



BMW Car Club
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E31 Chapter



--- The Voice of E31 Owners ---

March 2024 President's Update by Henry Christoff (hchristoff850@telus.net)

Greetings, E31 owners & enthusiasts!

The non-geographic M-Chapter is organizing a webinar with Hagerty Insurance hosting– “2024: State of the BMW Collector Car Market”. **Thursday, March 28th at 8PM Eastern Time**. This should be an interesting presentation. I've reach out to the webinar host asking to include our E31s (and not just the CSi models) in his presentation. Registration required. I've attached the link to register for the event. <https://www.motorsportreg.com/events/2024-state-of-collector-car-market-bmw-virtual-cca-m-255649>

E31 Chapter Website – Update: As mentioned previously, we are making slow progress on transitioning our E31 Chapter website to another hosting service. Stay tuned for updates!

In the mean time, if you are looking for previous issues of the **E31News**, they can be found on the **BC8s** website: <https://www.wuffer.ca/newsletters>

The **BMW E31 Factory Workshop Manual** can be found here: <http://mwrench.com/E31/index1.html>

E31News: The Spring Issue of the **E31News** is in the planning stages. Do you have a story or event report, photos of E31s- we want them for the next issue! The submission deadline is March 25th. Long or short stories/reports and photos are ALWAYS welcome!

Internal Combustion Engine and Our 8 Series Cars – Every week I see a news story about cutting carbon dioxide emissions and the demise of the internal combustion engine (ICE). There is some good news to report as work is ongoing in Europe to develop ICE fossil fuel alternatives. The **March, 2024** issue of **Classic & Sports Car** magazine, has an interesting report about this crucial issue to owners of cars that use gasoline – vintage, classic or otherwise. Porsche has an informative link: <https://dealer.porsche.com/ca/lauzon/en-CA/News-and-Events/Carburant-efuel>

E31 Chapter Membership Renewals- Last month we had eight folks renew their E31 Chapter memberships. Many thanks to you all: F.D. Baldrige, Martin Schanze, Mario Oblak, Karl Eppel, Al Gloddeck, Michael Asbury, Graydon Croft and Elisa Stutheit.

EVENT! **Southeast Sharkfest 2024**- The E31 Chapter will again provide sponsorship for the 2024 edition of Southeast Sharkfest. Come join other E31 owners and enthusiasts! The event date is rapidly approaching!

April 25-27, Richmond, Virginia Event details and registration- <https://www.bmwsharkfest.org/>

Look for E31 Chapter board members attending with their E31s: **Mike Noble**- treasurer, **Mike Barrett**- National Events Coordinator and I'll be there as well. The E31 Chapter will donate some pretty cool door prizes which will be given away at the Saturday evening dinner. Don't miss this event! /Henry



SoCalEights held their first WrenchFest of 2024 in February. They had a great turnout and a lot of fun. I full report will be in the spring edition of the **E31News**. Thanks to Joe Hower for these photos!

Petersen Automobile Museum – Los Angeles- <https://www.petersen.org/visit>

If you find yourself in the Los Angeles area, I highly recommend visiting the Petersen Automotive Museum. The displays change regularly and it is easy to spend an afternoon or all day there. There is also a tour of the Petersen Vault (the basement of the facility) where over 200 additional cars are stored. I've personally done the Vault tour and it is not to be missed! The newest feature at the Petersen is the Workshop Tour. Workshop Tours are held on Saturday only; there is limited availability, by advance reservation only.

Check the link for details: <https://www.petersen.org/workshop-tour>



Thanks to Al Gloddeck for the photo (above) of his E31 in Sterling Silver.

That's it for March!

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