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Colleen Sheehan

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Jim & Mary True*

1934 315/1
Dirk de Groen*

1936 319 Roadster
Manny Carter*

1937 328
Dirk de Groen*

1939 327/28 Coupe
Manfred Scharmach

1939 321 Cabriolet
Lance White*

1940 327/28 Cabrio
Rick Meinig*

1940 335 Cabriolet
Karra Canum

1951 EMW 340
Smith Family*

1952 EMW 321 Coupe
Rachelle & Henry Grady*

1957 Isotta
Classic BMW*

1958 502 Cabriolet
Lothar Schuetler*

1958 503 Cabriolet
Karra Canum

1958 507
Mouse Motors

1959 503 Coupe
BMW NA*

1959 600
David Lowen*

1960 700 Sport
Steve Walker*

1960 502 Sedan
Alf Gebhardt

1965 3200 CS
Kevin Wahlen*

MOTORCYCLES

1927 R47
BMW NA*

1929 R2
Jeff Lane*

1938 R51 Race
John Landstrom

1943 R75
Jack Wells

1949 R24
Jack Wells

*denotes BMW Classic CCA member

GENESIS: BMW from the Beginning



Classic BMWs have arrived at the Foundation museum and are ready to be photographed and placed in position for GENESIS.

Opening May 15, 2020, "GENESIS: BMW from the Beginning" will exhibit twenty significant cars and four equally compelling motorcycles at the BMW CCA Foundation museum in Greer, South Carolina.

The exhibit tells the story of BMW's early history as a maker of airplane engines during World War I, through its expansion into motorcycle and automobile production in the 1920s. With informative kiosks and fascinating vintage photography, the exhibit will guide visitors through five decades of BMW history. GENESIS will

illuminate the company's technical innovations as well as its role in supplying the German military through two world wars, and its re-emergence as a peacetime mobility company in the aftermath of World War II. The automobiles on display include several of which there is only one example in the US.

Produced with sponsorship from The Werk Shop, Classic BMW of Plano TX, CocoMats, and Yokohama Tires, GENESIS will assemble the largest collection of pre- and early post-war BMW automobiles and motorcycles ever seen in North America.

BMW CCA Foundation

190 Manatee Court, Greer, SC 29651
From May 15 through January 2021.

Hours are Monday through Saturday from 9 to 5, closed on major holidays.
For information, visit www.bmwccafoundation.org or call (864) 329-1919.

The incredible 1940 BMW 335 four-door Cabriolet restored to its current condition by the late Bill Young, and now owned by Karra Canum of San Jose, California.

A prototype of the 3.5 liter, 90 HP BMW 335 in sedan form was first shown at the October 1938 London Motor Show at Earls Court. The 335 Cabriolet followed in 1940, when it was introduced at an Automobil Show in Plovdiv, Bulgaria. A total of 415 models 335 were produced in Eisenach between 1939 and 1941, when production ceased due to military production priorities dictated by the Nazi government in Berlin.

This four door Cabriolet had spent many years in the collection of Bob Sorsten in California. In 2005 the car was acquired by Bill Young from a British dealer, and sent directly to the Joseph Freudenberger shop in Eggenfelden, Bavaria for a ground-up restoration.



The restoration was completed in the summer of 2007. The car was shipped to Colorado, where it arrived late on August 31, just in time to be presented at the inaugural September 1-2, 2007 Rocky Mountain Concours d'Elegance at the Broadmoor Resort in Colorado Springs, where it received the

2007 Team Concours Award.

At its next showing, at the 2011 Hilton Head Concours d'Elegance, the Cabriolet was one of 12 BMW Vintage & Classic CCA owned entries to be recognized, and received the Palmetto Award.



Steve Walker 700 Sport

I have enjoyed racing my 700 Sport up and down the West Coast. It came with an original Willie Martini engine which we rebuilt only to have it break a connecting rod during its first race. We are rebuilding the engine again and hope to get it back on track this year. The car has arrived in Greer and is getting all dressed up for the ball. Unfortunately Mary and I will not be able to attend the opening. That is a very busy time for us here at the vineyard in Oregon. I did make a short video and posted it on my YouTube channel @NeueKlasseGuy.

- Steve Walker (Amity, OR)



Rick Meinig and his sons Erich and Peter and their 1940 BMW 327/28 received the "Favorite Family" award at a show in Colorado in 2010.

Emma

Did I actually see Emma glance at me for one more time as she was loaded in the carrier? Was she scared or excited? Did she understand the tears in my eyes were tears of joy knowing what a wonderful experience she would have? My little Fraulein is off for a 10 month adventure to the BMW CCA Foundation. Here she will meet her cousins - not siblings since she is the only EMW Coupe known to exist in the States.

Emma has been a star locally and nationally, having appeared in multiple publications and playing at her local car museum on Hutchinson Island, The Elliott Museum. She shined at Lake Mirror, Hilton Head, Amelia Island and at Ocean Reef in Key Largo to name a few. Don't get me wrong, I know she's an inanimate object, or maybe not?

Is it possible for a car to have a soul? Does it have to be spiritless? Can a car touch a human so deeply that a bond can be felt? It happened on day one, the first time headlights met eyes in 2008. I have



owned and loved dozens of cars over the years, but Emma was different. The mystery of her heritage, the red and white roundel, the expert craftsmanship, her pre-war stance, and her air of sophistication ... it was breathtaking. I knew I would own her by the end of the weekend.

Farwell my Princess. Yes, I was crying when you left for Genesis, a once in a lifetime opportunity to help tell an important part of history. You can do it, Emma. Me? Not to worry. I should stop crying soon. Right!

— Rachele "Rocky" Grady



Manny Carter and his grandson Benjamin, now a freshman student at Auburn University.



1934 BMW 315/1 Sport

Robert and Margot Ilchmann from Kaufbeuren, Germany owned the 315/1 in the late 1950s and used it as their wedding car in 1960. They sold the roadster in 1962 and it hasn't been registered since.

Andreas Freudenberger did a frame-off restoration and the roadster is back in its original yellow and blue color scheme.

(See photos in the Amelia Island report on page 25.)

— Dirk de Groen



Three exhibitions for your bookshelf.

Your BMW CCA Foundation celebrates the marque with world-class exhibitions each year. In the last year, we hosted thousands of visitors, from 41 states and 30 nations!

These exhibitions are captured in award-winning books, researched and written by Jackie Jouret. They feature beautiful custom photography of each car, richly printed on heavy paperstock. They're also full of the history and personal stories that make the BMW world what it is.

Mark your calendars now for *GENESIS: BMW From the Beginning*, opening at the Foundation Museum in May 2020! It just may be the most comprehensive exhibition of early BMW automobiles ever staged in North America. Don't miss it.

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