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2013 Calendar

January 5 Annual Holiday Party and Membership Meeting at The Delafield Hotel February 2 Audi Club of Wisconsin's Ice Driving School, Lake Sinnissippi February 14 Board Meeting – 6:30 pm, Concours Motors, Board Room February 16 Audi Club of Wisconsin's Ice Driving School, Lake Sinnissippi **April 20-21** 24 Hours of LeMons Race, Gingerman Race Track, New Haven, MI. **April 20-21** Chump Car Races at Road America June 3 DE Day at Blackhawk Farms Raceway lune 13-16 SCCA June Sprints at Road America July 15 DE Day at Blackhawk Farms Raceway **August 17-18** ALMS Badger Bimmers Car Corral at Road America August 19-24 BMW CCA OktoberFest at Laguna Seca, CA. Masterpiece Club Day at Concours de Elegance weekend August 24 September 27 Advanced Driver & Instructor Day at Road America Oktober FAST Driver School at Road America September 28-29

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 Mike Loos at pres@badqerbimmers.orq.

Following the very successful weekend BMW car corral at the ALMS race, the Club would like to improve the ambiance of our Badger Bimmer Bivouac area. So we're looking for a landscaper or landscape designer who would be able to donate some time to advise us on how the site could be improved — economically, of course. If you might be able to help out, please contact me at mike@oreillymotors.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...

Kohler Faucets Launch with BMW 6-Series

from the Kohler Capsule, October 11, 2012

ohler New Zealand showcased a custom-painted BMW 6-Series convertible at the New Zealand Fashion Week in early September. Designed by well-known artist Erno Hajos, the vehicle is detailed with



Toobi™ and Stance® faucets that were launched at this 40,000-attendee event. Kohler also hosted a launch event with architects and designers in the Kohler Champagne Lounge, which featured Kohler faucets in its bathrooms.

BMW Planning Full Diesel Lineup

from Roundel Weekly, November 13, 2012

A merica may be short on diesel-powered cars now, but BMW appears ready to fix that. Leaked plans suggest that the company is launching die-

sel engines across its entire lineup, starting with the 3-Series sedan in spring 2013, followed by the 3 Series sport wagon later in the year. The



BMW 5-Series sedan will also get a diesel engine, as will the X5 (which is already available in a diesel version). In 2014, the 7-Series and the X3 will receive

diesel engines as well, filling out the lineup.

The engines coming to the U.S. include a two-liter four-cylinder turbodiesel, and a three-liter six-cylinder turbodiesel. The four-cylinder diesel will make 180 horsepower and 280 pound-feet of torque, while the inline six will offer 265 horsepower and 425 pound feet—while returning between 30 and 40 mpg on the highway.

BMW Building New 2-man Sled for USBSF

By TIM REYNOLDS | Associated Press

he ultimate sliding machine may be on its way to the U.S. Bobsled and Skeleton Federation.

BMW of North America announced Wednesday that it has been working with the USBSF to develop a new two-man bobsled, with an eye on having it ready for the 2014 Sochi Olympics. The deal has been in the works for more than a year — a prototype has already been delivered — and the U.S. believes it could be a major boost to medal hopes.

"I happen to think these are going to be very good," USBSF CEO Darrin Steele told The Associated Press.

The U.S. won Olympic gold in women's bobsledding in 2002 and a four-man gold in 2010, but the two-man gold has eluded the Americans since 1936.

BMW Group also has a sponsorship arrangement with the U.S. Olympic Committee through the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympics, and the company also is the official mobility partner for the USBSF, U.S. Speedskating, USA Swimming and USA Track & Field. BMW's talks about this project with the USBSF go back to at least March 2011, with the sides exchanging ideas about how the technology of building fast cars can translate into building fast sleds.

"They've helped us think outside the box on what they can do to extend the sponsorship past cash and tap into what they do really well, and that's technology and high-performance," Steele said. "They took a chance with this."

Bobsleds are much like race cars — there's very specific rules about how to build them, and to the naked eye, most seem identical.

If this goes the way BMW and the USBSF would

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From the President

Mike Loos

Hope to See Y'all There... and Don't Forget to Vote

Annual General Membership Meeting and 40th Anniversary Holiday Party 2013

Saturday, January 5, 2013

Doors open at 5:50 pm • Drink tickets and cash bar • Hors d'oevres at 6:00 pm Dinner buffet at 7:00 pm includes...

Rosemary roast pork loin and Baked Salmon with lemon-chardonnay cream
Ginger honey-glazed carrots
Roasted garlic mashed golden potatoes
New York cheesecake with fruit topping

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

Feeding America donation recommended

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.

The Delafield Hotel





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Changes to Chapter By-laws Proposed

Must Be Approved by General Membership

As reported last month, the Badger Bimmers' Board of Directors would like to make the Liaison positions in the Madison and Fox Valley regions voting members of the Board. By doing this, more of the state will have representation on the Board, and the Board will be better able to promote the objectives of the Club in sharing good will and fellowship and offering more social events in these areas.

Expanding the Board of Directors requires amending the Chapter's by-laws. The Chapter membership must be notified of any proposed amendments and given an opportunity to approve or disapprove their adoption.

This year's election ballot (page 9) invites you to vote whether to adopt or reject this amendment of the Badger Bimmers' by-laws, as well as other clarifications of officers' responsibilities.

The affected sections of the by-laws are presented on these two pages, with the new or changed wording in boldface type.

Please read and consider these changes carefully, then use the ballot provided to cast your vote.

The Board of Directors shall consist of **eleven** active members. This shall include the four officers as listed in Article VI, Section 1 plus four members elected at large and **one liaison each from the Madison and Fox Valley areas**. The **eleventh** position is to be filled by the immediate past president or in the absence of an immediate past president, by a fifth elected officer. At a meeting of the Board of Directors, **six (6)** of the Board being present **or on conference call** will constitute a quorum.

F. The Board of Directors shall be elected in alternating years as follows:

On each odd year, elections will be held for President, Treasurer and two board members **and the Madison liaison**. Additionally, a 5th officer will be elected for one year if the immediate past President is absent.

On each even year, elections will be held for Vice-President, Secretary, two board members **and the Fox Valley liaison**. Additionally, a 5th officer will be elected for one year if the immediate past President is absent.

ARTICLE VIII DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1: DUTIES OF PRESIDENT

The President shall preside at all meetings of the members and the Board of Directors and shall perform the duties usually appertaining to his/her office. S/he may call special meetings of the membership upon fifteen days notice in writing to each member. S/he shall be the chief executive officer of the Club. In the absence of the President, or in the event of his death, resignation, disability or disqualification, his duties shall be performed by the Vice President. The President shall represent the Badger Bimmers Chapter at all national/regional conferences. S/he will also communicate to the members in each newsletter published.

Section 2: DUTIES OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

The Vice President shall assist the President in the conduct of the administrative affairs of the Club and perform such other duties as may be assigned him/her by the President or the Board of Directors. The Vice President shall stand first in succession in the event of the President's death, resignation, disability or disqualification. The Vice President shall be in charge of all insurance matters for the Badger Bimmer Chapter's social and driving events. S/he will be responsible for obtaining the necessary certificates for each event.

Section 3: DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY

The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the members and Board of Directors, and shall report full and complete minutes of the proceedings and votes in books meant for that purpose. The Secretary shall have custody of the Club's records. In the event of the Secretary's death, resignation, disability, or disqualification, the Board of Directors may appoint a successor. **Approved minutes will be submitted to the webmaster for publishing.**

Section 4: DUTIES OF THE TREASURER

The Treasurer shall have custody of all money and assets belonging to the Club. He shall receive all monies of the Club and deposit them to the Club's account in a bank designated by the Board of Directors. S/he shall have direct control over supervision of all Club assets and of all payments of all Club debts and obligations. S/he shall insure strict compliance with these By-laws in all matters pertaining to the financial affairs of the Club.

The Treasurer shall maintain accurate books of

the account which shall properly reflect the true and correct financial status of receipts, disbursements, balances, assets and liabilities of the Club. **The treasurer will fulfill all tax obligations and filings on time and report such to the national office when due.** All checks or other orders for the payment of monies in the name of the Club shall be signed by the Treasurer and by such other Officer or Officers as may be designated from time to time by resolution adopted by the Board of Directors. In the event of the death, resignation, disability, or disqualification of the Treasurer, the Board of Directors shall appoint a successor to complete his/her term.

Section 5: FURTHER DUTIES

It shall be the further duty of all members of the Board of Directors to keep in constant contact with the National Secretary to maintain liaison with other BMW Clubs in the United States and abroad.

All board members and officers will write two articles for the *Bimmer Immer* each year.

The Madison and Fox Valley liaisons will be voting members of the Board of Directors. Each is responsible for organizing one chapter board meeting per year in their respective locations. The Madison area board meeting will be held in March and the Fox Valley area board meeting will be in October unless otherwise changed by the Board of Directors. Each liaison will also organize a spring cleanup and other activities for club members in their respective areas.

ARTICLE XI MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 4: QUORUM

Six (6) Board members present **or on conference call** at any meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE XII AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

Section 3: NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS AND REFERENDUM

The Board of Directors shall notify the membership by mail, **published in the** *Immer* **or email** of the proposed amendments, together with an explanation of the amendment and the need therefore by its sponsors.

Explanation: The Badger Bimmers Board of Directors would like to make the Liaison positions in the Madison and Fox Valley regions voting members of the board. In doing this more of the state will have representation on the board and better be able to promote the objectives of the club in sharing good will and fellowship and offering more social events in these areas.

for Board of Directors

reetings! My name is **Jeff Fait** and I'm running for the position of Board Member with the Badger Bimmers. I've been a BMW CCA and Badger Bimmers member for 10 years and decided it's time to get more involved and give something back to the Club I enjoy so much. I'm



a self-employed civil engineering consultant but my passion is cars, cars, and more cars! Over the last few years, I've also discovered that I really enjoy organizing automotive-related events and also found out that I'm pretty good at it. I'm hoping to be able to apply that knowl-

edge for the betterment of our Club. My goal is to encourage as many people as possible to, first, join our Club, and second, participate in Cub events. I hope my enthusiasm is contagious! Please vote for me and be sure to submit your ballot before the deadline or at the Holiday Party. Thanks for your consideration!

<u>Jeff Fait</u>

i, **Dave Tatem** here, and I'm running for re-election to a Club Board position. I am an engineer by vocation and, after working for more than 40 years in industry (25 for a German

power tool company), I've organized a small consulting firm in Erin. And why is this important? Because I am committed to continue bringing this training, experience and enthusiasm for cars — and particularly BMWs — to bear to further the goals of the Badger Bimmers. Setting my own schedule gives me the opportunity to devote adequate time and resources to the Club to make the position mutually beneficial.

I am the proud owner of an E39 540i with the M-Sport performance package, and have a good time with the challenges of repair and restoration, some of which I have written up for the *immer*.

As I complete my first term on the Board, I look back to volunteering at multiple track events, the 2012 ALMS Badger Bivouac and picking up multiple administrative issues as they came along. I have attended most all the Board meetings, played a supporting role in the development of our new web site, and taken the lead in the successful development and approval of our new Badger Bimmers logo — meeting the stringent BMW AG corporate identity standards. I was fortunate to be one of the attendees representing our Club at the BMW Congress held last February in Dallas.

If re-elected, I plan to continue taking the role of Board Member at Large jumping in wherever and whenever needed.

Thank you for your consideration, and I ask for your vote!

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y name is **Tim Jason** and I would like you to consider my plication for a Board position with the Badger Bimmers. I have fortunate enough to own, restore, and renew many of fine cars. And through this, I have discovered a passion for BMWs has grown every year. I have attended several Board meetings during the course of this year to experience the inner workings of our Clu

doing so, I have had the opportunity to present and help organize our first E30 gathering. This event was a great success and made me want to promote our local BMW CCA Chapter. During my ten years as a member, I have been fortunate enough to win several trophies in the Peoples Choice/Concours events and a first place trophy at Oktoberfest. I have also ex-



perienced several driving schools — as I begin to learn of the limits of the car and myself, I have become an even bigger fan of BMW! a hard-working, personable, do-it-yourself man who would be hon to be more involved. Let me, help you, promote your ideas to the Thank you for your consideration.



Dave Tatem

for President

i, my name is **Erik Ivarson** and I am running for President of the Badger Bimmers. I've been a member of the Club since 1977, on the Board a few times, Chief Instructor, Club Racer and helped on many events. I am familiar with the position, responsibilities, and the great people with whom I'd be working. It would be my honor to serve as your President, represent our Club to BMW CCA, and get to know even more Badger Bimmer enthusiasts.

Erik Ivarson



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for Treasurer

i, my name is **Mike Clemens** and I'm a candidate for re-election as Treasurer of the Badger Bimmers. I have been Treasurer for the last two years and on the Board for the last six years. I've been a member of the Club since 1997. In addition to my duties as Treasurer, I've organized the driving schools at Blackhawk Farms and Road America for the last seven years.

Mike Clemens

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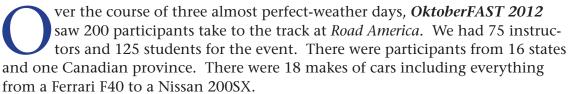


OktoberFAST 2012

Photographs by Jenny Morgan







Thanks to Mary Medo and John Morgan, our chief instructors; Charles High, Chuck Tucker and Larry Boyer, our classroom instructors; Chris Fredette and Robbie Cutcliffe, our exercise leaders; and to Nancy Priem, Cindy Ansay, Dave Thuerk and Don Gawronski who did a great job handling registration at the track.

Thanks also to **Steve Werner**, **Darcy Yench**, **Ron Clarkson**, **Peter Thermansen** and **David Swernoff** for handling grid manager duties during the event. We'd also like to thank **Chris Schuh** and **Fred Schwierske**, from **CS Motorsports**, for handling tech inspections and providing service to those who experienced car problems during the event.

OktoberFAST for 2013 is scheduled for September 27th to the 29th.

-Mike Clemens

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Report and photographs by Bill Nicoud

or those of you looking for a new experience, something that feels good and does good, consider this. I just participated in One Lap of Road America for the American Cancer Society. This was the 34th running of the event. As stated, this event benefits the American Cancer Society. It's a run/walk to raise funds and awareness of how cancer affects too many of those whom we love.

cancer.org

If you've always wanted to experience Road America from an on-track perspective, but never wanted to do so in a car, or for those of you who







have driven the track, this is a very unique perspective.

One thing to consider, since this was the middle of October, is your choice of clothing. Maybe shorts aren't the best choice. The run starts at the start finish line and takes you for one complete lap of Road America. You know those hills that seem to take forever in your BMW? Try it on foot

— the word challenging comes to mind. You become very aware of all the elevation changes; which turns are flat, which ones have some banking, and



just how narrow the track seems in some areas. You also have a lot more time to take in the scenery and fall colors. Time to reflect about those special people in your life who are affected by cancer or those who have inspired you with their battle. Seems like a worthwhile situation to me.

How about it, Badger Bimmers?

Let's put a team together for next year and do something positive for people who need help. Something to think about!

Bimmer in the Barn by Bill Nicoud

ork on the Bimmer in the Barn has now shifted to the back of the car. I mentioned in an earlier article that the rear of the car had been damaged sometime early in its original owner's history. The car was repaired, but this meant repairs by late 1970s' or 80s' standards, and this was clearly not going to cut it.

As I've said before, I'm going to do this job only once.

The scary part is that, by
the time you remove all the
offending parts, what you have left is something
that loosely resembles road kill that has been picked
over by vultures. This is all going to take some time.
And, by the way, the same undercoating that was
used in the engine compartment was also used to

coat the trunk compartment, oh goody!



The Powers That Be

Remember that clutch slave cylinder that would not give up its hold on the transmission? Well, I conquered that one, but you have to be amazed at the adhesive powers of corrosion. The bad combination of pot



Rear Damage Extensive

The early damage involved the rear body panel, the trunk floor, and both rear quarter-panels. The problem is that the rear panel and quarter-panels were repaired by splicing parts of new panels in place of the damaged ones. This was an acceptable repair back in the day, but this repair meant that large amounts of filler had to be used to finish the spliced areas, and the areas that weren't replaced, needed lots of filler to finish them. An older repair like that also brought a good possibility, that areas replaced were welded by brazing as opposed to mig or tig welding.

Sooo, how do you fix this mess? A proper fix would involve replacing all the damaged parts in question. Now, fortunately I've been collecting parts for a project like this for a while, as I mentioned before. This is work that I've done enough times that it's almost more muscle memory than thought.

metal cylinder and aluminum transmission housing doesn't help the equation. I quite literally had to cut the slave cylinder into pieces, and then chisel the remaining



bits out of the transmission housing.

The irony involved here is that the same corrosive powers that welded that piece into the transmission, are the same ones that work to gobble up all that lovely German sheet metal — quite a formidable opponent.

So a lot of work ahead. But I'll keep chipping away at it (okay some pun intended).

Stay tuned... bi

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BMW Bobsled

like, this new two-man sled would be different, with both sides saying the look is unique.

"What we've got so far, it is recognizably different," said Michael Scully, a creative director for global design at BMW. "It can be what bobsleds in the future are identified as, or it can come to define



something that doesn't work. We're really in the early stages of testing. What we're working on is still in development, but yes, it is distinctively recognizable."

BMW is headquartered in Germany — a huge bobsled rival for the U.S., and a nation that typically produces some of the best sliders in the world.

The irony of this arrangement has not been lost on anyone involved.

"It is going to be interesting," Steele said.

"They're sponsored as well, but this one is going to be a little bit different."

Some U.S. drivers, including reigning Olympic and world champion Steven Holcomb, tested the prototype sled on the 2002 Olympic track in Park City, Utah, earlier this year. There's been no announcement about when the sled would make a competitive debut later this season in a World Cup race; this weekend's stop on that circuit is in Park City.

Scully did not know much about bobsledding when his role with the project began, though he had a background that made him perfectly suited for the role. He's an accomplished athlete, both in auto racing and alpine sports — combine them, and essentially, you have bobsledding.

He's even taken a run down the track in Lake Placid, N.Y., thinking at the time he'd be able to snap pictures and enjoy a smooth ride. One turn into that trip, he dropped the camera into the sled and began hoping merely to survive the intensely bumpy ride.

"I got exposed to something at the bobsled track I wished I'd gotten exposed to 25 years earlier," Scully said. "It's the coolest thing I've ever seen. It's such a wonderful sport."

"This whole project is about delivering the fastest tool that we can deliver to the athletes," Scully said. "It really is about us trying to provide them with the very best equipment."

BMW says its "EfficientDynamics" technology that works for cars is being applied to the sled plan, with lightweight materials, "optimized aerodynamics and chassis dynamics," and all of it being done to increase "overall sport performance."

"We're no strangers to sport performance characteristics such as agility, speed and aerodynamics," said Ludwig Willisch, the president and chief executive officer for BMW of North America. "To be involved in a project with opportunity for such direct transfer of our core competencies to the advancement of Team USA was a very exciting proposition for us. We can't wait to see this finished sled on the ice."



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