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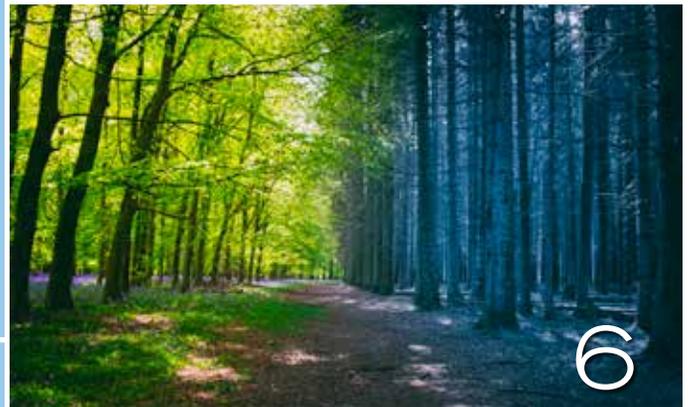
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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

BY GORDON WELCH



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WINTER IS UPON US

The 2018 BMWCCA Raffle for the Car of your Dreams is underway. The kids are back in school and the days are less smoky from all of the fires.

Included in all of the prize bags at the annual banquet earlier this year were 4 forms to be handed out to anyone you believe would benefit from joining us as members of the BMWCCA. The national board has convened 5 regional meetings soliciting input from all chapter officers to identify what needs to be done to insure that the next 50 years of the club are even better for the membership than the first 50 years have been. The recently announced improvement to the rebate program is just one of the tweaks being made that enhance the benefits available to members, and to those considering joining us as members. Should anyone need more forms to hand out just let Bob know. As a club our

overall membership numbers are good, however, we need to bring new members in as well as retaining those whose membership is coming up for renewal.

By the time you read this all will have returned from Monterey's festivities with stories to tell. We'll have coverage in future issues.

Enjoy the rest of the holidays and the opportunities to get out and enjoy our beloved BMWs. 🌟

See 'ya down the road.

Gordy Welch



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THE TIMES ARE CHANGING...

Just as Bob Dylan wrote about the changing times back in the 1960's the times are changing in our club today. It starts with the office of Vice President.

In the Navy when a member transfers or retires we have a tradition of wishing them "Fair Winds and Following Seas." So it is to our past Vice President, Mark Gold, that I will wish Fair Winds and Following Seas. Mark decided after many years as a club board member to step aside. Mark has been very busy over the past year or so not only with club duties but in his personal life as well. He got married this summer to Karen Norton, purchased and I believe is renovating a house in Grass Valley, and started a new job at Sierra Performance. Thank you Mark from everyone in the club for all you've done. Hopefully you'll still grace us with your presence at our club events and keep writing "how-to" articles for the club newsletter.

With the VP slot being vacated, the club president has asked me to fill the position. I accepted, and look forward to help move the club forward in the future. For those that don't know

I am a long-time BMW CCA member, currently residing in El Dorado Hills. I've been back active with the SVCBMW CCA since retiring from the U.S. Navy in 2011, serving 33 years. I currently own three BMW's: a 2002 330ci, 2006 X5, and a 2013 650GC. My past position with the club was as the Membership Chair, which I have now vacated.

The new Membership Chair is now Ray Nuguit. Ray has also volunteered to fill the long vacated, and much needed position of Activities Director. Thank you Ray for volunteering your time and helping the club become much better and more active. To keep track of club events we will continue to send out emails, (if your not receiving them make sure the national office has your email on file) post events on our Facebook page, and in the near future on our updated website.

Talking of the website, for any of you who have visited it (svbmwcca.org)

you know that it has been in need of updating with current events for quite a while. Hopefully this will happen soon as member Bryan Clementi has volunteered to work on it and bring it up to date.

For those who would like to become more involved with the day-to-day activities of the club, feel free to contact myself or anyone of the board members. We are always looking for help with various events, along with articles for the newsletter. For those of you who would like to hold an elected position in the club we are currently getting ready to hold elections for all board positions.

We will be sending out information about the upcoming club elections in the near future. Elected positions are President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Take the time now to decide if you would like to run for one of these positions or would like to nominate someone to fill the position. The plan is to have the newly elected officers in place within the 1st quarter of 2019. Whoever ends up filling the club positions, I feel confident you will be seeing some positive changes in 2019.

As 2018 winds down I want to take a moment to wish each and every one of you a Very Merry Holiday season and a Happy New Year. ●

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BY BOB NEUMAN



Lets all welcome our newest members to the BMW CCA club, **JULIO GUITERREZ, DANE HENSON, JAMES SMITH, AND YEVSEY KOGAN**. Welcome aboard and hope to see you at our next monthly dinner/meeting. For those that are wondering, I receive monthly reports from the National Office with a list of all current, lapsing, new, and renewing members. When writing this column those names are merged into this report.

Having said that, I would like to offer an apology to long time members Pat and Clint DeWitt (Pat being a past president of the club). Their names were mistakenly listed as new members in the last newsletter when in fact they were renewing members.

For those who participated, we had a great drive down to Volcano, CA. last month, along with cold beverages and lunch at the St. Georges Hotel. It was a great way to beat the heat back in Sacramento. Also, in June, we organized a drive out to Ryan G Motorworks in Auburn to participate in the EuroSunday event he hosted at his new shop. For those who

haven't seen it yet it is on Route 49 in Auburn right across from the Raley's Supermarket.

Watch your email or check out the chapter's Facebook page for upcoming events. Hopefully in July, we will be visiting the car collection of one of our members. He currently has 103 cars in the collection of various makes and models. Also in the works is a visit to the foothill wine country with stops at two or three wineries. If anyone would like to set up other events or scenic drives just get in touch with one of the board members and we'll see if we can make it happen.

At last month's dinner/meeting we had some new faces show up which was nice. Both drove black E30's but that is where the similarities ended. One, while street legal had a 4.0 liter 8cyl engine in it and the owner uses it not only on the street but in SCCA Auto Cross events. The other was a once wrecked, now repaired E30. What made this one special was not only was it owned by an 18 year old young man but, he repaired and painted the car himself! Can't wait to see who and what shows up at the next meeting.



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As most of you know the 2018 BMW CCA raffle is underway. **The Grand Prize this year is a M2 Competition.** Maybe the Chapter can make it two in a row by having another one of our members win either the grand prize or one of the other cars being given away. Visit the bmwcca.org website for more information and tickets. As they say, you have to be in it to win it!

Hope to see you all at our next event and/or monthly meeting. Till then drive safe. 🚗



EVENT



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Thank you to Man and the staff at DETAIL MANIAC for your time and expertise. . .

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“Racing is life. Anything before or after is just waiting.” And for many, this is the week they wait for all year long. Another August, another

Monterey Car Week, and another Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion at Laguna Seca. This has been said by many before, but there is little else like

historic racing, where you can see your hero cars you grew up watching, and some that you never thought you'd have the chance to see (for us younger folks), race. This is no simple cruise either,

with many owners of these vintage beauties thrashing them the way they were meant to.

Garage queen is not an applicable word to the racing of such historic machines. BMW's heritage is partly built around its racing heritage. Being 'the Ultimate Driving Machine' requires a certain degree of pedigree. From the display of racing BMWs in the paddock and

on the circuit, it's easy to see that the pedigree – the authenticity – is intact.

A blitz of howling 3.0CSL Batmobiles made up the majority of the BMW field in the highly competitive GT category, supplemented by M1 ProCars, E21s, and a couple E30 M3s. Seeing them tangle with Porsches, and the many Datsun/Nissans (the featured marque this year) was a true spectacle. They sound rather nice as well. Diving in on the inside under braking into the corkscrew, the action was sublime.

Every year the BMW CCA sets up camp along the straight between turns 4 and 5. A large car corral is assembled as well, being able to spot the many interesting and rare BMWs on the hills of Laguna. Even a Z1 was present (the disappearing doors were closed/up, unfortunately). Inside the CCA tent were several more beautiful and classic examples, as well as dining for

members and an optimal spot to watch the racing.

The elevation changes make Laguna Seca particularly fun to watch, with all sorts of hills, dips, and off and on-camber corners. The Corkscrew remains one of the most challenging turns on the planet, with its incredible drop and then down the chute into fast turns 8 and 9.

My favorite moment of the weekend? Seeing Double F1 World Champion Mika Hakkinen rip around the circuit in the 1995 Le Mans-winning McLaren F1 GTR. This is no exaggeration when I say that this is the best sounding car I've ever heard – it's aural intoxication. I got right up to the inside fence at the turn 1 crest while he blasted down the front straight. He literally kicked rubber slugs into my face. It was awesome.

But the sound of that mystical BMW

V12 is on another planet. It can be heard from the Andretti Hairpin while screeching up the Rahal Straight towards the corkscrew. The rifle-crack downshifts, too, send chills down the spine. Onboard video can be seen at bimmerforums.com from the weekend. Please, turn the volume UP.

Entry into the Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion includes full access to the paddock, where every competing car can be seen up close. Most all the drivers, owners, and mechanics are invitingly friendly, too. And while most other events during Monterey Car Week cost hundreds of dollars, the Reunion is only pocket change for a full weekend pass. The variety is immense as well, from 1930s Grand Prix cars, vintage Formula 1 cars, and to Group C prototypes.

Go once, and it won't be your last. 🌐

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BMW M8 GTE Earns Second Consecutive Season Victory and Third BMW Win in Four Years at Laguna Seca With Smart Strategy and Luck; De Phillippi, Sims - P1, Edwards, Krohn - P4



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Woodcliff Lake, N.J. – Sept. 10, 2018 – BMW Team RLL recorded the team's 19th victory and 73rd podium finish since beginning in 2009 with a second consecutive 2018 IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship GTLM class victory for the BMW M8 GTE in today's America's Tire 250 at WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca. The victory is the second consecutive triumph for the all-new BMW M8 GTE racing car and the third BMW win in the GTLM class at Laguna Seca in the last four years.

The No. 25 BMW M8 GTE, driven by Connor De Phillippi and Alexander Sims, completed 100 laps of the 2.238-mile, 11-turn Laguna Seca circuit in the two-hour-and-forty-minute race, winning with a 2.488 second margin of victory. The No. 24 BMW M8 GTE, with John Edwards and Jesse Krohn co-driving, finished fourth after having to pit from the lead in the closing minutes of the race for a splash of fuel.

The opening 45 minutes of the race was slowed by three caution periods; the first two for accidents and the third for a slowed prototype car. Starting drivers Sims and Krohn were able to avoid getting caught in any of the collisions that eliminated two class competitors and allowed both BMWs to move up two class positions. Quick thinking to pit the No. 25 M8 GTE in anticipation of the third caution period led to split strategies for the two cars. Krohn, in the No. 24 M8, inherited the lead and the fast Fin stretched his stint to the 43rd lap and just shy of the race's halfway point before it was the No. 24's crew time for an anticipatory call to the pits. Krohn dove to the pits just before the race's fourth yellow flag, and the resulting pit lane closure, to hand off to John Edwards. When the pits were opened three laps later, the balance of the GTLM field - and Edwards - pitted under yellow. As Connor De Phillippi entered the No. 25 machine, Edwards took a splash of fuel and jumped to the class lead.

With both BMWs just outside the window to make it to the end, the die was now cast - Edwards would be the hare and push, needing one more caution period to make it, and De Phillippi, the tortoise (a very fast tortoise) would save fuel, in case that yellow did not come. With Edwards first and De Phillippi second it looked like a second consecutive double podium finish was in the cards, but on lap 93 Edwards pitted from the lead to take a splash of fuel. De Phillippi took over the lead and held off the No. 912 Porsche for the final seven laps to win by some three seconds.

Connor was able to keep up a very good pace." said **Bobby Rahal, Team Principal**. "It was tight on fuel and to be frank, I wasn't so sure we were going to pull it off and then we had to stop with John [Edwards] which was unfortunate because he was doing great. He and Jesse ended up 4th though we split the Corvettes. For Alexander and Connor, what a great win. For our team, this is three wins in four years at Laguna Seca and the checkered flag will be flying over our headquarters in Columbus. I am just really happy for BMW and for the whole team. Everyone works hard on



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this program, both in Munich and in Columbus. We even had some Indy Car people helping out this weekend. Great team effort!"

Victor Leleu, BMW NA Motorsport Manager added "Two wins in a row. I think this is now three wins in four years with three different cars at Laguna Seca for BMW Team RLL. It certainly goes to show that all of the effort that has gone into the program is starting to really pay off. Here and at VIR, two very different tracks, but wins at both shows the quality and versatility of the new BMW M8 GTE and the fantastic effort put in by the team and by the drivers. Congratulations to everyone at BMW Team RLL. We can't wait to go to Petit Le Mans and finish the season in style."

Connor De Phillippi, driver No. 25 BMW M8 GTE (P1):

"Wow, what a day! Eventful in the beginning with lots of yellows. We knew we were in a good position in the end. We had to be fuel efficient and the engine did exactly that. I did the job I needed to behind the wheel and the team made all the right calls. Super happy for the team. It was definitely a team effort! We can be proud of our two results, one of them was on pure pace and today's was a really intelligent race. Now we go on to Petit and look forward to having Bill

Auberlen part of the team again and try to close the season out on a positive note."

Alexander Sims, driver No. 25 BMW M8 GTE (P1):

"What a job by the whole team! We took a decision on the strategy to fuel save and extend that last stint. Connor did an absolutely awesome job to save fuel and keep a good pace. Absolute credit to the team and to Connor for winning that race by having that mega last stint. So pleased to get this second win in the new BMW M8 GTE!"

John Edwards, driver No. 24 BMW M8 GTE (P4):

"With the last yellow falling outside of our fuel window, the team decided to split the fuel strategy. We were the car in front and got to go flat out and the other car had to save a lot of fuel. We were hoping for just one more yellow, even a short yellow to get us a few more laps to make it to the end. Unfortunately for us but fortunately for our sister car that yellow never came and they made it on their strategy."

Jesse Krohn, driver No. 24 BMW M8 GTE (P4):

"The team did an amazing job getting the car ready and giving us such a great race car for this weekend. On our



car unfortunately, the gamble on fuel strategy did not pay off but I am super happy for our sister car and their win. The whole team has put in a lot of hard work this season and they deserve it.”

The No. 96 Turner Motorsport BMW M6 GT3 of Bill Auberlen and Robby Foley was credited with a 12th place GTD class finish after retiring on lap 41 from damage resulting from Auberlen being pushed off the track during the race’s second restart on lap six.

The eleventh and final round of the 2018 IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship, the Motul Petit Le Mans, will take place at Road Atlanta on Saturday, Oct. 13th and be broadcast live on FOX Sports 2 beginning at 12:00 p.m. ET.

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