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August 2015

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# 2015 Calendar

August 3	Badger Bimmers Drivers School at Blackhawk Farms
August 8-9	Car Corral at Road America: Continental Tire Road Race Showcase
August 11	Third Annual Cruise Night at Pòga Bar/Yummys Restaurant in Mequon
August 13	Board Meeting, Concours Motors
August 14	Milwaukee Region Porsche Club DE event at Road America
August 22	Club Saturday at the M
August 22-23	Milwaukee Masterpiece® Car Show
September 12	Badger Bimmers Champagne Picnic in Fort Atkinson at the home of Peter and Vicki Wright.
September 25-27	<b>OktoberFAST</b> at Road America
October 3	Saturday Board Meeting 11:00 a.m. at Enterprise BMW, Appleton
October 10	BMW Winter Prep Tech Session at European Auto House in Mequon
October 17	Northern Wisconsin Tour. Details TBD.
<b>2016</b>	
January 9	Annual Holiday Party and Board Meeting at Golden Mast Restaurant

#### BMW CAR CLUB OF AMERICA FOUNDATION SEEKS EARLY *bimmer immers*

The BMW CCA Foundation is trying to build a complete archive of newsletters from all chapters in the country. Does anyone out there have any issues from 1999 and before? If you do and are willing to allow the Club to photocopy some, please contact Jeff Fait at [jfait@wi.rr.com](mailto:jfait@wi.rr.com).

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**Board meetings *generally* are held on the second Thursday of each month. They start promptly at 6:30 pm. Board meetings are open to all members. The Board encourages members to attend.**

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Monthly Board meetings will convene at 6:30 pm in the Board Room at  
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**Please consult the monthly Calendar (above) for exact locations and dates.**

# News of Note...



## Save the Date

# Fall Champagne Picnic, Informal Car Show

**B**adger Bimmers, save the date, and prepare to join us for an early fall picnic and car show, **Saturday, September 12, 2015.**

In the mid-eighties, **Tom and Janet Rost** hosted what was called the **Champagne Picnic**. It was a time-honored family event that included a car show, picnic, and games for all. The Club provided the champagne, the Rosts provided the grill and Club members brought dishes to share.

### Reviving the Tradition

Long-time Badger Bimmer members, **Peter and Vicki Wright** have graciously offered their beautiful home



*The Wrights at the Madison car clean-up*

in **Fort Atkinson** to act as a backdrop for a revival of this historic event. So on September 12, they will host the twenty-first century version of this nearly forgotten tradition at their home in **Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin.**

The Club will provide a limited amount of champagne for adults and water for all. If you wish to

have other beverages, please bring them with you. The Wrights will be grilling brats and hot dogs. They ask that you provide your own main course if you want

something else. We ask that you bring a dish to pass: salad, dessert, fruit etc. We also ask that you bring your own chair. The Wrights also welcome children to this event (we hope their parents will accompany them).

The car show will be informal, with one **People's Choice Award**, voted on by attendees. We are also planning some outside games.

This will be a fun social event for all, and the hope is that it will become a regular event. So here are the details we have thus far.

Date: Saturday, September 12, 2015

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Place: Peter and Vicki Wright's home

**W7978 Hwy 106 Fort Atkinson Wi 53538-8808**

RSVP: [rockypointja@gmail.com](mailto:rockypointja@gmail.com) with the number of people attending and the food that you will bring.

**bj**

—*Bill Nicoud*



*The Wrights' home in Fort Atkinson*

# The All-new 7 Series

From *Roundel Weekly*, June 16, 2015

**O**n June 10th, BMW unveiled in all its carbon-fiber and ultraluxurious glory the all-new BMW 7 Series; generation six of the brand's luxury flagship. With the 2016 7 Series, BMW was shooting for a lighter chassis, excellent handling, greater connectivity, luxury rivaling its competitors, and more intuitive control. Did it succeed? Only the owners of the new 7 Series will be able to say for certain, but

production has already begun and the cars will be in their new owners' hands this fall, so we don't have to wait too long to find out.

**bj**





# From the President

Jeff Fait

## Rollin' through Summer!

I hope everyone has been having a fantastic summer so far! I know I've been busier than the busiest of beavers the last few months. Summer in Wisconsin brings no shortage of awesome car-related events just begging for participation. Seems like every club has a car show, a sightseeing drive, a rally, or a track day to partake in. Some weekends it's a difficult choice to decide which one or two of the five available events you will attend. (Of course, the Badger Bimmer events are always the best, so sometimes that makes the choice a little easier.)

Have you noticed the new 70 mph speed limit signs cropping up around the state? We're no longer the slowpokes of the Midwest!



### Coming Up Soon

Coming up on **August 11** is the **4th Annual BMW Club Night at Brew City Cruise Night** in Mequon. This is a relaxed, casual, unofficial get together where we can gather and show off our cars and tell each other stories. Also have some great food and drinks! Previous years have seen nearly 100 BMWs attend. This year, the gathering is at a new location — **Pòga, 10250 N. Cedarburg Road, Mequon, WI 53092**. Hope to see you there!

Registration is still open for **OctoberFAST at Road America!** This event always sells out early, and is on track to do so again, so don't delay. Also, hotel rooms are filling up quickly so plan accordingly.



I hope you all are as impressed as I am with the extremely high quality of our club newsletter, *bimmer immer* — which you're reading now in case you forgot! We owe our editor, Don Gawronski, a huge round of applause for making this happen every month. Don's looking for an apprentice, a person who would be interested in learning the magic that makes this publication happen, and who could eventually take over the editor duties. If you are intrigued by the possibilities, please contact one of the Club officers for more information. Contact information is on our website.

Also — please take a moment to visit our website ([www.badgerbimmers.org](http://www.badgerbimmers.org)) to see the full event calendar to be sure you don't miss anything.

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# 2015 Wings 'n' Wheels Recap



**O**n May 31, several members of the Badger Bimmers and enthusiasts from around the area gathered to show their cars and help raise money for a worthy cause.

Those in attendance enjoyed a filling breakfast from **Jones Dairy**, purchased tickets for raffle baskets and enjoyed helicopter rides. There were no awards for participants showing cars, just the satisfaction that money was raised to help the **Boys and Girls Club of Fort Atkinson**.

Five hundred seventy-two breakfasts were served and \$10,800 was raised for the Boys and Girls Club. That's an increase of over \$1,000 from 2014, and \$4,000 from 2013. In addition, Badger Bimmer attendees gathered at the Wright's house afterward for an enjoyable lunch and the famous Wright family hospitality.



*Photos by Darcy Yench*





# Bimmer in the Barn

Part 15

by Bill Nicoud



## Milestones

I've talked about milestones before: they're sort of markers that help show progress in a large project like this. I talked last time about reaching the milestone of finishing all the metal work and welding on the *Bimmer in the Barn*. Milestones on large projects help keep me sane; when I achieve them I know I'm one step closer to the end. Some milestones are bigger than others.

Finishing the metal work was HUGE. Other, smaller milestones have been achieved along the way, like painting small parts and brackets; getting parts re-chromed or starting to re-assemble parts of the car where painting has already been done.

### The Next One

The next large milestone I wanted to achieve was finishing the straightening and bodywork of all the stripped and new body panels. "Wait a minute," you say. "New body panels shouldn't need any of this work, they're brand new!" Although you *should* be right, this isn't necessarily the case. New panels sometimes have poor stampings or have been damaged in shipping. And while this isn't intended to be an over-the-top show car, there are some things that just aren't acceptable. So with assorted hammers, dollies (not the kind you play house with), files, grinders, large sanding blocks, small sanding blocks and other assorted tools of mass destruction, the work begins.



Photos by Bill Nicoud



### Familiar, but Tedious Work

This is something I was actually looking forward to. Not because it's noisy and dusty, but because it meant I was working on a big milestone, and one that I was very comfortable with. Being comfortable with and being easy don't go hand-in-hand in this case. A large part of this process means hour upon hour of sanding and filing, and this is where anyone who has attempted bodywork usually throws up their hands and runs screaming from the room. But it's also a critical part of the process. More time and attention to detail taken in this step definitely shows in the end result. It can make or break a quality finish.

So the sanding implements have stopped smoking and the primer has been applied. Several coats of a high-build, epoxy primer will take up any remaining minute imperfections and act as a strong barrier against the environment.

Milestone achieved, bodywork is done!

This does not mean the car will be painted next week and ready to drive in a month. All of the primer needs to be sanded and prepped for paint. Another block sanding marathon ahead, but the bodywork is done.

Stay tuned...

bj

~~Bill

# TUSC Bimmerstrause BMW Corral @ RA

August 8 & 9

by Darcy Yench

Join the Badger Bimmers on August 8-9, 2015 in our 7th Annual TUSC Bimmerstrause BMW Car Corral at Road America. The TUDOR United SportsCar Championship once again takes over *Road America's* 4-mile circuit for what will be the most incredible weekend of sports car racing in the world. All members welcome! Hear presentations by team members at their paddock areas, sponsors and officials from BMW.



Sunday, plus races from the IMSA GT3 Cup Challenge, IMSA Prototype Lites and the Mazda MX-5 Cup all weekend. Fan activities include an open

grid, autographs, tech talks, fan forums, and *Tour de RA* bike event.

The Badger Bimmers Chapter will provide private BMW parking outside Turn 14, a hospitality tent with TV showing the race feed, private bleachers, paddock talks and hot pit tours during the race with this year's Z4 Race Team.

## Variety of Races Scheduled

Fans will get to see the Continental Tire Sports Car Challenge race on Saturday, August 8, with the TUDOR United SportsCar Championship event on

Paddock meetings with RLL Racing, *BimmerWorld* and other BMW teams are being arranged. Donations of \$10/car/day will be going to our charity, *Feeding America of WI*. Box Continued on page 10

## Badger Bimmers to Sponsor Breakfast during *Club Saturday at the M*

August 22

by Darcy Yench

This year, The Milwaukee Masterpiece® Car Show will take place Saturday and Sunday, August 22 and 23. Saturday is *Club Day at the M* and the Badger Bimmers are proud to be sponsoring breakfast that day.

Individuals, as well as members of local and regional clubs, are invited to show their vehicles — all years and makes of two- and four-wheeled vehicles are welcome.

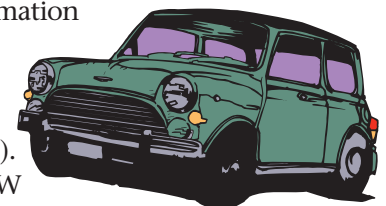
### Cash Prizes, too

This family-friendly event, held in Veterans Park on Milwaukee's lakefront, gives attendees the opportunity to get up-close and personal with vehicles and their owners. You can cast a vote for your favorite vehicle to win the *People's Choice Award*! The Bimmer Board has just approved a cash prize for each of the top three cars voted the *People's Choice*: 1st Place \$250, 2nd Place \$125, 3rd Place \$75.

At the close of the event, participants can join a

Sheriff-escorted parade from the Park onto Lakeshore Drive before dispersing.

More information about Club Day, including registration information, can be found on the Masterpiece website (<http://milwaukeemasterpiece.com> Saturday Exhibitors). There's also information about Sunday's *Concours d'Elegance* on the website (<http://milwaukeemasterpiece.com> Sunday Exhibitors).



Sign up to show your BMW and support the Badger Bimmers and the Masterpiece's charitable partners — Autism Society, Boys and Girls Club of Greater Milwaukee, and Meta House.

If you don't have a car to show, you can still buy tickets for the show. Purchase your tickets by August 1st to get a discount. **bj**



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## TUDOR BMW Car Corral

lunches each day will be provided but must be arranged for ahead of time, so register at <http://www.motorsportreg.com/events/tudor-uscr-road-america-car-corral-bmw-cca-badger-bimmers-557883#.VWXb52AUis0>.

### Purchase Track Tickets Separately

Contact Darcy Yench ([dryench@att.net](mailto:dryench@att.net)) if you have any questions. Only one guest per registered member permitted — no exceptions. You can purchase your track-day tickets online directly from *Road America*. Weekend tickets are \$105 but advance pricing ends July 31, 2015. Go to <http://www.roadamerica.com/buy-tickets/tudor-united-sports-car-championship.html>. Keep abreast of the latest news on Facebook ([facebook.com/badgerbimmers](https://www.facebook.com/badgerbimmers)), on our web site ([www.badgerbimmers.org](http://www.badgerbimmers.org)), and watch your *bimmer immer* newsletter for information about this event. You must preregister for this event to be counted for lunches. **bj**

## O'FAST Registration Opened June 1st

Registration for *OktoberFAST* opened on June 1st at [motorsportreg.com](http://motorsportreg.com). This year's event is scheduled for September 25 to 27. In the past this event has been full by about the 1st of August, so don't put off getting registered.

From what we hear, hotel rooms in Elkhart Lake and Plymouth are going fast this year. We were able to get a special Badger Bimmer rate only at the *Baymont* in Plymouth. There may be rooms available at Siebkens, Victorian Village and The Osthoff, but they will be at regular rates. **bj**

## Driving School Insurance

Many automobile insurance policies now exclude coverage for events that take place on a race track. The only way to know if your policy still covers driving schools is to read your policy. If you find that your policy does not cover our driving schools you can purchase event insurance from *Lockton Affinity Motorsports* (<http://locktonmotorsports.com/product/track-insurance/>). BMW CCA members get a discount on the purchase of both single- and multiple-event driving school insurance. **bj**



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