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## Limited Edition Print

The second car in the BMW CCA Foundation "American Legacy" series is now available, which is the legendary 1977-79 IMSA Camel GT BMW 320i Turbo driven by David Hobbs. This print is 16 x 12 inches. It is limited to 100 prints and sells for \$85 plus postage. Your purchase of this print will help support the BMW CCA Foundation Archives department. Details on how to order your print - visit our online store web site at <http://www.bmwccafoundation.org/shop/listCategoriesAndProducts.asp?idCategory=32>

The prints are in stock now and ready to ship (we are down to about 24 remaining prints). It is a first come, first serve for any remaining numbers. You can call or email me 864-329-1919 or [mmitchell@bmwccafoundation.org](mailto:mmitchell@bmwccafoundation.org) to see if a specific number is still available before your purchase.

The next print in the series will be launched around May/June 2008. This will be the Red Lobster M1.

Michael R. Mitchell



Speed TV's Tommy Kendall signs a M ball cap.

Speed TV was out at the BMW Performance Center this month with Tommy Kendall, John Andretti, Boris Said, and Graham Rahal filming another edition of Speed Test Drive with the new BMW E92 M3. Look for this show to air on March 25th at 8pm on Speed channel



BMW 320i turbo

McLaren North America, Livonia, MI  
Driver: David Hobbs  
1977-79 IMSA Camel GT



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American Legacy Series  
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John Andretti signs a BMW M cap

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updates, calendar, photos of past events

## **President's Corner**

February 2008

It hardly seems possible that 2008 is here and we're more than halfway through the first quarter. Before we know it, we'll be driving the 1 series, learning more about the new 7 and Z series, and speculating about the upcoming 5 and 3 series redesigns. Next, we'll get to choose between gasoline and diesel engines in our BMW's. Somewhere along the way I hope we're able to choose a vehicle that utilizes an alternate fuel solution formulated from something besides corn. No doubt, there are a lot of changes on the horizon, especially with \$100+ per barrel oil.

If you are not receiving emails about our events and activities, and want to, our chapter must not have a valid email address for you. To be included in our email list, please send a message to [updatemyemail@sandlapperbmw.org](mailto:updatemyemail@sandlapperbmw.org). Include your name, address and membership number. We'll be notifying you of driving events at the Performance Center, and many other regular events that we participate in around SC. Please remember to update us with any email changes as this is the primary way for us to get information to you in a timely manner.

Please remember to recruit new members for our group. If you meet someone who isn't a member, please tell them about the benefits of the BMW CCA. The *Roundel* alone justifies the price of admission. Meeting other BMW fans and participating in meetings, discussions, and events we have is just icing on the cake. New members may sign up on-line at [www.bmwcca.org](http://www.bmwcca.org).

Finally, let's get a large contention of Sandlapper members going to Oktoberfest this year in Watkins Glen. Pay attention to the CCA website as registration should open in March. I'm really looking forward to visiting the Finger Lakes region of NY and driving on the track.

Enjoy those Bimmers. Dwayne Mosley



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## From the Editor

Hello Sandlapper Chapter Members,

As of this issue, I will be taking over the duties of the Newsletter Editor position for the Sandlapper Chapter. With this change comes the opportunity for us to rethink the format and potentially choose a new structure for the publication. We are required to publish a newsletter during this quarter of 2008, so today's publication is basically experimental as we haven't yet decided on which software to utilize.

Our intent is to provide a publication with more stories and more pictures to keep you better informed. Once we get this rolling, we will bring you at least four issues per year. In busy months, we may add an edition or two.

I welcome member participation to submit any stories and pictures. Going to the club autocross? Tell us about your experience. Going to that Rolex Grand Am race? Give us a story and some pictures. Did you just do a European Delivery on the new 1 Series? What was that like? So, if you have something automotive or motorcycle related that you'd like to share, please let us know about it. There are others of us in the club that might be interested in it as well.

As an added incentive, I am going to borrow an idea that several other chapters are using. We will initiate a contest that all Sandlapper Chapter members can participate in. It's pretty simple; submit stories and photos, and collect points. We'll tell you more about this idea in the next issue of *The Roadster*. However, just to give you an idea of how it might work, at the end of each year everyone who has earned points from submitting content will have a chance to win some great prizes. Maybe it will be a gift certificate to Century BMW/MINI, or a free registration to any 2009 Sandlapper Autocross or other event. I will get the Sandlapper Board involved to come up with more ideas. As we determine the prizes, they will be announced on the chapter website.

All points will be based on what gets printed in the newsletter for the 2008 year.

Submit a story = (x) number of points

Submit a photo = (x) number of points

Submit a regular column to each newsletter = lots of (x) of points

As I was saying before, I haven't had a chance to come up with the point scale or the prizes yet but we will finalize this before the next newsletter.

Is there anyone interested in doing a series of articles for the newsletter - say maybe a technical column? Or maybe you have an idea for some other useful column for each newsletter? Please submit your ideas to me for con-

sideration.

We really want to hear from you, the member. Besides articles about chapter related events, what else would you like to see? Technical information, press releases, detailing techniques, miniature models? Just fill in the blank. Please email me - Michael Mitchell at [mmitchell@sandlapperbmw.org](mailto:mmitchell@sandlapperbmw.org) with your ideas and thoughts. You may submit your stories and photos to that email address as well.

Remember, this is your chapter and we welcome your participation and ideas about events and activities. Please don't be bashful about submitting something for the newsletter. South Carolina is too large for me to make it to every event so I need your help to fill this newsletter with content. If you are new to the club, come join us at any of the Sandlapper events and meetings. We would love to meet you.

Thank you,

Michael R. Mitchell

Newsletter Editor / Membership Chair



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# Bimmer Bearings

The Top Ten Tech Talk Terrors

These are the questioners who drive Roundel's  
Tech Talk editor crazy!

10. Guys with thirty-year-old rusty BMWs who want to vent about not being able to sell them for \$6,000, because they have put at least that much into them since 1980.

**Answer:** Keep the car and let your heirs worry about it.

9. Guys with thirty-year-old rusty BMWs who want to fix their car for less than \$50 and without buying any new parts from BMW.

**Answer:** Get some duct tape and baling wire at Home Depot and have at it.

8. Guys with one-year-old BMWs who are incensed that the car isn't perfect, because, you know, it costs \$50,000.

**Answer:** Have you ever driven a Ferrari?

7. Guys who purchase a new M car without having driven it, and then write in to complain that it rides too hard, they can hear the engine making noises, there's this little clunk when they let the clutch out; their Lexus never did any of this, and it cost less.

**Answer:** These things are God's way of telling you to buy another Lexus.

6. Guys who send the same letter to *Roundel*, *Bimmer*, and *European Car* magazines (just who do they think answers these questions, anyway?), half a dozen Internet message boards, Brett Anderson and Jenny Morgan, and then either 1. Pit all sources against each other, or 2. Ignore all the advice anyway.

**Answer:** Keep telling them to make sure they confirm the answer with one of the others until you make the full circle.

5. Guys with brand-new BMWs who have been to three dealerships, each of which has thoroughly inspected the car and attempted unsuccessfully to diagnose a complex electronic problem with a totally unnecessary feature, such as the butt-massaging seats, and they're incensed when Tech Talk cannot do so, either--from 2,000 miles away.

**Answer:** The Clairvoyance Imaging Control (CIC) module in my crystal ball is presently incompatible with new updated version software in my electronic Malcontent Tolerance Buffering (MTB) system. Please write back next week.

4. Guys who write in with questions that are clearly answered in the owner's manual.

**Answer:** I'll bet you've read the owner's manual for your toaster oven, haven't you?

3. Guys who want you to teach them how to do a brake job via e-mail, because their shop wants \$300 to do the work and they think that's too much. And then they ask what a brake caliper is, and whether they'll have to jack up the car.

**Answer:** What do you do for a living? Oh, you're an agricultural economist? Can you please tell me how to do that myself?

2. Inordinately tall guys who buy a BMW without having test-driven it, and then write in to Tech Talk wanting to know how they can get more head room or leg room, or "my arm bumps the door panel."

**Answer:** How do you feel about surgery?

1. And the Number One Tech Talk Terror: Guys who write in and want you to talk them through a complex repair on a complex car, like an E32 750iL, and photocopy half the ETM and the Bentley Service Manual and send it to them in the mail because they're too cheap to buy service literature themselves. And can you lend them a set of Torx sockets, just for a week or so?

**Answer:** NO!

Reprinted from the Boston *Bimmer*, Boston Chapter, by Mike Miller.

## Classifieds

### Cars for Sale

My apologies to the Sandlapper members. None of the classified information was forwarded to me. We are wiping the slate clean and will start over with the classified ads.

Please submit your ads for your BMW cars/motorcycles, MINI cars, or your parts and such for BMWs/MINIs to Michael Mitchell at [mmitchell@sandlapperbmw.org](mailto:mmitchell@sandlapperbmw.org). I will be sure to get them in the next newsletter plus up on the website. For all ads, please be sure to include your name and member number for me to verify.



## BMW CCA Nürburgring Driving School

The BMW CCA Nürburgring driving school gives members a chance to experience the hallowed track where the world's best cars are perfected for production. Over its thirteen-mile length, the North Loop of the Nürburgring includes just about every type of turn known to man—over 170 in total. The so-called “Green Hell” climbs and plunges through about 1,000 feet of elevation change, and fits in a two-mile-long straightaway for good measure. There's nothing like it!

For 2008, the school will be held August 3-6. A pre-school tour is a tradition, with visits in recent years to attractions such as BMW factories, museums, the Mobile Tradition collection, and Alpina. This year's itinerary is still in the planning stage, but typically it starts in Munich the week before the event. Details will be announced in April.

Sign-ups for this year's event begin after 10:00 a.m. on March 26. Call the BMW CCA national office at 864 250-0022 and have your credit card ready for the \$500 deposit. For details,

[www.magma.ca/~Phemisg/BMWNurburgringSchool.doc](http://www.magma.ca/~Phemisg/BMWNurburgringSchool.doc) or George Phemister 613-746-0027, Ringschool@magma.ca.



### Sandlapper Merchandise

#### Check out the new selection of Sandlapper Apparel

There is a limited selection of new apparel listed on our website. See the entire selection of sizes and colors at

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Description	Sizes	Price
Polo Shirts	M - XXXL	\$30.00
Button-up Shirts	XL - XXL	\$20.00
Fleece	M - XXXL	\$35.00
Fleece Vest	M - XXXL	\$30.00
T-Shirt	M - XXXL	\$15.00
Youth T-Shirt	6 - 8	\$10.00



## News From National

### Membership Stats as of 2/19/2008

	<u>Full</u>	<u>Associate</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<b>66141</b>	<b>9687</b>	<b>75828</b>
Last month	66141	9682	75823
<b>Last Year</b>	<b>66193</b>	<b>9850</b>	<b>76043</b>



### **BMW CCA HAS A NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR!**

...and here I am! This is my third week on the job and my first report. First let me say what an honor it is to have been selected to lead the National Office staff and thank you to everyone who has welcomed me with open arms to the club. I can personally attest to the fact that, as you read in last months report, it was a long and exhaustive search and interview process. When it was over I took a week off, but now I am on the job and doing my best to keep up to the pace set by the Board and Staff. We are working hard to improve the Club for you in many ways. But what is most important to me is that we exceed your expectations for customer service.

This is your Club and we are here to make certain you have the best possible experience at all times. To that end I am instituting a series of conference calls with each Regional Vice President and the Chapter Presidents in their respective regions. February 19, 2008 marked the first call and it was held with the North Central Region. I hope these calls will allow us to know each other better and will give you an opportunity to voice your thoughts, concerns, wants and needs as Club Leaders.

Please remember that we have a Newsletter/Webmaster Conference coming up in April and it is important that your chapter send representation.

My door will always be open and I look forward to working with each of you.

Frank Patek

To see the rest of News from National, go to [www.bmwcca.org](http://www.bmwcca.org) or you can email Michael Mitchell at [mmitchell@sandlapperbmw.org](mailto:mmitchell@sandlapperbmw.org) for a pdf copy 8 pages long.

## Sandlapper Events

FOR MORE EVENT DETAILS SEE THE WEBSITE: [www.sandlapperbmw.org](http://www.sandlapperbmw.org)

### **March**

- 4 Tue **Columbia Area Club Meeting** - 7:00 PM, Grecian Gardens, West Columbia, SC. All are invited to attend.
- 11 Tue **Upstate Area Club Meeting** - 7:00 PM, Logan's Roadhouse at Pelham Rd & I-85, Greenville, SC. All are invited to attend.
- 13 Thu **Rock Hill Area Club Meeting** - 7:00 PM, All are invited to attend.

### **April**

- 1 Tue **Columbia Area Club Meeting** - 7:00 PM, Grecian Gardens, West Columbia, SC. All are invited to attend.
- 8 Tue **Upstate Area Club Meeting** - 7:00 PM, Logan's Roadhouse at Pelham Rd & I-85, Greenville, SC. All are invited to attend.
- 10 Thu **Rock Hill Area Club Meeting** - 7:00 PM, All are invited to attend.

### **September**

- TBD TBD **Fall Mountain Run** - Big Lynn Lodge, Little Switzerland, NC. Contact Trip Binford 803.957.3124.



## Membership Drive 2008

**December 1, 2007 to September 12, 2008**

The BMW CCA membership drive is open to three categories of participants:

1. Current BMW CCA members,
2. Current BMW CCA members who work for a BMW dealer or independent BMW shop, and
3. BMW CCA chapters.

### ***New Membership Definition***

A new membership is defined as a membership for an individual or business that has never before belonged to BMW CCA, or a membership for an individual or business that was a previous BMW CCA member but whose membership lapsed at least six months prior to the date of the new membership. A new membership with a corresponding associate membership counts as one new membership.

### ***Eligibility***

To be eligible, current BMW CCA members must be paid members (that is, they may not be members by virtue of being "comped" by BMW CCA).

### ***About the Categories***

The program differentiates between BMW CCA members who work at BMW dealers or independent shops and those who don't. This reason is that those who work at places where BMWs are sold, serviced, or repaired are assumed to have a much greater opportunity to meet BMW owners who may not already be members of BMW CCA. While all BMW CCA members have equal opportunities to receive the membership extension reward, they will only be competing against other members in their own category for the additional prize drawings and grand prizes.

### ***Category 1: Rewards for current BMW CCA members who refer new members***

For each new member that joins, referring members will receive a one-month extension of their existing BMW CCA membership, and one ticket in the prize drawing. There is no limit to the number of extensions a member may receive based on new member referrals. In addition to the prize drawings, there will be grand prizes for the three BMW CCA members who refer the most members.

### ***Category 2: Rewards for BMW dealer or independent BMW shop employees who refer new members***

Current BMW CCA Members employed by a BMW dealer or independent BMW shop: For each new member that joins, referring members will receive a one-month extension of their existing BMW CCA membership, and one ticket in the prize drawing. There is no limit to the number of extensions a member may receive based on new member refer-

als. In addition to the prize drawings, there will be grand prizes for the three BMW members who refer the most members.

(Please note that memberships purchased by dealers for their customers are not eligible for the one-month extension reward or tickets for the prize drawings. This exclusion is in effect even if a current BMW CCA member is listed on the application as a referrer.)

### ***Category 3: Rewards for chapters that achieve a designated level of new member activity.***

Chapters are eligible for rewards based on an overall increase in their total membership and their renewal rate. Both are important for continued growth of the Club, since renewing members are more likely to stay in the Club for more years, while new members are needed to replace those members who don't renew. Only primary chapter memberships will count toward chapter goals. Dual chapter affiliations will not accrue towards the goals. To be eligible for rewards, chapters must be in good standing. Chapters that are officially on probation during the period of the membership drive will not be eligible.

### ***To see the full set of rules***

about the 2008 BMW CCA Membership Drive, please email Peggy Helmke, [peggy.helmke@bmwcca.org](mailto:peggy.helmke@bmwcca.org).

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### Welcome New Members

Paul Anderson	Wilmington	DE	Noel Lutkowski	Salem	SC
Jody Anderson	Denver	NC	Bob Mantie	Fort Mill	SC
Tom Atkinson	Greenville	SC	Glenn McCain	Norcross	GA
Gloria Barnwell	Bamberg	SC	Jesse Mikell	Simpsonville	SC
Hal Blanks	Greenville	SC	Danny Miller	Columbia	SC
James Branham	Rock Hill	SC	Chris Neild	Taylors	SC
Paul Brewer	North Augusta	SC	Frank Patek	Greenville	SC
Jacob Cannon	Moore	SC	Brian Price	Anderson	SC
Tim Carswell	Charleston	SC	J Revell	Greenville	SC
Jerome Cummings	Aiken	SC	Bruce Sass	Myrtle Beach	SC
Robert Demuynck	Sumter	SC	Irving Sowell	Bishopville	SC
Jose Duque	Harrisburg	NC	David Spratte	Raleigh	NC
Daniel Falkenstein	Rock Hill	SC	Shanna Sullivan	Okatie	SC
Keith Forrester	Greenville	SC	Joe Thaler	Greenville	SC
Stephen Gatson	Greenville	SC	Billie Turner	Columbia	SC
Breck Heidberg	Greenville	SC	Linda Turner	Greenville	SC
Fred Holcomb	Mountain Rest	SC	Clinton Varty	Ladson	SC
Shirley Hubbard	Greenville	SC	Barry Visioli	Anderson	SC
Ike Kearney	Georgetown	SC	Bryan Wagoner	Winston Salem	NC
Jon Krolewicz	Elgin	SC	Charles Wall	Greenville	SC
John Woodall	Greenville	SC			

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