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OWNERS CELEBRATE THE CAR'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY  
WITH A SPECTACULAR ROAD TRIP TO ITALY.

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# HA GIANG ROAD TRIP 2025

## CROSS-BORDER CELEBRATION



From 10 to 14 June 2025, members of BMW Car Club Vietnam and BMW Car Club Singapore joined for an unforgettable road trip to Hà Giang, the northernmost region of Vietnam. What began as a shared idea between the two clubs—to finally organize a joint driving journey—turned into a meaningful reality, naturally aligning with BCCS's annual "Fly & Drive" spirit. The Hanoi Chapter of BMW CCV proudly hosted the trip, with the support and presence of members from the Saigon Chapter.

Over four days and three nights, 50 BMWs and 150 participants conquered more than 1,000 kilometers and 2,000 mountain curves. The convoy wound its way through spectacular passes, misty valleys, and winding roads, visiting iconic destinations such as Mã Pí Lèng Pass, Nho Quế River, Lũng Cú Flag Tower, and H'Mong Village in Quản Bạ. Along the way, members shared laughter, stories, and deepened the connection between the two clubs across borders.



One of the most meaningful moments was a charity visit to Pải Lũng Commune in Đồng Văn District, where the group donated 50 million VND (approx. 2,700 SGD) to support local children and families. This act of kindness reflected the community spirit at the heart of both clubs.

Unknowingly, this journey became part of history. As Vietnam undergoes a nationwide plan to consolidate its administrative units, Hà Giang—a province known for its dramatic landscapes and cultural richness—may soon be merged into a larger regional entity. For many participants, the road trip felt like a heartfelt tribute to a land that may no longer exist as a standalone province, making the experience even more meaningful.

BMW Car Club Vietnam expresses its deepest appreciation to THACO, the authorized distributor of BMW in Vietnam, for their warm local support and dedication to the success of this event. The Club also extends gratitude to other valued partners and sponsors whose contributions played an essential role in making this meaningful journey possible.





# HA GIANG ROAD TRIP 2025 CROSS-BORDER CELEBRATION



This journey was more than a road trip. It was a celebration of shared passion, cultural connection, and the enduring bond between BMW enthusiasts across borders.





# CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF THE BMW 3 SERIES IN RETRO STYLE

BY M. WAZIF ZIAVUDHEEN



AGMC, the BMW importer for Dubai and Northern Emirates, in collaboration with BMW Club United Arab Emirates, hosted an unforgettable celebration on Saturday, 26 July 2025 to mark the 50th anniversary of the iconic BMW 3 Series. Held at AGMC's facility in Motorcity, Dubai, the event brought together passionate owners, longtime enthusiasts, and the next generation of BMW fans for a day filled with nostalgia, automotive excellence, and community spirit.



## A Rolling Tribute to Automotive Evolution

The celebration's centerpiece was an extraordinary display of all seven generations of the BMW 3 Series, brought together entirely from the garages of proud BMW Club UAE members. From the classic E21 that started it all in 1975 to the latest G20, each model stood as a testament to a half century of engineering innovation and driving pleasure. Adding even more excitement were six generations of the legendary BMW ///M3, turning heads and igniting admiration from fans of motorsport and performance. This rare assembly offered a unique visual journey through decades of M-powered history.

## Retro Vibes & Rollerblades

The event's theme was full retro, complete with vintage diner-style decor, throwback tunes, and rollerblading girls serving up refreshments with a '70s flair. Attendees enjoyed a themed culinary experience reminiscent of classic American diners— milkshakes, burgers, and more— blending nostalgia with gourmet delight.

## Giveaways & Good Times

No celebration is complete without surprises and this one delivered, with exclusive giveaways, Club merchandise, and BMW-branded collectibles handed out throughout the day. The atmosphere buzzed with joy, music, and engaging conversations among owners and guests sharing their passion for the brand.



## A Community in Motion

Beyond the display and festivities, the event was a true showcase of BMW culture in the UAE, where the love for precision driving, timeless design, and community shone through. The partnership between BMW Club UAE and AGMC continues to strengthen the bond between the brand and its most loyal followers.



# CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF THE BMW 3 SERIES IN RETRO STYLE

BY M. WAZIF ZIAVUDHEEN



**“Celebrating 50 years of the 3 Series with our members and AGMC was more than just an event—it was a tribute to the spirit of BMW and the people who keep it alive.”**



Photos by M. Wazif Ziavudheen



# MY SIMOLA HILLCLIMB JOURNEY

BY RIDWAAN BABAMIA



This journey began as a schoolboy's dream, ignited further when *Need for Speed: Most Wanted* was released in 2005, showcasing one of the most iconic cars ever—the E46 M3 GTR. Although the GTR was globally rare and unavailable in South Africa, I vowed that one day I'd at least own the standard E46 M3.

In 2020, that dream became reality when I acquired my Steel Grey 2003 E46 M3. Four years later, in 2024, I attended the Simola Hillclimb as a spectator, supporting my friend Shiraz Bawa as he tackled the hill in his BMW E60 M5. Standing nearby was the wife of BMW South Africa's CEO, who playfully challenged me: "Why don't you race next year?" Laughing it off, she added, "Or let your wife do it since she tracks your car anyway!" Shiraz echoed the dare and I quietly accepted.



escalated but incredible support poured in. Total Energies Observatory sponsored fuel, Tyre Zone supplied Bridgestone RE71RS tyres, and BMW Constantia Parts became a key sponsor, providing discounted OEM parts.

Challenges continued. The car needed new shocks and coilovers weren't allowed. Bulldog Construction generously donated shocks from their E46 M3. Those failed but eventually they secured a working set. The exhaust was adequate for school runs but not for high-rev racing. Supreme Technik crafted a custom exhaust that preserved the iconic S54 rasp while perfecting the sound.

More complications popped up as the event approached. A minor scrape required front bumper painting. The freshly painted wheels weren't fully cured when fitted, but the team at Tyre



Later that year, our BMW Car Club Cape Town launched its own race series in an ambitious effort organized in just two days. I didn't compete, choosing instead to help manage and grow the series into Cape Town's premier motorsport event. Yet, the desire to race lingered. When entries opened for Simola 2025, I hesitantly put my name down. Friends received acceptance emails but I didn't. I assumed it wasn't meant to be until I discovered the email hiding in my promotions tab days later. My prayers were answered.

I began preparing immediately but I faced a significant hurdle: convincing my wife to let me race our family car, the vehicle she drove daily with our children. Thankfully, MYH Motorsport stepped up, ensuring the car would pass scrutineering. Costs



Zone's Hi Q expertly mounted the Bridgestones without issue. The 18-inch wheels were then sent ahead to Knysna with Supreme Technik, while we fitted diamond-cut 19s for the journey. Yes the plan was to drive to Knysna and back with my family in the same car we would race.

On the eve of departure, a tyre bubble necessitated a frantic replacement. Setting out for Knysna on Thursday, we encountered torrential rain and gearbox troubles, losing fourth and fifth. Saturday and Sunday Irshaad was our host.



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54-second range despite the car's issues. That elation was abruptly halted when I learned Shiraz had crashed his M5. Fortunately, he was unharmed. Deeply shaken, I considered withdrawing but ultimately continued, honouring their spirits and confronting my fears.

With a compromised gearbox, I steadily improved my qualifying times. In my final run, I pushed the wounded M3 to its limits, clocking 55.0 seconds and clinching third place in my class, a moment of triumph and profound emotion.



To my wife, may we continue racing through life together. To Shiraz, here's to returning safely and stronger next year, side-by-side. To my family and friends who supported this incredible journey, my heartfelt thanks.

"Dreams may start as pixels on a screen, but they're forged in the fires of passion and the trials of mountains." – BTR



Arriving at midnight, the car was barely drivable. MYH Motorsport tirelessly troubleshooted overnight. Marco Clark became our dedicated support vehicle driver, and Mo heroically drove overnight from Cape Town in his G80 M3, delivering essential gearbox parts.

Missing practice and barely making qualifying, I nervously lined up for my first-ever Hillclimb run. After a cautious reconnaissance run during which I briefly got lost in Simola Golf Estate, I gradually found my rhythm. Tragedy struck during Sunday morning's warm-up when racing legend Pieter Joubert lost his life in a devastating crash. Later, excitement surged when I achieved my best time of the weekend, breaking into the



On the way home, a traffic officer fined me for a missing front plate (though it was displayed on the dashboard), and the gearbox surrendered completely upon arrival. MYH Motorsport swiftly rebuilt the car, preparing it for a celebratory track day the following weekend.

This experience was a powerful lesson in resilience, community spirit, and the extraordinary capabilities of the beloved BMW E46 M3. Whether I'll return to Simola next year depends entirely on two critical factors—my wife approving another "weekend pass" (please help convince her @bytheriddler on Instagram!), and continued support from the sponsors who made this dream possible.



Photos by Ridwaan Babamia



## ALPINA AT THE ULTIMATE DRIVING MUSEUM

BY SCOTT BLAZEY



## BMW CCA Foundation Opens First-Ever ALPINA Museum Exhibit

For 60 years, a select branch of BMW enthusiasts and owners have coveted some of the most exclusive BMWs ever made. Now the BMW CCA Foundation's Ultimate Driving Museum is presenting 25 of them in the first-ever museum exhibit dedicated solely to ALPINA. In 1963, Burkhard Bovensiepen, a Bavarian toolmaker, tuned a carburetor intake system for a 1962 BMW 1500 and started marketing it in the parking lot of the 1963 Frankfurt Auto Show. It worked really well and within two years, Burkhard had started a company to make them. How well did they work? BMW executives put out a notice that if you installed one of these intake systems on your new 1500, the original factory warranty would remain intact. That's a pretty good endorsement.



Burkhard opened his doors in 1965, using the name of his father's company that previously manufactured Alpina type-writers. BMW and ALPINA's relationship continued to grow. Burkhard started racing and winning with ALPINA-modified BMWs and in 1978 released the first ALPINA-produced BMW, the B6 2.8 based on the E21 3 Series. Eventually, ALPINAs were sold through BMW dealers in the United States and Germany registered ALPINA as an official automobile maker. With their technical modifications, distinctively styled wheels and accessories, and unique interiors and body panels, ALPINA BMWs achieved a reputation for performance, style, and comfort even beyond what BMWs are normally known for.



The mission of The Ultimate Driving Museum in Greer, South Carolina, is to preserve, document, and present the history of BMW. By honoring ALPINA during their 60th anniversary, visitors are shown examples of ALPINAs that demonstrate why the company is held in such high esteem by BMW enthusiasts. The exhibit: ALPINA: 60 Years of Excellence. Opened on 17 May 2025 with a gala and open house. Featured are 25 significant ALPINA BMWs that cover the company's entire history, right up to the present day. The reaction from museum visitors has been overwhelming, with some calling this the best exhibit so far from The Ultimate Driving Museum. Attendance figures may bear that out. So far, the pace of exhibit visitor numbers is ahead of all previous exhibits, including "100 Years of BMW Motorrad, and "The Power of M."





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The opening was made even more special by the participation of two VIPs from ALPINA. Carina Bovensiepen, Burkhard's granddaughter, represented the family and was thrilled with the reception that the ALPINA exhibit had received. Erik Ploss, ALPINA's Director of Sales also made the trip from Bavaria. Carina, Erik, and Matt Russell, ALPINA's US regional representative, led a panel discussion on the history of the brand as well as its future. In addition to the 25 ALPINA cars in the exhibit, 23 ALPINA owners arrived and lined up outside the museum to create a total ALPINA demonstration that may never be duplicated.

The most senior example in the exhibit is an ALPINA-modified 1967 BMW 1600. It was actually featured in the December 1967 issue of Car and Driver magazine. The newest model on the floor was also a special guest of sorts. The BMW CCA Foundation is located across the street from BMW Plant Spartanburg, the largest BMW factory in the world. Plant Spartanburg opened in 1994 and currently only makes X vehicles, including the BMW X3, X4, X5, X6, and X7. For the exhibit opening, plant staff brought over a freshly built ALPINA XB7. Besides being a gorgeous vehicle, it also had the distinction of being the 7,000,000th BMW produced by Plant Spartanburg.



The ALPINA exhibit will be at The Ultimate Driving Museum through 16 January 2026. It is located in Greer, South Carolina adjacent to the BMW Performance Center and only a short distance from the BMW Plant Spartanburg and Zentrum. Combine a trip to the Museum with a factory tour and a school at the Performance Center for an unforgettable BMW experience.

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# 30 YEARS OF THE BMW E36 M3 GT AND 50 YEARS OF THE BMW 3 SERIES

BY ALESSANDRO BOTTA



This year BMW celebrated two important anniversaries: 30 years of the M3 GT and 50 years of the 3 Series. The celebrations for these two great anniversaries were intertwined in the first major event for the 50th birthday of the 3 Series as we gathered in Munich at the BMW museum with 19 gleaming E36 M3 GTs—including BMW Classic's own M3 GT driven by Benjamin Voss from BMW Club & Community Management (BCCM).

Other special models included the “pre-series” chassis, the “0” chassis, and the last one built. In short, this three-day gathering was an exceptional and unrepeatable meeting.

The organizer of the event, Can Eyilik, brought his wonderful GT from Turkey. Others came from Luxembourg, Norway, Hungary, France, Italy and of course, Germany. The immediate closeness between the people present was wonderful, Can organized a team to have photos and videos of the event, Benjamin, who applied the commemorative 3 Series sticker of the event on the BMW Classic M3, the key ring given by Peter to everyone, made with original leather and amaretta (the BMW name for alcantara), a wonderful gem, made with the quality of BMW Individual. Thank You!

Among the cars that attracted the most interest was the GT prepared with twin turbochargers; an extremely accurate and entirely self-made performance upgrade.



The cars that were neatly parked in front of the BMW museum also sparked the interest of the museum visitors, who took lots of photos while we chatted, waiting for the lunch offered by BCCM at the BMW Canteen in BMW Werk 1, the cradle of our BMWs. After lunch we visited the lounge dedicated to BMW employees with a wonderful M3 E30, just restored, where naturally a group photo was necessary. At this point we had to leave for the highlight of the day, the BMW Classic collection, at Moosacher Strasse. We slowly pass by the iconic 4-cylinder building, and then in front of the BMW Welt, with 19 green BMWs capturing everyone's attention.

BCCM and BMW Classic then allowed us to park in front of the two restoration workshops, a fantastic opportunity for photos and further conversations, and then enter the BMW vault, the



Photos by Alessandro Botta





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room that houses some of the most important BMWs in the collection, We all fell in love, but perhaps the most intriguing was the E23 745i from South Africa, with the M88/3 engine and dogleg manual gear-box. Whoever experiences BMW Group Classic, it becomes etched in their heart.

This visit was also the occasion to present the awards that BMW recognizes to the most deserving BMW fans and the most active clubs, Club of the Year, Friend of Marque and Prof. Dr. Gerhard Knöchlein Award, and we took a look at the “Wall of Honour”. Like all wonderful and engaging things, it quickly got dark and we returned to our accommodation.







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Friday was the driving day. We set off in a small group of GTs, but we were joined by the president of BMW Club Turkey with his E36 M3 convertible, and other friends with an E90 M3, and an E46 330Ci. The German motorways without limits were very fast. We slowed entering Switzerland and found a restaurant in a delightful village in the green valleys of Heidi.

In the afternoon we tackled the San Bernardino pass, a wonderful opportunity for a panoramic stop and group photos. By pure chance we meet an enthusiast in an M2 who is actually a director of BMW Italy. He was very curious about the M3s and the rally. Friday afternoon welcomed us with heavy traffic and a lot of heat, but it did not delay us because our M3s worked impeccably. They are the ultimate driving machines, after all.



We arrived just in time for the evening party organized by BCCM, Hofmeisters, and Ultrace at Carpe Noctem at Villa Erba. We were welcomed by a fantastic atmosphere, an exceptional exhibition of special cars, lighting, music, bar service and really special, professional, excellent burgers and cocktails. We revived the splendor of the

villa when it was a residence of great nobles and to top it off, the great-grandson of the original owner of Villa Erba came with his 320is.

The evening also had a great highlight in the presentation of the M2 CS and the M4 in the special edition "Valentino Rossi – 46" both won us over, Andrea Nember of the homonymous dealership (one of the oldest in Italy) was really intrigued by the potential of the two models and illustrated to some of us various peculiarities, more as an enthusiast than as a seller.

Early on Saturday we headed toward Villa Erba for the third Wheels and Weisswüsch Lake Como Edition. Arriving at the Villa gate, we found the usual impeccable organization: Andy, Matthias, and Bene of BCCM directed us to the thematic areas. The first large lawn contained all the non-3 Series BMWs and the delegations of the most important vintage car clubs in Italy (ASI), Hofmeisters, and Ultrace, an incredible mix of heterogeneous cars that together created a gathering of petrolhead passion.





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We paraded alongside the Villa and discovered that the most scenic lawn near the lake was reserved for the 3 Series. Everyone positioned their beloved car as they wanted, creating an orderly chaos of colours and models. With that, the camaraderie between enthusiasts immediately began. While we waited for the public to arrive, BMW provided brezel and weisswurst, thank you!

The offer did not end there. The M3 GTs had the honour of parking on the lake front of the villa, around the private dock—the most noble and exclusive spot—where the party was organized the night before.

We were therefore able to arrange ourselves in the best possible way where we received many compliments, interviews, and photos. Can organized an excellent presence on social media, and personally spread videos and photos of great interest.

On the other side of the Villa the beautiful M1s had their exclusive spot, while the MINI Clubs and BMW Historic Legend Interna-



tional Club dedicated to historic BMW motorcycles were Present. Next to them were the beautiful cars exhibited by Broad Arrow, which chose Villa Erba for its international auction—with a strong focus on BMWs: Daniele Turrisi brought some exceptional BMWs and arranged them for our event with great style, drawing attention from all those present.

There were more members of the public than last Year. Many of them were speechless because at the entrance BMW exhibited me of its best treasures, including Art Cars and the 328 Mille Miglia, and other gems were present, together with the best car-themed Italian book shop exhibiting.

The weather really cooperated—splendid and breezy—ideal for walking among the cars and occasionally stopping for a refreshment break, The food trucks were always active: Some of us were even offered an aperitif by the lake on behalf of our club.

Many journalists took advantage of the opportunity to photograph the cars on display to prepare BMW-themed reports, especially for the 50th anniversary of the 3 Series, so we will soon be reading a lot about us and our BMWs. Stay tuned!





## 70 YEARS OF THE BMW 507

BY OLAF NATTENBERG



We were able to present four BMW 507s and the BMW Classic Loof prototype to our club friends and interested guests at the 24th edition of the Retro Classics Fair in Stuttgart.

During our last board meeting, we considered how we should design our exhibition stands in 2025. As we went through the BMW anniversaries, we quickly settled on 70 years of the BMW 507. The idea for an extraordinary exhibition was born. We should be able to get some of our members' 507s to the fair in Stuttgart. The Loof prototype, which is owned by BMW Classic, would also be nice.

Jan Schmidt, who is responsible for the fair in Stuttgart, didn't need much convincing. He, too, thought the idea was excellent. Our President Stefan Behr, together with Jan Schmidt, pulled out all the stops to



get the exhibition off the ground. We consulted the exhibition management, BMW, and various club members. The result was sensational—two 507 Series 1s, two 507 Series 2s, and the Loof car for the display. We added a 507 side panel and a fender from Martelleria, a V8 engine, and a wheel suspension. Our booth was in a prominent location, directly opposite that of the BMW Club & Community Management. We couldn't have hoped for a better location. On the other side was the V8 Club's beer garden, where hearty food was served.

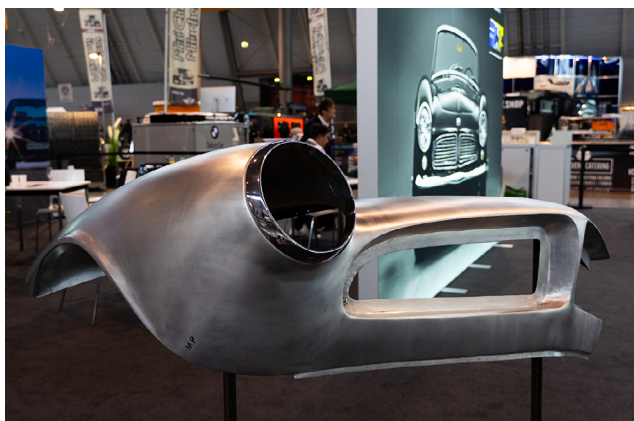
The booth staff, Stefan Behr, Norbert Vincken, Dr. Bernhard Knöchlein, and Maria and Jan Schmidt, welcomed numerous club members. Our Czech friend Milos Vranek brought a newly built BMW 3/15 DA2 express delivery van – the model is familiar from the BMW Museum, and was also present with his staff.

Many interested visitors viewed the exhibition, asked questions, and took photos. Bernhard gave the "troops," members of the German Armed Forces (Bundeswehr), who had their own stand nearby, complete with a helicopter, an exclusive 507 tour.

The effort put into this Retro Classics event in Stuttgart was rewarded when we received a special trophy on Sunday. Our club and our stand were also mentioned in the Retro Classics retrospective press release. What a success!

Finally, we would like to thank all the club members who willingly made their cars available for this exhibition. Thank you very much!

A masterpiece.



Photos by Olaf Nattenberg and Gudrun Muschalla



# 70 YEARS OF THE BMW 507

BY OLAF NATTENBERG





# BMW CLUBS INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FIRST COUNCIL MEETING IN DUBAI



The BMW Clubs International Council annual meeting location regularly alternates between Europe—usually Germany or Austria—and somewhere else in the world. We have met, for example, in Canada, the United States, South Africa, New Zealand, Australia, and Tokyo. But it was not until 9–12 November 2024 that we attended an International Council meeting in the Middle East—Dubai, to be specific, in the United Arab Emirates. Our host was BMW Clubs Middle East with support from BMW Middle East and AGMC, the BMW importer. M. Wazif Ziaudheen from BMW Club United Arab Emirates and Mohannad Malik from BMW Club Saudi Arabia were the chairs of the planning committee.

The climate was excellent, mainly because we waited until November and avoided the summer heat. Our hotel was the Vida Emirates Hills, which was quite comfortable and provided an excellent conference room for the meeting with lovely patios for breaks, discussion groups, and receptions.



Many Council members and their guests arrived early to participate in the Pre-Tour, a five-day driving exploration of the UAE, with daily drives from Dubai out to the Abu Dhabi, Al-Ain Emirate, Al Fujairah, and Ras Al Khaima Emirates. On Sunday, 10 November, all the Council members and guests were treated to a desert safari that started with a caravan of four-wheel drive vehicles heading out into the desert and its giant sand dune before stopping at a camel farm and ending at an oasis for a wonderful evening meal with local food and entertainment.

We got down to business with the official meeting on Monday. Helmut Käs, head of BMW Group Classic, provided an update that covered Classic's reorganization under Customer Brands and Sales and the launch of the celebration of 50 years of the BMW 3 Series. Following the Board reports and the Umbrella reports, we broke into three discussion groups to consider the topics of the availability of parts and manuals for out-of-production BMWs; how BMW clubs can design, implement, and manage surveys to improve club operations, recruiting and retention, and the club experience; and non-traditional revenue streams.





# FIRST COUNCIL MEETING IN DUBAI



On Monday evening we were treated to an evening meal at the AGMC showroom. AGMC is the regional BMW importer and their showroom was a great setting for an evening event, with dozens of BMW cars and motorcycles to enjoy.

The Council Meeting continued on Tuesday with the Council approving the BMW Friend of the Marque award for Bob Williams, BMW Clubs Australia; Uwe Gusen, BMW International Classic & Type Clubs; Jim Lepley, BMW Clubs European Federation; Jean and Ross Copas, BMW Clubs Canada; Dick Hautau, BMW Motorcycle Owners of America; and Theo de Bruin, BMW Clubs Europa. Then the Council voted to confer the BMW Club of the Year award to BMW Club Guatemala from BMW Clubs Latin American Federation; BMW MC Klub Swerge from BMW Clubs European Federation; BMW MC Club Ontario from BMW Clubs Canada; and BMW Car Club Gauteng from BMW Clubs Africa.

Two vice chair positions were up for election. By secret ballot, Trevor Dean from BMW Clubs Australia was reelected Vice Chair Motorcycles. Martina Günter from BMW Clubs Europa was elected Vice Chair Cars.

In a special ceremony, the Council recognized three worthy individuals. Masakuni Hosobushi from BMW Clubs Japan was presented a certificate for serving 35 consecutive years on the Council. Gerry Hodges also was presented a certificate honoring him for serving 30 consecutive years on the Council. Outgoing Vice Chair Cars, Julio Reyes Sagastume, BMW Clubs Latin American Federation, was presented a citation and a gift from the Board and BCCM for his outstanding service.

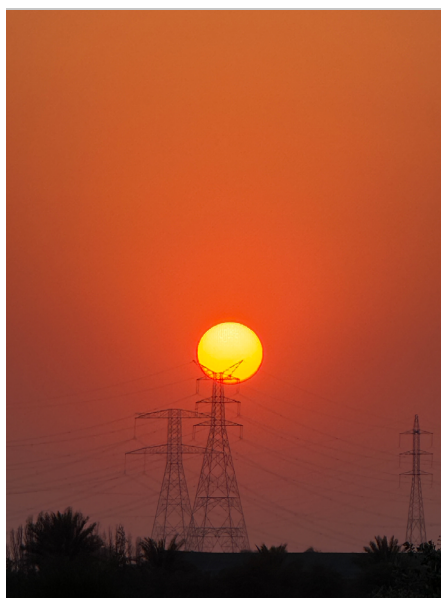


Later that evening, all the participants traveled to Souk Al Bahar for Arabic cuisine at the Abd El Wahab in the shadow of the world's tallest building, the Burj Khalifa.

Dubai was a fantastic experience. The architecture was like no other city. It felt like we were in a futuristic science fiction movie. BMW Clubs Middle East and BCCM did a great job putting the event together. For many of us it was a once-in-a-lifetime trip.

BCCM then presented options for the location for the 2025 BCIC Meeting. The delegates voted for Karlsbad, Czech Republic, primarily for its historic architecture and its proximity to BMW's new test facility at Sokolov. (Note: Subsequent to the meeting, it was learned that the Sokolov facility would not be available for any Council activities. Since Munich was the location of the IAA Mobility auto show and BMW was using it to launch its Neue Klasse, it was decided to move the 2025 Council Meeting to Munich.)

The Council then heard a discussion on the prototype Council website from BMW Clubs Latin American Federation. BMWCLAF is doing the groundwork, design, and construction of the web site. The three discussion group leaders presented interim reports on their results, noting that they would be continuing the discussion online after the meeting and presenting final reports at an upcoming Virtual Council Meeting. The meeting concluded with questions and discussions from the delegates.



Photos by Scott Blazey



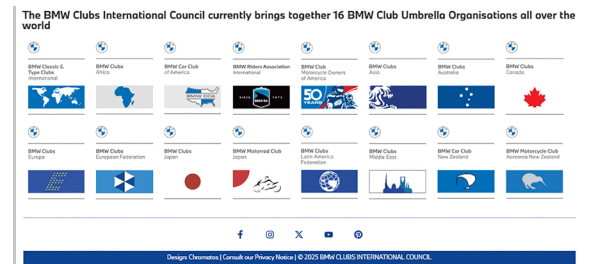
# CREATING THE OFFICIAL BCIC WEBSITE

BY ANDRES MARTINEZ



## A Strategic Step Toward Digital Identity

The creation of the *bmwcic.org* website represents a significant advancement for the BMW Clubs International Council, a global organization that unites and represents official BMW clubs worldwide. This digital platform was developed with the aim of establishing a strong institutional identity—something the organization had not formally developed in the digital space until now.



## Objectives of the Website Development

### Strengthening Institutional Presence

The main objective of developing *bmwcic.org* is to provide the International Council with an official, unified digital presence that helps solidify its image among BMW enthusiasts, institutional partners, and potential new members. Before the launch of the website, the BMW Clubs International Council lacked a centralized and professional online point of contact.

### Giving Visibility to Member Federations

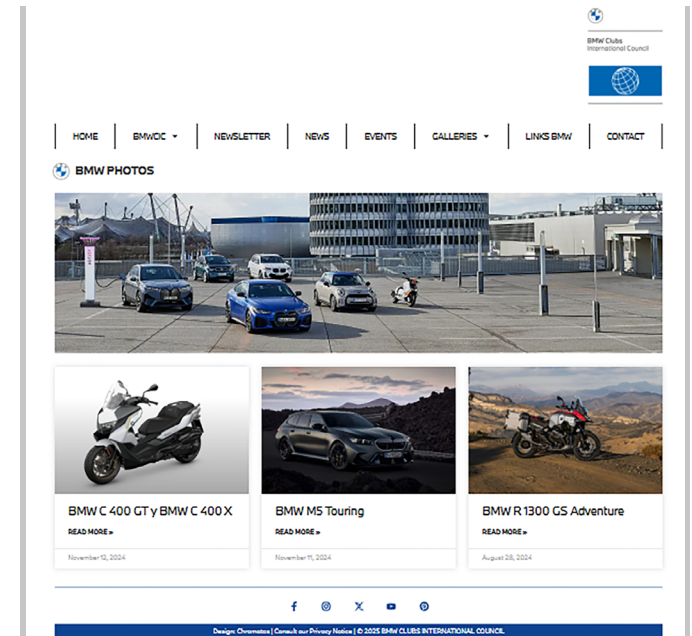
In addition to establishing the Council's identity, the website is designed to highlight the federations that are part of this global organization. Each member federation has its own space on the site, allowing it to showcase its activities, events, and contributions within the international BMW community.

## Website Development and Architecture

The site was designed with a modern, intuitive, and responsive approach, ensuring an optimal experience on both desktop and mobile devices. The site architecture facilitates navigation through key sections such as:

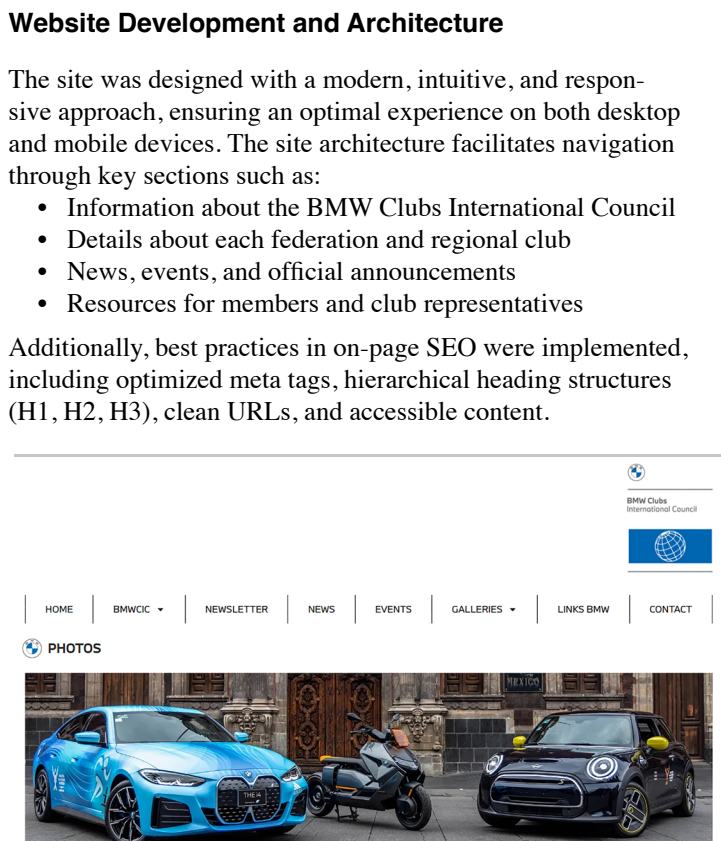
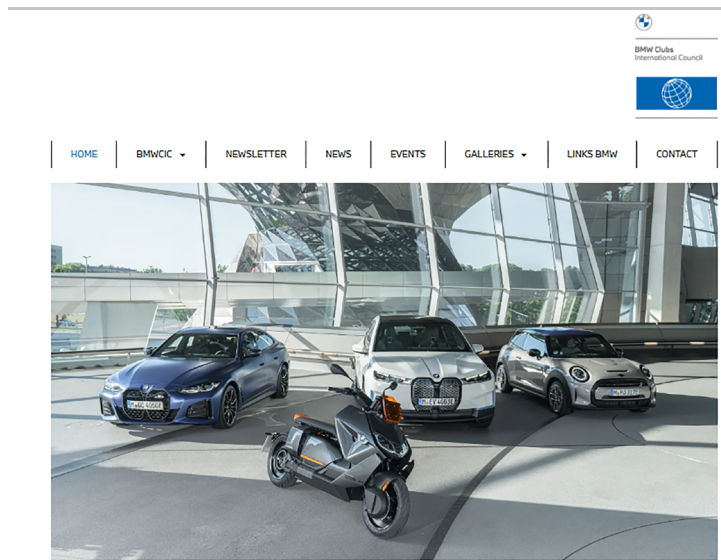
- Information about the BMW Clubs International Council
- Details about each federation and regional club
- News, events, and official announcements
- Resources for members and club representatives

Additionally, best practices in on-page SEO were implemented, including optimized meta tags, hierarchical heading structures (H1, H2, H3), clean URLs, and accessible content.



## Strengthening the Global BMW Clubs Brand

Thanks to the implementation of *bmwcic.org*, the BMW Clubs International Council now has a platform aligned with the quality standards and prestige represented by the BMW brand. This website not only strengthens the Council's institutional presence but also promotes interaction and a sense of community among the thousands of members across five continents.





# CREATING THE OFFICIAL BCIC WEBSITE

BY ANDRES MARTINEZ

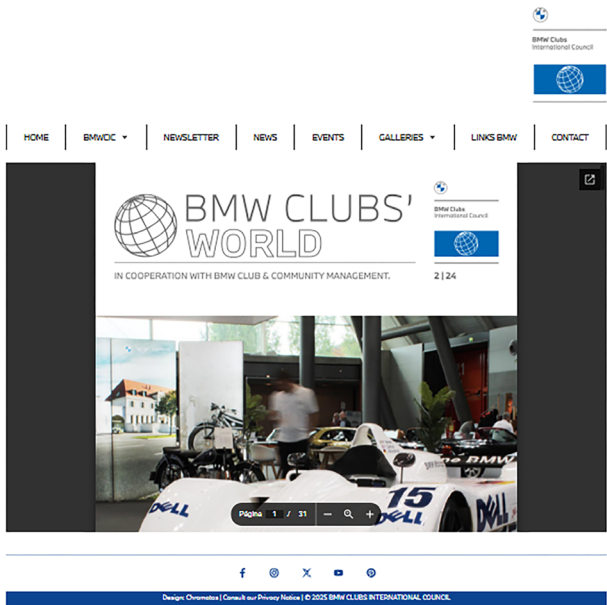


## Legal Compliance and Digital Security

The *bmwcic.org* website has been developed in strict compliance with international laws and regulations concerning the protection and handling of personal information. In particular, it ensures adherence to the European Union’s General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), as well as other relevant global regulations. Clear and transparent privacy policies have been established, guaranteeing the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of all user data.

From a technical standpoint, the site incorporates a robust digital security architecture, based on international standards and industry best practices. Key measures implemented include:

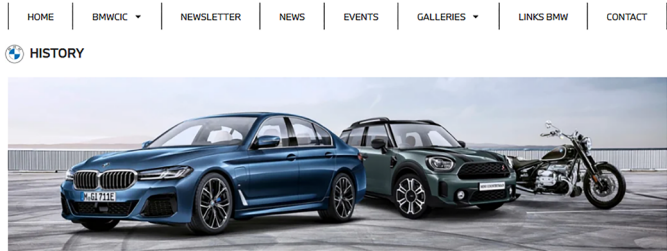
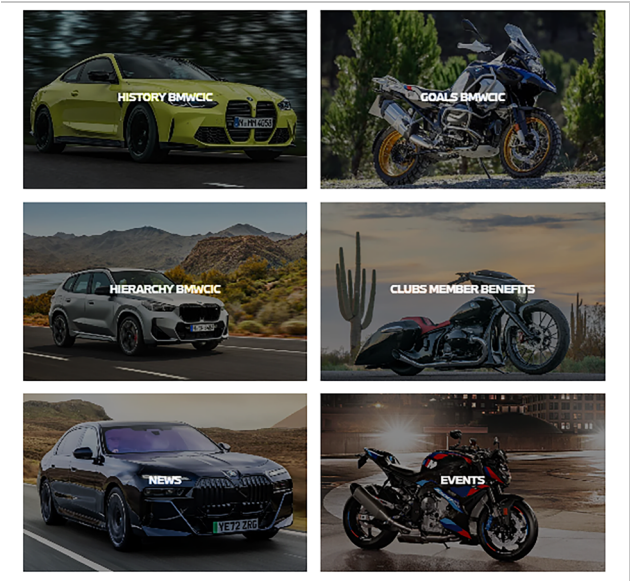
- SSL certificates for encryption of all transmitted information
- Continuous web traffic monitoring to detect and respond early to suspicious activity
- Automatic and periodic backups, enabling data recovery in the event of technical incidents
- Advanced malware detection and prevention tools, along with firewalls and cyberattack mitigation services (DDoS), aimed at proactively protecting the digital environment from viruses, hacking attempts, and other threats



## Conclusion

The launch of the *bmwcic.org* website marks a strategic milestone in the digital transformation of the BMW Clubs International Council. This new platform offers a professional online presence designed to enhance the visibility and cohesion of its members worldwide, thereby generating new opportunities for growth, positioning, and consolidation of the leading international community that is passionate about the BMW brand.

Moreover, this project reflects a firm commitment to security, privacy, and digital trust. Thanks to strict legal compliance and the implementation of cutting-edge protection technologies, the site ensures a secure, reliable, and professional environment for all users, federations, and entities that interact with the platform.



Council's Meeting 2010 – Queenstown, New Zealand (Noticia BMW Council News 04/2010 Descargable)  
1 2011, BCIC – BMW Clubs International Council celebrated its 30th anniversary, always promoting its annual meeting of official BMW Club Federations in Europe or in another country of one of its 20 delegates, held in September/October.



# CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF THE BMW 3 SERIES AT ITS BIRTHPLACE

BY BENEDIKT ALLAR



The BMW E21 was launched in 1975 as the first generation of the legendary 3 Series. To this day, the Stammwerk in Munich, at the heart of BMW headquarters, produces the iconic BMW 3 Series, now in its seventh generation.

To celebrate this history, we created a special event series to welcome every fan of the BMW 3 Series across all generations. Many official BMW club members, alongside BMW employees and other enthusiasts of the brand, brought their 3 Series models to our event, fittingly named “DREITAG.”



The name “DREITAG” (English: “Threeday”) symbolizes a day dedicated to celebrating the 3 Series, taking place three times: on 11 July, 8 August, and 19 September 2025. With space for approximately 120 cars at the BMW Museum, BMW Headquarters, and BMW Welt, the event turned out to be a very successful and vibrant car meet for all 3 Series fans.

Walking around at DREITAG, visitors could see everything from a classic 315 (E21) to rare E91 Alpinas and even the latest G80 M3s – all together in a beautiful variety. The first meeting was completely full just 15 minutes after we opened the gates to BMW’s sacred grounds.





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# 70 YEARS OF BMW ISETTAS GATHER AT BMW CLASSIC

BY BENEDIKT ALLAR



An iconic BMW that brings a smile to everyone's face, no matter their age, is having a big anniversary.

Unveiled on 5 March 1955, the BMW Isetta quickly became a symbol of Germany's economic miracle. Compact, charming, and innovative, it helped save BMW in difficult economic times and brought affordable mobility to the masses. With over 160,000 units built, the "bubble car" remains an icon of joy and ingenuity, and is still beloved 70 years later, perhaps even more than ever.



For their 48th annual meeting and to celebrate the BMW Isetta's 70th birthday, the BMW Isetta Club e.V. gathered in Fürstentfeldbruck, west of Munich from 22 to 24 August 2025, attracting around 400 participants and more than 180 cars. On Saturday, 23 August, about 130 BMW Isettass, joined by several BMW 700s, met at BMW Classic—leaving no space for any other car. After a quick photo shoot, a guided tour through BMW Classic, and lunch, the convoy returned to their home base in Fürstentfeldbruck to continue their anniversary celebration.







Munich is the home of BMW with many BMW facilities for BMW club members and enthusiasts to visit.



## BMW Museum (Tuesday – Sunday)

The BMW Museum is located next to BMW's iconic 4-cylinder headquarters building. It displays the history of BMW from the beginning and exhibits the journey of the marque through design, prototypes, racing, and historic models.

Please book your entrance ticket in advance. BMW club members receive a discount (Book a reduced ticket cost). Please have your club membership card ready.

## BMW Welt (Open all week)

This is BMW World which showcases a range of the latest models of BMW Group Brands: BMW, BMW Motorrad, Rolls-Royce Motor Cars, and MINI. There is also a big BMW Lifestyle shop for merchandise.

Admission to BMW Welt is free.

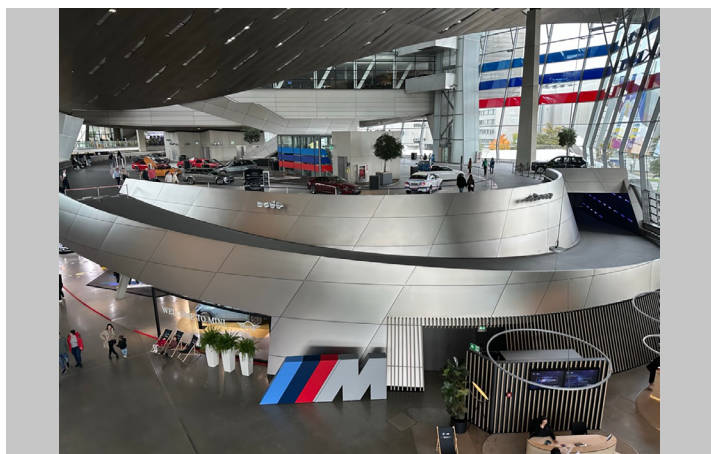
## Guided Tours

Both the BMW Museum and BMW Welt offer guided tours. The guided tour of the BMW Museum features 125 exhibits and is approximately one hour in duration.

Similarly, the guided tour of BMW Welt takes approximately one hour. It allows access to restricted and exclusive areas with the tour guide. Check the day, as some tours are in English and on other days in German.

Here is the link for admission and guided tours.

[tickets.bmw-welt.com/en/date?type=museum\\_admission\\_bmw-welt](https://tickets.bmw-welt.com/en/date?type=museum_admission_bmw-welt)





# BMW EXPERIENCES.

BY TREVOR DEAN AND MATTHIAS NEUER.



## BMW Group Classic

The BMW Classic historic building in Moosacher Straße 66 is the home of BMW Club & Community Management. They have an extensive collection of BMW Group cars and motorcycles.

It is not open to the public, but BCCM will sometimes be able to offer a tour of the BMW collection for BMW club members, depending upon their work or travel commitments.

The workshop areas where BMW Classic undertakes extensive restoration of can be viewed through the glass doors. Please make contact at least one week in advance. [bmwgroup-classic.com/en/bmw-clubs/internationalcouncil.html](http://bmwgroup-classic.com/en/bmw-clubs/internationalcouncil.html)

BMW Classic also offers a group tour which is approximately one hour long.

[bmwgroup-classic.com/en/building/fuehrungen.html](http://bmwgroup-classic.com/en/building/fuehrungen.html)



## BMW Plant Tours

The BMW plant tour in Munich is approximately 2 hours in duration. The tours are fascinating and comprehensive. They show the manufacturing of a BMW car from the initial rolls of steel, stamping into parts, robotic welding of the chassis, painting, installation of motors/ E-engines, drive train, and interiors to the final product being test driven.

BCCM keeps a slot for a Group Guided Tour every Friday. Do not hesitate to contact BCCM. It makes sense to book at least 6 weeks ahead of your visit. To book a plant tour you need to contact: [infowelt@bmw-welt.com](mailto:infowelt@bmw-welt.com)

Information on the BMW Plant Tour Munich can be found at: [bmwgroup-werke.com/muenchen/en/our-plant/plant-tours.html](http://bmwgroup-werke.com/muenchen/en/our-plant/plant-tours.html)

View this link for information about factory tours in Munich, Berlin, Leipzig. and Oxford. [bmwgroup-werke.com/en/general/information-plant-tours.html](http://bmwgroup-werke.com/en/general/information-plant-tours.html)



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## BMW Car Rental

CARVIA is the proud partner of BMW Welt. You can easily rent a new BMW directly there or online.

Drive your favourite BMW at BMW Welt. Rent a BMW from 1 hour up to 7 days.

[carvia.com/bmw-welt-x-carvia-driven-by-freude/](https://carvia.com/bmw-welt-x-carvia-driven-by-freude/)

If you need a fleet of cars, please get in touch with BCCM.



## BMW M Driving Experience

BMW M Driving Experience offers a variety of options in various countries. Experience the thrill on the closed BMW Driving Experiences track in Maisach.

Ready for a driving adventure?  
Visit the following link:

<https://www.bmw-m.com/en/fastlane/driving-experience/academy-experience.html>

## Deutsches Museum

The Deutsches Museum is the world's largest museum of science and technology. It features 20 exhibitions ranging from aviation to chemistry and robotics. There are huge industrial engines, historical trams, trains and airplanes, with many hands-on stations.

It is well worth a visit. See:  
[deutsches-museum.de/en](https://www.deutsches-museum.de/en)

There are BMW displays including one of the few BMW 507's built and a BMW E38 750hL Hydrogen.

## Deutsches Museum Flugwerft Schleissheim

There is also a separate aircraft museum called Deutsches Museum Flugwerft Schleissheim which has 70 flying exhibits as well as engines and models to tell the history of aviation in huge aircraft hangers.

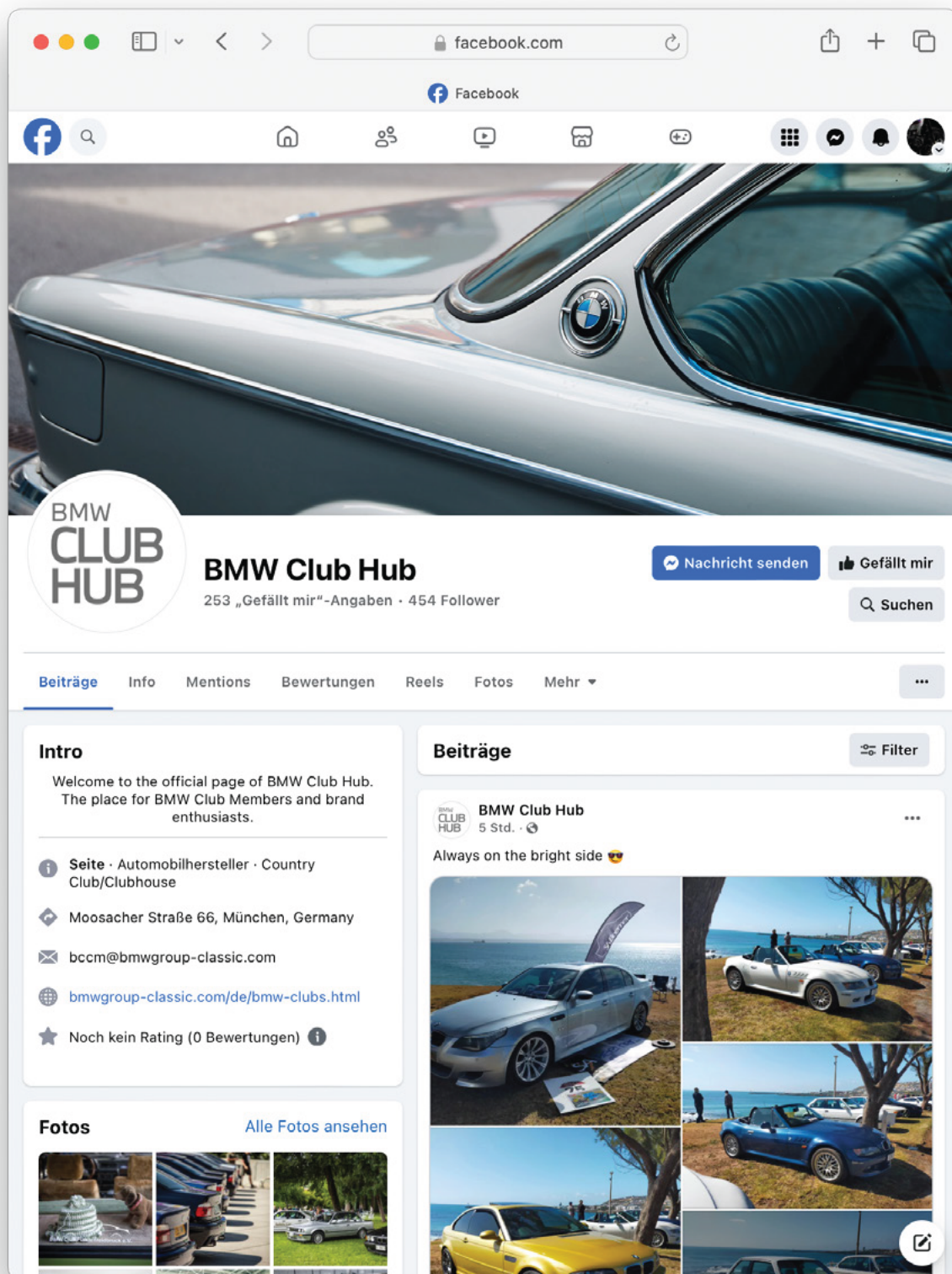
See the BMW 803 Radial aircraft engine.  
[deutsches-museum.de/flugwerft-schleissheim](https://www.deutsches-museum.de/flugwerft-schleissheim)





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# BMW CLUBS INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL. CALENDAR.



We at BMW Club & Community Management love to meet up with the community! That's why we are organising events for you, with some coming up soon. We will be happy to welcome you there!

## DATE.

## EVENT.

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|----------------------|--|
| 05–08 September 2025 | BMW Clubs International Council Meeting - Munich                         |
| 09–14 September 2025 | IAA Mobility Munich in Munich  |
| 03–05 October 2025   | BMW Motorrad Days Americas, Barber Motorsports Park, Birmingham, Alabama |
| 11–13 October 2025   | BMW Classic Car Club of America 40th Anniversary Tour, Greenville USA    |
| 18–25 October 2025   | AGM BMW Clubs LAF, Merida, Mexico  |
| 23–26 October 2025   | Auto e Moto d'Epoca Bologna, Italy                                       |
| 07–09 November 2025  | Retro Classics Bavaria, Nürnberg   |
| 15 November 2025     | Funding requests due at BCCM   |
| 09–13 December 2025  | BCIC Virtual Council Meeting   |
| 31 January 2026      | Friend of the Marque and Knöchlein Award nominations due at BCCM         |
| 31 January 2026      | BMW Club of the Year award nominations due at BCCM                       |
| 11–13 June 2026      | BMW MOA National Rally, Essex Junction, Vermont                          |



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