Novice Group" students being the least experienced, "Intermediate Group" being more experienced and "Advanced Group" drivers being the most experienced. Mandatory classroom instruction contributes to the overall learning experience and allows peer-group discussions of event logistics, on-track performance and track characteristics." You'll learn about track safety, terminology, braking, turn apex, turn-in & turn out points, as well as under & oversteer. You'll really be encouraged to drive within your ability and improve your car control skills. To be clear HPDEs are not racing.

How did I get interested? As a kid, my Dad, who played around with motorcycles in his younger days, got a pair of Go-Karts for my brother and me; we had a lot of fun running them on dirt tracks and local parking lots. Fast forward many years and I finally got my first BMW and thought it was about time, I stretched his legs, so I discovered HPDEs and signed up as a Novice for one run by the Tarheel Chapter at VIR. While Lewis Hamilton doesn't have to worry (as a matter of fact, I was not very good!), I had a blast and was hooked. My in-car coach was quite good, and he offered great tips on driving line, acceleration, braking and shifting. I continued to go at least once a year and eventually progressed to Low Intermediate – and am still having fun, now with my second BMW.

To participate in a HPDE, you can find when and where HPDEs are being run by going on MotorSportReg (<a href="https://www.motorsportreg.com/">https://www.motorsportreg.com/</a>) and finding an event that would interest you and signing up for it; of course, there's a fee to participate in any of these. Typically, you'll need to get your car inspected; the shop that does it will complete the form that's part of

the registration kit when you sign up; there are several reputable independent shops in our area that will do the inspection – be sure to take the completed form with you. Most HPDEs require you wear a helmet with specific safety standards; I have signed one out from our Club's toolbox. Some people will also get Track insurance, available from various sources, just in case you have an accident – your call. Of course, plan on starting each day with a full tank of gas – you'd be amazed at how thirsty our ultimate driving machines can be on the track! Here's a list from MotorSportReg of nearby HPDEs over the next couple of months, run by several car clubs:

Dates	Location	Group
7/6-7	Summit Point (Main)	Potomac PCA
7/12-14	Summit Point (Main)	NJ BMW CCA
7/13-14	Summit Point (Shenandoah)	DC SCCA
7/26-28	Summit Point (Main)	Potomac PCA
9/13-15	VIR	Tarheel CCA
9/13-15	Summit Point (Shenandoah)	DC & NJ BMW CCA
9/27-28	NJ MotorPark (Lightning)	Metro NY PCA
9/28	Summit Point (Jefferson)	Potomac PCA
10/4-7	NJ MotorPark (Thunderbolt)	Delaware PCA
10/11-12	VIR	1st Settlers PCA
10/11-13	Summit Point (Main)	Riesentoter PCA
10/19-20	Summit Point (Main)	Potomac PCA
10/25-27	VIR	Northern NJ PCA

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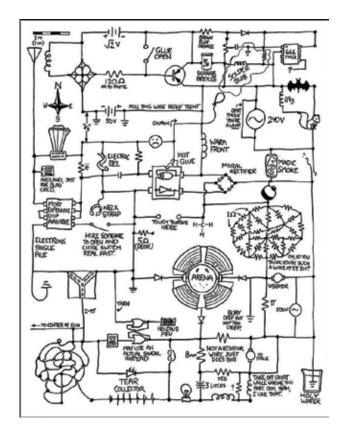
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