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2013 Calendar

July 11	Board Meeting – 6:30 pm, Concours Motors, Board Room
July 14	PCA/BMW Challenge Autocross at State Fair Park
July 15	DE Day at Blackhawk Farms Raceway
August 6	Car Show at Highland House in Mequon, WI
August 15	Board Meeting – 6:30 pm, Concours Motors, Board Room
August 10	Ladies-only Tech Session, European Auto House, 10:00 a.m.
August 10-11	ALMS and Grand-Am Badger Bimmers' Car Corral at <i>Road America</i>
August 19-24	BMW CCA OktoberFest at Laguna Seca, CA.
August 24	Club Day at Masterpiece <i>Concours de Elegance</i> weekend
September 12	Board Meeting – 6:30 pm, Concours Motors, Board Room
September 27	Advanced Driver & Instructor Day at <i>Road America</i>
September 28-29	<i>OktoberFAST</i> Driver School at <i>Road America</i>
October 12	Board Meeting at <i>Zero-to-Sixty Garage</i> , Sherwood, WI (Check our Web site for exact location and further details)

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...

O'FAST Filling Up Fast

OktoberFAST for 2013 is scheduled for Friday, September 27 through Sunday, September 29 at *Road America*. Registration for *OktoberFAST* opened at motorsportreg.com on June 1, 2013.

Friday, the 27th, is for advanced students, instructors and our instructor clinic. On Saturday and Sunday, we'll have a standard BMW CCA driver's school. There will also be a banquet at *Siebkens* in *Elkhart Lake* on Saturday night. More information about this event is available on our Web site.

Here's our availability status for *OktoberFAST* as of June 16:

Friday Advanced/Instructors	33
Friday Instructors Clinic	9
Saturday/Sunday Instructors	Lots
Saturday/Sunday Advanced	22
Saturday/Sunday Intermediate	28
Saturday/Sunday Novice	13

Some groups are filling quickly. Don't get shut out — we had waiting lists by the 1st of August for all groups last year.

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~Mike Clemens

ATTENTION:

Ladies of Any Age!

Come have breakfast and bond with your Bimmer!

On Saturday, August 10, *European Auto House*, located at 11020 Buntrock Ave. in Mequon, will host a **Ladies-only Tech Session** for our Club.

The tech session will begin at 10:00 a.m.

This event will be a wonderful opportunity to talk one-on-one with **Nathaniel Sumner**, a factory-trained BMW technician and owner of *European Auto House*. A grouping of different models of BMWs will be on hand to help us go through the basics of car care. He will also cover more specific details about your own particular vehicles. So bring your questions.

Please RSVP to **Cindy Ansay** at (262) 388-3740. Kindly leave your name, and the year and series of the vehicle that you will be bringing to the event.

New Member Name Tags 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 much 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 \$7.00 per tag. Please make checks payable to *Badger Bimmers* and mail to **Mike Clemens**, P.O. Box 345, Mequon, WI 53092.

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From the President

Erik Ivarson

Up to Speed... back on the road

In Keith Code's book, *A Twist of the Wrist*, I first read about focusing attention. It's been awhile, but the gist of it goes something like this: If all you have is \$10 of attention and you're spending \$4 on the cars around you, \$3 on your double-light-latte and \$3 on your electronic device, you have no attention left! Animals and ditches crossing your path will be impacted and eventually they will get your attention.

A novice at a driver school makes lap after lap, getting smoother and faster. The attention it takes to keep the car on track starts at the \$10 level on lap one and by lap 20 may be down to \$5. That leaves some focus for the instructor, the scenery, traffic, corner workers, and driving even faster.

As we drive on public roads, our familiarity with the car, the route and the limited speed brings contempt. We think we are so good we can eat, drink, phone, text, aim and reload all while driving. And then something goes wrong.

I happened on the ditched car on a dry, overcast day. Maybe the car was new to its user, pedals slightly farther apart, seat not adjusted. Maybe the driver was just that distracted.

How much attention does it take to get up a driveway? To step on the correct pedal?

I pay a lot of attention to my fellow drivers. It's mostly fear, especially when I'm on two wheels. My DMV mole says 10-20% of the drivers licensed would not have passed their skills test, but were given a license to meet a quota. QUOTA! We've taken driving to the level of a right.

So please spread the word: Hang up and drive. Turn off the devices and drive. Eat at home and then drive. (I hope it's driving a BMW.)



With summer officially here, I hope you have checked the calendar at www.BadgerBimmers.org. We'd love to see you at an event!

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Badger Bimmers'

10th Annual Car Show

Photographs by Bill Nicoud, Darcy Yench

Report by Jeff Falt

On June 1, 2013, Concours Motors in Glendale, WI hosted the 10th Annual Badger Bimmers BMW Car Show. The first nine Annual Car Shows were indoor events, but the spectacular weather on June 11th let us expand the show into the great outdoors. The extra breathing room and new schedule flexibility contributed to a large turnout, with over 40 BMWs in attendance and 23 cars entered for the trophy competition.

Cars were entered in six classes, plus a "People's Choice" award for favorite car overall. The "judging" was by participant and spectator ballot, taking the pressure off cleaning duties and drastically reducing (but not totally eliminating!) the number of Q-Tips consumed before the show.

Added attractions included a special appearance by the "Bimmer in the Barn," the 2002 being restored by Bill Nicoud and whose adventures are being chronicled in the *immer*, as well as a large supply of tasty muffins, bagels, and turnovers.

The awards presented were as follows:

<i>People's Choice</i>	Susan Austin, 1995 840i
<i>BMW's of the 1960s & Earlier</i>	Bob Prince, 1967 2000CS
<i>BMW's of the 1970s</i>	Anton Steigerwald, 1971 2002
<i>BMW's of the 1980s</i>	Luis Arisso, 1981 323i
<i>BMW's of the 1990s</i>	Jason Rothenberg, 1998 M3
<i>BMW's of the 2000s & Newer</i>	Irene Weber, 2001 330i
<i>Best BMW Track Car</i>	Dan Frodl, 1997 M3



Susan Austin, 1995 840i



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Dan Frodl, 1997 M3



Anton Steigerwald, 1971 2002



Limerock Edition M3



Tim's M Roadster and Dave's M3



Luis Arisso, 1981 323i



Jason Rothenberg, 1998 M3



Prince, 1967 2000CS



Irene Weber, 2001 330i



The "Bimmer in the Barn"



wald, 1971 2002



Luis Arisso's 1981 323i

Show organizers Jeff Fait, Cindy Ansay, Bill Nicoud (l-r)



ALMS/Grand-Am BMW Corral @ RA

August 10 & 11

Report by Darcy Yench

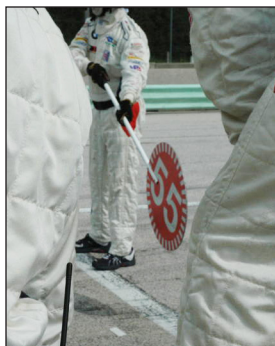
Join the BMW CCA on August 10-11, 2013 in our 5th Annual ALMS/Grand-Am BMW Corral at *Road America*.

The Badger Bimmers Chapter will provide private BMW parking, a hospitality tent with TV showing the race feed, private bleachers, paddock talks and hot pit tours during the race with this year's Z4 Race Team. Paddock meetings with *BimmerWorld* and other BMW teams are also being arranged.

Donations of \$10/car per day will be going to our charity, *Feeding America* of WI. Box lunches each day will be provided but must be arranged for ahead of time. Contact **Darcy Yench**, dryench@att.net, to reserve your spot in the corral and to supply your member number for the lunch count. Only one guest per registered member.

You can purchase your track-day tickets online directly from *Road America*. Go to [www.roadamerica.com/Races/Race Information.asp?id=245](http://www.roadamerica.com/Races/Race%20Information.asp?id=245).

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'Club Saturday at the M' *Coolness by the Lake*

Saturday, August 24

Report by Darcy Yench

Car and Motorcycle Club Day at the Masterpiece *Concours d'Elegance* weekend

Exciting changes are in the works for the Club Day associated with the Milwaukee Masterpiece. If you haven't been to the Masterpiece before and you are a car person, you've been missing out. Sunday is a *Concours d'Elegance* to rival the best, like Hilton Head or Pebble Beach, without the hassle of travel. Saturday, however, is devoted to local car enthusiasts.



some of those cars are likely to remain for the Masterpiece as well. Early reports suggest as many as 50 Jaguars may attend for a *Concours* event within Club Day as well. We would love to have a good presence from every club. So start planning your detailing schedule now and put August 24th on your calendar. The only ques-

tion is, *Which car do I bring?*

Pre-registration is required. Registration closes August 16th.

What's new besides the name?

This year there is an opportunity to meet first at the Harley Museum and Parade over to Veterans Park to kick off *Club Day at the M*. You may opt to start the day right at Veterans Park instead. Plans are in the works for each club group (PCA, BMW, Jaguar, Mustang, motorcycles, etc.) to select their own best representative for the day. These vehicles will then be voted upon by all the attendees to select one car to be elevated to Sunday's event. Music is being considered for entertainment. Food will be available for purchase at both the museum and on the park grounds. Online registration is in the works and will utilize **Motorsportreg.com**; the expected live date is April 1st. Stay tuned for further details.

Multiple marques are celebrating important anniversaries this year, too!

Porsche 911 – 50 years

Ferrari Club of America – 50 years

Corvette – 60 years

Aston Martin – 100 years

Harley Davidson – 110 years

Rumor has it the Corvette Club is planning to have a car from each year. The 50th Reunion of the Ferrari Club is at *Road America* in early August, so

\$21.50 per vehicle = Club Saturday at
The M display only

\$37 per vehicle = Parade AND Club Saturday at
The M display

Your registration fee awards you two (2) exhibitor passes good for the entire Milwaukee Masterpiece Weekend and continental breakfast for two (2) on Saturday. Participation at Club Day also gives you entrance to the Sunday judged show at no additional cost!

This URL will link directly to the event/registration page:

<http://www.motorsportreg.com/index.cfm/event/event.advert/uidEvent/BC31AD58-AA8A-47CB-B746B08DC0197F2A#.UXhm0fjDT0f>

Email me at **dryench@att.net** if you have any questions. Hope to see YOU and your club members at the lakefront!

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Porsche-BMW Challenge *Autocross*

Sunday, July 14

State Fair Park

The Milwaukee Region PCA invites the Badger Bimmers to join them for Autocross on Sunday July 14th at State Fair Park (North Parking Lot). Arrive between 8 and 830 a.m. to prep/tech your car and walk the course. First car goes out at 10 a.m. We usually get eight runs or more, while still finishing at a reasonable time.

What's autocross?

It's a safe, performance-handling experience in which participants learn how to quickly maneuver their cars around a course marked by cones in an open parking lot. Drivers compete against the clock, with one-to-three drivers on the course at any one time. Cars are kept a safe distance from each other. No modifications are necessary to one's car to compete. Convertibles are welcome, factory roll bars are fine.

Check out this video (sound up!) of region members in action during one of our 2010 autocross events at Miller Park (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jAt41kLsPiY>).

Requirements

- Running car in good condition
- Helmet: All drivers must wear a helmet with a Snell 2005 or later year SA, M, or K rating. For detailed information on helmets, see the Fact

Sheet on Helmets posted on the Porsche Park site (<http://www.porschepark.org/journal.php?id=418>). Drivers under 18 must see the PCA site for additional rules and liability waivers (<http://www.pca.org>). Here is the Minor liability Waiver form (http://www.porschepark.org/content/Minor_and_Parent_Form_Wavier.pdf).

- Valid driver's license (16 years or older).

Checklist

In addition to your helmet, driver's license and BMW CCA card, make sure your brake lights are working, battery is securely mounted, seat belts are in good condition, lug nuts and bolts are properly torqued and vehicle is empty of all loose items, such as floor mats, etc. Bring some water and lunch with you too.

Here is the Autocross Tech Inspection form ([http://www.porschepark.org/content/](http://www.porschepark.org/content/Autocross_Tech_Inspection_Form.pdf)

[Autocross_Tech_Inspection_Form.pdf](http://www.porschepark.org/content/Autocross_Tech_Inspection_Form.pdf)). You are responsible for your car being ready.

Questions? Contact Autocross Co-Chair George Kowalski via email at caymans1021@gmail.com.

Register either in person the day of the event or save a bit of money and pre-register on Motorsportreg.com.

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