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Hello all. I wish I could say that everything is back to normal. Such was the case in 2001, when after the 9/11 attacks, we pretty much started to get back to doing our usual club things within two weeks of that infamous day. As you all should be aware by now, things are not going to be the same for our Chapter for quite some time to come.

We've had to cancel both of our Tire Rack Street Survival schools, the Bring More Wax Show 'n Shine picnic, as well as any plans so far for ice cream socials. It's been hard, but we're going to get some activities going, all while staying within the COVID-19 guidelines from the State of Connecticut, as well as the BMW CCA's stipulations.

While all of our events will have distancing guidelines that will be challenging, we are going to institute some real changes as to how certain events from the past will run, if at all. Please be sure to stay tuned to Chapter emails as well as our Facebook page for the latest developments.

Your CVC Board of Directors looks forward to a time when we'll be able to return to a way of doing things that at least reminds us of days pre-pandemic. To our Chapter's newsletter advertisers, please bear with us.

Be safe and stay healthy out there,

— Willy Wiley

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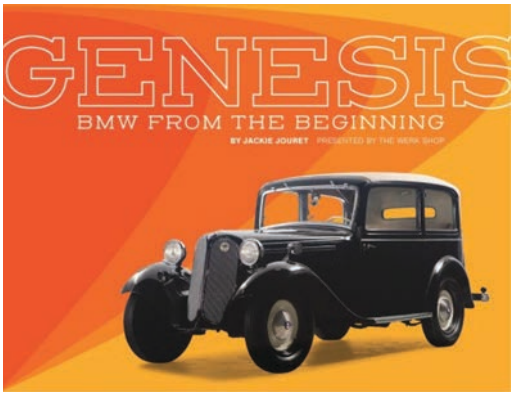

GENESIS: BMW FROM THE BEGINNING

By BOB MORIN

Back in January of this year, which now seems like eons ago, the BMW CCA Foundation Museum closed their most successful exhibit to date. The "PASSION: 50 Years of BMW Cars and Community" exhibit, that had seen a record number of visits, in no small part thanks to the 50th Anniversary BMW CCA Oktoberfest, just a few miles down I-85, in Greenville, SC.

The closing of one exhibit typically means the beginning of the next is right around the corner. After months of planning, the timeline began, when the PASSION exhibit cars all started to leave. The supporting memorabilia, signage, posters, photos, and so forth were all taken down, leaving a brief window of opportunity to have the new HVAC system installed, before the cars and motorcycles for the next exhibit would begin to arrive.

GENESIS: BMW From The Beginning, features the early days of BMW, with four examples of BMW motorcycles ranging from 1927 to 1949 and 19 BMW cars, ranging from 1934 to 1960. This exhibit offers a unique opportunity to see some of the oldest and rarest BMW cars and motorcycles ever presented together in the U.S.; and for most visitors, probably the first time they will have a chance to see many of these rare examples in the sheetmeal. For photos and more information about the vehicles on display in the museum, check the Foundation website here:

bmwccafoundation.org/exhibits/genesis/

So, one by one, the cars and motorcycles for GENESIS arrived and then the photo shoot for the next commemorative book was scheduled. Plans for the Grand Opening event on May 15th, set to coincide with The Vintage in Hot Springs, NC were coming together beautifully, the announcements went out, tickets were sold, and then...the world changed, almost over-night.

Suddenly, all the planning came to a halt and everything became uncertain. We all became familiar with a new set of terms: social distancing, self-quarantining, COVID-19, PPE, and more. Then, the BMW CCA and the Foundation came up with their own set of protocols, and then after extending them until (at least) June 1, it became obvious that there would be no opening on May 15th. So, this spectacular exhibit filled with beautiful vintage cars and motor-cycles was almost ready to open, even offering the guests the comfort of a newly installed air conditioning system, and now everything was on hold. What to do?

First, a video that included a virtual tour of the exhibit, hosted by Jackie Jouret, the author of the Foundation's entire series of exhibit commemorative books went live on the originally planned opening date of May 15th. If you haven't seen that video, it's available here:

bmwccafoundation.org/genesis-virtual-tour/

Then, as June 1 passed, the BMW CCA announced that they would allow Club events to be held, as long as all local and national COVID-19 guidelines were being followed. Following that, they announced the MX1 Enthusiast Weekend event, scheduled for August 14 and 15 in Greenville, SC. The Foundation began making plans to open the museum to visitors during that event. In the meantime, adjustments have been made to the Foundation headquarters building to make it safer for visitors, with protective shields dividing customer and staff at the Museum store, the availability of hand sanitizer throughout the building, reconfiguring dis-plays to better allow for social distancing, etc.

Your next big chance to view this current collection is scheduled to be Friday, October 23, when the Foundation will have an open house in conjunction with the rescheduled Vintage Fest in Hot Springs, NC which will be on Saturday October 24.

While the virus may still be a major concern, seeing this exhibit presents a very rare opportuni-ty for us in the U.S. If you are unable to make it to the Foundation this year to see this exciting exhibit, or you are interested in a wonderful memento of your visit, it would be hard to beat the current exhibit book, once again researched and written by Jackie Jouret. You can find more information about the book here:

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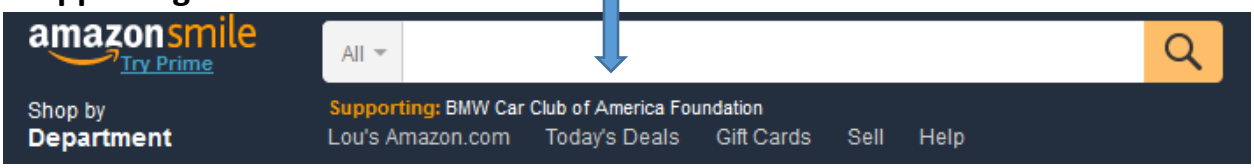

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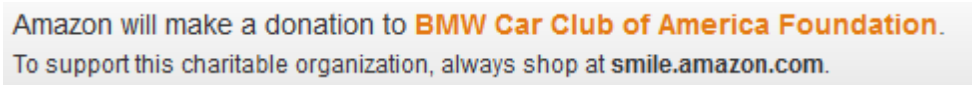

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RALLYE FOR A CURE 2020

Have you ever found yourself sitting around wondering what to do during the persistent pandemic? Ninety-six driver/navigator teams found the answer to that question on September 12, 2020, as part of the 8th Annual Rallye For A Cure to benefit the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation ("JDRF"). The JDRF is dedicated to finding a cure for Type 1 Diabetes. Bill and Linda Wright and their children have been dedicated to organizing this rallye for the past eight years. Needless to say, their dedication is paying off for both the foundation and the avid rallye participants alike!

While you wouldn't know it by counting the entries, this is not an official BMW CCA Club Event. This year, 24 of the teams participating – a full 25% of the field – competed in BMWs of all vintages and types, with some Minis thrown in there too! Word is clearly getting around about this popular event and this was the largest field ever for the Rallye, including many first timers and lots of returning participants. The format of this rallye is a "fun run" with no time/speed/distance calculations required. Instead, participants are handed a set of directions, peppered with cleverly written questions that navigators and drivers must answer along the way. It takes alert eyes, some imagination, and a sense of humor to decipher, and find, the correct answers. Think of it as a visual scavenger hunt – collecting responses to the clues, without getting out of the car. Oh, and the route, though different each year, is guaranteed to include scenic, and often twisty, roads – making the drive fun, in-and-of itself!

To ensure it could be conducted safely within the mandated COVID-19 safety guidelines for outdoor group events, the event was rescheduled from June. Extra care was taken to ensure participants remained socially distanced, and masks were required when drivers and navigators were outside of their vehicles. The sunny weather fully cooperated on this late-Summer day and it was perfect for those fortunate enough to be going "topless," or windows-down for the more modest! Speaking of

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cooperation, Tim Parker, BMW CCA CT Valley Chapter member, all-around-great-car-lovin'-guy, and a true BMW aficionado, generously offered up his beautiful, newly-renovated dealership (New Country BMW in Hartford) to be the starting point for the event. On top of that, Tim provided all participants with yummy breakfast bags to start the day, and a finish line lunch, which this year was at Lime Rock Park. In recognition of his many years of generous Chapter event sponsorship, as well as for sharing his broad knowledge of BMWs, and for participating in many Chapter functions (including as the Keynote Speaker at our most recent Annual Banquet), it was an opportune time to present Tim with a BMW CCA National Award. Bob Morin presented the award to Tim, who was both humbled and elated for the acknowledgment.

The Rallye itself was, as always, a thoroughly enjoyable event. Linda Wright traced out a lovely route from Hartford to Lime Rock and, while certainly not the shortest or quickest path, it was one that took participants down roads they had likely never before seen (or even knew existed). While it is remarkable to keep making new scenic discoveries amidst the wealth of Connecticut's beautiful highways and byways, for many, no doubt, the "apex" of the day was the opportunity to enjoy a few parade laps around the historic Lime Rock Park racetrack. The pace of this "parade" meant no marching bands, but lots of beaming faces (and a few white knuckles)!

The event awards trophies to top performers, across seven categories. While taking home an award is nice, the true reward for every participant is the enjoyment of participating in the rallye. This year, club member Paul Frickenhaus and his niece, Kayla Hushin, took home a trophy for placing first in the Expert category. Additionally, our Connecticut Valley Chapter was recognized with a RFAC Drivers Club Award for its continued support of this worthy event.

This has become a favorite event on the CVC calendar, so watch for a notice of next year's Rallye in Chapter communications in 2021. Those of us who have become regular participants look forward to seeing each other again next year and welcome the uninitiated to come join the fun. It is the essence of (as they say in Germany), Freude am Fahren... or as we say here, the Joy of Driving!

In the meantime, go ahead and explore more on the organization's website (Rallye For A Cure) including photos of participants and their beautiful rides from this and past, years' Rallye For A Cure events.

THE 47TH HUMPA HUMPA REVIEW

By JONATHAN BISSET

As with pretty much everything 2020, the 47th annual Humpa Humpa Taetaerae picnic was a much different event this year due to COVID-19 restrictions. However, the event was attended by 17 members and guests, and was no less fun!

Attendees socialized throughout the spacious J.B. Williams Park in Glastonbury and per years past, the pavilion proved to be the gathering spot, as well as a popular place for folks to eat their picnic lunches (while responsibly socially-distanced, of course).

The event's door prizes were distributed by way of a spinning prize wheel. In sticking with CDC guidelines, I spun the prize wheel and called out what prize the guest would receive from the prize table. This way, any unnecessary contact, by way of guests perusing the various prizes, was avoided.

All adult attendees were encouraged to donate a minimum of $5 to the Lewy Body Dementia Association. As in years past, peoples' generosity was deep, and thanks to such, we raised a total of $235 for a worthy cause!

There was plentiful door prizes, thanks to Perfect Auto Image of Glastonbury. Their donation of door prizes made it possible for all members and guests to leave with a gift.

Thanks to all who attended despite a much different setup than we were all used to. We look forward to seeing you at a future Chapter event, and returning to Glastonbury with you all next year under much brighter circumstances.

To all members of the CT Valley Chapter,

I am writing to you on behalf of the BMW CCA CT Valley Chapter. This is intended for members who have elected to receive a hard copy of the ///DZ newsletter. Due to increasing publishing costs, we have decided to go to an electronic newsletter and forego the original printed copy that has been mailed to you in the past. In 2015, we spent $23,969 on the published newsletter for 6 issues, and in 2016, we spent $14,776 for 4 issues. Unfortunately, our advertising revenue doesn't even come close to covering the cost of the newsletter. Instead, we would like to put that money towards more events for our club members to enjoy.

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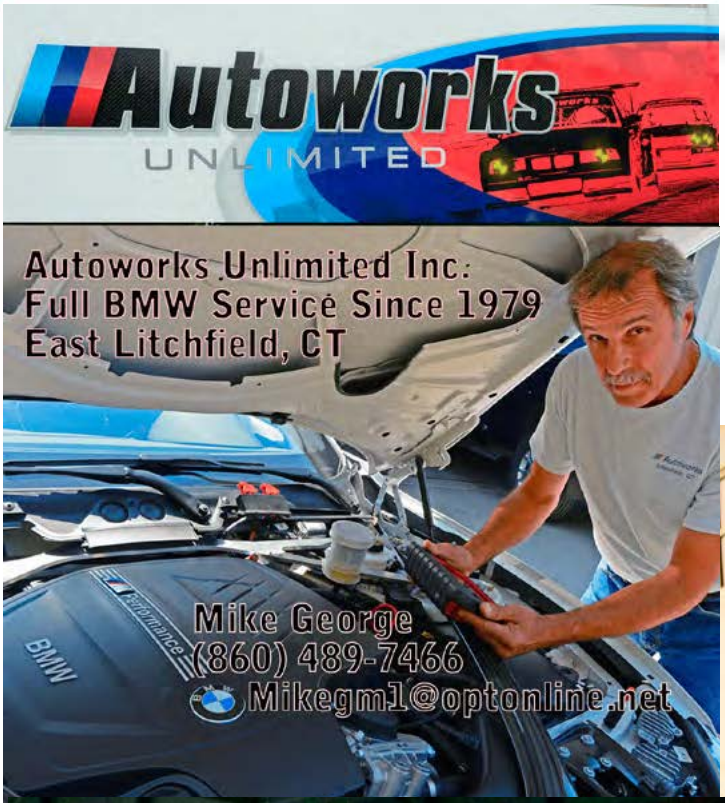
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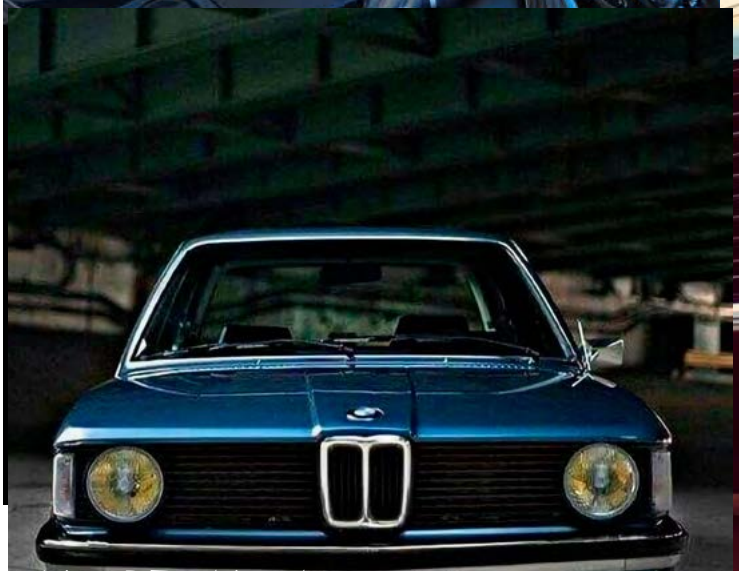

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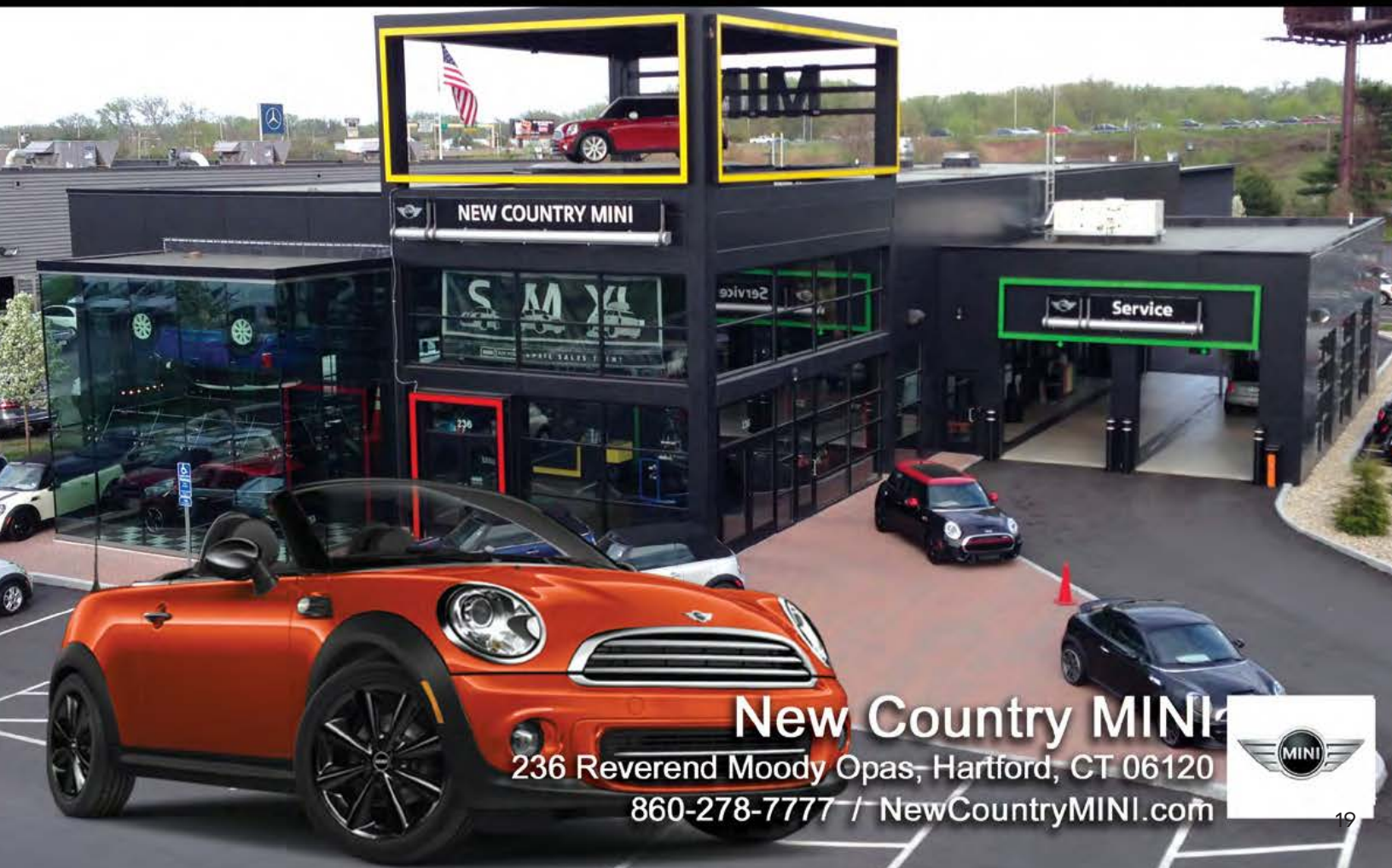

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