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David Nalley, Bluegrassbimmers President

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After an awesome Spring, and amazing summer, and what looks to be a fabulous fall, we can't ignore the fact that winter is coming all too soon. And here in the "not quite" South/"not quite" Midwest of the Bluegrass State, we still get a mix of the worst of winter. To that end, in this quarter's newsletter, I have an article on ways to help protect your Bavarian machine from the harsh elements.

About that awesome Spring, we had our second annual Spring Drive – an event we plan to continue for years to come. A whole fleet of BMWs enjoyed an awesome day, and the drivers enjoyed an awesome meal afterwards in LaGrange. Next year's route is far from being planned, but we hope that we will have a great day yet again.

Spring also brought us our first Street Survival school at Papa John's Stadium for 2013. Every year we have one or two of these events where we help teach Teen drivers a lot of valuable lessons they won't get in Driver's Ed. They get the chance to push the car to the limits of control in a safe environment.

Summer had as its feature the Bluegrass/ Hoosier Driving School at Putnam Park. A sold out event for the second year in a row, Bimmerphiles from throughout the region gathered for an amazing weekend of learning to drive fast (er)! This has become a MUST DO event, not only for track junkies on our Chapter, but from regions all around. If you count yourself among that crowd, or are thinking of taking the plunge into high performance driving, then 2014 will be of even greater interest for you. As many of you may know, track construction is well underway in Bowling Green at the National Corvette Museum, and we are in the early planning stages to get our Chapter there once the track opens!

By the time you read this, another new event – the Fall Bourbon Distillery Tour will have already happened. This event is a little less about the cars, and more about the people

who love the cars. Gathering at Historic Buffalo Trace for a Distillery Tour, followed by lunch at Jim's Seafood. Oh, and I am sure there will be lots of car talk in there as well!!!!

Fall also brings us the annual Fall Drive – this year, returning to Dale Hollow State Resort Park. The driving tour officially starts in Lexington, and takes some of the Commonwealth's best back roads to scenic Dale Hollow, where everyone will gather for a relaxing dinner and overnight stay at the Lodge.

In 2014, we'd like to continue to add more events and opportunities to share our love for all things BMW. While your board has a few ideas in store, I'd strongly encourage you to let us know if you have some ideas for a new event – THIS IS YOUR CLUB – and we want everyone to have the BMW experience they enjoy. You can email me at davidcnalley@gmail.com, or post on our Facebook group page with your ideas. We'd love to hear from you!

-David Nalley
Chapter President

Our newsletter title the German word Pferdestärke translates to Horsepower in English, which is something we all want more of and can never get enough of.

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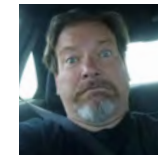
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O'FEST '13, RAMBLINGS ON THE ROAD by: Bill Wade

OktoberFest for the next year is always announced at the Friday banquet at the current years OFest. Last year in Columbus OH, Frank Patek announced that this year's annual gather of the faithful would be in Monterey CA and the track events would be at Laguna Seca. Because of my position with the Foundation I kind of already knew that but the buzz in the room was still cool to experience. Sitting with Tim Beechuk Buckeye Chapter President, we started talking about how do we get our cars out there. I have driven Laguna but it was back in 2003 and it wasn't in my car so the idea was intriguing. Fast forward about 9 months and we had investigated many options, organizing a national program for people to fill car haulers up in selected cities getting the price down as low as possible. Even with this herculean effort it was still only going to get down to fifty cents a mile.... each way.... We talked to numerous people that had multi car race car haulers offering our services to help drive them out for a space for our cars.... still no go. So Tim said, "I'm driving out", his ever-patient wife Jaynee said "Well....have fun". Fast



Our intrepid travelers, Bill Wade and Tim Beechuk, resting after a long drive

forward again Tim and I leave for an epic cross country drive.

Tim started his white 135 and left Cincinnati on Tuesday August 13th, picking me up 2 hours later. We had 2,400 miles to cover in about 5 days. Tim had a few stops in mind so we decided to prioritize where we spent the most time. We forgo stopping in the wonderful state of Kansas as much as possible and get as far west as we could. A night in Manhattan KS

seemed appropriate at the time and we got to Colorado Springs the next day. A tour of the US Air Force Academy and it's Chapel was very cool. A setting sun provided a nice back drop for a walk in the Garden of the Gods. We found a really cool cabin hotel in town and planned on a drive up Pikes Peak the next day. Damage from the recent flash flood was still evident in the downtown area but the sun was shining as we made it up to the



A little US Air Force Academy Chapel architecture, very stealth fighter looking

14,000+ feet elevation. It was 36 degrees at the top and guess who were the only 2 guys in shorts? Yep! We passed a couple on the way up on serious road bicycles, they were up out of the saddles pumping the hearts out. After being at the top for 20 minutes we see them walking around.



The cyclists that passed us on the way down, at least we got to the top before them

Striking up a conversation I find out it took 2 hours and 45 minutes to make it. WOW... I'm in no shape to exercise, much less ride for that long, much less totally climbing an incline the whole time! They passed us going down.

Our next stop took us to Moab Utah and Arches National Park. I had been there 5 years ago with my son and it was still

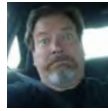
amazing. From there we started the most desolate drive known to man. US-50. "The Most Lonesome Road in the US". We had alternated days driving and I got to witness this experience from the driver's seat. At one point we had the cruise control set a "little over the limit" <G> and I held the steering wheel completely still for over 32 miles.... not one degree of turning. 5 minutes of some slight turns and then we hit another stretch. We decided to

guess how far it was to the next turn. Seeing the road go off into infinity Tim said "6 miles"... I said "naww.. gotta be at least 8". It was 18!! A night at a really back road casino and the next day we were in California! Our first meal in the

Golden Bear state was of course at In-N-Out. This was Friday night. We spent Saturday driving up the coast a couple of hours north of San Francisco to a little place called Marshall, and to an oyster place on the bay. Every car commercial you've seen matches this road. The weather, the water, the views, was such a blast. Granted it was in a Ford Escape that was being pushed beyond its design limits by a not-to-be named ex-Sales Guru for Dinan Engineering but it still brought a smile.

Ofest began and I started my shaking-hands-slapping-backs-kissing-babies for the BMW CCA Foundation and Tire Rack Street Survival. 2 days working the Foundation booth and running out to see the Concours and then facilitating the Car Control Clinic on Wednesday got us on site of Laguna Seca. Tim and I started instructing on Thursday. The Foundation has been holding charity rides on the track during the Ofest drivers schools for years. BMW NA would bring out some of its Vintage Race Cars and bring in their drivers.

O'FEST '13, RAMBLINGS ON THE ROAD by: Bill Wade



Think about a few laps in the 3.0CSL or with Joey Hand in the e46 M3GTR at Mid Ohio or Bill Auberlen in the LeMans McLaren F1GTR at Barber, well this year was a little different. Laguna has sound restrictions that limit the noise to 92 dB to protect the neighbors that bought

hoot to be around, the mechanic didn't speak English but the other guy did. They got me a ride. I've been blessed with opportunities to get rides in all of these cars in past O'fest's and the ride in this ALPINA was by far the most brutal. They were filming some track footage

ridden in the right hand seat for well over a decade, I have been with some of the best and worst students imaginable, I've ridden with some of the best drivers, both professional and amateur around and I've never felt impending doom quite like this. But it finally crossed my mind that this was



Whats a guy to do when theres this BIG LIME GREEN hunk of ALPINA automotive awesomeness sitting there. Go for the ride of his life of course.

houses next to a race track and don't like the noise. That doesn't allow much more than a street car with a stock muffler so none of the typical vintage race cars could come. Through a promotional arrangement with ALPINA, they brought their 2011 Euro GT3 championship winning car from Germany, a tube frame fire belching 'M6'. They really wanted to show off this car so they fabricated a muffler, tuning it to get below the dB limit. The crew stated that they spent over \$12,000 to get this done. Along with this they also brought a 'stock' ALPINA street M6 to give rides in. Part of my job at Ofest is to help with these rides and its always a blast to help people in the race cars and see their faces once they get back out.

I got to chat up the 2 handlers, a wrench that helped keep everything running and a marketing guy whose job it was to keep the driver happy. These 2 were a



These are SOME fender flares

so we ran nose-to-tail with the street car driven by Matt Russell BMW M Brand Manager, for 3 laps... Oh did I mention the driver in the race car was the CEO of ALPINA? who happens to be the son of its founder? yeah... not bad. When I said driving nose-to-tail I mean "OMG you're going to hit him close!" Having



With the 2 Handlers of Alpina, The Wrench, and the Marketing guy guess who's who

his racecar and so was the car ahead so I doubt it if he wants to crash them. It was the highlight of Ofest for me.

Oh.... how was driving Laguna Seca?, very cool of course. Ask any car guy/gal what US track is on their bucket list, this one



Just an ordinary day for Bill and Tim at Leguna Seca. Getting the crap scared out of them in some really nice cars.



For a while I was pretty sure Tim had selected this route after watching a Breaking Bad episode

has to be near the top. Going down the corkscrew is an amazing experience. You spend about a third of the track going up a slight hill to get to the top of the corkscrew, you get hard on the brakes turn left, looking for an oak tree on the other side of the track and then you see nothing for just enough time for your

every time... and that's hard. Laguna isn't really a hard track to learn but it's a hard track to drive really fast. Tim's car on street tires with track breaks was a hoot to drive. Very fast and I was just getting to the point that the traction control was starting to really impede my fun... 'you kept the traction control on?' you ask?

moonscape location to kill me and dump my body. We went thru a town named Oatman, AZ which was about 200 yards long and filled with the most damaged looking people I've ever seen. There were almost a dozen donkeys wandering in the street... in the rain... begging for food, attention, or a shot in the head to end their misery. After a pass thru Williams AZ we where off to the Grand Canyon. Again this was for Tims' benefit as I had been there and he hadn't. We go about an hour and a half in a perpendicular direction to Kentucky to get there only to have it start to drizzle. We finally make it to the rim and it's fogged in. I mean we could have been standing on the edge of the ocean and not known any better. So disappointment filled our hearts and we drove on. Texas the next day brought the last highlight of the return trip as we made it to the Cadillac Ranch. Having stopped there in 2008 I was saddened to see it has fallen into such despair. Pictures were taken, signatures added and were on our way.



A decked out BMW Advanced Diesel Racer, a leftover from the Mecum Auto Auction and me hoping Tim is just playing games with my head

brain to go "warning-warning-warning!" then out of the right side of your peripheral vision you see black asphalt and then you figure out how to get there. It took me 4 or 5 times to drive this before my head stopped screaming. "we're going to die!... did I just see a dragon?...where is the land for craps sake?"... after the initial fear wears off then you try to get it right

WHY??!! Well, it's not my car, we were on street tires and most importantly, we were 2,400 miles away from home!

On Saturday after the school was completed we started a trek back. We drove to Barstow for a stop, passing the largest groves of fruit trees, nut trees and all types of other fruits and vegetables.

The next day Tim wanted get some kicks and drive some of Route 66. This was not the part of RT66 that Max and I drove 5 years ago. That was the part that the movie Cars inspired. For a while I was pretty sure Tim had selected this route after watching a Breaking Bad episode and decided to find a



At the Cadillac Ranch - really needs some help



This is what 18 days and 6000 miles looks like

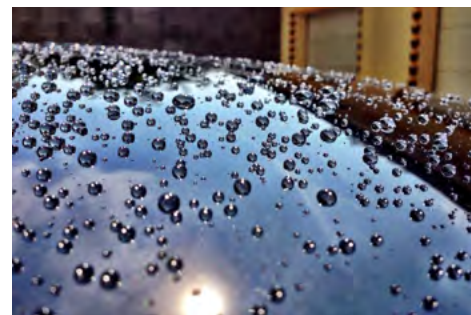
Next year? Oh yeah it's Beaver Creek, CO in June... wanna go?

Winterize That Bimmer

(Or, How to Make Sure your Bavarian Iron does not RUST!) by: David Nalley

For the past several winters, I have been driving an older BMW. I shod it with snow tires, but frankly, did not do a whole lot more to winterize it. It isn't that I didn't care for the car, but it was a high mileage non-M e36 328is that just didn't merit that much of my time.

This year, having passed that 328is on to my son, I am facing the likelihood that I will be driving my "street" M3 during the winter months. Given that it is much prettier than the old car, and that I want to keep it that way, I'm going to need to do as much as I can to protect it from the elements and the dreaded salt that will be on the roadways before too long. The "easy button" would be to take it to a high end detailer, and tell them to prep the car for winter. But I, like many of you, enjoy caring for my cars, and will be doing this work myself. So after doing some internet research, and talking to some experts, here is a plan I'll be following to protect my BMW:



Which of us doesn't like to see water beading up on their BMW. This is from a master detailer, but you can get similar results

1. A Proper Wash – Any kind of detailing starts with a proper wash. Don't skimp out and use an old sponge, one bucket and Dawn liquid. I use a lot of Meguiar's products, and their Gold Class car wash is the one I start with. Other good products are out there from Griot's Garage, Sonax and others. Using a microfiber mitt and two buckets (one for soapy water, one for rinse), I'll hand wash the car in a shady area, and then towel it dry. Good microfiber towels or a chamois are best for drying. Don't forget the undercarriage – if you have grime, grease or other muck under there – the salt can stick that much more – so clean UNDER the car as well. A detail brush is your friend down there.

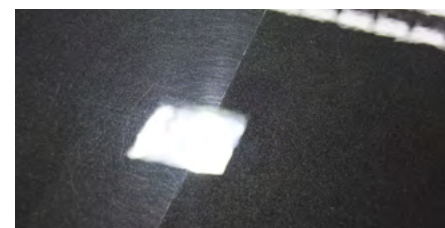
2. Prepare the Paint for Protection – Even though you've washed, the paint still has contaminants on it/ in it. The next step in your winterizing is to remove those contaminants with clay. If you've never clay barred your car



With a good wash, some prep work and a good polishing and wax you can get your BMW to shine shine shine. A shining BMW is a well taken care of investment, and resists the elements, no matter how harsh

before, you will be amazed at what comes off of a "clean" car by using the clay and detail spray. For the uninitiated, buy a kit. It will include the clay, quick detail spray (used as lubricant) and a microfiber towel. Clay barring the car will get it ready for sealant/wax.

3. Optional next step – Polish/Buf. If your car has a lot of scratches, now is the time to address them with a polish/buffing. Hand polishing is the safest, but if you want to do



A random orbital polisher is an easy way to keep that BMW shiny and comes in various sizes from 3" to 10". Before and after looks like this

it with mechanical assistance – make sure you get a random orbital polisher. These are much safer to use and will help you avoid damaging your clearcoat/paint.

4. Wax/Sealant – There are a ton of good products out there. Just go to Autogeek.net and you will be amazed, perhaps overwhelmed by the selection. Once you've settled on one, take your wax job a step farther and make sure that you also get the door jambs, around the trunk and hood openings and any other painted areas – not just the ones you see from the outside.



A good cleaning with a non-acidic wheel cleaner and dedicated wheel waxing will protect those wheels from brake dust and the harshest winters

5. Wheel Clean and Prep – If you've owned BMWs for very long, you know that the great braking they have comes at a price – a lot of dust on the wheels. Get a good non-acid wheel cleaner and remove that dust, using a soft brush to get between the spokes, and then use a dedicated wheel wax to seal the finish and protect it from salt and more dust.

6. Protect the rubber – Rubber door seals can really take a beating from the cold. They dry, can get brittle and even crack. A rubber protector like Wurth Rubber Care Gel can help preserve those seals in the winter months. Added bonus – it helps keep the door seals from freezing shut as well.

7. Protect the inside – A good interior clean consists of vacuuming the carpets, cleaning/treating the leather seats, and cleaning the dash and windows. Good winter floor mats from BMW or WeatherTech are a must to protect your floors from salt/slush and grime.

8. Lastly, and most important – KEEP IT CLEAN – when the nasty stuff comes, it is the hardest, but most important time to keep it clean. If you have a garage big enough and warm enough – wash it indoors, using the two bucket method described above. AVOID the drive through car washes – especially the ones with the brushes/soft cloth. The cleanliness of the water is questionable, and the brushes and cloths are full of grit and debris from other cars. There are "rinseless" cleaners recommended by some of the detailing websites – I have not tried them, but plan to consider them this winter.

If you have a system, some tips or favorite products you use in the winter, please share them with us! Post them on our Facebook page and let us know what you do to keep your Bimmer looking good in the dark days of winter, along with some pictures.

Cashmere part 2 by: Greg Nehring

We have now spent a better part of the year with the 2013 X1 3.5 and all I still can say is WOW. I know its brand new and nothing should go or be wrong with it, and nothing has. We are now extremely familiar with the iDrive and navigation system and Patty sends nav directions from her iPhone all the time, and we have taken some longish trips (600+ miles) using it without a hitch.



Patty's X1 All shiny and new

I really have nothing negative to say about it. Its not a sports cars but has the power and handling of one. We had one of the TPMs tell us about a low tire, filled the tire alls been good since. Its a smallish SAV and feels more like a car. The AWD is great and a great comfort when the snow gets here, if it ever does this winter. The twin turbo 3.5 is smooth in power delivery and the shifts are barely felt, not something I really like but Pattys happy with it.

The loading capacity in the rear is more than adequate, we moved my youngest daughter to UK in August with no trouble

(it really helped that everything was in boxes, made loading a breeze). All her "stuff" made it intact along with a medium sized dorm refrigerator, more clothes than I care to mention and all the goodies that a 18 year old female needs to attend college the first year.

No dipstick troubled me at first but once you realize how easy it is to check with iDrive it takes all the worries away but you still have to guess how much oil you need to put in.

Patty really tries to pamper the X1 as much as possible, but the inevitable always happens. A couple of scratches, a scratch in the rear bumper from a shopping cart, all 4 wheels have been slightly curbed and what looks like an intentional gouge in the key cover on the passenger side door. At least there are no major dents (knock on wood). Shes very good about parking out in the boonies at Kroger and Target and tells me if I'm driving "park where you'd park your car", I never thought I'd see that day.

All the items I mentioned that I wanted in the X1, the sport seats, sport suspension, thick rimmed steering wheel, big brakes and paddle shifters have been resolved by my purchasing a 2008 135i. I have to admit, I was jealous of the X1 and all the coolness that goes along with a new car, but Patty did admit that she likes the sport seats better than the normal seats that she has in the X1. The 135i still has about

a year left on the CPO warranty which is a great comfort. As most of you know from being on the BGB facebook page, the only problem I had was 3 cracked wheels



My 135i pre mods, with wheels that hold air

which had to be replaced-- found 2 on ebay and had to purchase 1 from Swope, theres always something wrong with purchasing a used car, and as usual Edwin at Swope was very helpful in getting them on and the car ready to go.

Well, thats about it for the update on the X1. Its really been a joy to drive. I love the styling, the color and the performance. I know its Pattys but she doesn't mind me driving it, but for some reason she won't drive my 135i, says its too fast (don't think its the car but my driving), and she knows I'm fanatical about it. But, all in all the X1 is a SAV I wouldn't mind having it if thats all I could have, and maybe next time Patty will listen to me and get the Sports Package if only for the sport seats.

Call for Nominations for your Bluegrass Bimmers Board

Group,

It is that time of year again when we will soon be having elections for the Bluegrass Bimmers Chapter Board.

Vice President Zach Ketrting heads the nominations committee. Any member in good standing may run for office upon nomination of the Board, by personal request to the Board, or by nomination from another member.

Please submit your nominations to Zach at zachleeketrting@gmail.com by October 31.

Likewise, submit any requests to be a candidate to Zach as well.

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- I. **President**
- II. **Vice President**
- III. **Secretary**
- IV. **Treasurer**
- V. **Members at Large (3 positions)**

The Constitution and Bylaws explaining the role of each position are posted on the bluegrassbimmers.org website.

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Thank You,
David Nalley, Chapter President



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BGB SWOPE BMW social a big hit by: Greg Nehring

A Big Thank You goes out to SWOPE BMW for making our October social a big hit. And a thank you to all the members who made it out to this social. J.R. Hage and his crew made us all feel right at home with a very nice spread of food and drinks. The highlight of the night though was getting to experience the 2014 435i xDrive and the Alpina B7.



Performance package which added a very aggressive look to the front end of the car.

The 435i was shown in a beautiful Estoril Blue with black leather interior and had the M

The Alpina B7 is one brute of a car having the full Alpina package carrying the 4.4 litre twin turbo V8 @ 540 HP, I think that works. The interior of the B7 is typical BMW but with all the Alpina upgrades, and the Amaro Brown full Merino Leather was soft as could be and perfectly complemented the Sapphire Black Metallic color.



Make it like leather again by: Greg Nehring

If for one love the look and feel of very nice leather, how could you not. The soft luxurious matte finish, the velvety grain and who can resist that smell, that's one of the main attraction points (besides the performance) of getting a new BMW, that new interior leather smell, ahh, especially when the car is warm inside.

Well, that leather is not that hard to take care of. A decent cleaning and conditioning every couple months especially in the high wear areas will keep that leather soft and supple as a babies behind, and will help



My steering wheel looks pretty clean, but believe me its dirty

it last for decades, yes, with the correct regime, decades.

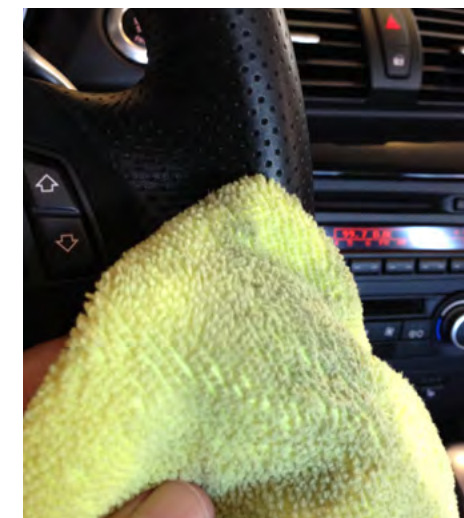
But we're not here to really discuss the seats, but to get to the one area that really connects you to the car -- yep, that nasty, sticky or slippery, dead cell covered, make-up encrusted (if you're a female, or just like wearing makeup) steering wheel. The one area that you are constantly making tactile contact with. I like my thick rimmed, leather covered steering wheel, with paddle shifters, its in front of you all the time and the one item that can really deter from the overall appeal of your interior (oh, and your shift knob if you are manually inclined).

Now, I know all of you out there have at some point have looked at your steering wheel and wished the leather was new, or contemplated getting a new one, or even (yuk) thought about one of those leather-you-sew-it-on-yourself-with-plastic-lacing steering wheel covers. DON'T DO IT. With a little TLC that steering wheel can have that like new again look and feel. So lets commence with cleaning up that steering wheel so you can go out and show it off.

What you'll need:

- Bucket O' warm water
- Some sort of mild Dishwashing liquid, or leather shampoo
- Soft clothes
- Soft brush, or terry cloth wax applicator
- Leather cleaner
- Leather conditioner (*I like pinnacle products, you want that matte finish, don't you, but use what you like*)

Ok, get yourself a bucket with some warm soapy water, not too soapy, a couple squirts in a gallon buckets good, a dishwashing liquid works great. Take a soft cloth, immerse and wring out thoroughly and start wiping down, using a soft scrubbing motion on the steering wheel rim. If



The proof is in the pudding, this is just one wipe with the leather cleaner

you're sitting in the drivers seat, and why shouldn't you be, make sure to place a thick towel on your lap under the steering wheel to absorb any soapy water that may run down the wheel, do this a couple times, you'll see the cloth getting a little dirty and the steering wheel start to get that matte look back. After a couple times of going over the wheel, rinse the cloth with clear warm water, thoroughly wring out and wipe the wheel down to remove any soapy residue that may remain. Let dry. All this was to remove any dirt, make-up, skin cells, grease, taco leftovers and whatever else you may have had on your hands.

Now, wipe on some leather cleaner, take the soft brush (I used a soft brush because I have a perforated leather wheel) and softly scrub the cleaner into the leather,

then wipe with a soft cloth, repeat if necessary. This is to get into the crevices of the leather and lift out any other residual crud.

At this point the steering wheel should look great if it was in good shape to begin with. That matte finish and the soft feeling should have returned. Now you should condition the steering wheel with a very good quality conditioner, applied sparingly with, yes again, another soft cloth then wiped of any residue with a soft cloth. And viola, that narly piece of shining leather is



The soft brush really gets into those perforations to get out whatever nasties are in there

transformed into the black matte finished steering wheel you once loved. It'll once again be grippy, not slick and will be a joy to hold and behold.

I have used this on many BMWs and it works well for me. I try to do it every spring and fall, so nows the time if you're gonna try it and want to start a regime. If you're fanatical do some research online and you will find 10,000 ways to clean a steering wheel, but what it really all boils down to is a routine, whether yearly or biyearly to keep that steering wheel looking in tip-top shape, and if you do it every couple months you can more than likely skip the soapy water portion making the task even less time consuming.

I hope this helps anyone who wants to try it. If your steering wheel is pretty far gone there are treatments, believe it or not, that can totally restore any leather as long as its not worn through and ripped, they can fill cracks and re-dye to bring it back to almost original condition.

Buffalo Trace Distillery Tour by: Greg Nehring



You know its always going to be a good time when a bunch of BMW fanatics get together at a distillery, right?

Well, lets start this with a board meeting we had a couple of months back, at Don Jacobs BMW in Lexington. We were discussing drives and things to do for the club, when one of the members chimed in with "how about a distillery tour" and



Display in front of the visitors center

being the group we are said, "great idea, set it up". So he did.

The he is Steve Cullen, and he did a great job of setting up not only the tour but a place to grab lunch after. This wasn't a driving tour, with the exception of getting there, but a tour of the distillery, a tour which most spouses showed up for as well, which was great. We all got to meet who belonged to who, spouse or significant other wise, these women who put up with us and our automotive fanaticism. I know there are females in the club but none showed up, if you did sorry I didn't meet everyone.

We all mingled for a while doing what we do best, talking about our cars. Whats new on them where we are going next, blah, blah, blah.

Well 11 AM gets here and we make our way to the visitor center to start our tour, having to pass by one of the warehouses storing thousands of barrels of aging



The Group walking up to the visitor center to start our tour

bourbon. Now if you like Bourbon, and who doesn't, and you've never been to a distillery then get ready to have your sense of smell aroused with the scent of aging Bourbon, a light wafting at first, just enough to get you a little excited with the thought of whats to come.



David Nalley, Chapter Pres, being friendly, who wouldn't be knowing they get free samples

Our Guide Boyd starts with the history of the distillery. He's very engaging and you can tell right away that he knows this stuff inside and out just by his delivery. The distillery's over 200 years old with some of the warehouses being over a century old, the grounds of the distillery are impeccably clean and well maintained. Its hard not to get overwhelmed with the history Buffalo Trace instills. We make our way past the same warehouse that we got our first whiff of Bourbon from, following a path along side the warehouse and are told about the metal tracks along side the building. These are about 3 feet off the ground and

follow an incline from a high point to a low point. These are for moving the 500 pound barrels of Bourbon into and out of the warehouse. Ahh, the warehouse -- I can still smell the aroma. Back to the tour.

Boyd led us to a small relatively tall building for a 10-15 minute video history of the distillery, and then gave us a show and tell about the barrels and how they breath



Our Tour Guide Boyd, a wealth of Bourbon knowledge and history

during the seasons and the how and why they are burnt inside for 55 seconds to get just the right amount of charring to impart the color and smoothness Buffalo Trace Bourbons are known for. Oh, did I mention they have 18 different brands?

From the video tour we are led to, wait for it... yep, the warehouse. You walk down a step or two into an undersized doorway that leads into the belly of the warehouse. Its dark, relatively cool and somewhat claustrophobic. You are met with this visual of rows upon rows of barrels filled to the brim (53.5 gallons to be exact) with aging Bourbon. As you walk deeper into the warehouse you realize just how old the timbers are that make up the structure, and how big they are along with a slightly musty smell that reminds me of the basement in a 65 y.o. house. But then, along with that musty smell you suddenly get that lingering aroma of aging Bourbon, not too strong at first, then with each step deeper into the center of the warehouse



One of the warehouses and barrels stacked with the windows open for the breathing of the barrels, if you look hard enough at the bottom pic you can see Papy van Winkle in the dark area...gotcha.

the musty smell is overtaken by that delicious scent of Bourbon. Everyone was yumming and lightly inhaling the scent. There's nothing better. We are given more history, and how they sample from the barrels, and what happens if a barrel is leaking and how they tend to that. All extremely interesting. We are told about the evaporation and the longer the Bourbon is aged the more volume it loses, how because of age and evaporation a barrel that once had the full amount now only produces 10 gallons. But its a glorious 10 gallons of the finest 23 year old Bourbon.

We are then led out of that aromatic wonder lust of a warehouse to the bottling facility. They were bottling single barrel bourbon (Blantons to be exact). This is



The bottling facility, every part of this process is completed by hand

exactly what it sounds like, a single barrel is used to fill the bottles until its gone then onto the next barrel. Most Bourbons are blended, using multiple barrels to get the exact taste and alcohol content.

Watched the bottling process-- all this takes place in about a 15-20ft span. Bottles cleaned, air dried, put on filler, filled, corked, seam waxed, neck label, body label, protective mesh wrap, packaged and boxed. Not nearly that fast though-- its a total hand process routine.

Now, so far all this has taken about an hour, so what do you do with your tour group after an hour of watching the process of the Bourbon being made, stored processed and packaged? Yep, time for a tasting. 4 products for us to imbibe in. 1 was their moonshine White dog, second was a Single Barrel Bourbon, third was Buffalo Trace and final was the Buffalo Trace Cream. All very good, but I really liked the Single Barrel and the Buffalo Trace Cream, and from the looks of the line in the gift shop the overall favorite was the B.T. Cream, without a doubt.

After some purchases had been made and a little talking with the some members about the tour it was time to head over to Jims Seafood, which was about a block away up from the distillery.



One of the warehouses stacked to the ceiling with ageing barrels of Bourbon

There were various car clubs there that day. The Rolls Royce Club and a Racing Club, don't know the name but there were various makes decked out with their racing numbers and roll cages.

We get to Jim's Seafood and are seated right away, 1 long table with about 20 people on each side, plenty of people to talk joke around with. Drink and food orders were taken while everyone talked about various things, Cars, vacation, cars, cooking, cars, movies, cars, racing, etc.

After about an hour of banter, eating and drinking, David Nalley Chapter President got up, thanked us all for coming out and



Kinda looks like the last supper, at Jim's Seafood

Steve for the task of setting it all up, made a few announcements, sold a Bunch of the new BluegrassBimmers.org vinyl stickers, which will be available at all Socials for \$5 and reminded us of the upcoming Fall Drive to Dale Hollow, which sounds like a blast.

All in all it was a great time, had a little rain while eating, and Bill Wade had to run out to close his windows and sunroof. the ride home was smooth sailing even though we had a monsoon for about 20 minutes. Don't know what it is but it looked like half or more of the people

on the road pulled off and waited for the monsoon to subside. Other than that all was good.

I encourage all members to join in events and I for one am definitely going to do a HPDE next year (I think I'm the only board member than hasn't done ANY of these yet) can't wait to get the BeJeezes scared outta me.

Welcome New Members

Every quarter we will be adding the newest BluegrassBimmers club members. Don't forget to join the facebook page and to come to the social closest to your specific area, locations are on the website at bluegrassbimmers.org, its a great way to meet and get to know other members.

Victor J. Matos	Edgewood, KY
Grant Maddock	Lexington, KY
Michael Adams	Lexington, KY
James M. Johnson	Walton, KY
Jacqueline Nielsen	Versailles, KY
Scott Sizelove	Union, KY
Srinivas Ketharaju	Staffordville, KY
Barbara Chang-Wai-Ling	Milltown, IN
Jeffrey Scott Walther	Lexington, KY
Joseph Newsom	Louisville, KY
Justin Williamson	Lexington, KY
Jeremy Milam	Louisville, KY

Pferdestärke is going pure digital!

That's right folks, we are moving away from the printed newsletter. Why? You ask. Well there are a couple reasons for this. Cost is one, it costs a lot of money to print and mail ~ 400 newsletters (and it isn't getting any cheaper). Time is the other, Facebook and E-mail allows us to organize events quicker and get feedback on proposed events, the printed newsletter was not able to evoke the real-time conversation that is needed this day in age.

What do I need to do? -- Make sure your e-mail address is correct at www.bmwcca.org

What if I don't do E-mail? -- Worry not, we will continue to mail you a printed newsletter. But, you will probably receive the newsletter 2-3 weeks later than if you signed up for e-mail delivery.

When will this start? -- September 1st. The Fall newsletter will be the first to be delivered primarily via e-mail.

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Don't forget the Louisville and Lexington Socials*. Second Tuesday of each Month, @ 7pm

Louisville Area:

BoomBozz Taphouse
31448 Bardstown Rd
Louisville, KY 40204
Contact: Dan Miller

Lexington Area:

Clarion Hotel (old Holiday Inn at I-75)
1950 Newtown Pike
Lexington, KY 40511
Contact: Chad Sledd

**All membership socials are "DutchTreat".*

If your location is not close to Lexington or Louisville and would like to schedule a Social, contact our webmaster to set up a time and location in your area, that way we can get the word out on the website, email blast and in the newsletter.

BGB Join The Club Card

As members of the club, we are always looking to expand the experience by trying to get the membership up-- Its not always easy approaching someone with a BMW that you like (or maybe it is), or maybe theres a time when you see a hot BMW in a parking lot somewhere and want to see if they're interested in joining the club.

Well, we have just the ticket for that-- the NEW BGB Join the Club card.



10 different designs help to get the point across. Each has a current image of a BMW to help attract attention, and a list of benefits on the back to entice them. Social media info on the front to get them to FaceBook and our club website. Available free to members at the monthly socials, just ask.

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