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Let me begin by introducing myself as your new Michiana Chapter president and thanking our past president, Lindsay Draime, for his excellent leadership over the past 4 years.

My love for BMW's began 20 years ago with my first E30. Since then I have owned four E30's and a total of nine BMW's have been a part of my life. I currently have four BMW's in my stable and I still miss each of the five that I no longer own. I also miss our family dog who passed away last year after ten great years...he was a friendly St Bernard and his name was Bimmer.

By now you should have an inkling that your new club president is a confirmed BMW NUT and to prove it, my registration plate on my daily driver is BMW NUT. Like many who join the BMW club I was a member for several years before deciding to get involved in the club. My wife Abby (who recently won our member of the year award... Yay Abby!!) wasn't really interested in going to a car club event, so I saw the announcements and wanted to go but something always kept me from attending, years went by before I got a bug about it and contacted the President at that time asking if I could volunteer to help out in any way. Well my first chapter event was the Fall color tour and I organized it. It was a lot of fun, both organizing it and participating. Even Abby who was not so sure about all this BMW club stuff had a great time and met some of the ladies of the club who made her feel very welcome.

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She discovered that we are not just a "men's" car club, in fact there are a lot of women who are equally passionate about their BMW's.

As the new Chapter president I hope to attract more of our members to get involved and find out what a fun club we are. I look at the chapter reports and wonder how is it that we have only 60 to 80 members at our events when our members base is over 550. You don't have to volunteer to get involved just start attending the Spring Dust Off or the Fall Color Tour and discover what you have been missing out on.

Of course I encourage you to experience the joy and satisfaction of volunteering also, and if you would like to volunteer in some way please consider attending our upcoming Chapter planning meeting on Sat February 11th at 11:30am held at Old Burdick's Restuarant in Kalamazoo. We hold meetings such as this in the Kalamazoo area because it is somewhat central for our members who live in Indiana. Please don't be put off by the travel, if you would like to attend please give me a call and we can try to make car pool arrangements.

I want to make it known to our members that we are here to help. If you have a question about your car or a problem with your car please feel free to give me a call or email me. One of the things that makes this club great is the body of knowledge and EXPERIENCE with a wide variety of BMW's. If there is no apparent way to tap that knowledge and experience, it is un-reachable. I want to make this valuable resource available to our members so please don't hesitate to reach out to me by phone or email. I may not have the answer but I can probably direct you to someone who does. My number is listed in the chapter contacts.

I look forward to a great year in 2012. Keep an eye on our website, Facebook and also www.myautoevents.com for information about our events this year.

Harvey Nuttall
Michiana BMWCCA Chapter President.

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Michiana BMW CCA Logo-wear Available through Lands' End
You can now order shirts, outwear, etc. from Lands' End with one of our new Michiana BMW CCA logos. Lands' End has many great looking clothing options available and you can choose from two club logos. We have our own store front through Lands' End which can be accessed through the web address listed below or by clicking the link listed on the on-line version of this article on the club's website

(www.michiana-bmwcca.com).
http://ocs.landsend.com/cd/frontdoor?store_name=michiana-bmwcca&store_type=3

Once you are on our store front web page you can create a log-in and begin browsing to choose from their large selection of clothing. During the order process you will be allowed to choose from our two logos and also the location for the logo to be placed on the item. The most common logo location is on the left side chest. Our logos have some black colored text, so if you decide to order a dark colored item, I recommend that you type a note in the comments box to change the color of the thread to a lighter color. I have used the silver color thread, which is already in the logo, to replace the black thread and it has turned out great.

Orders can also be placed by calling Lands' End at 800-770-9315.

Receipt of your order does take a little longer than most on-line clothing sites, since your item(s) will be custom embroidered before being shipped. Expect to receive your item(s) in about two weeks.

When you create your log-in to the Lands' End site you will have the option of receiving promotional e-mails from them. If you opt-in to these e-mails, you will receive a weekly e-mail for the discount of the week. There are many times when the weekly discount is free shipping and free logos. This can save you about \$10 or more per item.

If you have questions about ordering Lands' End logo-wear, you can send me an e-mail at gregorystrader@yahoo.com and I will do my best to help you out.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

To receive emails from Michiana Chapter your email address must be maintained with BMWCCA National. Call BMWCCA National or log into your profile on www.bmwcca.org to update your email. If you wish to opt out of emails from the Michiana Chapter you can opt out by following instructions at the bottom of any email we send.

Michiana Chapter Financial Statement – 2011

Total Assets (Dec 31, 2010): \$4279

Income:

Dues from national	7,514
Other event fees	3,050
Autocross fees	2,640
Rebates from national	310
Merchandise sales	50
Miscellaneous	2

Total Income: \$13,566

Expenses:

Event expenses	6,583
Newsletter expenses	3,095
Insurance	1,538
Autocross Expenses	1,120
Communications (website, email, postcards)	1,006
Meeting expenses	372
Misc/other expenses	187

Total Expenses: \$13,901

Net Income: (\$335)

Assets

Cash	\$2,222
Equipment (Autox timing equipment)	\$1,722

Total Assets (Dec 31, 2011): \$3,944

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