



### Lindsay Draime Writes

Summer is finally here along with more events for our club members. There have been 2 autocrosses, 3 Tire Rack Street Survivals, and our Spring dust off which included a show and shine before the drive and dine. I want to thank Matt Reed of Euro Tech in Holland for hosting the show and shine as well as setting up the drive route and restaurant in Grand Haven.

Our next auto cross at Tire Rack is July 16th with the last one on Sep. 17th. There are also 2 more driving schools in our area put on by neighboring chapters. The Grand Tour around Lake Michigan is Sep. 15th starting in Lake Geneva, WI and ending Sep. 19th at the Gilmore Car Museum near Richland, MI. See more details at [bmwcca.org/grandtour](http://bmwcca.org/grandtour).

Our two most popular events are the Fall color tour on Oct. 8th and the Christmas party on Dec. 10th. The Fall color tour will be around Grand Rapids and the Christmas party will return to the Park Club in Kalamazoo.

This is an election year for the board. Only the Presidents position is up because of 4 year term limits. The election will take place at the Christmas party. If you are interested in running for a board seat, please let me know.

The latest schedule is on the webpage and facebook which is accessible through the website. Another club gathering will be on the first Wednesday of the month at Gilmore Car Museum. More details inside the newsletter.

I hope to see you at some of the upcoming events.

**Lindsay Draime, President  
Michiana Chapter, BMWCCA**

### New Monthly Club Social Event

Join other Michiana Chapter Members at the Gilmore Museum on the First Wednesday of every month. May through September. This is a great opportunity to socialize with members and check out a lot of great cars. The Museum is NOT open for the Cruise In's. There is NO COST to Cruise In. The Diner is open for Ice-Cream and Hot Dogs Etc. (Please note they take cash only.) Next date is July 6th, starts at 5pm until 9pm

Gilmore Museum is Located at: 6865 Hickory Road  
Hickory Corners, MI 49060

Event is posted on Facebook and the Club Website.

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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 are 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).

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| July 16      | Michiana BMWCCA |
| August 20-21 | Michiana PCA    |
| September 17 | Michiana BWMCCA |

## 2011 Spring Dust Off/Show-N-Shine

This year we decided to do something a little different for the Spring Dust off and add a Show-N-Shine competition to the event. We hope to make this and an annual event as it seems to have been enjoyed by all who participated.

The Spring Dust off this year was organized by Matt Reed from Eurotech of Holland. In addition to the usual meet and drive to a nice restaurant for lunch, Matt opened the doors to his facility at 9am for members to bring their cars in and wash and detail before the Show-N-Shine. Starting with a cleaning station outside the entrance to the Tech Center, then cars were brought into the building for drying and interior cleaning and detailing and a paint-less dent repair specialist was on site to repair minor dents. After the cleaning and detailing was done the cars were staged in front of Eurotech for a popular choice voting competition and the top three were awarded prizes. Door Prizes were provided by SONAX German Car Care Products and Griots Garage. Sonax also generously donated a Bottle of SONAX High Speed Wax for each and every participant. After a fun and scenic drive to Grand Haven we enjoyed a wonderful lunch at the Kirby House and as usual we had more stuff to give away to participants. We had around 30 people attend the event, which was down from last year probably because of lousy weather predictions, but the weather turned out great and it was a fun day for all. Please check out our Website and Facebook page for Photos!

## May 14, 2011 Autocross Re-cap

Spring is here, and that means rain, mud and bringing our cars out to play. For the Autocross-ers, May 14 brought us all the aspects of a typical spring day at the Tire Rack in South Bend, Indiana. The rain stopped before the first car was out, so we saw a progressively dry track as the day went on.

The two BMW "AA" class cars of Jason Powell and Carl Zmijewski showed us what could be done on a dry course – wow, they were fast! Earlier in the day, Dave Dolenski & Abby Nuttall both showed us how a wet track can contribute to spins. We enjoyed watching them too!

First timer, Elyssa Hilaski was running a little too fast around one corner and found the mud next to the track. Question is, did friend and car-owner Kirsti Nuttall ask Elyssa to wash the car when they got home?

We had a record 9 "novices" at the event. Abby & Harvey Nuttall brought their son & daughter and a friend of each, demonstrating how Autocrossing makes a great family outing. Even more fun for the rest of us was watching Harvey & Abby battle it out in "C" class with his beautiful 'new-to-him' E30. Abby won out in the end, besting her husband's time by about 1/2 second! For this performance, Abby captured the "C/D" class title and "fastest rookie of the day" award!

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The real speed was from the two "AA" cars of Jason & Carl. Jason Powell in his E36 M3 kept running faster and faster times, finally running a blistering 50.48 second time to win the class "A/AA" title and "Fast time of the Day" award.

The "E" (everything else) class was won by Chris Napatal who brought his Subaru from Chicago and was the fifth fastest driver of the day.

Carl designed a course that was challenging for the experts, yet easy for the novices to follow on the Tire Rack's re-paved and expanded the test track at their Headquarters in Sound Bend, Indiana. We appreciate their willingness to let us compete at their facility.

As Rookie organizers, Carl Zmijewski & I were thankful for the small turnout of just 13 drivers. Having worked out the bugs and learned how to run the timing equipment, we are now ready for a bigger crowd!

Come out and join us on June 18 – rain or shine, you'll have a great time with cars & friends.

--Eve Dolenski

## Autocross Results

| NAME            | PLACE/TIME  | CLASS | NAME                      | PLACE/TIME        | CLASS |
|-----------------|-------------|-------|---------------------------|-------------------|-------|
| Jason Powell *  | 1 / 50.484  | AA    | Tim Nuttall               | 11 / 60.823       | C     |
| Carl Zmijewski  | 2 / 51.797  | AA    | Chris Napatal             | 5 / 58.321        | E     |
| Eve Dolenski    | 3 / 57.182  | A     | Jason Kope                | 7 / 59.078        | E     |
| Tim Brassell    | 8 / 59.107  | A     | Joe Sullivan              | 9 / 59.865        | E     |
| Abby Nuttall ** | 4 / 57.703  | C     | Kirsti Nuttall            | 12 / 63.647       | E     |
| Harvey Nuttall  | 5 / 58.321  | C     | Elyssa Hilaski            | 13 / 64.038       | E     |
| Dave Dolenski   | 10 / 60.410 | D     | * Fastest Time of the Day | ** Fastest Novice |       |



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