



Blue Ridge BMW CCA Chapter Members & Friends

July 2022 Edition

Be sure to check out our Newly Improved Website, Facebook Page, & Instagram site using the links at the below.

Please welcome the Chapter's Newest Members who joined in June 2022!

- Ben Kitenko – Mechanicsville, VA
- David Stafford – North Chesterfield, VA
- Andrew Maiolo – Roanoke, VA

The Blue Ridge Chapter of BMW CCA would like to express our gratitude for you joining us. We would love for you to volunteer to help make the Blue Ridge Chapter the best that it can be. Our goal is to maximize the smiles per mile that your BMW can provide to you. We look forward to meeting you soon.

Upcoming Chapter Events:

See detailed event information on our site at <https://blueridgebmwcca.org/calendar/>

August 5th – 7th

Annual Back of the Dragon Drive – Tazewell VA

For additional details, please see our events page on [Blue Ridge Chapter Web Site](#)

Event registration is open & is limited to 15 cars, please register by **July 15, 2022** here [1st Annual Back of the Dragon Drive](#)

If you previously RSVP'd via email, we still need you to register via the link above

Please contact the event coordinator [Bruce Bigham](#) with any questions or concerns

TBD September 2022

VA Rt 5 Drive – Rockets Landing & Upper Shirley Vineyards – Richmond VA

Event is still in the planning stages, so be on the lookout for event updates.

Please contact the event coordinators [Andrew Elmore](#) or [Corey Hoover](#) with any questions or concerns.

September 24, 2022

Summer Smoker Evening Cookout – Midlothian, VA

This will be a late afternoon early evening cookout & Chapter Vice President Jim Brebner has offered to smoke some of his favorites. Event registration will be capped at the 40 individuals.

More details to follow

TBD October 2022

1st Annual October Fest Charity Event – 50th Anniversary of BMW M

Location is TBD in Roanoke VA area

Event is still in the planning stages, so be on the lookout for event updates.

Please contact the event coordinators [Bruce Bigham](#) or [Corey Hoover](#) with any questions or concerns.

****Important Note from the Event Coordinators****

The event coordinators would like to request that if there are other Chapter members who are willing and/or able to help with any event planning or event suggestions, please reach out to the Chapter's Autocross/Motorsport Coordinator Corey Hoover, the Chapter's Social Communications Director James Gillespie or to the Chapter's Secretary Bruce Bigham. We will get you in contact with the appropriate persons. Remember, this chapter is only as great as the amount of member participation!!

Thank you from the Event Coordinators.

Letter from Your Chapter President:

With the speed of a lightning pit stop and careful vetting let me introduce to you the newly elected board members for the Blue Ridge BMW CCA Chapter!

- Bruce Bigham - Secretary
- Leonard Love - Treasurer
- James Gillespie - Social Communications Director
- Corey Hoover - Event Coordinator

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank each for stepping up in short order. This will allow for a more equitable distribution of the workload and further solidify the viability of our chapter.

One remaining task is to find a replacement for Jim Brebner - Vice President. Jim will remain active in the chapter but has work and travel obligations that must take priority.

I would like once again to reach out to chapter members and ask for those who may be interested in the Vice-President position to contact me at 804-475-0941.

To see the herculean effort put forth by our newest board members, I would encourage everyone to check out the Blue Ridge Chapter's Facebook page to keep abreast of upcoming driving events and social gatherings.

William Kavanagh - President
Blue Ridge BMW CCA Chapter

Note from the Editor:

Hello fellow Blue Ridge Chapter members, I hope everyone is doing well & enjoying their Bimmers. As the new Chapter Secretary, I thought that I'd try my hand at some editorial liberties for our newsletters. This could be an epic failure, but it is certainly a failure if I don't try.

As our President, William Kavanagh stated above, the chapter has gone through some organizational changes & are benefiting from a surge in volunteerism over the past couple of months. I want to take this time to personally thank all of the new volunteers to the chapter's leadership team. Without their efforts & commitment to making this chapter the best that it can be, we could not have accomplished so much in such a short time span. I'm extremely grateful for Leonard, James, & Corey to have stepped in these roles.

As we speak, the chapter's social media sites are being revamped. You will begin seeing more frequent Facebook & Instagram posts which will not only keep you all informed but will aid in getting the chapter's name out there for more visibility. The chapter's website is going through a major update in the information that it provides to our members & visitors. Keep a checking out all of these platforms so that you can remain up to date on the chapter happenings. The recent surge in events has led me to engage Motorsportreg to house all of our registrations so that we can create a frictionless experience for members & event coordinators.

The Blue Ridge Chapter is 650+ members strong & we cover a very large footprint. Virginia offers some of the best driving roads & event venues on the east coast & we should utilize them to push club comradery & that BMW engineering to its full potential.

It will require a small army of Bimmers & their owners to help us be the best that we can be. Our goal is to maximize the "smiles per mile" that our Bimmers provide across the entire footprint. If your car would like to be a part of that army & it wants to help with any events/activities, please let Corey or myself know. If your Bimmer has any web, Facebook, or Instagram content suggestions, please let James or me know. My E34 is dying to spew her suggestions onto the garage floor & I'm sure that there are others that would do the same.

I wish everyone a safe & happy 4th of July holiday. Hope to meet you in person sometime soon.

Bruce Bigham, Secretary
Blue Ridge Chapter BMW CCA

Monthly Meetups:

- **Richmond Meetup** – Wed July 6th @ 5:30pm at Capital Ale House in Short Pump. Please text William Kavanaugh at 804-475-0941 if you plan to attend.
- **Lynchburg Meetup** – 1st Tuesday every month at The Neighbors Place in Wyndhurst. Please RSVP to [Scott Fogleman](#) if you plan to attend.
- **Roanoke Valley Meetup** – 4th Friday every month. The venue is in different locations, so please contact & RSVP to [Bruce Bigham](#) if you plan to attend.

