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2013 Calendar

October 12

Board Meeting at *Zero-to-Sixty Garage*, Sherwood, WI (Check our Web site for exact location and further details)

November 9

Skeet Shoot — 11:00 am, Boxhorn Sportsman Club, Muskego, WI

November 14

Board Meeting – 6:30 pm, Concours Motors, Board Room

December 12

Board Meeting – 6:30 pm, Concours Motors, Board Room

2014

January 11

Annual Holiday Party & Membership Meeting, 6:30 pm, at The Delafield Hotel, Delafield, WI

The Delafield Hotel



BMW CAR CLUB OF AMERICA FOUNDATION SEEKS EARLY *bimmer immers*

The BMW CCA Foundation is trying to build a complete archive of newsletters from all chapters in the country. Does anyone out there have any issues from 1999 and before? If you do and are willing to allow the Club to photocopy some, please contact Erik Ivarson at eicarguy@wi.rr.com.

Board meetings *generally* are held on the second Thursday of each month. They start promptly at 6:30 pm. Board meetings are open to all members. The Board encourages members to attend.

Beginning April 12, 2012, monthly Board meetings will convene at 6:30 pm in the Board Room at Concours Motors • 5990 N. Green Bay Ave. • Glendale, WI.

Please consult the monthly Calendar (above) for exact locations and dates.



News of Note...



Shoot Defenseless Little Things Out of the Air

The thing is, they laugh at you when they get away (not really, they're made of clay). That's why we should all practice our shotgun skills once in a while.

So let's all get together on a nice fall Saturday, **November 9th, 11:00 am, at Boxhorn Sportsman's Club**, for a little trap shooting. It's located on Muskego Lake at

**S90 W13960 Boxhorn Drive
Muskego, WI 53150.**

We'll each pay individually for the clay pigeons (not really Pigeons, more like grade school ceramics class failures) being launched into the air. You say

Holiday Party Returns to Delafield Hotel

Our 2014 **Holiday Party** will be held on January 11th at the **Delafield Hotel** in Delafield. Registration is now open for the party at **motorsportreg.com**. The cost to members and first guest is \$30 (children \$20). Additional guests are \$55 each. The event starts at 6:00 pm with a buffet dinner served at 7:00 pm. A block of rooms at the **Delafield Hotel** has been set aside for Badger Bimmer members. The Badger Bimmer room rate is \$149. Reservations for rooms must be made by January 2nd. This year will have some entertainment to go along with the party. **bj**

~Mike Clemens

BMW VIN Decoder

If you are interested in finding out more about your BMW (cars or motorcycles) or your Mini, you can visit the BMW VIN Decoder web site (<http://www.bmwarchiv.de/vin/>). Information is available starting with 1928. You can see exactly when your car was manufactured and the list of options on the car when it was delivered. The site is in German but, if you use Google's *Chrome* browser, translation to English will be done. All you need is the last seven digits of a VIN to get the information. **bj**

~Mike Clemens

"Pull!" into a microphone that looks like a speaker and out flies an orange-colored, spinning clay Frisbee. Luckily they fly straight and hang in the air long enough to aim and fire a shotgun at them.

The gun club supplies a live human being to determine the result of the contest. He yells "Miss" if the clay disk is unmolested and nothing if the clay is shattered to smoke and pebbles. (I figure he says nothing when you shoot and "kill" out of respect for the "dead" clay pigeon, but I could be wrong.)

A round is 25 attempts: 25 clays and 25 shots. If you bring your own gun and ammunition, the charge is \$9 per round for the clays. You can rent a shotgun for \$5 and buy a box of 25 rounds of ammo for \$8.50.

We'll have snacks and sodas, and maybe a raffle for boxes of ammo. How about a prize for the BMW that looks most like camouflage? **bj**

— Mike Loos

BMW CCA Foundation Challenge Grant

BMW CCA members, we have a golden opportunity. The BMW CCA Foundation chose *Oktoberfest 2013* in Monterey to announce the Foundation's \$7,000,000 Capital Campaign. This fundraising effort is specifically intended to strengthen, expand, and create a permanent home for the Foundation's premier program—the **Tire Rack Street Survival** program—and also establish a state-of-the-art facility, next to the BMW Performance Center, that will house the BMW CCA Library and Archives and present up to 20 cars and other displays significant to the history of BMW in America.

That golden opportunity? The Foundation's Campaign Chairman **Mike Ura** announced that an anonymous BMW CCA member will match every dollar that is donated by members to the Capital Campaign between now and the end of 2013, up to a total of \$250,000. The BMW CCA Foundation is a 501c(3) charity, so your donations may be tax-deductible.

The full story can be found on the Badger Bimmers' Web site: www.badgerbimmers.org. **bj**

From the President

Erik Ivarson

Up to Speed... At the Track Again

I had the opportunity to instruct at *Road America* for the Ferrari Club. The upside was seeing my instructor-friends and all that Italian style. My student had a great time and we made his 308 sing through the curves. I didn't drive that day since it was Ferrari only, but payback came on a *Road America* test day a few weeks later.

The 8:00 meeting was led by RA staff and much abbreviated compared to our events. The focus was test and tune — not driver education. The rule was pass anywhere and slower cars should try to point the pass. It's a little rattling when the over-taker doesn't wait. Fellow member John got a surprise at Turn 7 when another driver took his apex. He handled his car perfectly, but how do you handle the other driver? I was hoping to find out, but I was busy with my own issues.

Fellow rear-engine enthusiast Trevor was trying to help in Session 1 when cold slicks bit the driver and they ran out of track. We helped clean the mess and took the next session together in his car. As he piloted, I thought about my ability to drive similarly in my car. The next session should have been us doing lead-follow, but I got out late. There was always later....

I warmed the engine, tires and my focus as the laps ticked off. The car felt good and I was increasing corner speeds gradually. Entering the Kink at 95 was fine, so next time 100. That's still slower than the 318i from my racing days, but still somewhat uncharted territory. I exited the Carousel without issue and tapped the balance pedal to turn in at the #1 marker. The speed was good and the apex was approaching. I made the rumble strip as usual when the car

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UPCOMING ELECTIONS FOR 2014-15

I have not received any offers for Board candidates. Board positions up for election this January are **Vice President, Secretary, and two Board seats**. Our incumbents (Ron Pace, David Thuerk, Cindy Ansay, and Bill Nicoud, respectively) can all run again, but are presently unopposed. Still, if re-elected, 2014-15 will be their last term in those offices. For the first time, we will be electing a **Fox Valley Liaison** (Bernie Kressner has been interim liaison). We welcome additional candidates. Any takers? I hope planting this seed now will help! Look for candidates' statements, a ballot, and voting instructions in our next issue, November/December.

Happy motoring!



August 10 and 11, 2013 were some of the most exciting race-filled days ever at Road America in Elkhart Lake. In addition to two GT3 and two Lites races on Saturday and Sunday, Road America hosted the Continental Tire Sports Car Challenge (CTSCC) and the Rolex GRAND-AM races on Saturday, and the American Le Mans series on Sunday. As has become tradition, the Badger Bimmers Car Corral, just past turn 14 as the cars head up to the start-finish line, was fully staffed and very well attended.

We were able to arrange paddock tours for our group with Turner Motorsport hosted by Will Turner, *BimmerWorld* hosted by James Clay, and Team RLL on Saturday morning. After their talk with our group, Turner Motorsports gave each one of our participants a goodie bag filled with a hat, stickers, driver cards and a license plate holder. At the RLL paddock we got to meet with Jay O'Connell, RLL VP Technology and Jens Marquardt, Director, BMW Motorsport GmbH. We were given a box of BMW flags that we were told came directly from Germany for our race! We had been hoping for another "hot-pit" experience, and were very pleased when IMSA was able to score tours on both Saturday and Sunday for two lucky winners of our lunch ticket raffle.

Box lunches were sponsored in part by Enterprise BMW in Appleton, and beverages were provided by Concours BMW in Glendale. Concours provided three "showroom queens" to get our minds rationalizing why we need a new ride.

The 2½ hour CTSCC kicked off at 12:30 Saturday afternoon. Tyler Cooke, after scoring his first ever Street Tuner pole, went the distance with his co-driver Greg Liefoghe in their BimmerWorld #81 328i. BMW swept the ST class with the #56 RACE EPIC

ALMS BMW

August 10 & 11, 2013 Report by D

328i in second and Combs and Mosing of *BimmerWorld* wrapping up third.

An hour after the conclusion of the CTSCC, the ROLEX/Grand Am Series roared to life for 2 hours 45 minutes. As with all endurance races, fuel and





Photographs by David Tatem

Car Corral

David Tatem, edited by Darcy Yench

tire strategy played a major role. **Brenden Hartley** and **Scott Mayer** were able to win their first ever race at *Road America* in their #8 Starworks Riley-BMW Daytona Prototype. **Scott Pruett** and **Memo Rojas** finished 4th in their #01 Ganassi Riley-BMW after

making up substantial time following a spin early in the race.

After last year's exciting win by **Bill Auberlin's** M3, and his unique "salute" to the Badger Bimmer cheering section, we were of course making sure he knew we were pulling for him at every lap (see picture, flags). Bill and his co-driver Paul did not disappoint bringing home their 3rd GT class win this year. The second Turner M3 driven by the **Martin/Marsal** finished 3rd. We waited for Bill's tire smoke salute on the cool down lap, and were surprised to see Bill and the Martin/Marsal M3 nose to tail up the front straight! Literally! Only later did we find out that Bill had run out of fuel on the cool down lap and had to be pushed home by his teammate.

Sunday dawned dreary and threatening. The Lites and GT3 Cup races were exciting but very wet. Rain dominated the strategy, and much of the race

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ALMS Car Corral

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was run under yellow. The Round 6 ALMS race was due to start at 2:00 and run for 2 hours 45 minutes. Strategy leading up to the start of the race revolved around which weather radar you could believe. It appeared the rain would be moving out soon, but

how soon? The race started on rain tires, but some-time within the first 90 minutes, most teams had switched to dry rubber. The Team RLL Z4s have an acknowledged horsepower deficit to the Vettes and Vipers, but were hoping for a strategic win nonetheless. But, alas, it was not to be. Had the race been finished on green, they might have pulled it off (the leaders were running on fumes) but it drew to a close on yellow, leaving the Z4s in 7th and 8th. **bj**

Ready for some statistics?

Here's our car corral data:

	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	TOTAL
Cars in Corral	59	76	135
Overflow outside Corral	15+	15+	
Registered Attendees	111	125	236
Unregistered Attendees	33	38	71
BMW CCA Chapters represented			13
States Represented			11
Donations for <i>Feeding America</i>			\$1,011

We are already planning for the 2014 event, which promises to be a real barn-burner as the *Rolex* and *American Le Mans Series* are run under the same management. We hope to see you there!



Badger Bimmers Welcomes New Members

We're proud to announce that 99 new members have joined Badger Bimmers CCA since November 30, 2012. Their names appear below. *Welcome to the Club!* We hope you'll be able to take an active role in our Club's activities, whether driving or just to socialize. You're also invited to attend any of our monthly Board meetings. Remember, our **2014 Holiday Party and Membership Meeting** would be the perfect venue for meeting fellow Club members, too. The Party will be held on January 11, 2014 at the **Delafield Hotel** in Delafield. Hope to meet you soon!

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Up to Speed

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suddenly went full oversteer. This is not good.

I heard an awful noise from the tires as they scrubbed speed. Then I thought, "In a spin, both feet in" and faithfully obeyed. Fortune and momentum had kept me on pavement. As I neared a stop, I pointed the car down track, grabbed second gear, looked for a corner worker and traffic and motored away.

When I rounded Turn 12 with my fist up and out the window, the corner worker gave a nod. Then the car oversteered violently again. I knew it was a flat right rear and made for the access road after 13. Up in the paddock it took me a while to find that the valve stem had cut itself nearly off.

I had survived, the car as well. Fleet Farm made \$5 on a new stem so I could drive home. And now I have shiny new STEEL valve stems all around. Thanks to **Bill Nicoud** for spinning us at Turn 3 so many years ago, saying "In a spin, both feet in." It works! bj

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