

# D R I V I N G L I G H T

BMW Car Club  
of America  
Buckeye Chapter



News, Views and  
BMW Stuff to Do

WINTER 2018-19



**W**elcome to the Winter edition of the *Driving Light*! As we enter into these colder months, we are never quite sure what Ohio's weather may bring. Last year we saw ample snow showers up through the start of spring. I learned the importance of getting enough momentum in my little rear-wheel-drive 1-series to make it up snowy hills (because otherwise you might make it part of the way before you come back down). Whatever challenges it may bring, we Buckeyes are up for it... although a BMW SAV like the new X7 is starting to sound enticing. Don't let the snow hold you back this winter. There are plenty of activities going on throughout the Buckeye Chapter, so take a look at some of the information in this edition to see upcoming events and BMW things to do.

Looking for something to do close to home this winter? Each Area of the Buckeye Chapter is very active, hosting monthly social gatherings for food, beverage, and enthusiast activities at venues throughout the region.

This fall the Columbus Area sponsored a drive through the beautiful fall colors of Hocking Hills. Many of our members drove the winding roads, and it was a fun experience in which to participate.

The Dayton Area met at D&D Restorations in Covington, Ohio, to see the latest projects underway, including some beautiful historic cars. This year we have visited a wider variety of venues for our social events. Local dealerships such as Jake Sweeney BMW and Voss Village BMW are also kindly hosting events in their showrooms that give our members insight into the latest BMW models. Food is often provided at the dealership, and a car is available to test drive. It is a great way to keep up with the latest technology and, if you are in the market for a new car, to learn about the car that is right for you. The BMW CCA now offers more benefits on car purchases from BMW centers than ever before. For example, if you purchase a 3-year membership package, there is an instant rebate available for cars purchased from a dealership. This is a good opportunity to stay connected with your fellow car buffs and get the car of your dreams. More details are available on the BMW CCA's national website.

This past fall, some of our members also had the opportunity to participate as instructors in the Tire Rack Street Survival held in Columbus. The Street Survival school is a safe teen driving program, designed to go beyond today's antiquated high-school driver education programs. The primary emphasis of the Tire Rack Street Survival program is a hands-on driving experience in real-world situations.

Students use their own car to learn its handling limits and how to control it. They become more observant of traffic situations they find themselves in and will learn to look far enough ahead to anticipate the unwise actions of other drivers. As students master the application of physics to drive their cars, they will make fewer unwise driving actions themselves.

Last year, the Buckeye Chapter had the privilege of donating \$5,000 to the BMW CCA Foundation, which manages the Street Survival program. Funds were raised by devoted individuals in the chapter, who organized schools and volunteered as instructors. If you would like to volunteer or support this cause, please contact our Tire Rack Street Survival ambassador, Jaynee Beechuk. This program is important to our members, and we are excited to help support future schools.

As an extra perk for our donation to the BMW CCA Foundation, Erik Wensberg, former manager of the



*Left: TRSS students learning how little a semi truck can see.*

*Right: An airbag is triggered to show the power. Vapor trail is from a water bottle placed on top of it, which flew forty feet in the air!*



M brand at BMW, will be the featured speaker at the Holiday Party! Erik was responsible for saving many of the race cars BMW now takes to events, and he is a fascinating and fun encyclopedia of BMW history. We also received some

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# *Holiday Party*

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swag to hand out to attendees during the evening, including an exclusive Heroes of Bavaria book, a BMW racing poster signed by 20 drivers, a free pass to a BMW CCA performance driving school, and last but not least, a free pass to the M School at the BMW Performance Center!. Historic BMW cars will be on display from Lance White's collection, and food will be provided. This event is not to be missed! Be sure to mark your calendars!

What would you like to do this winter? You can see what's happening across the Buckeye Chapter by visiting our website or joining our Facebook page. Some big improvements have been made to our website so that we can better serve our valued members. The site is kept up-to-date with upcoming events, tales of adventures from our members and their cars, and BMW news. You can even get the scoop on the new 2019 BMW 3-series and see some early photos. The calendar and newsfeed keep you current with local, club-wide, and BMW CCA national events. Find out what's happening in your neck of the woods near Toledo, Columbus, Dayton, or Cincinnati. Safe travels. ■



# Triple Treat



*There are times when a busy guy who's still working, and not independently wealthy, daydreams about indulging in more vintage BMW events and owning "a few more" classic BMWs. That is when reality steps in to remind me that it is just not practical. Wait. Be patient. Be thankful.*

*After all, I have managed to have several fine adventures in a short space of time without breaking the bank. During one two-week period in October, I enjoyed three unforgettable classic car excursions, culminating in the Fall 2018 Texas 02berfest Rally. I stand as living proof that you can savor all this fellowship, fun and spectacular scenery without depleting the kids' college accounts.*

First I went on the Buckeye BMW CCA Hocking Hills Driving Tour, an annual excursion led by Mark and Christy Borror. We meet in Laurelville, Ohio at 10 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 21. I like to get there early every year in order to eat breakfast at the Ridge Inn Restaurant, justly famous for its freshly-made glazed donuts. Across the street is the Laurelville Fruit Company, known for its tasty cider and a wide variety of locally grown apples. We gather on the lot next to the fruit building, exchanging greetings as we admire the various cars: an M6, an E46 M3, a 540i, a 1 series coupe, a 435 cabriolet, an E36 325i, an M4, a Z3 roadster, a Z3M roadster, an X3, a Mini, a '74 3.0 CSI coupe and a '73 2002 (mine). I am eager to drive my '02 this time after having driven my 2014 Mini Cooper the two previous years.

It is cool, cloudy and damp as we crawl out of Laurelville, allowing everyone to form a single file. We pick up momentum as the surroundings become more rural and mostly free of traffic. The fall colors are beginning to peak as we motor through New Plymouth, McArthur and Zaleski, en route to the Lake Hope Lodge. Though my '02 has the lowest horsepower rating in the group, I manage to make quick gains in the curves, using my car's momentum and lightly applying the brake pedal.



*Left and above: Parking lot pow-wow before heading out*



At the lodge, we enjoy a buffet lunch featuring barbecue beef brisket, hash brown potatoes, cobbler and the kinds of foods your grandmother used to make. We linger on the parking lot in the brilliant sunlight, talking and taking photos of our carefully arranged cars. It is satisfying to stand face to face with someone I have "met" online. I find out that two of the participants own 2002s, so naturally I invite them to join the River-town Gearbusters (RGB), a 2002-centered group, with owners living in Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky and beyond.

We mount up once again, refreshed and eager to hit the twisty back roads in and around Hocking Hills State Park. The scenery becomes even more spectacular as we pass rental cabins, camp grounds, B&Bs and the caves that are a key attraction of the park. Eventually we reach State Route 33, which signals the end of our drive. By some small miracle, I am reunited there with Dohn Roush at the end of the 107-mile drive, having been separated by slow traffic a good while earlier (*actually it was a camping trailer, and he was emptying his water tank as he drove.* - ed.)

After waving a few quick goodbyes, I follow Dohn in his '74 Schwarz 3.0 CSI coupe on our way back to Dayton.

*Below: Many and varied are we.  
Bottom: Hocking Hills' most wanted...*



*Next on my classic car calendar:* the Dayton area BMW CCA trip to D&D Classic Automobile Restoration in Covington, Ohio, on Tuesday, October 23, 2018. I had missed a previous tour of this shop, and I was determined not to miss out once again. It is a pleasant, though somewhat blinding, sun-drenched drive from my home in Kettering to Covington. Once there, we are given free rein to look around as people trickle into the building.



Mike is our guide and he is full of interesting back stories about each car on display. What an assortment it is, too: a 1937 Cord convertible, a 1947 Anglia coupe, a 1941 Lincoln, a Steyr Glasser 220 roadster (one of six built, one of two remaining), a 1959 OSCA prototype, body by Michelotti (one of one), a 1928 Isotta Fraschini Tipo 8ASS and a 1974 Alfa Romeo GTV. I am nearly ignoring a few muscle cars and a classic pickup truck, but I just can't take in everything. Some of the cars that have been restored in Mike's shop have won awards at the Pebble Beach Concours and other prestigious car shows. Mike's stories are fascinating and we find it difficult to break it off. Luckily he accepts our invitation to come along with the group to Buffalo Jack's bar and restaurant nearby. The décor is Wild West in flavor, including a stuffed bear in the entry way. There are numerous old-time curiosities scattered throughout the restaurant. After our late meal and lively conversation, we head off on our separate drives home. The sun has gone down, the temperature has plummeted and a huge moon lights the way. *(continued)*

*Fron top: 1928 Isotta Fraschini; Steyr Glasser 220; our group tuned in to Mike; 1959 OSCA prototype engine bay*



# Triple Treat

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*If that was not enough*, on Wednesday, October 24, 2018, I fly to Austin, Texas, for the Fall 2018 Texas 02berfest Rally. I arrive at the Austin airport in the early evening and I am greeted by my friend, Barney Toler. We had met several years earlier at MidAmerica 02 Fest in Eureka Springs, Arkansas. We met because of the '72 Golf 2002 that he had just finished restoring. This '02 grabbed my full attention; we had to become friends! That '02 is a clone of the one that my Dad owned in the 1970s; the BMW that I had bonded with....

Wow. Anyhow, Barney and I motor over to Jardin Del Rey Restaurant in Leander to enjoy some Mexican food with his wonderful wife, Tori. After dinner, I am given a tour of the home that Barney designed and built in 2002 (a coincidence?). It is the epitome of gracious living in the Texas Hill Country. I feel very welcome and immediately at home.

### *Here are a few highlights from my trip to Texas:*

**Thursday, October 25, 2018:** This morning, after a leisurely homemade breakfast, we look at the BMWs in Barney's workshop: a '74 Fjord Baur Targa 2002, an automatic '74 Turkis 2002 (Tori's car), a '73 Riviera 2002 and a '67 Granada 2000 CS coupe owned by his friend, Ed Zinsmeyer, who is another local 2002 owner. Barney has restored a number of 02s including the above-mentioned Golf 2002, now owned by his younger son, Ellis, and the '74 Granada 2002 owned by his elder son, Kane. That doesn't include his latest project, the '73 2002 tii that was once Sahara, then Malaga and is soon to be Inka. My friend Karl Hendrickson had owned the tii for a number of years, so I knew it was in good working order when I recommended that Barney purchase it for his latest project.

Next I drive the Turkis '02, following Barney and Tori in their Targa Baur to Austin for a group meet-up at Terry Sayther Automotive. Terry and his wife, Debbie Stuart, are well-known and well-respected members of the classic BMW community. They lead this event, the seventh annual rally in Fredericksburg, Texas, and the surrounding hill country. I see a bit of Austin on our drive to Terry's shop. There is evidence of rapid growth and prosperity with numerous high-rise buildings and quite a few cranes looming over busy construction sites.

We dine at June's All Day Restaurant along trendy Congress Boulevard before meeting the others at the shop. I check out the various cars in the shop, but soon it's time to line up for the drive to Fredericksburg. A personal highlight was a low water crossing at a large dip in the road. Each car made quite a splash as it crossed over the stream.

After passing many ranches and impressive country homes, we arrive at the Peachtree Inn and Suites. I had booked a room at the nearby Dietzel Motel. Both places are quaint, old-fashioned motel courts that are well-maintained and reminded us of vacations from our youth. We linger in the courtyard of the Peachtree Inn to talk and to get acquainted. Dinner at the Crossroads Saloon and Steakhouse on Main Street in Fredericksburg capped off a lovely day. Afterward, I stroll along Main Street, checking out the shops, the bars and restaurants, getting a feel for this fascinating small town that was founded by hopeful, determined German immigrants in the 1840s.





**Friday, October 26, 2018:** We start with breakfast at the Old German Bakery. I rediscover what Dad used to call German “long pancakes,” which are crepe-like, and I enjoy a side of Opa’s sausage. I was thrilled and overstuffed. I join Barney, Tori and others for a tour of the Pioneer Museum. We learn of the early settlers who endured countless hardships in establishing a new life and a new community in a land that was still very remote. An early home/general store, a barn, a smokehouse, a blacksmith shop, a windmill and the White Oak School are featured exhibits. On Tori’s wise recommendation, we drove out to Hilmy Cellars that afternoon for a very satisfying wine tasting. Their Rose, Malbec and Politics and Religion blend are all standouts. I ordered four bottles to be shipped home.

**Saturday, October 27, 2018:** We meet in the semi-darkness at the Peachtree Inn courtyard and drive to the local airport, arranging our O2s for a photo op before breakfast in the Airport Diner that gave us a very good view of the planes taking off and landing. As we begin our featured drive, we pass by fancy resorts, summer camps, ranches and impressive estates.

During this stage of the drive, our 17-car caravan passes over the beautiful Guadalupe River a number of times. We manage to keep our single-file group together all the way to Leakey, where we take lunch at the Mill Creek Cafe.

Around this time we are seeing about as many motorcycles as cars. Many of the motorbikers are friendly, so we wave as we pass each other. As we drive along we see many Longhorn cattle, sheep, goats, antelope, armadillos, vultures and hawks. I am surprised by the beautiful swarms of Monarch butterflies especially prevalent up in the hills. We can see olive groves, vineyards and impressive gateways leading to many ranches.

We happen upon the preliminary stages of the Homecoming Parade in Medina, Texas. I am sure the crowd gathered along the road isn’t expecting so many

odd-looking classic German cars to crash their parade.

The roads are challenging, the weather glorious and the scenery spectacular, especially the broad panoramic view off to our right as we drove the ridge line along a series of tall hills. The steady climb up into the hills is matched by the fun of winding our way down into the valley below.

We cover 100 miles on this rally. At one point we stop for a photo opportunity at a dramatic lazy S curve that showed off our BMWs as well as the low country, the streams and the open fields. It’s one of the most memorable moments from a memorable day.

Before dinner, we check out a collection of rusty, derelict Chryslers, DeSotos, Dodges and Plymouths parked behind the old Crenwelle Chrysler-Plymouth dealership. They sit there waiting patiently, silently, forlornly. I heard later the cars are not for sale, captives of an eccentric hoarder.

That evening we have a pizza party at the Peachtree Inn courtesy of Terry and Debbie, which was greatly appreciated. We’re also thankful for the event T-shirts that each participant received, thanks again to our kind leaders.

There is so much to see in Fredericksburg. Still on my list: the LBJ Ranch and Museum, the Admiral Nimitz Museum, the National Museum of the Pacific



War, the Vereins Kirche Museum, the Altstadt Brewery and Fort Martin Scott. It seems as though I will need to return, but next time with my wife, Mary. There are plenty of women on the rally and quite a few interesting things to do and see.

This event is now a happy memory and a nice set of photographs. I am fortunate to count the Texas BMW owners as my new friends. Despite working “those crazy shifts,” as Mike Self likes to say, I managed to enjoy several vintage car experiences that are not only very rewarding, but economically viable and achievable in today’s fast-paced world. A chance to unwind and relax with friends both familiar and new is simply the best. ■

**Season's Greetings!** Hopefully all of everyone's seasons have gone well so far this year, and will, for what little remains of 2018. Since my time's been disappearing faster than turkey on Thanksgiving and our tireless newsletter Editor is past tired of waiting for me to get him a column, it's time to get this going! The beginning of the fall season found us gathering for our September meeting at Zakira's Garage in Fairfax. No typical garage this is though, if you've never been there. Aside from always having some interesting smattering of vehicles around, their specialty is full-scale restoration, fabrication, machine-shop, and servicing with the highest quality and craftsmanship on classic and vintage vehicles that date back to the turn of the last century. Under new ownership this year and willing to showcase what all they're capable of, they were gracious enough to invite us in and host us for a meeting. Since they're right next door to one of our regular haunts, Mac's Pizza, it was a simple matter to have Mac's cater over some of their great pizza and other chow for us, all of which was, as usual, delicious. We had a great turnout, it was great seeing everyone and everything in the shop, and many thanks to the gang there for a great night! Check 'em out at Zakiras.com!

Before we could get to our October meeting though, our fall teen driver education Street Survival event was on the calendar. With our early fall being unseasonably warm, it turned out to be a hot day, upper 80's, maybe even hit the 90's! Despite the heat, all went well, and wrapped with another group of young drivers

better-equipped to handle potential problems out there on the road - many thanks to all who pitched-in to make it happen! Some additional thanks are also due to member Sue Kaesemeyer for running down from Middletown and helping out on a very hot day - thanks Sue, much appreciated!

It was back to Mac's for our October meeting, again with a good turnout and delish pizza. Our chapter treasurer, Tanya Carter, also took time to share details of her overseas travels a couple months prior, which included driving the Nurburgring, chilling

with Sabine, and, well, you get the idea... mucho bucket-list kinda awesomeness! Thank you, Tanya!

Fall apparently wasn't destined to hold itself back forever though - by the time we got to our November meeting... brrrr and yikes! Tim Gabbard, service manager at The BMW Store, generously hosted us in the upstairs of the Mini showroom area, while doing double-duty as grillmaster. That might not sound like a big deal, except, the grill was outside and temps were dropping to near freezing in advance of a weather front bringing a sleet and snow mix with it, so Tim was most gracious indeed to suffer the cold while grilling. Everything came out great though, and our thanks to Tim, The BMW Store, and Mini for having us! Tim has been very supportive of the club this year, and relayed some additional details notable for 'CCA members since our April meeting. In addition to changing the previous 15% club member discount on both parts and labor to a full discount vs. the previous max discount cap of \$200, the parts price discount is now also on the list price, whatever that may be - point being, for club members, they're forgoing any additional markup they may have. Tim is also now offering price-matching on service quotes, so don't be afraid to take advantage of that too - our thanks again to Tim for all his support, much appreciated! Remember to take your BMW CCA membership card with you if your club membership isn't already on record in their system; you can download a .pdf of your membership card (and then print it out if desired) directly off the club's national site, BMWCCA.org.

No December meeting for the Cincinnati Area, which makes 2018 a wrap; I hope everyone enjoyed our meetings and events this year! Jumping into next year, be on the lookout for an email about the January holiday party at Lance's - as if it weren't a special-enough opportunity to see his standout collection, this time Erik Wensberg, former BMW M-Brand Manager during the heady years of BMW's racing successes in the E36 M3 era, will be our guest speaker. Before that comes up though, we'll have our first area meeting of the year, the main agenda item, aside from food, drink, and catching-up after the holidays, being area elections. Stay tuned for an email on that and on our Facebook page as well. In the meantime, happy holidays and happy New Year's wishes as well! ■



**C** **It's been** an incredibly busy summer, and last minute has been the norm for me over the last month. I'm writing this update, behind schedule, on Thanksgiving eve, with a house full of family. Most notable this quarter, we had a very successful Hocking Hills Driving Tour in October (see Jim Denker's article in this issue). Over 25 cars and 35+ Buckeye members participated in this year's drive. The weather was perfect, and so were the roads around Hocking Hills. The Lake Hope State Park Lodge did a great job of accommodating everyone for their Sunday Brunch. Next year, we'll certainly plan on more participants, better maps, and also try to have a reserved room for brunch at the lodge.

While we have received a few very promising activity suggestions this fall, we've unfortunately not been able to get new things off the ground, other than the monthly meetings. I want to thank the Columbus members for their suggestions and enthusiasm and apologize for not being able to do more this Fall.

Next year, I plan on passing the Columbus Governor's torch in January to a yet unsuspecting Columbus member who would be willing drive activities *con forza* for the Columbus members. I will continue to serve as the Chapter's Webmaster, and actively assist planning club events, as I do very much enjoy the camaraderie the club provides. Now, I need to go brine the turkey.

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy New Year, and Best Wishes in 2019. Drive safe! ■

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**We have all** experienced an optical illusion, as in M.C. Escher's famous graphic images. Now there is a phenomenon called a "temporal illusion". It is the term used to describe the feeling most of us have that time speeds up as we age. This year is certainly living up to that illusion for me. 2018 is nearly gone, and any wasted time is not coming back. Our area has been very busy this year, and a recap of the year shows that we visited several restaurants for our meetings rather than settle on the same place every time. "Variety is the spice of life" definitely applies here. There were a lot of opportunities to participate in club activities, here are some of the chapter and area highlights from 2018.

**February:** The Holiday Party at Amber Rose Restaurant in Dayton. We had a great turnout with good food, good drinks, and good company. A great way to start the year.

**May:** So many choices, as Spring was in full bloom. The IMSA race was at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course. Many of our members both viewed as spectators and as volunteers, helping with the BMW Car Corral. Everyone I talked with enjoyed the weekend.

Our local highway cleanup was very well attended. This is our annual community service event. I think the donuts were a hit. (continued)

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# Dayton area news tom

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Dohn and Marsha Roush graciously hosted the Spring Kickoff Party at their home. This is such a relaxing social event, we really look forward to coming.

Our chapter toured the Packard Museum in Dayton accompanied by two very knowledgeable docents. The cars cover the nearly 50 years of Packard production and the museum itself was once a Packard dealership.

**June:** Our local meeting was at Voss Village BMW. We were introduced to the new X4, and met some of the new faces at the dealership.

**July:** Many of our members made the trip to Octoberfest at Pittsburgh and also attended the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix, where the BMW 2002 was the feature marque. This coincided with the 50th anniversary of the introduction of the 2002.

**August:** The days were hot, but so were the lap times at the Buckeye Chapter Drivers School at Mid-Ohio. This annual event teaches car control and how to safely learn to “drive the line” at the same track the pros race. If you love driving your BMW, you should give it a try.

We also had a good turnout of member cars for the Cars & Coffee event at Austin Landing. This event attracts an eclectic mix of cars from all over southwest Ohio.

**September:** The start of Fall brought our second meeting at Voss Village BMW. The topic of the night was BMW’s interest in the electric auto segment of the industry. Personally, sitting in brand new BMWs never gets old.

**October:** We visited D & D Restorations in Covington, Ohio. Mike, the manager, provided us with a great tour of their facilities. Their skill and attention to detail has allowed them to win awards at some of the most prestigious concours in America.

Please join us for our social meetings and events. We are

always open to suggestions on Chapter events or meeting venues. As always, please contact us if you are not receiving our monthly meeting reminder.

Finally, we want to thank all of you, our Dayton Area members, for coming to meetings and making this group so interesting and enjoyable. ■



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**Toledoans:** Here I am again, in the middle of an ocean. I feel like Magellan, Drake, or Cook, except for the ambience of cruise ship amenities, shore excursions and enrichment lectures about espionage during the Cold War, CIA, NSA, computer security, and intrepid explorers.

Speaking for myself it was a wild summer and early Fall. It's been years since I attended O'Fest, but this year it happened in Pittsburgh. The bonus was partnering with the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix races in picturesque Schenley park. All the senses were stimulated. It's not just for car enthusiasts, but for kids of all genders and ages. As a member, you owe it to yourself to attend. Start planning now, because next year it will be hosted in South Carolina, at the BMW Manufacturing Facility near Greenville, in October. With any luck the BMW Foundation will put on a good show, too.

Now is the time to begin thinking about elections! I mean Club election of officers. It's an annual privilege to vote for officers to guide the direction of the Buckeye Chapter of the BMW CCA. The Buckeye Chapter is subdivided into four areas, of which Toledo is one, with about 100 members in the geographical area within about 1-1/2 hours drive from Toledo. Two positions are available: Governor and Vice-Governor. Change is good, and necessary to stay current with member interests and needs.

Area meetings are the second Tuesday of every month, at Tekela restaurant in Perrysburg, beginning at 4:30 PM. Put it in your diary, planner, or calendar for future reference, and join your fellow members. Feel free to bring along your spouse or designated significant other of choice. I'll see you there in December. ■

As a result of a great idea from Jim Denker, this issue of the *Driving Light* is introducing a new column, *My BMW*. This is the place to tell your fellow chapter members about your newest BMW, your favorite BMW, your most modified BMW; basically any BMW you own that you'd like to share. This is what we are all about, so tell us your own special story.

**BMW 3.0cs** My new old car story does not start with the purchase of my 1973 CS, but with selling a 1972 2002 tii. I purchased my tii a long time ago as a project car. It was just a shell, bought because I had another tii that had gotten too rusty to drive. But life happened, and my project was put on the back burner.

About four years ago I retired and was finally able to get to some projects that I never had time to do. It was time for my project. The shell was a very early VIN and had been off the road for a very long time and was in very good shape. It was in too good of shape to just put it back together with a mediocre job. It needed a complete restoration; something I did not want to do. So I decided to sell the tii and find something that was a little more complete, maybe in the spring of 2019.

Well, I had a little bit of money from the sale of my tii, and while browsing Facebook I came upon a ad for what would become my 1973 CS 3.0. This car has always been on my bucket list, and it was local. I took a drive past it while I was doing some errands. Very nice. Seemed in good shape,



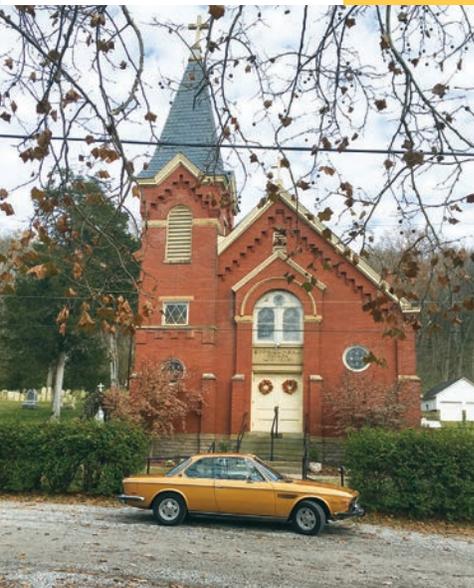
and I loved the Ceylon color. I only spent a few minutes looking at the car, but decided I would come back later that day and look a little closer. I was all-in on this car.

I knew buying the car with my heart was not the best idea. Time to get an PPI. I contacted George Theilen of MobileInspection.com. The inspection went well, and I was able to satisfy myself that I was thinking with my head as well as my heart. With a short list of issues found I made an offer, it was accepted, and I drove the car home on the Friday after Thanksgiving. My best Black Friday purchase ever! There was a threat of rain the day I got it, but I got to go for a wonderful drive two days later.

Now that the car is mine, and most likely put away for the season, I am making a list of the little things to do over the winter. The grill on the driver's fender; the stickers under those grills; marker light bulb; just minor stuff. Nothing big, and the list should be almost done by the time Spring 2019 rolls around and I'll have time to enjoy the car. ■



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