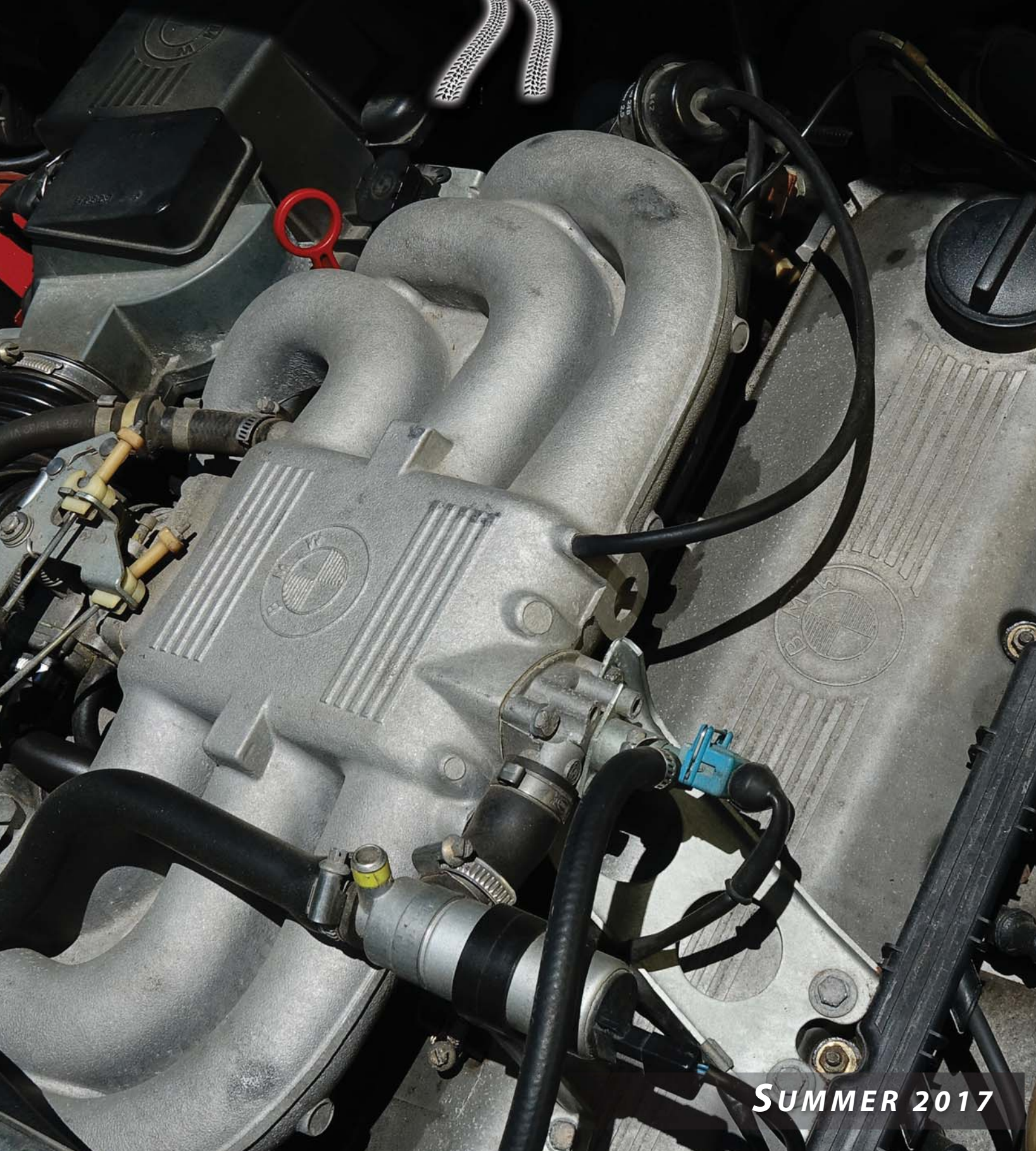


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SUMMER 2017

Deutsch Marques Event at the Gilmore Car Museum

Article and photos by Kash Rahman

A cool breeze passes over on this early Saturday morning, and I need it. I've been up for 2 hours, washing, drying, driving to the Deutschmarques Car Show and now double checking again. A water spot here, a blade of grass by the rear wheel, a missed spot of dust on the rims. Don't want to miss anything as I examine the car, a microfiber towel in one hand and a bottle of Griot's Speed Shine in the other.

I'm about 20 miles north of Kalamazoo, MI, in the middle of a field, and it feels like the middle of nowhere. What on earth would I find here? Why nothing else except the great Gilmore Car Museum! Situated on a 90 acre campus, there are over 300 cars carefully preserved. Some in barns (cleaner than my garage!), some in the main building and some in the four recreated dealerships! Want to walk back in time to a 1910s Ford dealership? How about kick the tires on a 1950s pink Cadillac right in the showroom? (Don't actually touch the cars!) Well, you can do that (figuratively speaking)! The Gilmore Car Museum is a wonderful location for today's event.

Today is not about historic Model Ts, but instead focuses on German garage queens! This year, over 300 German cars from five states came to show off, including 89 BMWs! This year's featured marque was Mercedes Benz, and there were 3 classic 1950s MB from a local collector, as well as 1965 Porsche 356 cabriolet once owned by Janis Joplin! There were about 8-9 awards per marque, and the winners did not disappoint. The best overall BMW award went to a local owner of a 1985 635csi! Our own Kyle McGary walked away with the Best of the 90s award with his 1992 325i! And all that time I spent cleaning and obsessing (and thankful that I had not driven much since last year's detailing job!) was rewarded, with a Cleanest Concours BMW award for my 2006 M6! I was shocked, amazed and overjoyed! Next year's plan is to see if Jamila can win highest mileage in a 5 GT award!



Cover photography by Larry Clarino. The engine is a 2.7 liter in a 19xx, E30, 1986 BMW 325es.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- September**
6th Monthly Meeting at 6:30 p.m. — Georges.
8-10th KYPCA Track Event.
16th New Member Picnic — Eagle Creek Park
- October**
4th Monthly Meeting at 6:30 p.m. — Georges
7th Annual Ohio River Tour
20-22nd HPDE event (details on website and social media. Registration now open).
- November**
1st Monthly Meeting at 6:30 p.m. — Georges.
4th Chocolate Museum Drive.

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 Champps — Keystone at the Crossing.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER



By Chris Dunlap

Chapter President/Hoosier BMW CCA



It's really nice to be able to help others learn about repairing and maintaining their BMW. I've been doing car repairs for over 30 years and I had really good mentors and helpers along the way. I am finally able to pay it forward.

As the younger generations gets older and shows an interest in cars we should go out of our way to help them grow, and potentially avoid some of the mistakes we made along the way. I've been fortunate enough to help out my neighbor learn about what to do — what not to do — and how to recover from your mistakes.

Danta a bright 18 year old guy and he really wanted a BMW (partially because he's seen a few of mine). So when he finally saved up a little bit of money bought a 335xi. It needed a few things and he was eager to learn. I was more than willing to help.

The thing is, he didn't even know what a ratchet was! So I had to get him up to speed on the basics — like learning the difference in the tools. This is something I take for granted, and now I had to switch gears. Imagine helping out someone that is truly starting from a zero knowledge base. It was really a rewarding experience.

Over the past few months he's learned a lot and was becoming pretty self-sufficient, until he broke a bolt off. I tried walking him through the ez-out procedure over the phone, but unfortunately he couldn't find my right angle drill. When I got home, I found that he had the ez-out chucked up in a drill. Well, this was another great learning opportunity for him. Once I drilled out the vanos solenoid bolt, he got clued in pretty quickly!

A friend of mine summed up the learning process pretty well and it goes like this:

1. You don't know what you don't know (you are a beginner)
2. You know what you don't know (you know some stuff)
3. You know what you know (you know a lot)
4. You don't know what you know (you know so much that it's second nature)

After a few months, I'd say Danta has made good progress and is at a level 2. So, if you guys ever have the chance to pass along your knowledge to someone, don't miss that opportunity. It's quite rewarding to help out someone with very little knowledge learn how to work on their cars and do it the proper way.



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Upcoming Events Members Might Like

South Bend Chocolate Drive

If you love chocolate this is the drive for you. On November 4, th Kash Rahman is doing his annual drive to the South Bend Chocolate Company. You get to sample all kinds chocolates and even take a tour of the museum, which has all sorts of chocolate related materials — chocolate boxes, tins, serving sets, posters, etc, etc. Be sure to put this event on your calendar, especially if you are into the sweet stuff.

9th Annual Ohio River Drive

For those of you who have never done this drive, it is one of the best events we put on each year. October is the time to do it with all the beautiful fall colors. This year the drive will be on Saturday, October 7th. Our Ohio River events chair, Mert Zorlu, will guide you through some of the most curvy and hilly backroads in southwest Indiana with a perfect stop for lunch to view the coast of the Ohio River. Visit our website for more details and to sign up.

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Madison, Indiana Scenic Drive

Article and photos by Kash Rahman

What a day! We had planned for a nice, scenic drive. Instead, 15 brave souls in 11 cars experienced the road-going version of Gilligan's Island! We had: beautiful weather with clear, blue skies, spirited driving, and the largest flea market induced traffic jam, with one of us directing traffic for 20 minutes so we could get through! We, also, about 15 miles of slowly going over a newly resurfaced road, complete with oil and gravel (I AM SO SORRY!), followed by random roads to escape the construction

Our first choice for lunch was packed, so instead we went to Shipleys tavern for lunch — delicious! Managed to lose (and eventually find) four of us in the confusion!

There was a gorgeous view of the river, which Bill Tallent and I enjoyed while we waited for his tow truck (alternator died) — then picked up tasty beef brisket for dinner from Hans at Carriage on the Square in Greensburg

But, most importantly, I want to thank our wonderful friends for their awesome support and company through all of the mishaps on this drive! a big thanks to Tyler McGinity for getting Bill back on the road again!

One person summed it up nicely on Facebook: "If there aren't stories like 20 minute stops, gypsies in unfriendly wood, people lost and found again, brick-wall bathrooms, and random unplanned roads, and people (enjoying the drive).... then you didn't have a good time! It wouldn't be a trip remembered. From this point forward...we will always remember it!





The Importance of a Proper PPI

Article & photos by Tyler McGinity



If you are thinking about buying a vehicle, especially a BMW, a repurchase inspection is always recommended. All too often, we see vehicles already purchased and it's just too late.

The market for used BMWs is extremely affordable right now, but these vehicles need the same amount as the purchase price invested towards repairs. For a comparatively small charge; you can have any trusted independent shop, or even the dealership, perform an inspection. It's always good to know if the water pump and oil pan gasket are going to cost you some big money. Don't forget most of these cars with anything over 75,000 miles are going to need new suspension all the way around. The biggest thing I advise people to watch out for, specifically with BMW, is anything with a V8.

Whether it's been the old M62 engines with timing chain guides or valley pan issues, N62 with valve stem seals, air injection, coolant pipe issues, N63 with all sorts of fun VANOS and internal engine issues (But at least you get turbos). On top of whatever you find, always a guarantee of leaking oil from every possible location. The good news is most BMW six-cylinder vehicles are going to be much more reliable. However, don't let that fool you as "more affordable."

The first step of inspection when shopping for a new vehicle is easy, and can be done by yourself. You always want to start with a thorough visual inspection. Maybe look for any rust, dents, damage, or previous paint work. Basically make sure the car is clean and presents well.

Next up, check out the interior. Is it clean, any rips or

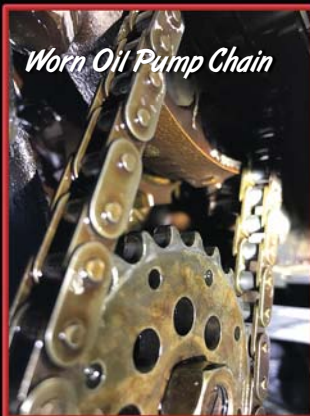
damage in the leather, smokers car? You always want to start with easy items to essentially sort through the vehicles on the market that are not worth investing in. If all checks out okay, then take it for a test drive. Make sure everything feels okay, there are no odd noises, make sure all normal interior functions work properly. Now is also a good time to check the instrument cluster to see if any warning lights are on.

If by this point you are still interested in purchasing said vehicle, it's time for an inspection. The good news is now you're not wasting time or money on a car that would fail everything immediately. If there is previous paint work that was unnoticeable to the eye, most shops should be able to get a closer look. Some will even provide you with paint gauge readings!

Everything else is going to be vehicle system checks that would not necessarily be the easiest to do for most individuals. Complete electrical system readouts, just in case you need that water pump like was mentioned earlier. Under-hood and under-vehicle inspection to go over all the really important stuff. Braking system, wheels, tires, suspension, drive train, cooling system, etc.

Remember, at this point, you still haven't purchased the vehicle. So whichever way the Pre-Purchase Inspection turns out, it's still beneficial to you as the potential new owner. If any serious or costly items were found during the inspection: you can use it towards purchase price negotiation. Normally any service or maintenance items that are found can be prioritized accordingly. On a well looked after used BMW this will usually include routine maintenance and fresh fluids.

I cannot stress enough, the importance of protecting your wallet with a proper Pre-Purchase Inspection. All too often, we have to explain to people the cost of needed repairs vs the car's actual value. When you are buying a used BMW, or any vehicle for that matter, be patient. There is always a better example out there ready to hit the market!





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2017 Regional RoundUp at NCM Karting/Car Show/HPDE



October 27 thru the 29, the Bluegrass Bimmers, Hoosier and Buckeye Chapters of the BMW CCA would like you to join us for the 1st Regional Roundup! BMW CCA Club Race at the National Corvette Museum Motorsport Park (NCM). We will be driving the "Grand Full Course" 23 turns, 3.2 mile configuration. We will be racing all 3 days!

We are also having a car show! Don't want to drive on the track, please come on to the event and put your car in the car show. Open to all marques this "Cars & Coffee" — style peoples choice award will take place on Saturday. Hang out, catch a ride with a instructor and attend the Saturday night Banquet with our guest speaker Ross Bentley, who is holding a advanced driver clinic on Friday!

We are going to challenge you off the track as well. The track has recently added a fixed go-kart facility! They are helping us with facilitating a "Chapter Challenge". Buy a session of 8 minutes and post your best time along with your BMW CCA Chapters name. Fastest time will win! You do not have to be registered in the HPDE or the Club Race to participate. Check our website for more details on this weekend.

\$525 Registration Fee per car; \$50 Registration Fee for an additional Driver (must register separately). Any Questions — contact Tim Beechuk at tbeechuk@zoomtown.com. Sign up at: <http://msreg.com/2017RoundUp>

Check out the latest event details at:
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