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Calendar of Events: July 2013 - September 2013

Events, club activities, and all happenings BMW

July 2013

July 8

Informal Social

6:30 p.m. Sonic 5350 Merle Hay Road Johnston

July 20

Annual Picnic

Manhattan Pavilion Ellis Park, Cedar Rapids

August 2013

August 11

Iowa Cubs Game

1:05 pm Principal Park 1 Line Drive, Des Moines

August 13

Informal Social

6:30 p.m. Royal Mile 210 4th St., Des Moines

August 19-24

Oktoberfest

Monterey, California

September 2013

September 8

Salisbury House Concours
Des Moines

September 10

Informal Social

6:30 p.m. El Bait Shop 220 SW 2nd St., Des Moines

September 20-21

Germanfest

Guttenberg (See article on page 13 in this issue for details.)

Area driving events from other chapters

There are many BMW events going on across the country this summer.

August 9 will be the third annual mountain BMW gathering Drive 4 corners, starting in Pagosa Springs, Colorado. For more information, visit http://drive4corners.com/.

July 2013

July 13

Car Show

Michana Chapter Gilmore Car Museum ("Deutschemarks")

July 15

HPDE

Blackhawk Farms

July 21

Driving Tour
St. Louis Chapter
Missouri

July 28

Car Show

Motor City Chapter

Meadow Brook Concours d'Elegance

August 2013

August 24

Car Show Hoosier Chaper Carmel Artomobilia

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Welcome New Members

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Or email to: BMWCClub@aol.com (yes, 2"C's)

Or on the website: BMWCCA.org

Street Survival

Our Street survival event in Newton this Last May 18 was a resounding success. Our Thanks go to all the volunteers that help make this event take place. This was our first time at the Parking lot of the Newton Speedway. It turned out to be a fantastic place to hold an event of this nature. The weather was great too!

We had the students split into two groups so that one group was driving while the other was in class. In the classroom we were able to have a driving simulator set up so that the students could experience the consequence of distractions like cell phones etc, while in a safe environment. The semitruck was a big hit with the students as it really gave them a different perspective to see what the truck drivers can see from the cab of their trucks. Some students commented that they had no idea what it was like in a truck cab before and now know why a truck driver cannot always see them.

The majority of the comments we got back from the students focused around the fact that they all loved the driving time and wished there was more of it.

We had the students going around skid pads, run slaloms, and testing their emergency stopping procedures. The lane changing and tailgating exercise really challenged some students that realized leaving a bit more space between other vehicles and driving a bit slower really is safer in some cases.

Overall it was a great day with students that all learned a lot and are now safer drivers.

Check out the great coverage we got from WHO at their link: http://whotv.com/2013/05/18/car-control-teens-get-streetsurvival-skills/

Look for announcements about our Fall Street Survival event in future newsletters, or at our website.

Have a safe Summer Jeff Dalv Events coordinator.

Thanks to the sponsors of the 2013 Annual Dinner

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President's Corner by David Brighton



As in most volunteer organizations, the leadership of the club is always changing. One of the challenges to the current leadership is to find good folks who wish to dedicate time and energy to help that organization operate going forward. Since the inception of our club, there

have been many capable and willing people who have helped craft our club into one of the premier clubs in the country. During the past two or three years, our Board of Directors has remained very stable and capable, but the time has come for some of our members to move on to other endeavors. Therefore, we are now in the process of looking to replace two very vital members of the Board. In the next few months, we will be looking to fill the Newswerks editor position and the treasurer position. The Newswerks editor position is an appointed position, but the treasurer position is elected by the general membership.

By accepting a position on the Board, you will be able to help steer and plan for the future of our club. One of the responsibilities of a Board member is to attend monthly meetings and to help with the functioning of the club through thoughtful insight. We hope that some of our talented and gifted members will step forward and indicate their interest in becoming a member of our Board. By doing so, you will insure the bright future of our club and help prepare new members for an exciting club membership. Board members may also be calling you on the phone to ask if you would like to serve in a position of leadership. If you are interested in either of our positions for the upcoming year, please contact me at president@bmwia.org.

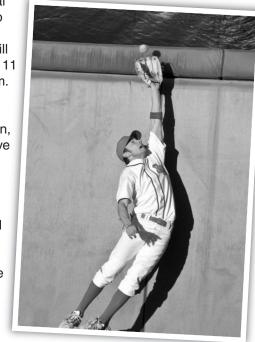


A thank-you to member Mike Gaul for donating a windshield wiper arm puller to our club tool loaner pool.

Let's Go Cubs! by David Trachtenberg

Get your tickets before they are sold out!

The annual **BMW Club** day at the ballpark will be August 11 at 1:05 p.m. against Fresno. Once again, we will have two connected skyboxes with both indoor and outdoor seating. Tickets are \$25 per person, which include



ticket and food. Again this year, we will be showing cars in front of the ballpark.

Tickets will be available at this year's annual club picnic on July 20, or by contacting David Trachtenberg. Don't delay! We'll be selling 35 tickets and they sell out quickly. For more information, contact David Trachtenberg at: secretary@bmwia.org.

See you at Principal Park.

Follow us on Facebook and look for details on upcoming events in email blasts.

The club is seeking a newsletter editor to eventually replace Nicole Jobst-Smith. The club is also looking for a treasurer to replace Ryan Smith in Spring, 2014. If you are interested in either position, please reach out to David Brighton at president@bmwia.org.

Member Spotlight

Kay Kretschmar Runge

Hometown (where you live now): Davenport and Des Moines, Iowa (I have two homes in Iowa!!)

BMWs owned: 2011 X3 and 2008 X3

What made you decide to purchase your first BMW? My dealer had a bright red 2008 X3 that looked so GOOD with my lowa State Cyclone License Plates I had to buy it.

Do you have any fun stories about your car? (Where you purchased it. Trips you've made. Anything.): My dealer always is making me want to try something new - like the X1. I drove it and loved the turbo charged engine!

What is your favorite BMW Club event and why? I have not been to many events since I am in a plane for business so often, but I love the dinners and lunches and the visits to the dealerships to learn about the mechanics of this fine driving machine.

Do you have a dream car? My dream car would be one with a driver!! Car Service is awesome!



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Driving School Data Acquisition Equipment—Part 1 by Mike Myers

Are you aware that you may already have a powerful data acquisition system in your possession that can be used at your next driving school or track day event? With the purchase of a relatively inexpensive application, your smart phone can use its GPS location and accelerometer data to capture, document and help you analyze your performance. And, if your device is mounted so that the camera is viewing the track, you've got an all-in-one system that can produce a video that overlays the captured data on top of the video image! With the addition of a couple of moderately priced accessories, you can increase the accuracy and update rate of the position data and add vehicle data such as throttle position, tachometer and current gear selection. As an example, take a look at this video from a recent driving school event at Mid-Ohio: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iSALIMNLmc0.

While there are several different applications available for both iOS and Android platforms, this article will be centered on Harry's Lap Timer, currently available for iOS and just starting beta for Android. The iOS version has been through multiple rounds of improvements and feature additions—it's now on version 17.x! There are currently three different iOS versions of this application with varying levels of functionality, starting at \$8.99 and running up to \$27.99.

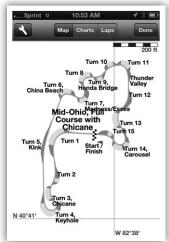
To get started, all you need is an iPhone and a mount that will hold the device in a position where you can access the controls and it has a good view of the sky to obtain a GPS position. A windshield or dashboard mount would be ideal, and if the camera can capture decent video as well, that's a bonus!. An iPod Touch will also work, but since that product does not incorporate an internal GPS, you would need an external GPS source—more on that in a later article when we talk about some of the accessory devices.

Before mounting the device and while you have the necessary data connection, load your track from the online database. With <u>more than 450 tracks</u> available, I've yet to attend an event where the track definition is not available. If you're running something like a rally or autocross, there are other options available to define and/or capture the necessary course information. After downloading and activating the track data, you may want to turn off the phone function if you want to avoid the distraction of any calls while you're out on the track!

Once mounted and with the application running, there are displays available to show that the internal accelerometers have been calibrated for the mounting position and you have a valid GPS position. While there is a learning curve for this application, there is also a simple "Start Driving" button to press and you're ready to go with no more attention required to the device until you return to the paddock.

With this minimal equipment set, you can now capture data for each lap and the application will provide images like the include examples (and much more) for review and analysis.

In the next article, we'll discuss the additional capabilities that come with the inclusion of video and other added accessories.



Map Charts Laps Done

Too ft Thunder Valley

86 mph
Turn 12

82 mph
Turn 13

Tamph
Turn 15

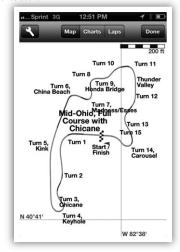
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Finish

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Turn 14,
Garousel

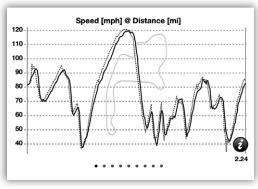
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Lap summary depiction showing lateral acceleration around the track. Colors are set to be green for less thatn 0.8 g, yellow up to 1.0 g, and red above.

As you zoom in on the lap depiction, minimum an maximum speeds are shown.



An alternative summary view showing the portions of the track where the car was accelerating (green) and decelerating (red).



This is just one of the many detail charts available. The solid line is speed from the GPS sensor, the dotted line is the car's speedometer reading captured using an accessory device connected to the car OBD port.

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Annual Picnic Reminder

The BMW CCA lowa Chapter Annual Picnic will be held Saturday, July 20, at 11 a.m. along the Cedar River in Cedar Rapids at the Manhattan pavilion in Ellis Park. We will provide various smoked meats, while attendees are asked to bring a side to share. The theme for this year will be Caribbean, and will feature flavors and favorites from the islands. Restrooms and a serving counter with outlets are provided. Hope to see you there! Below are some general directions.

Take exit 19A toward U.S. 151 Business/5th Ave SW/Diagonal Dr/Downtown

Turn right onto Diagonal Dr SW

Turn left onto 1st St SW

1st St SW turns slightly left and becomes Penn Ave NW

Turn right onto Ellis Blvd NW

Follow Ellis Blvd about a mile to Manhattan Pavilion, which is on the right just after the boat houses.

Recipe Series by Don Van Lengen

Don Van Lengen has provided the following recipe for his series, and as a motivation for the Carribean themed annual picnic.

Recipe Jerk Marinade

- 1 Teaspoon All Spice fresh ground if possible
- 1 Teaspoon Cinnamon ground
- 1/2 Teaspoon Nutmeg fresh ground if possible
- 1 Teaspoon thyme
- 1 Teaspoon fresh ginger
- 1 Teaspoon Kosher Salt
- few grinds of black pepper
- 3 cloves garlic chopped
- 2 scallions or small onion diced

- 2 Tablespoons soy sauce
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 1/4 cup cider vinegar or fresh lime juice or orange juice
- 1/4 cup canola or vegetable oil
- 1 Scotch bonnet, or habanero chile, stemmed and seeded or *milder version use jalapeno, or dash of hot sauce

Put all in blender or food processor and mix well. Use on Chicken, pork, fish or vegetables.



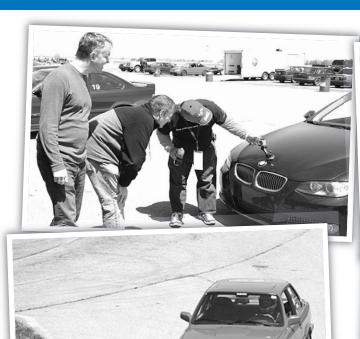


Flatout Classic by Chris Kjellmark

A large contingent of the Iowa Chapter of the BMW Car Club of America (CAA) participated in the 2013 Flat Out Classic High Performance Driving Event (HPDE) on April 26 – 28 this year at Heartland Park in Topeka, KS. The event was organized by the Great Plains, Kansas City, St. Louis, Sunbelt Chapters of the BMW CCA. They were great hosts and made all those who attended feel welcome. This was my first time at Heartland Park and it was a great experience and a very nice track. This was also my first time to solo at a driving event. After attending several track schools as a student you are always wondering how it would feel to finally be on the track solo. It was a great experience for me and I am glad I was able to show my instructor (Marc Ellwein) that I had acquired enough fundamental track skills for him to sign off on my going solo the last half of the day on Sunday.

When you pull on the track in the car alone you are a little apprehensive as your safety net in the passenger seat is no longer there. As you go around the track at a reduced pace on the first lap all the instructions you have had from past and present instructors is running through your mind. Once the session moves into full swing you concentrate on the positives and try to let the mistakes stay behind you at the last turn. You also try to control the adrenaline that is flowing through you from being solo in the car. It was one of those life moments you will always remember and it is hard to get the smile off you face afterwards. This student had a great time as did the rest of the lowa Chapter who attended.









Oktoberfest 2013 by David Brighton

If you have never been to an Oktoberfest, and only attend once in your lifetime, this is the one. Oktoberfest 2013 will take place in Monterey, California on August 19-24. By choosing this locale and date, Oktoberfest attendees will have the option of arriving early and attending the Legends of the Autobahn in Monterey on August 16 and Festorics at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca on August 17-18. This will be a nine-day period of Oktoberfest like we have never seen before.

Legends of the Autobahn, on August 16, features four prominent German enthusiast marques, the concours d'elegance is hosted by the BMW Car Club of America, the Mercedes-Benz Club of America, the Porsche Club of America, and the Audi Club of North America.



The BMW CCA Monterey Festoric event at Laguna Seca Monterey, on August 17-18, celebrates the mystique of BMW and our appreciation for our BMW's.

For more information on Oktoberfest and the activities surrounding it, visit www.bmwcca.org. Hope to see your there.





LDDS from a Newcomer's Perspective by Nicole Jobst-Smith

Ryan Smith and I have served on the Iowa BMW Club board for nearly three years and never attended the Longest Day Driving School at the Mid-America Motorplex in Pacific Junction. This year, we were finally able to make the trip and see what our fellow board members were raving about.

As described by our fellow club members, we found that it is unlike any other chapter event the club hosts. I attribute this to the high participation, the weekendlong time commitment, and the sheer love of cars lingering in the air from the track to the grid and the paddock. Being in the company of these car lovers all weekend brought together why we have this club, and work so hard to bring the driving school to members each year.

Ryan was a novice student, while I volunteered for the Saturday and Sunday sessions and took photos from the stands and at turn 14. We were met with rain most of the weekend, but saw that each group was blessed with at least one dry run each day. On Sunday, the rain created an obviously wet track that provided some teaching opportunities.

It was great to see so many club members in one place. We saw lots of familiar faces, met members we've never seen, and welcomed other club's members to our driving school. We found that the day is really what you make of it. We enjoyed down time in the Brighton tent between sessions – and of course a tasty feast provided by Don and Stacy Van Lengen (whom you can find a recipe from in this issue).

Now for the driving. Ryan was glad to finally see what his 2008 335i is capable of. He enjoyed working with instructor Dave Anderson from Minnesota, who talked him through how to navigate the track and offered slight variations on the line based on Ryan's car and track conditions. I enjoyed watching the instructor group's session on the track, and even got a ride from instructor Fred Bell.

A special thank you goes to those who participated in the charity laps, especially since the track was a bit saturated. The funds raised from those laps go to a charity that's dear to my heart; Animal Lifeline of Iowa. It's a no kill, special needs animal shelter in Des Moines that I volunteer for. The money we raised was enough to have two cats spayed or neutered. Let me explain the impact that has on the shelter. If you never spay or neuter one cat, and her kittens, and their kittens, and so on, that creates 230,000 cats over seven years. That means your donations helped keep 460,000 cats out of shelters. You're an awesome club! To learn more, visit www.animal-lifeline.com.

When walking around the paddock, I noticed a lot of Go Pro cameras mounted in various places on cars. Some even had cameras capturing video from both the front and rear angles of the drive. If you had a camera shooting over the weekend and want to share video with the club, email nicolejobst@gmail.com. Currently, a video of student Ryan Smith is posted on our Youtube channel.

http://www.youtube.com/user/iowabmwclub



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The Joys of Detailing How Often Should You Wash Your BMW?



It may or may not be a surprise to you, but the one thing that you can do that will have the most impact on keeping your BMW looking good for a very long time is to wash it at least weekly. When you do wash it, do so by hand with a quality soap that is made specifically for washing cars. Also, be sure to use the right type of mitt, brush or sponge to do the washing with.

Now, we are not going to spend our time together this month to discuss how to properly wash your BMW, which will be for another time. What I am going to do, however, is challenge your way of thinking a bit.

Question to ask yourself – why do I wash my BMW? The most obvious answer would be something like "I wash it to keep it clean." Now ask yourself another question – Do I wash it to keep it clean for my enjoyment or for the longevity of my BMW? Your answer will probably be both and I would agree with that.

Let's take it just a step further and get to what I really want you to think about. Ready? Here we go. When you think about getting ready to wash your BMW, what is the main thing that comes to mind?

I'll give you a moment to think about this	

Ok, what came to mind? I'm sure that there are many different answers here and the relief is that there is no wrong answer. But for those of you that thought – "Is it going to rain (snow, etc.)?" - Why, did you think this? Probably because you don't want to expend the effort and time to wash your BMW only to have it quickly get dirty again. After all, what would be the point of washing it?



Well, here is where I want to challenge your thinking. Ready? Here is the challenge - You should go ahead and wash your BMW anyway, no matter what the weather currently is or will be within the next few hours or days. Shocking? Remember my earlier question – Why do I wash my BMW? Certainly we do wash it for our own enjoyment as we all do love a clean BMW; however, the best thing that you can do for yourself and your BMW is to wash it at least once a week, regardless of the weather.

Now, you may be asking yourself if I have lost my mind. Well, I don't think so. The reasoning is simple. What you are cleaning off of your BMW is dirt, environmental fall out (also known as road film), salt, bird droppings, tree sap, fingerprints, etc., etc. And here is the real kicker - all of this foreign matter on your BMW will hold corrosive elements against the paint and accelerate paint damage. This foreign matter must be removed weekly to best protect your BMW. Even though you may wash it and immediately it gets dirty again due to rain or snow or whatever else may come your way, you are still accomplishing a significant and worthwhile task to protect and take the best care of your BMW over the long term.

Now I'll admit that I too at times struggle with this whole concept, but I tested it on myself about a week ago. My car was very dirty and rain was predicted for later in the day. Well, I went ahead and washed it anyway. And you know what, I felt great because I had done the right thing for the right reasons. And even better, it didn't actually rain until a few days later and I wasn't remorseful in the least when it did rain.

So let's go ahead and break out of the past habit of only washing our BMW when the weather permits. I think that you will find that you will be happier in the long run, as will your BMW.

As always, enjoy your ride . . .

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- ✓ Sign up a new member --- 10 points
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- ✓ Assist with an event --- 5 points
- ✓ Write an article for the newsletter --- 5 points
- ✓ Attend O'fest --- 3 points
- ✓ Bring a potential new member to an event --- 3 points
- Attend an event --- 1 point

Germanfest Dave Jasper

Looking for an early fall drive in your Bimmer? Consider attending Germanfest In beautiful Guttenberg on September 20-21.

This will be the 23rd annual Germanfest in Guttenberg. The coordinators are interested in having an informal display of German automobiles. There will be a dedicated space reserved on the street for those interested in displaying their BMW's. Vintage or current model BMW's are all welcomed and encouraged to attend. This will be rather informal with no judging of any sort. Last year the Wisconsin Jaguar club displayed some interesting examples of British motoring history but I feel a Germanfest should display GERMAN cars, right?

Visit the website www.germanfestinguttenberg.com for a schedule of events. The car display will occur on Saturday during the day if there is enough interest. There are plenty of interesting activities and events throughout the weekend. My favorite is the home beer brewing and wine making competition. There are lots of pictures from last year's event on their Facebook page, Guttenberg Germanfest.

Contact Peggi at: info@squarepeggs.com to RSVP or if you have any questions.





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