

Blue Ridge Chapter - BMW Car Club of America



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Street Survival: Success

by Brad Day

300. Over the years, our Street Survival course in Richmond has trained over 300 teen drivers to be safer, to be more prepared, to be citizens of the road. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered their time and resources to keep this course going, especially our friends at the Virginia Motor Sports Club (www.vmsc.org) who really make this event possible. November 11th turned out to be a perfect day for driving, even if it was in circles around a parking lot. The clear blue skies were an amazing backdrop to the sea of orange cones and tire squealing soundtrack. Our volunteers made sure everyone was greeted warmly in the crisp morning air and our in car coaches were greeted with smiling students... though the smiles sometimes took a little while to appear. We will be hosting another event within the next year or so and we will need your help. Please consider joining us as a volunteer or in car coach when the time comes!



by Nick Frye

Our annual banquet will be held on March 11, 2018 from around Noon to 3:00 pm. This year it will be held in Richmond, most likely at the Botanical Gardens. Be on the lookout for more details as we get closer

to the date. There will be a cost associated with this, it will be \$30 per person, and each member can bring 2 guests.

Keep your eyes on your email for more info, and we look forward to seeing you there!

Blue Ridge Chapter Annual Brunch Reservation Form

Name _____ Guest _____
Email _____
Daytime Phone _____ Evening Phone _____
Dietary restrictions: _____
Number attending _____ x \$30 Total enclosed: _____

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WE NEED YOU

What do you expect from your Membership in the BMW CCA? Social Events? Car Detailing Sessions? Tech Session? We need you to let us know what you want to see happening, and we need your help to make these things happen.

by Nick Frye

This chapter is run entirely by volunteers, and we are always in need of new people to help us out. Over the past few years, most of the event planning/organization has been done by the same handful of people. We need new ideas, and enthusiastic people to help get those ideas in motion. Also, don't be surprised if you get asked to write something for this newsletter (Thanks Daniel).

Trust me, it isn't that hard... and that is coming from someone with a tenuous grasp on grammar.

In the next year, I am going to be looking for a member to help us run our social media accounts. We will also be seeking some volunteers to help us out in the Valley and South West Virginia. If you have any desire to help in those areas, please let me know!

We will still have the events everyone has come to love, but a more diverse offering will help everyone get something out of their membership.

If you have never been out for one of our events, make a resolution now to come out and meet us! We would love to meet you! Let's grow the Blue Ridge Chapters offerings over the next year!

Great Drive, Good Beer, Fantastic Company

by Daniel Kiser

If you didn't make it to the Bimmer Brake & Brew tour this year you missed out on a great event! We met at Food Lion in Lovingson mid morning, with beautiful weather, fun roads, and good beer to look forward to! After some introductions, hand shakes, and looking at the cars we mounted up and headed to our first stop. We jumped off of R29 and started hitting some good winding country back roads. I was riding near the



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A Farewell from the President

by Peter Larsen



Hi everybody!
As Nick Frye transitions into the role as Chapter President (pending membership

approval via ballot in this newsletter), I will be taking some needed time off to enjoy other pursuits, and driving my one BMW: 1990 E30 325i Convertible. It's been a wonderful 4 years as your president, and I appreciate the growth and friendships.

Our Annual Chapter Banquet will be held on Sunday, March 11th in Richmond. Nick may add another event in the winter for the Lynchburg area and keep an eye out for some other events that will be posted to our Facebook page too!

Our signature Tire Rack Street Survival event was great this year. Please read about that in this newsletter. It was COLD but everyone enjoyed the day.

Our Facebook Likes continue to grow. Now well over 600 likes, member connection is growing. Like the page if you have not already.

The Twitter account is growing. We are: @blueridgebmwtwi. Follow us as we put up events information and cool pics.

Don't forget to attend the monthly meet-ups. A great way to meet fellow BMW enthusiasts.

Again, thank you to everyone for the well-wishes you've sent my way as I fade into the background so other members can rise up in leadership.

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www.blueridgebmwcca.org

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back of the pack when all of the sudden we hit a sharp right and I see dust starting to fly. As I crept around the corner all I saw was dust and a beautiful orange 2002 disappearing in front of me. Dirt roads, lowered cars, and paint do not mix. As I slowed down to a crawl I check my mirror and Peter, in his e30 convertible (with top down) is smiling ear to ear, as all of the dust from my car, and the other 8 or 9 cars in front of us, rain down on him from above. After what seemed like an eternity (maybe 5 minutes) of me listening to rocks flying and hitting the fender wells, we see pavement ahead, but nobody in sight. After a few bends we got caught back up to the group and we were back on our way. We arrived at our first stop, Loose Shoe in Amherst.

Loose Shoe offered a large taproom and a flight full of great tasting beers. They also have a jalapeno beer that was actually pretty tasty! After our beer, and a few snacks, the owner gave us a tour of the building and showed us their process of brewing beer. From there we were off to Bedford via some fun back roads, and a short stint on the parkway, for lunch and more tasty craft brews at Beale's Brewery. Their Black Oatmeal stout was delicious and the food was worth a trip back as well! Beale's was great, the setting was very industrial with a large open taproom and exposed metal beams. After we were full we headed out to Apocalypse Ale Works in Forest. The drive there was shorter than the rest but it's impossible to not have fun with a big group of BMWs! Apocalypse did not disappoint as our final stop. They had a very large selection of beer on tap, and a big outdoor seating patio. We finished our day out with a few samples, my favorite being the Barrmageddon! This event was a lot of fun. The drive was great, the beer was good, and the people were fantastic! We had alot of fun on this drive. If you didn't



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Time To VOTE

OFFICIAL BALLOT

Blue Ridge BMW Chapter Officers for 2018

Member number _____

Write in a name below.

Mail your ballot by March 10 to:

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Charlottesville, VA 22905

OR bring your ballot to the

Annual Chapter Brunch on March 11

WE NEED AT LEAST 1% OF MEMBERSHIP TO VOTE FOR A VALID ELECTION, SO PLEASE VOTE!

President: Nick Frye

Vice President: Open

Treasurer: Brad Day

Secretary: Dennis Topper

Write In name and position:

Cleaning Your Wheels

from *AutoEducation.com*

What is the best way to clean my wheels?

Nothing can ruin the look of a freshly washed car than a set of dirty wheels! Your wheels get punished by a barrage of brake dust and road grime which is often difficult to remove. The first step to clean wheels is to wash with a gentle car wash detergent, ideally at the same time you wash the rest of your car. I will do my wheels last, that way the dirtiest part of the car is done last and my wash mitt is not spreading brake dust all over the car.

What is brake dust and how do I get it off my wheels?

Your brake pads are made up of tiny metal or carbon fibers bonded with a polymer adhesive. It's the hot metal particles and the adhesive that can burn in to your wheels finish and leave marks that are tough to remove. If washing the wheels with car wash liquid does not work, it's time to step up your game and get a little more aggressive.

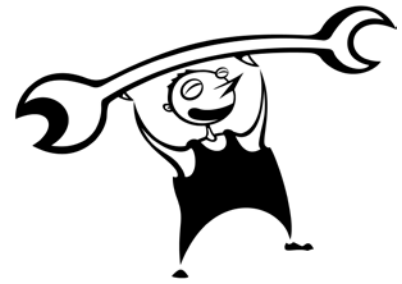
Is that wheel cleaner safe for my wheels?

The key to picking the right wheel cleaner is know what type of wheels you have. Most modern aluminum wheels will be clear

coated to protect the finish but older wheels may be anodized or polished. An acidic wheel cleaner may work well on a bare uncoated aluminum wheel, but will eat off the clear coat of more modern wheels. Your best bet is to use a product that is advertised as "clearcoat safe" if you don't know what kind of coating is on your wheels. Always check the cleaner in an out of the way spot first to make sure it's safe.

Should I wax my wheels?

Absolutely! Once your wheels are clean, a layer of carnauba wax can help protect the shine, and give the brake dust a nice home to settle in to, instead of in the surface of your wheel. The next time you wash the wheels, the brake dust should release much easier from the wheels. Re-apply the wax after each wash to keep up the protection. Note, I have seen products which are advertised to keep brake dust off of your wheels by placing a disc between your wheel and rotor. In my opinion it's not a good idea to mess with airflow around the brakes, and possibly overheat your braking system. Also remember that certain brake pads will leave more or less brake dust so when you find a set of pads which you like, take note for the next time you hit the parts store, or get brake service done.



The Tool Box

Paul Muskopf, tool steward
mooseheadm5@yahoo.com

If you'd like to borrow a tool, contact Paul and he'll make arrangements to get the tool to you.

The tools:

- Electronic troubleshooting manuals on CD for e23, e24, e28, e30, e31, e32, e34, and e36 models. Easily navigated wiring schematics (in English) showing colors and sequence of wires and connectors.
- Hub and rear wheel bearing R&R kit
- Master bushing kit for subframe bushings
- 16 1 050 - fuel line disconnect tool
- LT-940 - fuel pump retaining ring removal tool
- Tool for removing cooling fan from older models
- Reset tool/code readers for service indicator lights for models through 2007
- Windshield lock trim tool
- Anti-theft radio screwdriver
- Clutch alignment tools for various models
- Bentley manual for the e30 (3-series 84-90)
- Bentley manual for the e34 (5-series 89-95)
- Bentley manual for the e36 (3-series 92-98)
- Bentley manual for the e39 (5-series 95-03)
- Bentley manual for the e46 (3-series 99-05)
- Parts CD BMW Mobile Tradition: includes e12, e21, e30, motorcycles to '69.
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On the Horizon

Here are some upcoming Blue Ridge BMW CCA events that you will want to attend in 2018:

January 2018:

3 – Richmond Meet Up at Capital Ale House Innsbrook location. 5:30pm
3 – Lynchburg Meet Up at West Side Deli. 5:30pm
16 – Charlottesville Meet Up at Timberwood Tap House at 5th St. Station. 6pm.

February:

7 – Richmond Meet Up at Capital Ale House Innsbrook location. 5:30pm
7 – Lynchburg Meet Up at West Side Deli. 5:30pm
20 – Charlottesville Meet Up at Timberwood Tap House at 5th St. Station 6pm.

March:

7 – Richmond Meet Up at Capital Ale House Innsbrook location. 5:30pm
7 – Lynchburg Meet Up at West Side Deli. 5:30pm
11 – Annual Banquet. Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens. 11am – 2pm. \$30/person for all Blue Ridge BMW CCA members. Look for sign up instructions.
20 – Charlottesville Meet Up at Timberwood Tap House at 5th St. Station 6pm.

For up-to-date event info, see our website: www.blueridgebmwcca.org

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