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The Official Newsletter of the Sandlapper BMW CCA Chapter

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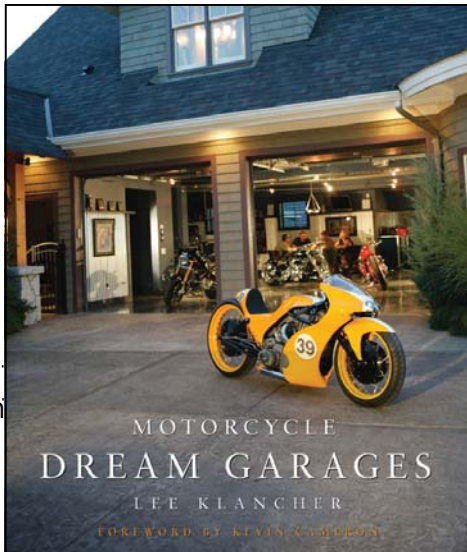
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Book Review

Story by Michael Mitchell For our friends that prefer two wheels to four, here is a book for you. *Motorcycle Dream Garages* is a book about...well, the title says it all - dream garages for motorcycle owners. This hardcover book is written by Lee Klancher and is 192 pages long.

It is filled with stories and photos of all kinds of garages (and their owners) all across North America. From the hole in the wall working garage that has probably been there forever (the kind of place that is filled with spare parts and memorabilia - which the owner could probably put his hands on that special item you are looking for in a matter of seconds) to the million dollar places that are museum quality...or you can eat off the floor. I especially like the place that has a few motorcycles inside the house - oh,

Vi h Xcbfñi VY Zc`YXž h.jg`jgbññ the type of house that looks like the frat house at your University.



These are beautiful museum like motorcycles in the house.

No matter if you are into Harleys, customs, fcUX` fUMj b[ž a chcVfcggž Ī fUhi fcXi` `mdY` a chcfVñVgž vintage or new bikes, there is a little of all throughout this book.

The book is available through Quayside Publishing Group - Motorbooks for \$35. ISBN: 978-0-7603-3550-5. Well worth picking up for your collection. **TR**

Bone Yard

Story & Photos by Michael Mitchell In November, I flew out to Phoenix, Arizona for a Foundation Board meeting. I Vzi` Xbññk Ujhñc` [Yhici hñYfy` Zcf`rk c` fyUgcbg`!` =k Ug` `cc`_b[`Zcfk UfX`hc` gUhgZñb[`a mVUj`]b[`Zcf` ð` ðñCi hi Burger and more importantly, I wanted to see the



aviation bone yard in Tucson. I had served in the Navy and for part of that time, I had the pleasure to work on F-14 Tomcats at Miramar, CA - you know, where Top Gun was filmed. Yes, sad to say, Top Gun is what got me to join the Navy. After I finished my Ī 5i` gWcc` Zcf` 5j`]Uñcb` Gñfi Vñ fU` A YWUñ Vñž` =\UX` U` choice of orders all across the country...but I picked VF-51 Screaming Eagles at Miramar.

So, why was I so excited to go to Tucson? Well, I have seen pictures and heard about this bone yard that holds hundreds or thousands of older planes. The F-14 has been retired and I was hoping to get to see one of my planes just one more time. Yes, most of the larger aviation museums have a F-14, but they are usually some other squadron. It is Vñc` hc` gYž Vi hi` gñbchñY` gUa Y` `` CbY` cZa mg` jdg` that I served on was decommissioned and turned into scrap - sadly, I will never get to see it again. My other ship has been decommissioned and is supposedly sitting in a mothball fleet in Washington state. I heard a rumor on the web that North Carolina is trying to raise money to turn it into a museum...which I hope they are able to pull off.

Friday morning, I get up early to make the almost two hour drive down to Tucson. As you approach on the freeway (if you know what to look for), several miles off in the desert, (continue page 4)

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Hello fellow Sandlappers,

Happy New Year, and welcome to 2010. It seems like only yesterday the pundits were all debating the impact the year 2000 would have on our lives. From public utilities that would shut down to software applications that could not interpret the change from a 19xx to a 20xx numbering scheme, we were awash in opinions about the upcoming century change. Needless to say, we all made the transition quite nicely.

So, with that behind us, some now have similar concerns about our oil usage, coal usage, energy for our homes, and that inescapable daily mantra, global warming. There are numerous reports indicating that the years 2008 and 2009 are going out like a Lion as well. Who really knows what all of this means, so we have to consider the impact the global warming scare will ultimately have on our favorite vehicle. As BMW moves toward electric hybrid technology, it is clear that this is a stopgap measure at best. The electric voltage levels contained in these cars is very dangerous, and no one knows what to expect regarding longevity from the batteries, electric motors, and transmissions. Just what is the exposure in a serious crash in one of these vehicles? Hydrogen technology is available but acceptance and rollout is still in its infancy.

As we move toward an alternate energy solution within 10 years. The platforms utilizing alternate methods are in place, the refueling stations are not. With only water as the byproduct of hydrogen, we could solve the emissions issues for all new cars forever with this method. Naturally, there are many arguments regarding these and other technologies. More can be learned at <http://climateprogress.org/2009/12/24/national-research-council-hydrogen-panel-flawed-plug-in-hybrids-report/>. Any immediate energy platform changeover could provide a very long operational buffer for the existing internal combustion vehicles in the world by eliminating the pressure on oil production and oil reserves, and immediately lowering emissions to a fraction of what they are now.

As this will continue to be our way to notify you of upcoming events and news. Sign up on the home page of our website. 2010 should be a fun year. Be there, or be left behind choking on fumes. Happy New Year.

See you around SC,
Dwayne Mosley



From the Editor

Hello Sandlapper Chapter Members,

Happy New Year! Although I knew 2010 was approaching I heard the radio DJs talking about it. Hard to believe all this time has gone by. According to the radio, it has been decided to call this page "Happy New Year" instead of "Happy New Year". Hmmm, seems like someone could have come up with a better name. Anyways, it is time to look forward to the next decade.

After taking a couple weeks of vacation in December to get busy again for me. With a new semester at school, several events in the next couple of months, gearing up for 80+ Street Survival schools, and so much

more...wow, I am ready for another vacation. Well, at least I enjoy it.

I would like to thank Bob Payne for loaning his beautiful 1971 2002tii to the Foundation for display. This is the fourth car we have had in our office. It goes well with the 2002t trailer. It is believed to be the oldest tii in the U.S. Feel free to stop by to see this car anytime.

Opt out of the newsletter - if you no longer wish to receive a paper copy of the newsletter, you can opt out by sending me an email. We will then email you when the newsletter is posted to the website.

Michael R. Mitchell
Newsletter Editor



BMW CCA Foundation Brabham BT52 Print

We are pleased to announce our 6th anniversary celebration with the BMW CCA Foundation. The BT52 ran during the first part of the year with the BT52B finishing up the 2nd. A couple other teams went to a wing variation similar to the Brabham car. Although the BT52 did not win the championship, it was a close race with Piquet to win the championship.

The BT52 had one win, two second place, two fourth place finishes and three DNFs. The BT52B had two wins, one second place, two third places, one thirteenth place finish and only one DNF. Piquet finished the year with 59 points, just two points more than Alan Prost. We elected the BT52 as the 2010 BMW CCA Foundation Print.

This print is 16x12 inches in size and limited to 100 copies. \$85 per print plus shipping. To purchase go to our store link below <http://bmwccafoundation-shop.streetsurvival.org/catalog/>



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Story by Dwayne Mosley

On November 18th, eight BMW fans belonging to the BMW Performance Center. We were headed for Columbus, OH and other parts beyond, primarily to perform the 1,200 mile break-in these cars require before the students can get on 11/19 for a private tour of the facility and the BMW Historic Cars. As you can see in the pictures, we were given the opportunity to climb in and out of just about any car we chose. It was a once in a lifetime opportunity for a group of car guys to visit this shop and get a private tour of everything. After leaving the race shop, we headed down through the Appalachia of West Virginia and eastern Kentucky to finally arrive in Bristol, VA for our second best roads as we headed back to the Performance Center to return the cars and lament about our fantastic, three day journey in these Ultimate Driving Machines.

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BMW of North America announced today that it has signed Bill Auberlen, Joey Hand, Tommy Milner and Dirk Miller to drive for the BMW Rahal Letterman Racing Team in the 2010 American Le Mans Series.



Tech: Oil (Continued)

On Tuesday, December 8th, Century BMW of Greenville hosted the Upstate Sandlapper meeting. Fifty plus people enjoyed a great presentation from their BMW Regional Technical Representative. He provided an in-depth presentation about the upcoming hybrid cars that BMW will have in the X6, 7, and 5 series. He also provided an overview of the double clutch transmission (DCT), changes to the upcoming 3 liter turbocharged engines, and discussed some of the detrimental issues regarding ethanol in US gasoline. Door prizes were provided by the BMW CCA National Office and the food was provided by Century. Many thanks to our hosts for a great meeting.

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Open House - Car Maintenance

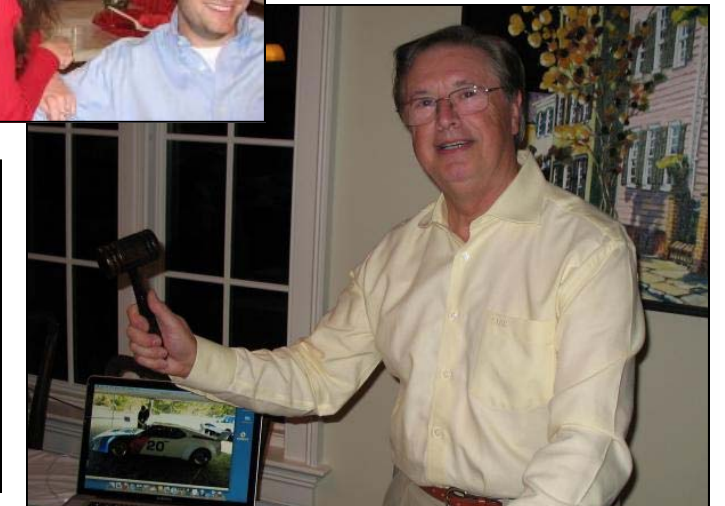
Story by Dwayne Mosley

On December 12th, regularly. This includes extra oil changes to supplement the elongated change intervals that BMW recommends for their new cars. Bob Shields opened up his shop to Sandlapper members to discuss technical issues regarding BMW's, and to provide insight for the necessary maintenance that will help keep our Ultimate Driving machines running smoothly and provide a long service life. Bob exhibited some engines whose oil was not changed regularly enough. It was not hard to spot what lack of oil changes do to these engines. It's safe to say that if you plan on keeping your BMW for a long time, please consider changing the oil



Charleston Christmas Party

On Friday, December 11th, 20+ people from the Charleston area descended on John Anderson's house for the area Christmas party. Much food and fun was had by all. Many thanks to John and Margot for once again hosting our party and providing the food, drink, and great cars to look at and enjoy. TR



(continued from page 8) Remember, you shouldn't depend on the dealer disagreeing with the BMW warranty oil-change intervals. They must tow the company line, even while knowing these intervals are too few and far between. TR



Sandlapper Events

FOR MORE EVENT DETAILS SEE THE WEBSITE: www.sandlapperbmw.org

1/14/10: **Upstate Area Club Meeting**, No meeting in January.
 1/30/10: **Rock Hill Area Club Meeting**, Contact John Anderson for location and time.
 1/30-31/10: **Holiday Recovery Party**, BMW Performance Center, Contact John Anderson for location and time.
 January: **Rolex 24Hr at Daytona**, Contact John Anderson for location and time.
 January: **Charleston Area Club Meeting**, Contact John Anderson for location and time.
 January: **Columbian Area Club Meeting**, Contact Trip Binford for location and time.

February: **Upstate Area Club Meeting**, Contact John Anderson for location and time.
 February: **Rock Hill Area Club Meeting**, Contact John Anderson for location and time.
 February: **BMW & Porsche Swap Meet**, Contact John Anderson for location and time.
 February: **Charleston Area Club Meeting**, Contact John Anderson for location and time.
 February: **Columbian Area Club Meeting**, Contact Trip Binford for location and time.

BMW & Porsche Swap Meet

Get Ready for Spring Driving & Track Event Season

Hosts: Touring Cars Inc. and EuroWerks

Supporting Clubs: Sandlapper & Tarheel Chapters BMW CCA and Carolinas Region PCA

Location: Touring Cars Inc. & EuroWerks
 (back to back shop properties)
 300-340 Seaboard Drive
 Matthews, NC 28104

Date: Saturday, February 27, 2010

Time: Vendor setup from 8 am to 9 am
 Swap Meet Shoppers from 9 am to 1 pm

Cost: No charges for Vendors or Shoppers

Contacts: Event Info - John Meek
jmeek911@aol.com or 803-324-4994

Directions:

- €€ From I-485 take exit 51 onto US 74 East/E. Independence Blvd. toward Monroe (not toward Matthews)
- €€ Turn Right at traffic signal 1.4 miles onto Stallings Rd.
- €€ Pass over RR track and turn right onto Industrial Dr.
- €€ Turn Right onto Seaboard Dr.

Touring Cars Inc. on the left followed immediately by EuroWerks



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Welcome New Sandlapper BMW CCA Members

John Colton	Charleston, SC	2003 M3
David Bartoski	Anderson, SC	
David Brown	Summerville, SC	2001 330Ci
Foster Burke	Colts Neck, NJ	2006 M3
Quintin Burns	Fort Mill, SC	
Steven Cooper	Greer, SC	
Rita Cooper	Greer, SC	
Ronald Daggett	Aiken, SC	2004 330CiC
Bob Engler	Bluffton, SC	
Per Olof Ezelius	Huntersville, NC	2009 MINI JCW Challenge
John Guarino	Simpsonville, SC	1995 740i
Henry Haitz	Blythewood, SC	2010 535i
Brett Hopkins	Asheville, NC	2010 135i
Jimmy Hunt	Greenville, SC	2009 MINI Cooper S
William Johnson	Charleston, SC	2008 M3
Jackie Johnson	Charleston, SC	
Eric Longino	Greer, SC	1999 M3
Automotive Associates	Spartanburg, SC	2001 M5
Devin Martin	Piedmont, SC	1974 2002
John Mindler	Goose Creek, SC	2000 740iL
Joseph Moody	Greenville, SC	2001 X5
Harold Petke	Rock Hill, SC	1998 M3
Andrew Pooser	Asheville, NC	1995 540i
Steven Regnaud	Greer, SC	
Joel Rigger	Mt Pleasant, SC	2010 528i
Robert Scal	Greenville, SC	
Marsha Scal	Greenville, SC	
Joe Sears	Seneca, SC	2010 X5
James Slater	Conway, SC	2001 740iL
Seth Slovik	Tega Cay, SC	1998 540i
Russell Smith	Greenville, SC	1990 325i
Arron Toler	Spartanburg, SC	2005 525i
Karl Troy	N Charleston, SC	2005 X5 4.4
Michael Troy	N Charleston, SC	
Steve Virgo	N Augusta, SC	
Gayle Virgo	N Augusta, SC	
Brian West	Bluffton, SC	2009 328i
Wesley Wooten	Piedmont, SC	1999 740iL
George Worsham	Charleston, SC	2006 Z M Roadster

Decals and static clings with the new chapter logo. Both the decals and static clings are approx 3.5 x 2.75 inches. The decals are for the outside of your window, helmet, tool box or anything else. The static clings are for the inside of your window.

Also available are chapter logo pins.

The prices for the pins and decals are as follow:
 Pins \$4 each or three for \$10.

Static Clings and/or decals \$3 each or two for \$5. Yes, you can mix and match outside and inside decals. (Shipping is not included with any of these prices.)

To purchase, contact Ronn Hale at 803.792.0962 or scbmwcca@comporium.net

Classified ads are free to Sandlapper BMW CCA members (1 ad up to 50 words) and must be renewed after running in two issues. \$1 per word over 50 words. Photos for ads are \$10 - free on the web. BMW CCA members name, membership number, and telephone number **MUST** be clearly identified on ad submission. Classified ads for non-members are \$15.00 per ad, per issue, and must include name and telephone number.

Classified Ads

Do you have old books, magazines, tech/parts manuals, posters, videos, brochures, diecast models, or any other misc automotive/motorcycle stuff lying around? Consider donating it to the BMW CCA Foundation for a tax-write off. Michael Mitchell: 864 329-1919; mmitchell@bmwccafoundation.org. (SC)

