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2013 Calendar

December 12

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

2014

January 11

Annual Holiday Party, election results & Membership Meeting, 6:00 pm, at The Delafield Hotel, Delafield, WI

January 18

2014 Planning Meeting. Location TBD.

February 8

Chili and a Movie at the Bungalow.

May TBD

E30 Gathering (and swap meet?). Location TBD.

May TBD

Street Survival Teen Driver Education. Location TBD.

Save the Date

Chili and a Movie



Where: **Ron's Toy Barn**
678 N. Progress Drive • Saukville

When: **February 8, 2014 11am 'till 6pm**

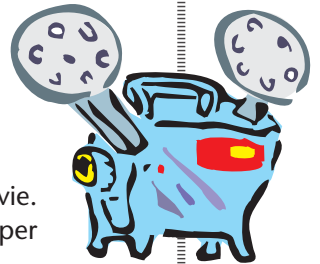
Come join us! Enjoy some great member-prepared chili and a race movie. If you bring chili (6 quarts) the event is free; if not, the cost is \$5.00 per person, which will be donated to charity. Beverages provided.

But bring your own chair!

Attendance is limited, so register early on Motorsportreg.com.

Also see the preview of Shields Bergstrom's new movie — *Why We Drive*.

(Most race movies are PG13/R so plan accordingly.)



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...

Annual General Membership Meeting and 41st Anniversary Holiday Party 2014

Saturday, January 11, 2014

Doors open at 5:50 pm • Drink tickets and cash bar
Hand-passed Hot *Hors d'oevres* • Cold *Hors D'Oeuvres* Displays

Dinner buffet at 7:00 pm includes...

Mixed Green Salad • Baked Rolls and Butter

Pan Seared Amish Chicken Breasts with Mustard Chicken *Jus*

Mahi Mahi and Grilled Shrimp with Mango Avocado Salsa

Roasted Root Vegetables • New Red Potatoes with Butter & Parsley

Sweet Potato Mash

Dessert Bar and Gourmet Coffee Bar

Door Prizes and Program at 8:00 pm with announcement of election results.

2nd Harvest of SE Wisconsin donations collected at registration.

Cost: \$30.00 per person for members

Registration on line at <http://www.motorsportreg.com/>

See Our web site for the link to registration.

Donations for door prizes are greatly appreciated. Call Darcy Yench if you have door prize donations or if you have any questions at 414-352-3261.

Reservations MUST be made by December 29, 2012.

For Directions: <http://www.thedelafieldhotel.com/>

A block of rooms has been reserved for \$149.00/night.

Mention the Badger Bimmers for the group rate.

Call **262-646-1600** or toll-free at **800-594-8772**

to make your reservations.

~~~ **Live Music from *Loo\$e Change*** ~~~

*Loo\$e Change* is a fun loving band. They blend songs from the '60s through to the present, playing musical genres as diverse as Rock, Pop, Country, and Funk, putting their own spin on classics and standards.

The band includes **Jesse** (guitar and vocals), **Rodney** (bass and vocals), **Samantha** (vocals), and **John** (drums). Their sets vary in style and tempo, and they are always looking for audience participation, welcoming requests, dancers and guest singers alike.



# From the President

Erik Ivarson

## Up to Speed...

## Not quite to plan

**O**ctoberFAST is the biggest event of the year for Badger Bimmers. My O'FAST started poorly when I fell on my wrist early that Saturday morning. I was scheduled for black flag duties so I motored up to RA thinking the pain would subside. The morning started ok, but eventually I was persuaded to get ice and then go get real help. Since I had never broken a bone, I thought the pains would subside. *Ha!* I'm glad the team carried on without me and I do apologize for missing the rest of the weekend.

We had the October meeting at **High Cliff** and a great tour of the **0-60 Garage** nearby. I had no idea of the kind of work coming out of that unassuming building. While we didn't see much of Bavaria represented, Germany played a big role. Thanks to **Bernie Kressner** and the 0-60 crew.

On the E46 front, I have been putting on the miles and the car is becoming a trusted ride. The trailer hitch and wiring finally have something to do, and my rear suspension is happy to have some load off. I have a couple of wants — maybe subjects for tech sessions. If you're interested, please get in touch: Headlight restoration? VANOS seals? Let me know.

We are planning dates for track and other events for 2014 starting with the Holiday party. Ideas for next year are welcome!



Photos are of my E30 wagon then and my E46 now. Something about that E30 grill makes it bolder, but the E46 is more luxurious and I have all wheel drive!

Happy motoring!

bj





# Election 2014

## for Vice President



I seek your endorsement as Vice President of the Badger Bimmers for the coming two years. Having served in this role for the past two years, I am familiar with the duties and believe I can continue to contribute at a high level to the Club leadership. I truly enjoy the people in the region and feel fortunate to be part of such a forward thinking, dynamic group.

**Ron Pace**

My name is Bill Nicoud. I am running for another term as Board member for the Badger Bimmers. I was first elected to the board in 2010. My objective was to help organize events that interest and attract member participation. I have made myself visible and available to members at Club events. I have been writing regular columns for the *bimmer immer* and I am present and active at Board meetings.

I would like the opportunity to continue this work on your behalf, and look forward to more great memories with the Club.

**Bill Nicoud**



## for Secretary

My present term as Secretary is nearing its end. The two-year term has been interesting and quite enjoyable. As a result I decided to run for a second term as Secretary. So I am asking you to vote for me and allow me to continue to be involved in the planning and support of the activities that make the Club interesting and fun.

Remember to attend our annual Holiday Party and bring your ballot. If you are unable to come, mail in your ballot and show support for the Board member candidates.



**David Thuerk**

## Fox Valley Liaison Needed

We're looking for candidates for the **Fox Valley Liaison** Board position. (Our previously announced candidate has decided to withdraw.) This is a full-voting Board member position. But you don't have to drive to Milwaukee for Board meetings — you just dial into our conference phone call. The Fox Valley Liaison is responsible for organizing a spring car cleanup event (usually in May) and a Board meeting (usually in October). Both of these events are held in the Fox Valley area. **Badger Bimmer Board members get their annual BMW CCA membership paid by the Club.** If you are interested, send an e-mail to Mike Clemens (mclemens@execpc.com) and write in your name (or someone else's if you know a potentially willing soul) on the ballot.



**M**y name is Cindy M. Ansay and I am currently running for another term on the Board of the Badger Bimmers. Previously, when first elected to the Board in 2004, I had assisted the Club with the planning and preparation of our events. I have been privileged to meet many of our members while working registration at our driving schools and other events. I was responsible for the initial implementation of the *Road America* project and I have chaired our annual car show at International Autos for several years. While I greatly enjoy my interaction with Club members, I am equally at home behind the scenes planning and implementing our various projects and events. I grew up with BMWs and they have been a true passion of mine since I learned to drive. My first car was a 2002 — and I consider myself lucky to have not one but two of these fine cars still in my possession.

I am looking forward to continuing my enthusiasm for and dedication to the Club and my passion for the marque!

# BALLOT

## 2014 BADGER BIMMERS ELECTION

### VICE PRESIDENT

RON PACE

Write-in Candidate \_\_\_\_\_

### SECRETARY

DAVID THUERK

Write-in Candidate \_\_\_\_\_

### BOARD MEMBERS

(We are electing two candidates, so vote for two.)

CINDY M. ANSAY

BILL NICOUD

Write-in Candidate \_\_\_\_\_

### FOX VALLEY LIAISON

Write-in Candidate \_\_\_\_\_

After you have voted, bring your ballot to the Annual Party, January 11, 2014, or mail to:

2014 ELECTION

c/o Badger Bimmers • P.O. BOX 71139 • Milwaukee, WI 53211



# The Autumn

October 5, 2013



*The Soldier's Grove War Memorial*



*Ice cream at the Kickapoo Restaurant*



Photographs by Randy Smith

The first weekend of October always seems to be the turning point when summer slips away. The students are back to school, jackets are dug out and convertible tops are raised, except for the brave. In the Southwestern part of Wisconsin the foliage painted a glorious palette of the Maple's orange-reds and the Aspen's shimmering yellows breaking through an overcast day.

The fall tour route challenged with twists and turns enjoyed by skilled drivers, and on every downshift a new crimson path could be taken in as the Sumacs lined our way. From Tomah to Wildcat Mountain State Park we wound our way beside the Kickapoo River and its tributaries. Smoke-like mists, Jersey cows on distant hillsides that were green and lush from recent rains, as well as a painted pony scratching its belly on a stump, provided a surreal scenic journey.

We arrived in Readstown for the traditional ice cream stop enabling us to stretch, enjoy conversation and time to admire the Z3s, Z4s, M3s, an M5, a new





# Annual Tour

Report by Beth McGowan



Husher's Park Overlook

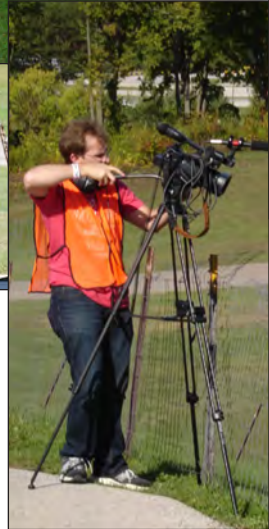
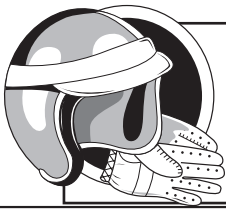


3-series, a Mini and an appropriately autumnal colored Scion FRS. Our dozen climbed the summit of Husher's Park pausing for a group photo and taking in the vastness of our beautiful state. What goes up must come down and after many severe downhill curves and bumps over Hickory nuts through the wooded path we found ourselves alongside the Wisconsin River, the cranes' solitude interrupted by engine growlings on the sandy banks.

The final leg of our trip was a patchwork quilt of weathered farms and mature forest. Golden stalks framed patches of green alfalfa broken by sandy ribbons of bubbling creeks. The willows bending and tamaracks above giving up their golden needles as each puff of wind brings them closer to the close of yet another season. Driving along Mirror Lake Road the sun set on a beautiful fall day that offered us friendship, adventure and reflection. We arrived safely at Sprecher's Restaurant and Pub renewed and looking forward to a new Season and our next adventure. **bj**







## Filming *Why We Drive*

**S**hields Bergstrom and crew began shooting *Why We Drive* at the *Badger Bimmers'* DE weekend at *Road America*, September 28-29. As Shields wrote in the *bimmer immer* earlier this year:

“This will be OUR story — our passion for the car and track driving.

“What is it about the automobile that allows us to form an emotional attachment with it? What motivates this attachment to a machine and pursuit of the art of driving as a hobby, sport and profession? Our film looks at these questions and others in a highly dynamic and visually extravagant way to uncover the motivations and truths of drivers and their love affair with driving.



“The film follows a track-day driver from his garage to *Road America* and back, interspersed with captivating interviews from automotive designers, engineers, track-day drivers and professional race drivers.

On-track scenes will be shot using new and innovative camera rigs to capture the sensations and emotions of driving on a circuit.”

As of November 4, the first “teaser” was finished with two more teasers to follow before the official trailer is released in December. It can be seen at <http://vimeo.com/78294646>. At [Kickstarter.com](http://Kickstarter.com), you can make a contribution to this project “in any amount, catch a glimpse of the film, and score some swag.” The film will be finished in time for the 2014 Milwaukee Film Festival. The trailer will be shown at the *Bimmers' Chili and a Movie* afternoon, February 8, 2014.

bj

~Ed.

Photographs by DAG







## OktoberFAST '13 Brings

## Family Outings





# 1st Annual Badger Bimmers' Trap Shoot

November 9, 2013

Report by David Tatem



**Dateline:** November 9, 2013, Muskego, WI.

**T**he First Annual Badger Bimmers Trap Shoot is in the record books, and (as far as we know) all participants have made it safely back to a well-deserved warm fire and adult beverage of choice.

The friendly competition was held on the shores of beautiful Muskego Lake at the Boxhorn Sportsman's Club where a brisk 40 mph wind and overcast skies eliminated distractions like mosquitos and errant sea gulls.

The weapon of choice seemed to be the 12-gauge shotgun, although a 20-gauge was available for those seeking less recoil. The 12-gauge will, on average, transmit about 20 ft.lbs. of force into your shoulder (imagine laying on your back and having a colleague drop a 1 pound weight from 20 feet hitting your shoulder); it throws the lead shot 200 to 300 yards down range, although accuracy deteriorates quickly after about 40 to 60 yards.

We ran three rounds of 25 shots per participant before we decided to pack it in, with the following statistics:

- Number of shots fired: 350
- Number of clay birds shot out of the air: About 175 (Scores ranged from less than 25% hit to a little over 50% hit)
- Pounds of lead shot deposited down range: About 18 pounds.

Participants were enthusiastic about a return engagement, albeit at a warmer and less windy time of year. Watch the upcoming events section of the web page!

**bj**



Photographs by David Tatem



# **Petrol-free Racing!**

## Part 1

Report by David Thuerk

**S**anctioned electric car racing is coming in the form of **Formula E**. I recently came across an article on Formula E in one of the Automotive Engineering magazines I receive. This sparked my interest since battery powered vehicles have very limited range and cannot be recharged in any time-frame that comes anywhere near refueling time of a liquid fueled race car.

Here's my summary of the info I found on the Formula E web sites.

The FIA (governing body for motorsports worldwide) has established a new racing series, Formula E. The championship series will start in 2014 and will be held around the world on street circuits in major cities. The series is being promoted by Formula E Holdings, which has contracted fabrication of 42 cars built by **Spark Racing Technologies** (SRT) using a Dallara chassis made of carbon fiber and aluminum. The electronic system and drive train is being designed and supplied by **McLaren Electronic** systems. The Formula E cars are powered totally by batteries, no additional power system. The battery power pack is a lithium ion system being developed and provided by **Williams Advanced Engineering**, part of the Williams group that includes the Williams Formula 1 Team.

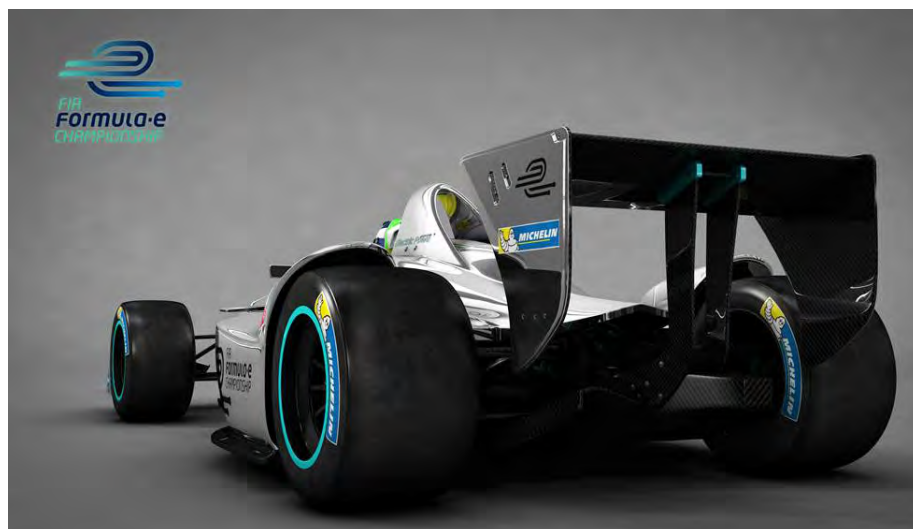
The overall system integration, performance optimization, power train efficiencies and electrical safety will be overseen by **Renault**. Renault was selected based on its experience in electrical vehicle production, and extensive experience in motorsports from its Renault Sport F1 programs.

Michelin has been selected as the official tire supplier through 2015. They are providing custom 18-inch treaded all weather tires for the series. The all-weather tire will be the only tire available for the series. Fox Sports has confirmed an international multi-media deal with the FIA Formula E championship.

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*In Part 2, David provides some performance specs on these cars; the Format for the practice, qualifying and race; and a racing schedule. Watch for it in the next immer: January/February 2014.* — Ed.



# New Member Name Badges Available

Again we want to offer our members new name tags that include our new Chapter logo!

We would like our members to be able to show their Club support and enthusiasm with a personalized Chapter name tag. Wearing these at Club events allows easier name recognition for other members (and they're so much nicer than sticky paper name tags).



These tags also come with a magnetic backing that will not damage your clothes. If

interested, contact **Cindy Ansay** at (262) 388-3740.

The cost is \$8.00 per tag. Please make checks payable to **Badger Bimmers** and mail to **Mike Clemens**, P.O. Box 345, Mequon, WI 53092. **bj**

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