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### January 2016

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Informal Social  
Smoky D's  
2nd Ave.  
Des Moines

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Indoor Karting & Chili  
MB2  
Grimes

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#### February 6

Annual Dinner &  
Awards Banquet  
BMW of Des Moines  
Speaker - James Clay  
(Owner & Driver for  
Bimmerworld)

#### February 9

Informal Social  
A Dong  
Des Moines

### March 2016

#### March 8

Informal Social  
MB2 Raceway  
Des Moines

### April 2016

April 12- Informal  
Social Appare  
Urbandale

### June 2016

June 5 - Iowa Cubs  
Des Moines

### July 2016

July 10 - Annual Picnic  
Coralville Lake  
Iowa City

#### July 29-31

Longest Day Driving  
School  
RPM - Glenwood

### August 23-28

Oktoberfest  
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## President's Corner

by David Brighton

The by-laws of the BMW Car Club of America Foundation states the Foundation is "organized exclusively for charitable, literary and educational purposes as set forth in Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code."

The Iowa Chapter has always had a charitable and benevolent purpose in which we have donated funds to several very deserving entities or charities. Most notable and of late, have been the Animal Rescue League of Iowa and the BMW CCA Foundation. The proceeds of our charity laps from our 2015 Longest Day Driving School have been donated to the BMW CCA Foundation. The BMW Car Club of America Foundation was formed in early 2002 in Greenville, SC with initial capitalization from the BMW Car Club of America. The Foundation is a tax-exempt, 501(c) (3) public charity. The Foundation has currently raised more than \$2,000,000 of a capital campaign goal of \$7,000,000 to help secure the future of events such as Street Survival® Teen Driver Safety Program, archiving the history and library of the BMW CCA and expanding the museum in South Carolina. The Capital Campaign is still in progress and all members are encouraged to give in order to preserve and protect the history and programs of the BMW CCA.



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## 2016 Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet

The 2016 Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet will be held **February 6, 2016** at the brand new BMW of Des Moines located at 9631 Hickman Road in Urbandale. Special Guest Speaker this year will be James Clay, owner and driver of the BimmerWorld Motorsports racing team. The social hour will begin at 6:00 pm with dinner to follow at 6:30 pm. Wine, beer, and soft drinks will be provided with dinner. Cost for this year's dinner and awards banquet will be \$35. Registration is now open on our website or by mailing the form located in this issue of NewsWerks to our PO Box in Urbandale. More information about online registration can be found at [www.bmwia.org](http://www.bmwia.org), the registration deadline is January 31. For more information, please contact David Brighton at [president@bmwia.org](mailto:president@bmwia.org) or 515-570-5549.

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## Annual Planning Meeting

by Alison Bell

On Sunday November 15, the Iowa Chapter members met to brainstorm ideas for the upcoming 2016 calendar and possibly remove events that have not been successful. Smokey D's Barbeque on 2nd Avenue in Des Moines played host to our annual planning session, and we dined on their delicious pulled pork, brisket, macaroni & cheese, and coleslaw.

Starting off we discussed events that didn't work, or that were less popular. We determined that we didn't want to put Torque Fest or the Iowa Energy games on this year's calendar. We then started brainstorming ideas to form a list of potential 2016 events. Several tech sessions were suggested, including time at Simpson Motorsport in Iowa City, detailing at Prevette's in Urbandale, and learning about how to use walnut shells to clean the N54/55 turbo engines. Other event ideas included a group drive to the Minneapolis Cars & Coffee events, participating in various area car shows and an introduction to autocross and high performance driving.

After much deliberation and tasty BBQ, here's how the calendar shook out.

## 2016 Calendar of Events with Event Chairs

January 24 11:00am	MB2 Raceway-Karting/Chili Cookoff	Niki and Ryan Smith
February 6 6:00pm	Annual Dinner at BMW of Des Moines	Multiple Board Mbr.
March	Simpson Motorsport Tech Session/Dyno	
April	Autocross Performance Pre-School or Coding session	David B. or Chris Kjellmark
May	Street Survival Group Drive w/PCA	Drew Hillman
June 5	Iowa Cubs	David Trachtenberg
July 10	Picnic-Coralville Lake	Mike Williams
August 5-6	Cars/Coffee Group drive to Minneapolis	
August 23-28	Oktoberfest- Monterey, CA	
September 10 & 11	Des Moines Concours/Group Drive	
October	TBA Street Survival TBA Fall Color Tour	
November	TBA Planning Meeting TBA Discount Tire Tech Session/ Cedar Rapids	Alison David B.
December	TBA Tech Session—Coding	Mike M.

A big Thank You to all who came out to plan the 2016 calendar, and an especially big shout out to those who volunteered to chair events. These events often require hours of planning and these unsung heroes deserve our appreciation. So make sure to thank your event chairs when you've had a great time!



## Indoor Karting and Chili

by Nicole Smith

Those cold winter months bring harsh road conditions, and may have some racers itching to get on the track. The indoor karting facility, MB2, in Grimes, provides a safe and fun driving experience for most ages. Join your fellow BMW CCA members on **Sunday, January 24, at 11 a.m.** for friendly racing at MB2 Raceway, 1350 SE Gateway Dr., Suite #108, Grimes.

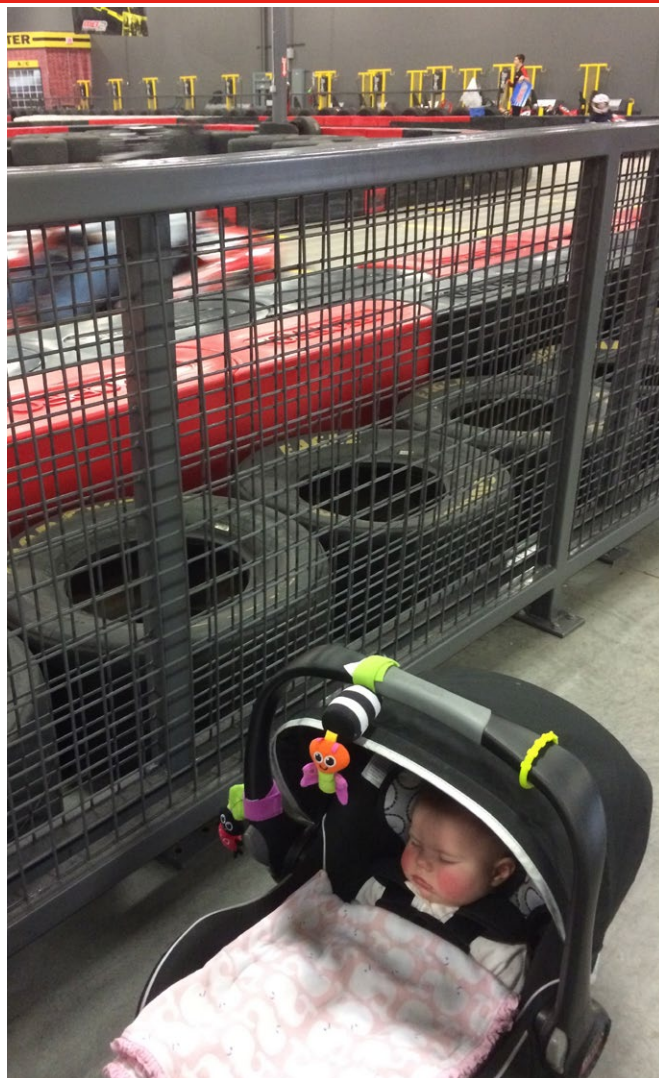
### **Race**

If you want to drive, there is nothing you need to do ahead of time. When you show up the day of the event you can decide then if you will race. Yes, you will be racing against fellow BMW CCA club members. MB2 provides everything you need, so there is no need to bring your own racing helmet. You can expect to pay \$25 for a race. The facility is family-friendly as they have bleachers for spectators and various arcade games. The racetrack is so quiet that a baby can sleep next to the track. No, seriously, there's photographic evidence.

### **Eat**

We have reserved a party room to host a chili cook-off. Bring your best chili, or a dessert to share. If you aren't as inclined to cook, you are welcome to bring non-perishable food items that we will donate to the Iowa Food Bank.

We won't have an end-time and you can hang around in the spectator area as long as you want. They close at 8 p.m. on Sundays, but we anticipate our event lasting until around 2 p.m. You can enjoy racing and chili at your leisure, and you can come and go as you please. If you have any questions, please email [nicolejobst@gmail.com](mailto:nicolejobst@gmail.com).



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## We are going to need a bigger trailer **Part 1**

by Bryan McCoy

Some years ago my father-in-law talked me into buying a flatbed trailer, mostly because it was on sale. It had a wooden deck, removable ramps, and was sixteen feet long with no sides of any sort. He had a twelve foot trailer with tubular side rails he had purchased from the same dealer, on which we hauled a lot of firewood. I tended to haul a fair number of vehicles, as well as cut wood with him and this trailer more than doubled our wood cutting capability. This trailer served us well. I managed to keep it inside for a many years, until the inside storage got filled and the trailer got squeezed out. It moved a bunch of cars, and one or two small buildings. The building moves were always interesting. We would cut down the inevitable trees around the building that were in the way, being careful to preserve the building sized logs that were straight, allowing us to jack the building and use the tree logs as rollers to get the building up on the trailer. We would leave the building on the logs to keep it above the fender wells, and to help get the building off the trailer when the time came. This did of course complicate the tying down and securing of the building as it usually overhung the trailer on all sides, and was now on rollers. When the time came to purchase a skidsteer with a few friends, this car hauling type trailer wasn't stout enough, so I sold it to a friend, and got a 10,000 lb capable steel deck sixteen foot trailer to move the skidsteer with. Then the skidsteer gained a backhoe attachment and a few other accessories and it made sense to keep it on the trailer at one of the partners homes where there was storage room for all the parts... hence I lost access to the trailer for car hauling. My father-in-law had pretty well reached the end of his wood cutting days, so the twelve foot trailer with ramps and side rails migrated to my house. It had very similar removable ramps, and out of habit I hooked up to it when it was time to gather the next vehicle, a non-running Acura sedan. It never really occurred to me that this trailer was shorter than the last one I owned, until after winching the Acura onto the trailer. I noticed that the back wheels were

Um, not really on the trailer far enough to be off the ramps. With effort we could get the ramps out from under the back tires of the car, but tying the car down in a manner that would prevent it from trying to move forward in a panic stop was not going to be easy, since all the chain attachment points were overhanging the trailer to the rear. Since the tubular side rails on the trailer are quite substantial, the car was unlikely to really want to move forward, but the front plastic of the bumper cover was not going to survive a serious event. We chained up as best we could and headed home.

Cars that are on trailers have to move around. I am not sure exactly where this law is written down, but someone made that law, and like gravity, it is a law that you either love or hate, depending on the current situation. This is why my normal vehicle tie down method includes a strong chain around the rear axle, and back to the back of the trailer, to return again to the axle before finding a substantial back of the trailer termination point, all such that the chain in the back does not need a load binder device for tensioning. This way you can pull the car slightly forward until the rear chain is really tight using the front of the vehicle chains and load binders. I just can't trust load binders, even with safety wires attached because laws are laws, the car is going to move around and the load binder can have the chance to come loose. Using this binder free method in the rear, given a panic stop with the trailer and its load, you are pretty sure the load will stay behind you. Then you add a second chain to the rear as a safety chain just in case. Those are the rules. It is a three chain minimum on most vehicle hauling jobs. If I had to use a winch to pull the vehicle onto the trailer, due to a not too surprising lack of vehicle functionality, I usually leave the winch attached to the car as well as the front chains as the redundant front stay. The winch is not trusted to be sufficient to hold the car by itself in the front, but it is an acceptable tension device to help keep the back chain tight. Back



to the Acura move on too short a trailer... There was no way to put the rear chain on without a load binder given the short distances involved, and there was no ability to move the car forward to take up any slack. All the angles would be wrong. The side rails on the trailer prevented us from sliding under the car to attach a chain somewhere in the middle. In fact, the rails prevented us from opening the door to exit the vehicle once the car was on the trailer. Fortunately the battery was still functional, and escape through the electric window was possible. Escaping through a window is harder than you think. Try it sometime... We safely arrived home only to find out that the carefully tied rear chain was no longer with us. We unhooked the trailer and headed back from hence we came to locate the missing chain. There it was in the middle of the road, not a mile from where we picked up the car, more than twenty miles away. Somehow through careful driving the front bumper did manage to survive the trip, and the car also stayed behind the tow vehicle the whole time. Sometimes you are just lucky I guess.

This little exercise in fate temptation prompted me to borrow the larger trailer previously sold, every time I needed to move a non-functional car. The borrowing of someone else's trailer is an exercise in frustration. The car move usually is somewhat urgent. Either the car is on the side of the road, or the weather is about to grow ugly, or it is after work and there is increasing darkness, or for some other reason there is very little time to make it all happen. You get phone conformation on the trailer availability after calling the owner, then his brother, and then the brother's son. You go collect the trailer and it has a bad tire, or the lights no longer work, or it has a failed wheel bearing or the ramps were in the back of their pickup because the current owner was in a hurry and didn't get them stowed in the custom ramp carrying location on the back of the trailer... You find yourself an hour away, parked in front of the car to be rescued, and no way to get the car on the trailer without the ramps. Since it was once my trailer, and the friend is kind enough to let me borrow it, I try hard to do some maintenance, like welding the fenders back on before I return it. After four or five years of this you convince your pretty

wife that you need to purchase your very own car hauling trailer where the trailer condition and location is always known.

So I found a really sweet twenty-four foot enclosed beauty from a BMW racing friend. This purchase came about shortly after I borrowed a small enclosed single axle trailer to haul my daughter and husband to Florida for school. They planned to be in Orlando for two years, so every worldly belonging was carried along. I expect to write that up some day in an article called: How many Tires does it take to drive to Florida Part One and Part Two, (coming and going) or How to Drive through the middle of Atlanta Five Times in Two Days, but only during Rush Hour, or The Five PM Transmission Failure at the Airport Exit from Five Lanes Over. Don't you just hate it when that happens? Perhaps I am giving too much away.

The large trailer is really comfortable to work in. Tall enough to stand in with headroom to spare. It has plenty of room for the M3 and tires on track day. It came with toolboxes and a work bench in front, and is an ungrateful monster to actually pull. It is so tall that on the interstate when any objects move past you at a much quicker speed, their gust front tends to push the trailer to the right, even when heavily loaded. If you didn't happen to see the other traffic coming, it will wake you up as the tow vehicle decides to change lanes on its own, and into the overtaking traffic. To take that trailer on any normal two lane road, it pulls wonderfully. To pull it on the interstate with other faster traffic, you have to really be on your game. Always. There is no just-sort-of on this.

So I found a smaller trailer. Enclosed with a low slope ramp, great for those cars with no ground clearance. Six foot high and sixteen feet long inside, a large battery powered winch in the front, but much to my surprise it is too small. A 1967 Impala is just two inches too long to get the back door shut. A minivan is too tall. The M3 fits but there is little room for extra tires. But it does make a dandy storage facility for the car waiting for a new engine. That trailer went to a motorcycle shop who is now very happy. We are going to need a bigger trailer.



## **Tool Loan Pool Update**

Big thanks to member Randy Norian for his donation of specialized tools to work with the N52 family of BMW engines. His contributions include a camshaft alignment timing tool for the N51, N52, N53, and N54 Valvetronic or double Vanos engines in 2006+ model year vehicles plus a custom tool which is necessary to remove and reinstall the exhaust camshaft on these engines.

If you want to do some work on your car and your garage toolbox is missing something you need, here is what else the chapter has available:

### **Tool list:**

- **3000 lb floor jack**
- **jack stands**
- **rechargeable impact wrench**
- **80 ft-lb torque stick and 17 mm thinwall impact socket**
- **air compressor**
- **tire gauge**
- **brake bleeder kit**
- **brake bleed catch bottle**
- **SRS (airbag system) diagnostic tool**
- **1/2" and 3/8" drive torque wrenches**
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## The Joys of Detailing **Odor Removal**



Odor removal is a car topic that often makes people cringe. Why? There are so many different types and causes of odors that removing one can be a difficult task. Odors can be both pleasant and unpleasant. We will of course focus on the unpleasant ones that most of us would want to remove.

In our detail shop, the most common odors that we are asked to remove are; food, pet, vomit and smoke. The removal of these odors can be quite challenging. Some odors are much harder to remove than others because they are permeating odors. This type of an odor, such as smoke, is caused by airborne particles that get into every fabric, crack and crevice, in other words, anywhere that air can go. Whereas other types of odors, for example an odor from a spilled drink, is concentrated in the area where the drink was spilled. So, how do we remove some of these very different odors?

Let's start with the easiest one. When an odor is caused from a spill in fabric or carpeting, this becomes a spot treatment and extraction solution. Simply use a cleaner recommended for this spill and clean the affected area. In addition, you may need to use an extraction machine to clean the area to remove the odor from deep down in the fabric.

In another odor case, if you notice that the odor is coming from the air vents, you can purchase an aerosol that is specifically formulated to remove these types of odors. To use, most products will have you turn on the vent fan, spray the aerosol into the intake opening for a minute or so and the offending odor should be gone.

If the odor is something that you want to reduce, such as a pet odor, and generate more of a clean smell, you can use an odor neutralizer that is sprayed into the air and is designed to stop an odor on contact with it. For

an ongoing solution, spray the odor neutralizer onto a small towel and place under the seat for a continuous release into the air.

For a more permeating odor, a more effective approach is to use an aerosol bomb. After purchasing, set the venting system to recirculate so that no outside air is being drawn in, place the aerosol inside your ride, press the dispensing button and close the doors. The aerosol will completely empty into the air and be distributed throughout the entire interior in order to neutralize the odor. This solution can be fairly effective in many situations.

Finally, for those really tough odors, such as smoke, an ozone treatment is the most effective permanent remedy. Ozone is very effective at odor removal because it works by destroying the molecules that cause the unpleasant smells. Ozone (O<sub>3</sub>) is a highly reactive molecule and is very quick to chemically react with particles that it comes into contact with in the air and on surfaces. The extra oxygen atom that is in the ozone attaches itself to the other molecules and chemically changes their structure to create non-offensive molecules thereby eliminating the smell. Ozone is so effective in removing the very difficult odors because, as a gas, ozone effectively "cleans" any place that air can go. This process is best left to a professional as it involves placing an ozone generating machine inside your ride and leaving it for anywhere from hours to a few days. The ozone machine will generate very concentrated ozone that will go everywhere in your ride's interior to neutralize the odor. Within a few days after your ride's interior has had a chance to completely air out, you will once again have a clean smelling ride.

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## Jolly Holiday Lights 2015

by Rick Talbot

On a non-snowy but otherwise dark December evening, seven BMWs and their occupants of “all ages,” enjoyed a nice drive through Waterworks Park in Des Moines. After tuning our radios to 104.1, we listened to holiday music while viewing the holiday light displays. Each year something new is added courtesy of the many local business, group and individual sponsors...all for the benefit of the Make A Wish Foundation. Thanks to those who attended and for their contribution to Make A Wish. This year marked the 20th year of Jolly Holiday Lights in Des Moines.

Following the drive, we had an unofficial rally (yes...some folks got “misoriented/delayed” in the parking lot!) to the Bordenaro’s restaurant for beverages, pizza/sandwiches and socializing.

If you’ve never taken the opportunity to experience the Jolly Holiday Lights display, make a point of it for next year! You never know what you may see!



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by Chris Kjellmark

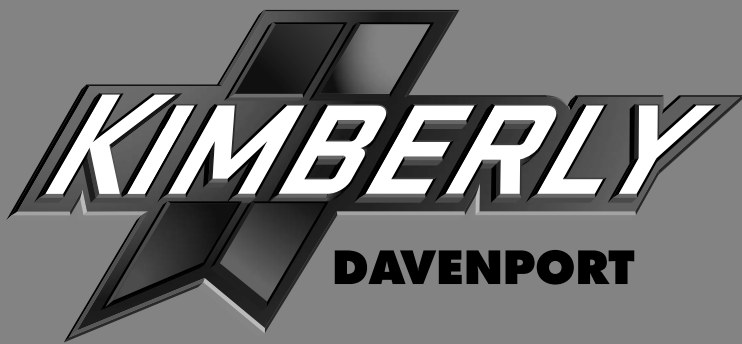
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