

March 2015  
Sandlapper Chapter BMW CCA  
1st Quarter Newsletter

Hi everyone,  
Welcome to 2015. A lot has changed since I last spoke to you in the December newsletter. Please notice a newer version of our logo above. We had to further refine it to meet the requirements for length and width. I like it, and I hope you will too.

Late in 2014 I sent everyone an email asking for your vote in the then upcoming election for the South Atlantic Region's RVP position. You responded, and I was elected to that post by a healthy margin. Thanks for your vote.

Just in time to accommodate my move to that position, we actually have an election due in the next few months. We will be electing a President and Treasurer. If you are a member in good standing and think you'd like to serve on the Board of Directors in one of these positions, please submit a picture and candidacy statement consisting of 300 words or less detailing why you'd like to hold one of these jobs. Our existing Treasurer, John Anderson, will run again for his job. Tim Dennison intends to run for the President's position. You can email your candidacy statements to me at [sandlapperbmw@charter.net](mailto:sandlapperbmw@charter.net) no later than 4/30/15. If we have more than one candidate for either of these two jobs, then we'll have an election.

So, eSurance thinks they know which car color birds most prefer to "poop on". [See if yours qualifies](#)

The BMW plant in SC builds its 3 millionth car and it is a.... [Yee-Haw !!!](#)

Deronda Hale has worked diligently to get our webpage freshened up and current. Please visit it for additional information and meeting dates. Thanks for volunteering to help us all with this, Deronda. [www.sandlapperbmw.org](http://www.sandlapperbmw.org)

Don't forget to visit our Facebook pages. We continue to post great stuff to them.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/SandlapperBMW/>  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/CharlestonBMWCCA/>  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/PiedmontBMWCCA/>

Jack Sugamelli from the Piedmont area group has started a "community calendar" for us all to use. If it works out, we'll link it to the website as well. <http://teamup.com/ksc86a99991fad3998/>

## Other Events

### BMW CCA Foundation - Adrenalin DVD

For those of you who attended the showing of the movie Adrenalin and would like to have your own copy: The Foundation is selling copies of the Adrenalin movie in the NTSC DVD version - compatible with the players in the U.S.. They are pre-selling the DVDs at the Foundation online store for \$34.95. Place your order [here](#).

### 9th Annual BMW & Porsche Swap Meet - March 28

The 9th Annual BMW & Porsche Swap Meet by the Sandlapper and Tarheel Chapters and Carolinas Region PCA will be held at Touring Car, Inc., off of I-485 in Matthews, North Carolina on Saturday, March 28. There is no charge for vendors or shoppers. For more information, contact John Meek at [Jmeek911@aol.com](mailto:Jmeek911@aol.com) or 803-324-4994. [9th Annual BMW & Porsche Swap Meet](#)

### Tire Rack Street Survival at Michelin Laurens Proving Grounds - April 18th

Track 8 at Michelin Laurens Proving Grounds has been secured to host the first street survival event of 2015. The event is scheduled for Saturday, April 18.

We are in need of in-car instructors and course monitors. If you are available and willing to help on Saturday, April 18, please respond directly to [David Gilbertson](#). Please state what role you can help with.

If you want be an in-car instructor, you will need to complete the online training course. David can provide you the link. Disregard this if you have already completed the online training course. Please include Sandlapper Chapter BMW CCA as your organization.

In the past, we have provided many young drivers with valuable knowledge and car handling experience. Please join us in making this event a success.

### 2015 Mitty at Road Atlanta - April 24-26

Join Peachtree BMW CCA @ The Walter Mitty Historic Races at Road Atlanta!  
BMW is the featured marque for the 2015 Mitty!  
Boris Said is the Grand Marshal!  
This is an event you do not want to miss!

What: We'll have space reserved for a large BMW-only car corral. We will have lunch from Atlanta Bread Company on Saturday for those who register. Registered attendees will also be entered into a drawing for items from the BMW CCA Foundation as well as our sponsor, United BMW!

When: Saturday, April 25th from 10:00-7:00 and Sunday, April 26th from 10:00-4:00

Price: \$8.00 \*Please note this in addition to your ticket price for the event.

A huge thanks to United BMW Roswell for stepping up to sponsor our corral! They will have a few cars on hand so you can see future vintage BMW's! Check them out at <http://www.bmwroswell.com>

Due to the fact that we are having lunch catered this year, we cannot accept walk up registrations. You must register by 04/18/2015! Sign up early! Infield parking will be free for car corral guests for this event so make sure you register to get the parking code!

Register here: [msreg.com/PeachtreeBMW2015Mitty](http://msreg.com/PeachtreeBMW2015Mitty)

Vintage racing's promise is to resurrect the past glories of sports car racing for a modern audience, and no event does that better than the Classic Motorsports Mitty.

BMW will be the featured marque when the Mitty returns to the beautiful [Road Atlanta](#) circuit in Braselton, Georgia on April 24-26, 2015. BMW has had a long and storied history in motorsports, and many of these classic racecars will be on display and on track at the Mitty. You may see BMWs from the '70s such as the "Batmobile" BMW 3.0 CSL or a 320i Turbo. Or you might see an '80s BMW M1 Group 4 car, a March GTP racer or the Warsteiner M3.

Off the track, the infield will be buzzing with activity thanks to the Grassroots Motorsports Speedfest at the Classic Motorsports Mitty. Spectators will enjoy car corrals, vendors and an expansive hospitality tent, all while surrounded by the buzzing excitement of [HSR-sanctioned historic racing](#) activities that will see over 300 cars competing throughout the weekend.

This year, The Mitty will celebrate racing legend Boris Said when it returns to Road Atlanta on April 24-26, 2015.

Although he is now a well-known NASCAR driver with his own hardcore fans (known as "Said Heads"), Boris Said's roots-and his reputation as a "road course ringer"-lie in road racing, where he learned his craft and was most successful behind the wheel of some of BMW's finest race cars. He will again be paired with BMW at The Mitty, as the brand will be the featured marque for 2015.

Said made his IMSA debut in 1993 driving a BMW M3, and won the Rolex 24 at Daytona and the 12 Hours of Sebring competing in that series. He was also the first American to win the 24 Hours Nürburgring, an honor he claimed while driving a BMW Motorsport-entered BMW M3 GTR in 2005. He still competes in both the IMSA and NASCAR series; less well known is the fact that he is also the president of BMW of Murrieta (California), which received the 2014 BMWCenter of Excellence Award and is ranked number one in the nation.

Boris will be signing autographs and meeting with fans Saturday afternoon at the Classic Motorsports tent in the Speedfest vendor midway located in Road Atlanta's infield; he will also participate in a fan forum there on Saturday evening. Don't miss this chance to hang out with Boris in an intimate setting and hear colorful stories from his racing career.

So whether you're a BMW fan or just a sports car enthusiast in general, you'll want to make plans now to attend the 2015 Classic Motorsports Mitty. Mark your calendars for April 24-26, 2015 at Road Atlanta in Braselton, Georgia and plan to load up your BMW - or other favorite sports car - and come be a part of one of the largest vintage motorsports gatherings in the country.

Further info about the Historic Sportscar Racing Mitty Speedfest at Road Atlanta can be found here: [themitty.com](http://themitty.com)

### **2015 Southeast Sharkfest - April 23-26**

Southeast Sharkfest 2015 has been confirmed for the weekend of April 25th, 2015 on the shores of beautiful Lake Lanier in Buford, GA. The event will begin the evening of Thursday, April 23rd and conclude on Sunday, April 26th. For more information, [click here](#).

## **Members Only Two-Day M School at the BMW Performance Center - May 16-17**

The first of four BMW CCA Two-Day M Schools from the BMW Performance Center will be held May 16-17 at the Performance Center's Spartanburg, South Carolina location. Offered for members at a discount of several hundred dollars, this \$3,395 (normally \$3,995) course includes not only the ample amenities of the Performance Center-including a full range of current M cars, professional instruction, and access to the Performance Center's slalom, skid pad, handling course, timed-run course, and more-but also the opportunity for drivers of all skill levels to gain the confidence and skill to properly handle any of BMW's most powerful offerings. Travel arrangements are not included, but the price does include meals, lodging, and everything needed to make this two-day celebration of M power complete.

To register for the school, please call BMW Registration at (888) 345-4BMW. You must have a valid BMW CCA membership to participate in this program.

The members only Two-Day M Schools are being offered on four separate weekends throughout 2015 including May 16-17 and November 7-8 in Spartanburg, South Carolina, and June 13-14 and October 10-11 in Palm Springs, California.

## **2015 Vintage - May 22-24**

The 2015 Vintage, a national gathering of vintage BMWs will be held on May 22-24 in Winston Salem, NC. For more information, [click here](#).

## **The Classics at the Biltmore - June 26-27**

The BMW Foundation is sponsoring a special car show at the Biltmore this year. Read about it at [Classics at the Biltmore](#).

## **Sherlock Holmes Run - July 12**

Save the date for a fun run involving Upstate MINIs and the Sandlapper Chapter. More info to come.

## **Euro Auto Festival - October 16-17**

BMW is the featured marque at this year's Eurofest. <http://www.euroautofestival.com/>

## **Hilton Head Island Motoring Festival & Concours d'Elegance - October 23rd- November 1st.**

SAVANNAH - OCTOBER 23RD - 25TH

Nestled across the water from famed River Street, Savannah's own little, private island comes alive with the roar of engines the last full weekend in October. With its storied past and cobblestone streets, Savannah, unbeknownst to most, is the birth place of Grand Prix racing. Celebrating that heritage, the Speed Classic is a unique road race experience offering an intimate look at the inner workings of racing. Featuring points series races and even more excitement with hot lap rides, test drives and pit access, you'll be strapped in at full throttle and up close and personal.

## HILTON HEAD ISLAND - OCTOBER 30TH - NOVEMBER 1ST

Known best for its white sandy beaches and, what seems like, its infinite number of golf courses, its something else that takes center stage on the tranquil barrier island Halloween weekend - world class automobiles.

Playing host to some of the country's finest collector automobiles, Hilton Head Island sets a beautiful backdrop with its majestic live oaks and draping Spanish moss. With everything from jaw-dropping classics to two-wheeled machines to wooden boats to amazing beach mobiles, Hilton Head Island brings out the car lover in all of us.

<http://www.hhiconcours.com/>

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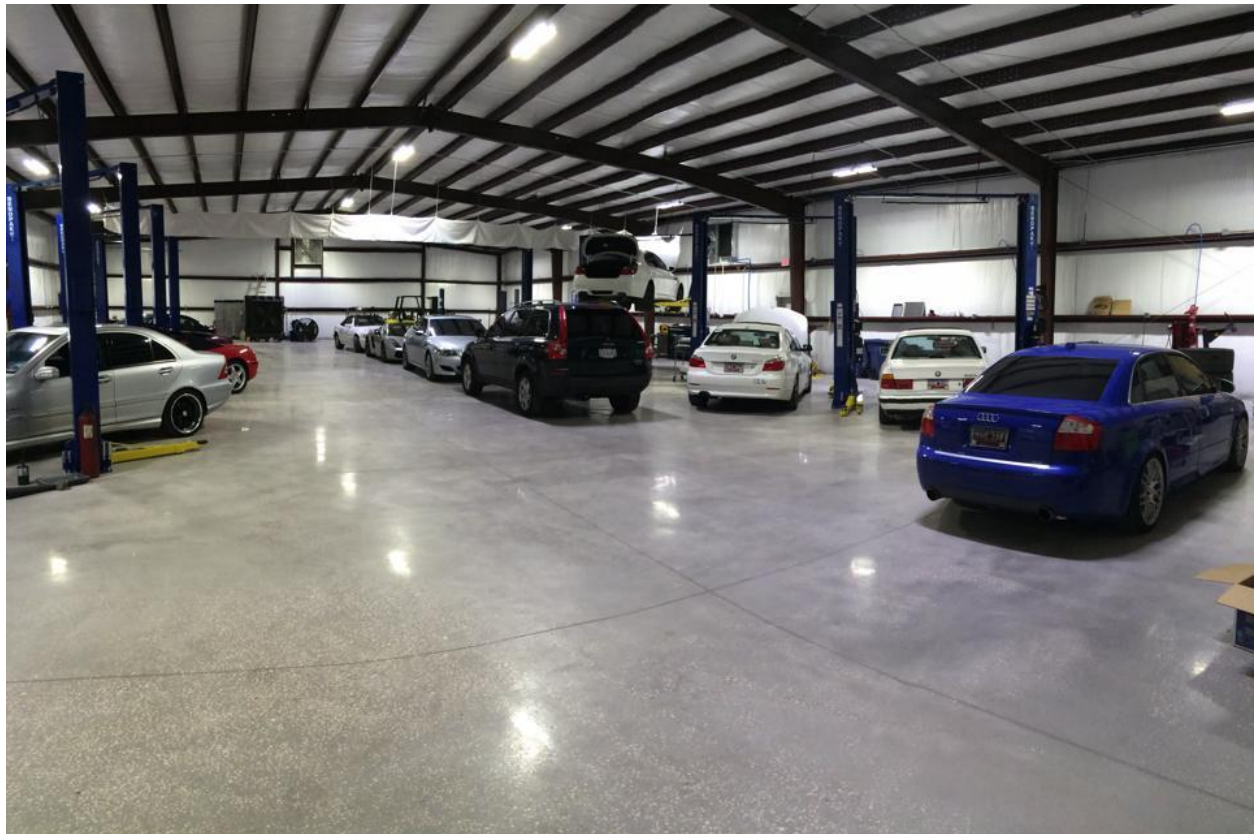
Don't forget, as a BMW CCA member, you are eligible for a 20% discount on most parts & accessories. Many thanks to Century! Also, don't forget to visit Century's Facebook page.

\*\*\*Please note, you MUST present your valid BMW CCA Membership card to take advantage of this discount\*\*\*

If you're looking for the only Dinan dealer in SC, that will be European Road and Racing in Charleston. Karl Troy has just built and moved into a new facility that is really nice. 5080 Rivers Ave, North Charleston, South Carolina, (843) 747-1342, Here's a picture of his new shop.

<http://www.europeanroadandracing.com/>

<http://dinancars.com/>



I'm sure I've forgotten many things I should discuss. As with last month, many thanks to Brett Baker and all the volunteers who work to provide our Tire Rack Street Survival Schools for 2014. Our folks work tirelessly to help teenagers learn more about their cars, car dynamics and car control. It can only benefit every one of them as they navigate our streets and highways.

Until next time,  
Dwayne Mosley  
Past President



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