

Newsletter of the Hoosier BMW Car Club, Inc.

HOOSIER TRACKS



FALL 2016

Evansville Scenic Drive

Article & Photography by Kash Rahman

8:20 arrive at our starting point — Starbucks, Martinsville. Others from Hoosier BMW and IndyRPM car clubs meet us there. Remind everyone this is a scenic, relaxed driving tour. Not a race.

9:00 Head south on 37, towards Bloomington.

9:20 Stop at Starbucks, Bloomington. Wonder where we used to take breaks before Starbucks!

9:30 Head south, and get on the new I-69. Minimal traffic, and we make excellent time.

10:45 Pull over near Washington, IN, where Jeff, another Hoosier BMW member, joins us.

11:30 Lunch. Chik-fil-a, Evansville. We notice we are no longer in EST — we've gained an hour.! So it's really 10:30...

11:30 (central) — Lunch is done. We go down the street to the combined Evansville BMW, Porsche and MB dealership. Jamila Zafar is in the middle of price negotiations on a Panamera 4 when I remind her we have a schedule to keep.

12:20 LST Memorial 325. We enjoy a tour of a restored WWII transport ship. Originally put in service in the 1940s, then used by the Greek Navy until early 2000s. Our tour guide is a retired reporter, who spent 6 years researching WWII naval activity and is a wealth of knowledge.

1:45 Tour is done. Daniel Hendry says "We're ready for a nap!" "Me: Nap! We have a schedule to keep. You guys can nap when you get back home."

1:50 Arrive at the Evansville Science Museum. Wonderful, kid-friendly, very hands on museum with a section devoted to the local history of the Ohio River.

4:30 Time for a snack! We head over to our hotel, check in, and then refresh ourselves at Starbucks.

5:30 Head over to the Dream Car Museum — the personal collection of Larry, the owner of two local car dealerships. We admire the eclectic display, including antique gas pumps, a 1950s diner replica, several 1950s/early 60s Corvettes, the Dukes of Hazard General Lee, an Auburn, a Huracan, an Aston Martin and a McLaren MP4-12C.



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Catch It While You Can

Article written and compiled by Tim Rolfesen



With the shift from naturally aspirated engines to turbo, some engine performance issues that may previously have been overlooked are coming to the forefront. While looking to improve the performance of my newest addition, an N55 335i coupe, I learned about Burger Tuning and their JB4 tune. Big power boost, but that's a story for another day; what caught my eye was an innocuous looking hunk of billet aluminum with nipples for two hoses.

Turbocharged engines seem to have oil control problems causing oil vapor to blow through and coat the intercooler and charge piping, gunking up intake valves and the VANOS system, lowering the effective octane, all degrading engine performance. The higher the boost levels, the bigger and more apparent these problems become.



The oil catch can is considered to be the best solution. After researching the boards and seeing a variety of complaints from enthusiasts with much more engineering knowledge than I, it seems there

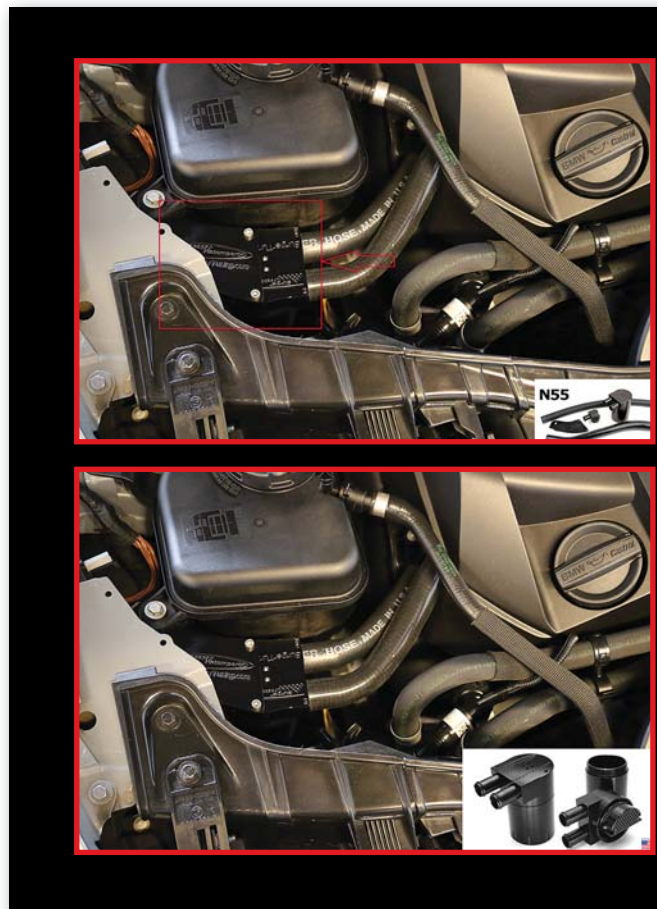
are two major concerns. First is location. Oil catch cans (OCC) work by diverting hot, oily air from the crankcase, which normally goes directly to the air intake. The OCC should be designed not only to catch, but also filter the air from the crank case to remove the most oil vapor before re-entering the air intake system. The second issue is restriction of air moving through the OCC which can lead to excessive crank case pressure, which can have a dramatic and damaging impact on the engine.

While there are several catch cans on the market, most fall short in various areas. Board complaints range from units that are mounted on the hot/turbo side of the engine, preventing adequate vapor condensation. Others talk about OCC's utilizing hoses that are too small and runs that are too long to allow proper PCV ventilation causing internal motor / ring sealing issues. Some have insufficient or no internal baffle system while others

have internal baffles systems that are too restrictive for the BMW engine.

There may be other units available, but the largest number of threads I've seen point to a solution from Burger Tuning. Burger designed their oil catch can kit from the ground up specifically for the BMW application. It is 100% CNC machined with zero welding, which should mean a precision fit and long life. The can itself is guaranteed for the life of the vehicle. The hoses are larger than OEM PCV piping in diameter, ensuring that flow rate is maintained throughout the entire oil catch can, preventing buildup of excessive crankcase pressure. The OCC is mounted away from the hot side of the turbo under the cowl. This allows for shorter lines, more efficient operation, and an OEM fitted look. According to Burger the installation takes around 20 minutes, includes all required hardware, and is 100% reversible.

Once installed, you are advised to check and empty the OCC reservoir each time you change oil. Simply unscrew the base of the can to empty its contents. Another high profile manufacture of OCC's for BMW is Mishimoto, though the install base is not as well documented as Burger's. Click on the QR codes for more information or to see a video explaining OCC's and why you should consider installing one.



BURGER OCC



Detailed OCC Explained Video



MISHIMOTO OCC



YouTube OCC

POOL PARTY & BBQ

Article & Photography
by Kash Rahman

Our second annual pool party/BBQ for all my car club friends! We've enjoyed great times over the years, and this is my way of saying thanks! Delicious food (thanks #Tucanos), awesome weather and wonderful friends make for an excellent Sunday afternoon! Also enjoyed a special treat touring Tim and Brenda Robinette Allred's garage, admiring their Corvette, Camaro and other fun cars! Looking forward to seeing everyone again next year!



OFFICIAL BALLOT

for your candidates **Elections 2017**

Hoosier BMW Car Club

The following candidates are running for the positions listed next to their names. Please vote for these individuals, or choose a write-in candidate. When completed, remove this ballot and mail to: Hoosier BMW Car Club, Inc., P.O. Box 20775, Indianapolis, IN 46220-0775. If you prefer, you may complete your ballot and bring it with you to the Holiday Party.

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| Vice President | <input type="checkbox"/> Chris Ruel | Write-In _____ |
| Secretary | <input type="checkbox"/> Steve Bailey | Write-In _____ |

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| Director at Large | <input type="checkbox"/> Kash Rahman | Write-In _____ |
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| Director at Large | <input type="checkbox"/> Ben Younce | Write-In _____ |
| Director at Large | <input type="checkbox"/> Matt Dial | Write-In _____ |
| Director at Large | <input type="checkbox"/> Kyle McGary | Write-In _____ |
| Director at Large | <input type="checkbox"/> Reggie Stewart | Write-In _____ |
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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER



By Chris Dunlap

Chapter President/Hoosier BMW CCA



As 2016 comes into the last quarter, we reflect on what we did right and what we can improve upon for 2017. We were able to host one Tire Rack Street Survival, but our goal was two — nevertheless it was a great event. The club also did its 25th annual Putnam Park High Performance Driver's School in June. We had hoped to find a suitable venue for a second one and fell short. The club was able to plan some nice social gatherings and auto tours. That's something we will continue to do!

The Board Member Elections will be held at our annual Holiday party on December 10th at Rick's Cafe Boatyard. Please fill out the attached ballot and mail it in if you are not able to attend. We would like you to express your opinion as to who you would like on the Board of your club.

The common goal we have in joining this club is to enjoy our cars and the friends we meet along the way. To that, I would like to say thank you to all of those people that make this club a fun place to spend some time. If you are a member but have yet to attend a meeting or an event, please join us to meet some great people that have some of the same common interests.

Bluegrass BMW at NCM

By Chris Dunlap

About 12 Hoosier BMW members made the trek down to Bowling Green, Kentucky to participate in their HPDE on the weekend of 9/23/16. The track was configured in two different setups — one using the 'sinkhole' and the other configuration skipping it. They are both great course configurations!

The weather was unusually hot, 93° each day with no clouds in sight! The heat did claim some victims. Staying hydrated was the key to not getting car sick after over an hour on track. Sorry Alok — at least you pulled over just in time. An apology to all the folks on track that got the black flag because someone was busy being sick at turn 15, but no names will be mentioned as to the victim!

At the end of the event, we were approached by their organizers and asked if we would join forces with them in 2017 to host one big HPDE. We agreed. The 2017 Hoosier BMW HPDE will be a joint event with them and possibly another chapter. It will be at NCM but the date is still being worked out. So, if you are looking forward to the 2017 HPDE, there will be a slight change of venue next year. This change will help spread the financial burden across a few chapters and help us continue hosting (and/or co-hosting) our HPDE events.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Alsadah, Abdulla
Bloomington, IN

Bowers, Scott
Danville, IN

Casolaro, Frank
Zionsville, IN

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Indianapolis, IN

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Indianapolis, IN

Hornbake, Oliver
Indianapolis, IN

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Richmond, IN

Keenan, Michael
Indianapolis, IN

Krohn, Steven
Evansville, IN

Lang, Jeffrey
Yorktown, IN

Lothamer, Matthew
Newburgh, IN

Martinez, Saul
Pittsboro, IN

Mason, Daryl
Indianapolis, IN

Miller, Bryan & Christopher
Zionsville, IN

Peffer, Gary
Pittsboro, IN

Smith, William & Tyler
Fort Wayne, IN

Spurling, Andy
Columbus, IN

Taylor, Robin
Indianapolis, IN

Wiggins, Joseph
Martinsville, IN

Wolf, John & Jana
Pittsboro, IN

The Chocolate Drive

The 2016 South Bend Chocolate Tour will be December 3, 2016.

We will meet at 7:30 a.m., leave at 8:00 from Starbucks at 96th and Meridian (9545 N Meridian Street.)

Our destination will be the South Bend Chocolate Factory, 122 S Michigan St, South Bend, IN.

Join us for the annual South Bend Chocolate Drive! Enjoy a personal tour, by the owner, of the main store, the factory and selected highlights in South Bend! Get a behind the scenes look at how your favorites treats are made! Then we will partake in a delicious lunch, ending the day with an optional trip to the Studebaker museum!

This is the scenic drive that everyone, and their taste buds, look forward too!



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2016 New Member Picnic

Article by Chris Dunlap

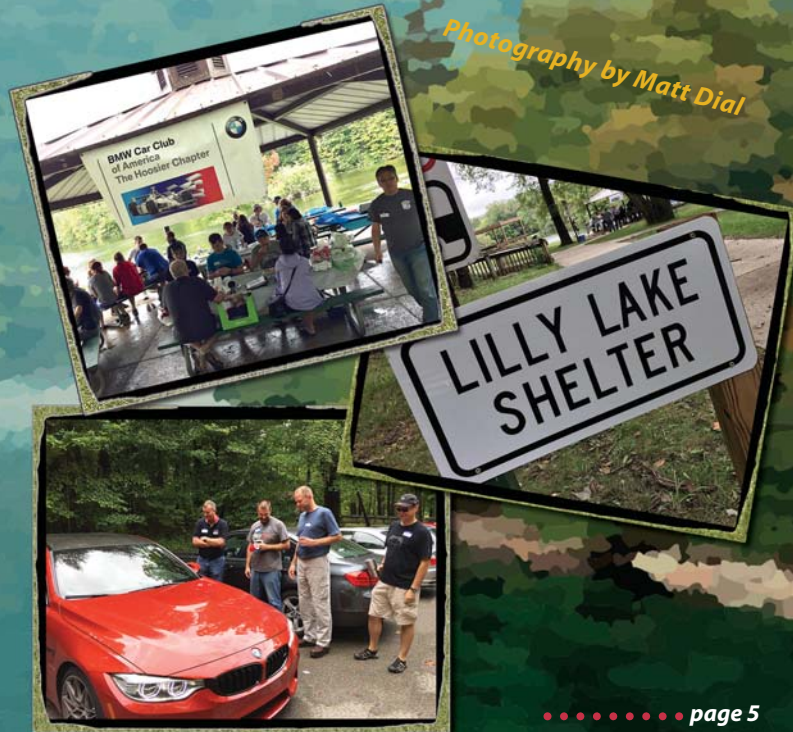
On September 10th, the Hoosier chapter got together for our annual new member picnic at the Lilly Lake Shelter in Eagle Creek Park. Before the picnic even began, Mother Nature was conspiring to make sure it was going to be a wet and soggy affair. Emails and texts were flying back and forth amongst our board members to determine whether or not we should postpone or even reschedule as the outlook for weather was terrible! Lo and behold, even though the forecast called for a cold, windy and rainy day, we were granted a reprieve. There were even a few brief moments of sun! Although the rain from the night before had caused mudslides into the shelter, it was nothing a few members couldn't handle.

Another curve ball we had to deal with this year was the absence of master grill chef, Rick Schue. Due to scheduling conflicts, he passed off the spatula to VP Chris Ruel. He took on the task of preparing a main course of burgers and brats as well as sides. Existing members, as the tradition mandates, brought a smorgasbord of delicious side dishes. There was plenty of good food for everyone.

Considering the looming weather forecast, attendance was pretty good. We were expecting just a handful, but in the end, the tally resulted in 43 human attendees and a dog! This year we only had three new members attend; however, we were happy to have them, and it made them a shoe-in for the door prizes!

Even though we were able to have the weather break during the majority of the picnic, Mother Nature returned after a couple of hours to make sure we couldn't spend all day without getting wet. However, all things considered, we should consider this years new member picnic a success. Hopefully, next year, weather will cooperate, Schue-burgers will return, and we can attract more new member to attend!

Photography by Matt Dial



2016 CARMEL ARTOMOBILIA

Recap by Ben Younce

Carmel Artomobilia, taking place each August, is Central Indiana's annual celebration of the art and design of the automobile. Significantly different from a Concours d'Elegance, Artomobilia focuses on display and appreciation over competition. Although each of the automobiles on display is truly magnificent, this event is not just about cars; it's about the art and automotive enthusiasts. Among the numerous judged car classes, Artomobilia also gives local car clubs an opportunity to participate with organized Car Corrals presenting examples of their club's best and most interesting cars. Once again in 2016, your Hoosier Chapter brought an eclectic 40+ year mix of Bimmers ranging from 02s, 3ers, 5ers, 6ers, X, Z and M cars of nearly every generation. While the car club classes are not judged, the Hoosier Chapter members always take great pride in showcasing their Bavarian hardware to a wide range of fans old and new. Persistent early rain dampened the bonnets, but not the spirit of the event as the weather turned sunny again shortly after lunchtime. Longtime Hoosier Chapter sponsors Reggie's Motorworks and Dreyer & Reinbold were also official event sponsors of Artomobilia this year and we enjoyed the company and comradery with their representatives and unique vehicles on hand in support of the event. If you have a special BMW to display or just want to experience a fantastic display of "cars as art," please circle the month of August 2017 on your calendar and make plans to join the Hoosier BMW Car Club for another memorable event!



Photography by Nate Stevens



Premium Vintage

Turkey Run State Park Scenic Drive

Article & Photography by Kash Rahman

A most eventful drive. We started our day at Cars and Coffee (thanks Gator Motorsport), cruised along I-74 and Rt. 234 under cloudy skies but no rain, enjoyed the beautiful scenery around the park and then had a delicious buffet lunch at Turkey Run Inn. Also, a random X3 joined us on I-74; hope he had fun! The more, the merrier.

The best part of the trip — watching everyone pitch in to help with a hanging oil pan cover, a (presumed) bad fuel pump, a flat tire, unexpected road construction and me not following my own directions. A huge thanks to everyone, especially Tyler McGinity, for the awesome teamwork and support to make sure everyone got home safe and sound. (Even if the poor M3 is still stuck out there in the cold.)

After the drive, I was headed to a birthday BBQ with a stop at a random Walmart. Small world: as soon as I walked in, someone stopped me that was related to Stanley Lashley — he told me that M3 couple made it home.





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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- November 2nd** Monthly Meeting at 6:30 p.m. — George's Neighborhood.
- December 10th** Holiday Party at Rick's Café Boatyard.
- January 2017**
- 4th** Monthly Meeting at 6:30 p.m. — George's Neighborhood.
- 14th** Duck pin Bowling — (tentative)
- February**
- 1th** Monthly Meeting at 6:30 p.m. — George's Neighborhood.
- 18th** Chili Cook-off

At the time of publication not all calendar events and dates were confirmed. Please check our website often for an updated calendar.

A social gathering will be held the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30PM at: Bazbeaux in Carmel — 111 West Main Street. Free underground parking is located just north of Main St. (131st) on 1st Ave. NW.

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2016 Annual Holiday Party and Board Member Elections

Please join the Hoosier BMW Car Club on December 10th from 6:00 to 10:30 p.m. for its annual Holiday Party and Board Member election. This year we will be celebrating at Rick's Cafe Boatyard on the city's west side at Eagle Creek Park.

We will be electing the 2017 Hoosier BMW Car Club Board Members and celebrating the wrap up of 2016. The event will be limited to 50 people so you must RSVP to attend by contacting Chris Dunlap at cwdunlap@comcat.net. The cost is \$45 per person — cash bar.

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