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**Lindsay Draine Writes**

After 4 years serving as the Michiana chapter President, due to term limits this will be my last President's letter. I've certainly enjoyed the opportunity to serve the members of this chapter and will continue as membership chairman. This is the last opportunity to members to seek election to one of the board positions, which include: President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. The election will be at the Holiday Party. Contact me with any questions concerning the requirements of the positions.

For those of you the missed the Fall Color Tour, you missed a great drive and an absolutely magnificent dinner at Hawkshead Inn. A record 76 people attended this year's event. While some could not make the drive, they still enjoyed a delightful meal. Again, many thanks go to Bruce Betzler and Dave Brandsen, along with their wives, for putting together a great route and a fabulous dinner.

Our next event is our Holiday Party scheduled for the Park Club in downtown Kalamazoo on Sat. Dec. 10th starting at 5:00 PM. Gary Apps has secured the Club and Margaret von Steinen will help in the organization and will be accepting the advance reservations by December 2nd. See details inside.

Five chapter members made the trip to Birmingham, AL for the BMW O'fest including Harvey and Abby Nuttall, Eve and Dave Dolenski, and myself. Harvey took 3rd place in his concourse class, 2nd in his autocross class, where Abby took 3rd with their 89 325i. It was a great week connecting with new and old friends.

Several of our members joined other regional chapter members in the Grand Tour around Lake Michigan. This 4 day tour in September started at Lake Geneva, WI and ended at Gilmore Car Museum near Richland, MI; more than 1100 miles later. A chance to visit one of four museums in Wisconsin, great restaurants, and enjoy the fall colors were all part of the tour organized by our regional Vice-President, Mike Lingenfelder.

I hope to see you at the Holiday party or at one of next year's events.

**Lindsay Draine, President  
Michiana Chapter, BMWCCA**

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## Michiana Holiday Party Returns to the Park Club

This year's Holiday Party will be held Dec. 10th at the Park Club in downtown Kalamazoo, the site of our party two years ago. Thanks to Gary Apps for securing the venue and to Margaret von Steinen for assisting in working out details for the meal. The entree selections include: Filet Mignon, Boursin Chicken, Sauteed Whitefish Grenoble, or Butternut and Sage Ravioli, with sticky toffee pudding a la mod, and beverage. The Park Club is located at 219 W. South St. Kalamazoo, MI 49007. Social hour with cash bar begins at 5:00 o'clock with dinner at 6:00 p.m.

You can participate in the member gift exchange by bringing a wrapped gift (car related) with a \$20 to \$25 value. There will also be club gifts for attendees. And we will present the awards for member of the year and autocross points winner.

You must RSVP to Margaret Von Steinen 8359 S. 24th St. Kalamazoo, MI 49048 with your check for \$20 per person made out to Michiana BMWCCA by December 2nd. Direct any questions to Lindsay Draime (269) 963-9626.

## Jason Powell wins 2011 Autocross Championship!

The 2011 Autocross season came to a close with the final event on September 17. Going into the event, there was a three-way tie for first place among Harvey Nuttall, Jason Powell and Carl Zmijewski. The day brought out what may have been a record turn-out of 29 drivers, several participating with us for the first time.

Jason won the A/AA class with the fastest time of the day of 43.931 seconds, about 1-1/2 seconds faster than the next fastest BMW! By taking first in class in the three events he attended this year, Jason earned 27 points and the season trophy. Harvey Nuttall finished second in B/C/D class in this event which landed him second overall for the season with 24 points. Jim Voth, in his first event with us, won B/C/D class at the September event. Full points standings and times for all events can be found on the website. Photos and videos from the events can be found on the club Facebook page.

Our four events were a success this year, with participation steadily increasing as the season progressed. Rookie organizers Carl Zmijewski & Eve Dolenski were relieved that the first event had only 13 participants, giving them a chance to figure things out with a smaller crowd. The events proved to be a good family activity with several parents bringing sons & daughters along to participate. We had many novices join us this year, and, based on the grins on their faces at the end of the day, we expect many to return in 2012.

We thank The Tire Rack for providing an outstanding venue for our Autocross program. We also thank Bimmerworld and The Tire Rack for providing prizes in 2011.



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