



Buying the right SUV to fit your “Style”s

I love Vintage BMW's. There I said it out loud and if you have ever met me you know how true that statement is. That does not mean I do not like all the new BMW's. . . . I do but I do not care to purchase one.

I don't want all the new whizzbang update electronics, what I will call “NANNIES” that ALL new cars, not just BMW's, come equipped with today.

Joanne and I are presently shopping to replace her 2017 Subaru Forester. We have spent way too much time looking for an SUV that fits our requirements. Requirements which by the way we do not feel are too out of the ordinary. We do not want cruise control that drives and slows down on its own; we do not require bells going off if I drift slightly and touch the middle yellow line especially if no traffic is around. I don't want dashboard installed navigation system. . . . I have a smart phone for this which I have learned how to use effectively.

We want a car with leather, power and heated front seats, Automatic Transmission, good A/C is critical and must have an A/C vent in the rear. I know that finding a car with stick shift is out of the question but at least a car with a gear shift would be nice instead of a round dial or a button to push as a gear shift. I would love to find a car equipped without “Start Stop” which I have had in rental cars and drives me crazy! Yes I know it can be disconnected but why have it at all except to meet CAFÉ regulations. We liked the Subaru when we test drove it but we have discovered that on a drive longer than an hour the seats feel very hard and cause what I have come to call “Numb Buns”. So comfortable seats are a must have!

The thing is I can and have driven all of my Vintage BMW's very long distances without all the nannies mentioned above and never had an accident and without experiencing Numb Buns. I know we will settle on an SUV to replace the Subaru and it will have more nannies than the one we are replacing we just can't avoid that fact.

I will continue to buy and drive my Vintage BMW's. They are my “Smile” cars. Every time I start one up it makes me smile!

Bob Z.

July President's Message

Hello to all our Sunshine Bimmer Members:

Welcome to summer in Florida! I have lived in this state for over 30 years and every summer it seems to me to be getting hotter and hotter. Maybe it is age catching up to me.

Your Board met last month to discuss a number of ideas for the rest of the year. We are working on hosting an Autocross event at the American Muscle Car Museum in Melbourne in the fall. This is a work in progress. Keep looking at the Chapter Face Book and Website pages as well as our email blasts for dates.

We discussed the 2019 Holiday Party. We are looking for a new venue and maybe an alternative to the type of Holiday Party we have hosted in the past. If you have any suggestions I would like to hear your ideas. As far as BMW CCA National news is concerned it was discussed at their National Board meeting to raise annual dues by \$10 to \$58. This has been put on hold at this time. The National Board has also discussed reducing the number of Roundels from 12 a year to 10 issues annually. We will be setting up dates and locations for a fall Car Show, picnic and a drive thru some twisty roads to Yallaha Bakery and then lunch at JB Boondocks located on Little Lake Harris.

We will continue our monthly meetings (Teutonic Tuesday) at Grills Restaurant and attending the Ace Café BMW night on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Please come out and join us for either or both. Look for our monthly email blasts listing all the upcoming events from our entire area.

Remember it is not about the cars it is about the people!

Bob Z.

Coastal Luncheons

We have a large presence in the coastal area, and thanks to Esteban we have been enjoying a monthly lunch on the coast. It is a pleasure to see everyone, especially those that come from Orlando and other areas. These lunches are always a great time talking about our beloved cars and getting to strengthen our interpersonal relationships. I encourage all of you to join us on the coast once a month.

Kyle



The Vintage 2019

This year's Vintage was the 16th anniversary of the event. This year's event had just under 700 cars on the field.

Joanne and I have attended this event thirteen times and each time it just gets better. The Hot Spring North Carolina is the perfect venue. The drive from the host hotel, the Clarion, to the event location is worth the trip by itself.

We have made friends from all over the country because of this event. Because we have driven multiple types of BMW's to this event has allowed us to meet owners of E 24's, E28's and now the forgotten Classic BMW the E32. We all keep in touch on the different boards we have become good friends. We help each other trade both information and at time parts with each other.

This event has become so popular that attendees make arrangements for next year's event before the one they are attending is even over. If you love older BMW's you must attend this event even if you do not own or drive a Vintage BMW.

Notice I have not referred to this event as a "Car Show" because it is not that! From its inception Scott Sturdy has called it a "Gathering of BMW Owners". The cars in attendance range from pristine concours cars to cars that you wonder how they made the trip.

Joanne and I are already making our plans for the Vintage 2020 hope you will join us.

Bob Z.

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Regularly Scheduled Monthly Events:

2nd Saturday - 11:30 AM - Space Coast Lunch (location to be determined monthly)

3rd Tuesday - BMW NIGHT 6 pm at Ace Cafe 100 E Livingston St.

3rd Saturday - Cars & Coffee 10:00 am - 10730 W Colonial Dr, Ocoee, FL 34761-2940

3rd Sunday- Cars & Coffee 12 am - 2 pm at Donnie's Donuts 200 E. Granada Blvd., Ormond Beach, FL 32176

4th Tuesday - Teutonic Tuesday - 6 pm cocktails / 7 pm dinner Grills Lakeside Seafood Deck & Tiki Bar 4301 N. OBT, Orlando

Quarterly:

January, April, July and October - Tech Talk at locations all over Sunshine Bimmers area of coverage

Special Events:

MIDFLORIDA Auto Show & Lake Mirror Concours in Lakeland FL. October 20th

<https://www.midfloridaautoshow.com/>

Hilton Head Island Concours d' Elegance car show November 3rd Hilton Island SC

<https://www.motorsportreg.com/events/hilton-head-concours-d-elegance-port-royal-golf-club-mbca-821898>