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2021 Upcoming Events

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- February 5** - SoCalEights WrenchFest
Signal Hill, CA VP@BMWCCAE31.com
- March 3-6** - Amelia Island Concours
Amelia Island, FL ameliaconcours.com
- March 16-20** – Retro Classics 2022
Stuttgart, Germany <https://www.retro-classics.de/>
- March 27** – BC8s Cars & Coffee Breakfast Club
Tsawwassen, BC hchristoff850@telus.net
- April 21-24** – Sharkfest 2022
Chattanooga, TN bmwsharkfest.org
- April 24** – BC 8s Cars & Coffee Breakfast Club
Surrey, BC hchristoff850@telus.net
- May 6-8** – Motorworld Classics at Lake Constance
Friedrichshafen, Germany
<https://www.motorworld-classics-bodensee.de/>
- May 15** – BC8s Wrenchfest
Langley, BC wuffer@telus.net
- May-date TBD** – SoCalEights 10th Anniversary Party
Newport Beach, CA VP@BMWCCAE31.com



On the Cover: Daniel Wäschle's E31 playing in the snow in Germany

*By Henry Christoff
President, E31 Chapter*



Hello, E31 owners and enthusiasts! Happy New Year and best wishes for what we all hope will be a much improved year compared to 2020 and 2021! I think everyone is looking forward for this pandemic to go by the wayside and return to socializing at automotive events including local cars and coffee meets. As we continue with the Omicron variant of the Corona Virus, please continue to be safe out there.

Speaking of car events, check out the 2022 events listed on the E31 Chapter website and elsewhere in this newsletter. Note: The annual BMW CCA O'Fest has been scheduled for September 27-October 2nd in Palm Springs, CA – mark your calendars for this great event.

Like many of you, during these cold months I have been spending time in the garage working on a couple projects. Mostly these have been BMW E46 projects. Fortunately, my E31 has only needed detailing and nothing mechanical. Of course, I am keeping the old girl on a Battery Tender and on nice days take her out of the garage for some exercise. I got an interesting email recently from E31 owner Daniel Waschle of Germany. He sent along several photographs of his black E31 out of his garage and into the snow – one which is on the cover of this newsletter. Wow!

I just mentioned detailing my E31. I am probably the slowest person to pick up and adopt the latest cleaning and detailing tips and techniques. I'm basically old school when it comes to doing a "spa treatment" on my cars. For example I was probably the last car enthusiast on the planet to use clay on paint before polishing. A few months back, one of my Lexus car friends mentioned he was using ceramic products on his cars. I thought, ugh, another flash in the pan trend. Then one of my closest friends in Virginia (owns a genuine 2003 BMW 740iT M-Tech) told me he was using ceramic products with superior results on his cars and his extensive bike collection. OK, maybe not a flash in the pan trend if he using these products. So, late this past summer, I started using ceramic on my cars. Consider me now one of the converted! I love this stuff and the comments I receive about the shine on my cars is quite rewarding. Check it out – you can have it applied professionally or there are some neat do-it-yourself products from folks like Griot's and Meguiar's. TIP: Griot's offer a discount to club members. Use the BMW CCA website to order and get the discount.

BMW CCA National office would like to remind everyone to visit the BMW CCA website for event updates, BMW news, BMW Classifieds and other areas of the website. It's also the place where you can update your address information and email address as well as purchase some neat swag. It's easy to visit, and all that is needed is your BMW CCA club membership number and create a password. <https://www.bmwcca.org/>

The "E31 Motor T-Shirts" continue to be available in both short (\$14.95 each) and long-sleeve (\$17.95 each). Check the E31 Chapter Swag Site to order: <https://bmwccae31.qbstores.com/>

Enjoy this issue of The E31 News!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Christoff', written in a cursive style.

E31 Chapter News

E31 SoCalEights Holiday Celebration

by Fern Mora



On Sunday December 19th over 2 dozen SoCalEight members attended our Holiday Party for the 5th time at the Long Beach Yacht Club. As always it was great to get together especially during this time of COVID resections. Some new and some present members meet for the afternoon of great conversation, food, and camaraderie and a surprise that not all conversations were 8 related. We had wonderful weather clear and in the high 60s.



The location of the yacht club sits right at the entrance point of the Long Beach marina where we can watch the boats from the observation deck sail in and out it was extremely joyful. Many boats were covered with Christmas decorations and some seemed to have their pets along. At noon we sat to enjoy a specially prepared omelet bar along with many side dishes and a large fruit tray. The yacht club always puts on a great brunch.



After brunch and a bit more conversation we held our traditional BMW gift raffle donated by Sterling BMW in Newport Beach and 3 of our members. We also held a 50/50 drawing that is always a big hit. All proceeds go towards to help fund future events. We also gave our thanks to Tom Jacobsmeyer for his tenure in office as club Event Coordinator for the past 4+ years. He will be taking the vacant Treasure position which was vacated by Ron Powell who has moved to Indianapolis. We then welcomed Joe Howell as our new Event Coordinator and well get him up to speed with the help of Tom and myself. His first event to coordinate will be our Wrenchfest on February 5, 2022 at EF1 Motorsports in Signal Hill.

SoCalEights would like to wish all the BMWCCA E31 and SoCalEights members a great New Year and we hope to see many of you join us in 2022.



Fern Mora
SoCalEights President



E31 The 2022 BMW M760i – The Final V12

BMW North America Press Release

With the 2022 M760i, BMW will cease production of the V12.

The BMW 850 was one of the first BMW models to introduce the now famous modern V12 Naturally Aspirated engine.

Woodcliff Lake, NJ – January 18, 2022...In June 2022, BMW will produce the very last V12 engine ever to be fitted to a BMW series production road vehicle. To mark the occasion, BMW will offer The Final V12; a limited series of 12 vehicles for customers in the US. Based on the BMW M760i xDrive, these will be 12 of the last V12 BMW vehicles crafted for the US market and will be distinguished by unique badging, wheels, and a choice from the vast collection of exterior colors and upholstery offered by BMW Individual.

BMW introduced their first roadgoing V12 in 1987. The naturally-aspirated, five-liter M70 V12 engine featured single overhead camshafts, two valves per cylinder, and an innovative drive-by-wire electronic throttle. The effortless thrust produced by the 295 hp V12 was key to the original BMW 750iL becoming the standard by which all other luxury sedans of the time were measured.



Today, the V12 engine in The Final V12 displaces 6.6 liters and features BMW M TwinPower Turbo technology. Two mono-scroll turbochargers combine with infinitely variable valve control (Double VANOS and Valvetronic) and high-precision direct injection to produce 601 bhp between 5,500-6,500 rpm. This engine together with an 8-speed Sport Automatic transmission moves The Final V12 from 0-60 mph in a shattering 3.6 seconds.

Externally, The Final V12 will be discernable from other 7 Series models by a simple, bold “V12” icon at the rear. Special 20-inch Style 760M double-spoke light alloy wheels are uniquely painted the customer’s choice of either Window Grey or Jet Black, then burnished to reveal a dark silver surface highlight. The wheels surround formidable M Sport brakes with a choice of blue or black calipers.

Moving inside, threshold plates at each door sill are inscribed with “THE FINAL V12” as is a plate on the cover atop the almighty 12-cylinder engine. BMW Individual Piano Black Finish

trim surrounds the interior and features a console-mounted plaque commemorating the vehicle as “1 OF 12”. The Final V12 will be offered only in a fully-equipped configuration, including BMW’s Driving Assistance Professional Package, Luxury Rear Seating Package, Panoramic Sky Lounge LED Roof, Icon Adaptive LED Headlights with Laserlight, and Bowers & Wilkins Diamond Surround Sound Audio System. To make their vehicle a uniquely personal statement, customers may select from over eighty exterior colors and several tones of opulent Full Merino leather from BMW Individual.

Soon after the customer has taken delivery, they will receive a custom-built desk trophy to commemorate their specific vehicle, recognizing the special order paint, leather, and vehicle identification number as one of The Final V12 vehicles. With The Final V12, BMW has a unique opportunity to recognize and appreciate a group of enthusiasts who over the years have shown their enduring passion for the ultimate luxury sports sedan. In the coming days, clients with a long history of V12 7 Series ownership will be approached through their preferred BMW centers with an invitation to purchase the vehicle. Production will commence in June 2022, with deliveries expected in July.

Equipment and Specifications

The Final V12 includes the following exclusive content:

- 20-inch M Double-Spoke wheels, Style 760M in Window Grey or Jet Black with burnished accent on performance run-flat tires
- Center console-mounted plaque “THE FINAL V12” and “1 OF 12”
- Threshold plates “THE FINAL V12”
- Engine cover plaque “THE FINAL V12”
- “V12” badge replacing “M760i” badge on decklid
- Commemorative gift customized specifically for the customer’s vehicle

The Final V12 also includes the following notable equipment: Choice of any available BMW Individual paint color

- Choice of any available BMW Individual Full Merino leather tone
- BMW Individual Piano Black Finish interior trim
- M Sport brakes with black or blue calipers
- Driving Assistance Professional Package
- Luxury Rear Seating Package
- Panoramic Sky Lounge LED Roof
- Remote Control Parking
- Extended Shadowline Trim
- Bowers & Wilkins Diamond Surround Sound System
- Icon Adaptive LED Lights with Laserlight

E31 Food donation for the Ahrtaal, Germany

By Daniel Wäschle



8er Freunde

This report will not be about our 8er vehicles. It is about the helpfulness of our 8er community. I am glad to be able to write this report and I am very happy about our strong group.

In 2021 there was a huge flood disaster in the Ahr valley. The flood was over 2.80m high and destroyed a valley over 30km.



An incredible wave of help started in Germany. Thousands came to the Ahr valley to help with the reconstruction. All the helpers were organized by the "Helfershuttle". Here was the base where all the helpers were distributed to the Ahr Valley by buses. In the evenings all helpers got a dinner and spent the evenings together. The overnight stay was also provided free of charge by volunteer residents. Every week more than 2000 volunteers came to the valley.



All these helpers were given breakfast and lunch and also dinner by freelance cooks. This was all organized without financial help from the commune. All the food was donated, and eventually some food banks ran out of money to cook food.

Ahrtaal is located in Germany. For these food stations there was a call for donations on Facebook.



The 8er Freunde Orga Crew decided to start a donation campaign in the group. Throughout, all 8er drivers donated whatever possible. In the end, the 8-Series-Club donated 1000€. The call was also distributed in Facebook and in the forum as well as through Whatsapp. In the end we were able to get a sum of 3000€ together.

September 2021



8er Freunde **Spende an die Spendenaktion**
private Verpflegungsstellen im Ahrtaal
über 3000€

Im Namen des gesamten Ahrtaal's - Herzlichen Dank! Anja und Thomas

Folgende Personen haben die Aktion unterstützt

Daniel Wäschle	Maximilian Paul	Norbert Schenk	Franz Reinhardt	Freimut Class
Hans-Dieter Leibach	Jürgen Seifried	Florian Günster	Josef Kaiser	Dieter Rixinger
Stephan Schmidt	Rüdiger Thalg	Max Müller	Wolfgang Feiner	
Stefan Schwanz	Johannes Zahn	Edgar Yarbler	Thomas Ries	
	Mario Foppa-Tietz	Roland Weikländer	Schneemann	
	Alexander Blassi	Stefan Tietze	Thomas Engl	
	Serhat Tuncer	Wolfgang Hofmann	Martin Brügger	
	Oliver Mahl	Hans Auderer	Christof Brügger	
Niclas Pochert				



When the money was collected I drove to Ahrtahl for a week in September. Once there, the donation was handed over to the organization.



I was allowed to register us on the helper obelisk. The obelisks will forever remember the helpfulness of the people.

During my helpers mission I got to see a lot of the damage. It was horrible to see everywhere the damage caused by the flood. Tons of heavy bridges just collapsed and pushed away. Railroad draws hanging in the air because the ground was washed away. Whole houses were washed away. Many cars were washed into the streets of the cities. Meters of garbage and dirt was everywhere. Only through the countless helpers who volunteered to clean up everything were we able to clear the monumental task. If you can experience this directly, it is a great feeling and shows how the cooperation of the people is.



Before

After



Hotel for our Trip in 2022



Railway damage and bridge damage

I hope such a disaster will not come again so soon. My work has had a big impact on me, and I will never forget the week in the Ahr valley. Many thanks to all 8 series friends who have helped.



Daniel Wäschle

E31 8er Freunde visit to Racepark Meppen, Germany

By Daniel Wäschle



8er Freunde



We were one of the first to enter the arena. At the entrance there was a small photo shoot of all participants.

Our friends of 8er Freunde are connected in a Whatsapp group. One day a new member, Mario from Meppen, joined us and told us that in his area a large tuning meeting takes place at the Racepark Meppen. In the group there was a quick discussion and spontaneously 10 8 series drivers decided to plan on attending the meeting. Mario set up a hotel in Meppen and we all got a hotel room there. After word got out, it turned out completely different. Twenty two vehicles planned to be in Meppen.



Since we were very early to arrive, we got a great place to set up at the entrance. As always, it took quite a while until so many 8 cars were perfectly parked.



Mario's "Hotel Tiek" with his car and our group

The meeting point was on Friday evening in the hotel with Mario, who provided us with the best. We drove after a great breakfast in a convoy the short distance to the Racepark. Due to the Corona rules, everyone had to identify themselves at the entrance and show a negative Corona test, and entrance took a little time to go in.



Perfect 8 series car parking

We were able to talk a lot with each other the whole day. Also new 8er drivers had come to Meppen, and there was a lot to talk about. Mario from the hotel provided us with cool drinks. It was very sunny and the weather was very warm



There were programs all day at the event and time flew by. At noon a youngtimer drive was organized on the race track. All 8s cars drove together, and the event participants were very surprised to see all our cars.



In the evening before the event ended our group received a prize for the largest group. Jürgen from Hamburg picked up the award.



Before we drove back to the hotel for dinner, we had a final photo together. And again the time passed until the cars were placed perfectly. The result was great. Many came to take photos.



Then we drove relaxed back to the hotel where Mairo had prepared a great dinner. The group was together until late into the night and everyone had a wonderful time. Unfortunately we all got a sunburn due to the beautiful clear weather that day.



On Sunday, after breakfast, we took a trip to the old Transrapid test track. 20 years ago it was a figurehead of perfect future technology. Today it is a decaying eyesore.



We took a walk to the memorial and then the day was over for us. We all drove back to our homes. Stephan from Freiburg had a way of almost 800km home. My 8 arrived home after over 1600km over the weekend, around 11 o'clock in the night. It was an unforgettable weekend.

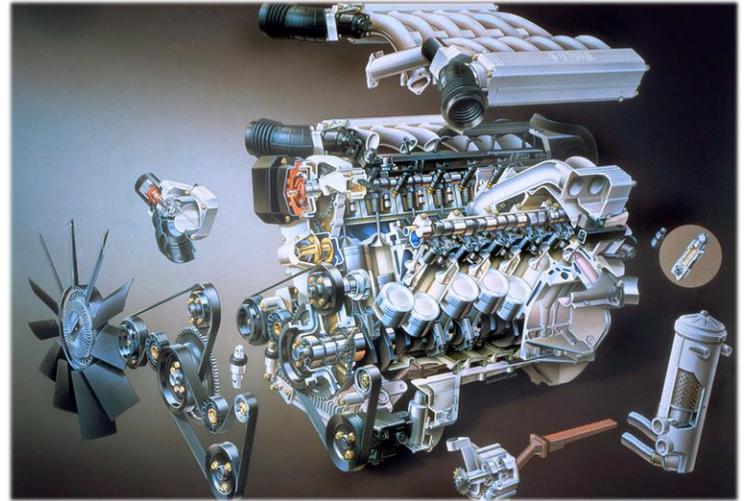
Cylinder arrangement on the BMW V12 engine – What belongs to the right and what to the left



With the V12 engine from BMW (M70, S70, M73), which was used in the 7 Series E32 and E38 as well as in the 8 Series BMW E31, the question arises for many mechanics and also for experts, what belongs to the right cylinder bank and what to the left? And how exactly are the cylinders counted – starting right / left, starting at the front / back? The article will point out some things and provide clarity on this matter. It is also of great importance to know the assignment for the correct evaluation of the diagnosis when reading out the error.



First of all, it is important to understand the definition that the right side of the vehicle is always considered in the direction of travel. This means for left-hand drive vehicles as is the case in Europe, on the right is the passenger side and on the left sits the driver. Seen in the direction of travel on the right, the wiper water tank sits in the engine compartment of the 8 Series, e.B. If you stand in front of the vehicle with the hood open, the right side of the car is to the left hand of the viewer.



How are the cylinders counted?

The cylinders are counted in the BMW V12 engine with Cyl. 1 starting from the front right. This means that cylinder 1 sits on the front passenger side directly on the radiator, cylinder 6 on the right on the windscreen, cylinder 7 on the front left on the radiator and cylinder 12 on the driver's side on the windscreen. This side assignment also applies to the two camshafts and ignition distributors.

But beware! Now to the special feature:

For the components of the intake tract, the above-mentioned page assignment does NOT apply! The intake bridges flow crossed into the respective cylinder banks, this is very important to know and take into account. Consequently, the intake bridge of the right side belongs to the left cylinder bank, also the throttle valve and air mass meter of the right side belong to the left cylinder bank (Cyl. 7-12). Conversely, of course, the left intake bridge belongs to the right cylinder bank (Cyl. 1-6).

V12

E31 Official 2021 E31 Chapter T-Shirts

The 2021 E31 Chapter T-shirt can be purchased at the E31 Chapter Queensboro store. Available in white in both short and long sleeve T-shirts, the new design features our official BMW CCA logo on the front, with the back featuring an outline of the E31 and models produced. Ordering will be available the middle of January, 2021. Pricing will be \$14.95 for M-XL, and 16.95 for

XXL. Long sleeves will be \$17.95 for M-XL, and \$19.95 for XXL. A new year brings new swag! Order yours today! Check out the BMWCCA E31 Chapter Apparel store for ordering information: <https://bmwcca31.qbstores.com>, and click on "Shop by Logo", then "Blank Items".



BMWCCA E31 Chapter has teamed up with the team at Queensboro Apparel so members may purchase E31 Apparel. Ordering is easy. Simply choose the item you want in what color you wish and place the order. The great people at Queensboro will fill the order, and ship it to you. It is that easy!



Be sure to visit our Chapter Apparel Website:

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for chapter apparel.

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Photo courtesy from the Australian Cruise 16

By Roger Wray
Editor, E31 NEWS

Just when we thought we were past all of those pesky speed bumps – bam! Omacron popped up, and like bad gasoline, sent us all back to the gas stations. I don't know about the rest of you...but enough of this already! Count me in as one of those fully vaccinated and boosted individuals who ended up getting COVID anyway. It was a mild case, thank goodness, but it still has a tendency to slow one down and make us stop for an unschedule pit stop!

2021 had many events cancelled, but just looking at our upcoming spring 2022 schedule one can see many events on the calendar. The board of directors is working hard to open up events, and spread the information. Many events are E31 Chapter events, while others piggy-back on regional events. Out west SoCalEights will be celebrating their 10th Anniversary, and plans are underway to enjoy a celebration. Both BC 8's and SoCalEights have wrenchfests and get togethers planned. Out east, Sharkfest in April is a combined event for BMW E9, 6 series E24s, and 8 series E31 BMW Big Coupes. Having attended this event in the past, it is a great time. Many east coasters are planning on attending. Unfortunately it looks like my 8 will still be in the restoration stages, so I don't know if I will be able to personally attend, but check out the date. Our European owners have events planned, so enjoy the new year with fellow 8 owners.

This edition of the E31 NEWS commemorates the end of BMW V12 engine production. The 7 and 8 series helped introduce the modern V12 in BMWs back in the late 80's/early 90's. It has been a long run for the smooth operating V12. With the end of V12 production, it may only enhance the values of V12 E31 8 series automobiles in the future.

This newsletter marks a bittersweet edition for me. I have notified the E31 Chapter Board of Directors that I will be stepping down as editor of the E31 News Newsletter effective February 1, 2022. In addition to being the E31 Chapter founding and past president, I have served as editor of our newsletter for you, the chapter members, over the past 8 years. It has been a great honor and privilege to serve the chapter as our newsletter editor, and I feel it is time to pass the baton to someone else. I will continue in my capacity as the International Liaison with other worldwide BMW E31 Clubs, and as a Regional Facilitator. Never fear – I will continue to remain very active in the club, and Marcia will still find me in the garage pattering on the CSI!

As I sign off my final newsletter, I want to reiterate what a great group we have. So, as I have closed with for the last 8 years, and one last time...always remember – it is the cars that bring us together, but it is the people that make us who we are. Have a great New Year!

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