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Lindsay Draime Writes

Spring is here, at least on the calendar, and it is time to think about the upcoming BMW events that our chapter and other nearby chapters have planned. At our planning meeting with a dozen members present, we discussed our usual events along with some other ideas. The first event for the club will be the Spring Dust Off to be held at Eurotech in Holland, MI May 7th. In addition to the gathering and short drive to lunch, there will be a show and shine starting at 9:00 AM. Members can arrive early and clean and show off their cars before we depart for lunch. Awards will be handed out as well. Of course, members can just attend to the lunch if their schedule doesn't permit participating early.

While the PCA will hold the first autocross at Tire Rack May 1st, our first chapter autocross will be May 14th. The Tire Rack Street Survival will be held 4 times this year at the Tire Rack with the first one on April 16th. Our chapter would like to support the May 21st event by having at least 20 members there to instruct and manage the course for up to 30 teen age drivers. If you have driving school or autocross experience, you can teach the skills you have learned from your instructors and many years of driving. We also need people to manage the course. So if you don't want to instruct, there will be other tasks for people to assist in the event.

Other events in our area include driving schools put on by the Motor City, Windy City, and Hoosier chapters. Regional events put on by other chapters include Windy City BMW challenge autocross June 4-5, The Pittsburg Vintage Grand Prix July 16-24, and the Vintage held in Winston-Salam, NC on May 26-28. We will try to put many of the nearby events on the calendar on the website and our facebook page.

Speaking of the webpage, check our our new site at the same michiana-bmwcca.com. And to keep up to date check out our facebook page which you can access from the website and you don't need to join facebook. But, if you are on facebook you can receive the chapter updates as they are posted.

Also discussed at the planning meeting were local event like gathering at drive-ins such as Sonic, Saturday cars and coffee, and cruise-ins such as the one held on Wednesday nights at Gilmore Car Museum near Richland, MI. These events can be organized in your area and promoted on our facebook page. Check out the calendar in the newsletter and on the website/facebook.

I hope to see many of you at this year's events.

Lindsay Draime, President
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Autocross

Please consider joining us for Autocross this season! For the regulars, you know what fun this is. For those of you who haven't tried it yet, please come out and give it a try. All cars and experience levels welcome and instructors are available for novices. All events are at the Tire Rack in South Bend, Indiana on their NEW course! All Michiana BMWCCA events are on Saturdays (a plus for those of us who prefer indoor bathrooms!). Cost is \$30 per person and includes lunch.

We are in need of more people to help run the Michiana BMWCCA Autocross events. If you can help out on one or more event, or have any questions, please contact Eve Dolenski (evedolenski@att.net).

May 1: Michiana PCA

May 14: Michiana BMWCCA

Jun 4&5: Windy City Challenge

Jun 18: Michiana BMWCCA

Jun 19: Michiana PCA

Jul 16: Michiana BMWCCA

Aug 20 & 21: Michiana PCA

Sep 17: Michiana BMWCCA

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Driving Schools

We are going to try to attend a few schools as a Michiana group. The two Windy City schools are at the top of the list. A few of us are also going to Mid-Ohio Memorial weekend. Please contact Eve Dolenski (evedolenski@att.net) to be included in driving school emails.

Below is a list of the Driving Schools that are attracting the most interest so far this year. Please see the website for a full list of schools within 5 hours of our chapter.

April 30 - May 1: Autobahn CC (Windy City)

May 28 & 29: Mid-Ohio (Northern Ohio)

Jul 30 & 31: Gingerman (Chicago PCA)

Aug 13&14: Putnam Park (Windy City)

Sep 17 & 18: Grattan (Motor City)



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