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Cover: Winners in the 12th Annual Badger Bimmers Car Show at Concours BMW

Photo by Jeff Fait



2015 Calendar

July 9	Board Meeting, Concours Motors
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/Yummy's Restaurant
August 13	Board Meeting, Concours Motors
August 14	Milwaukee Region Porsche Club DE event at Road America
September 12	Badger Bimmers Champagne Picnic in Fort Atkinson. Details TBD.
September 25-27	OktoberFAST 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
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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.

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.

Monthly Board meetings will convene at 6:30 pm in the Board Room at
Concours Motors • 5990 N. Green Bay Ave. • Glendale, WI.

Please consult the monthly Calendar (above) for exact locations and dates.

News of Note...



Save the Date

Fall Champagne Picnic, Informal Car Show

Badger 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 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 X1

From *Roundel Weekly*, June 9, 2015

BMW has announced the all-new **BMW X1 Sports Activity Vehicle**. This may be the second-generation edition of BMW's smallest Sports Activity Vehicle, but it is substantially larger inside, much more efficient, and offers a higher level of technology and connectivity than its predecessor. The **BMW X1 xDrive28i** will be the exclusive model in the U.S. at launch and features a two-liter TwinPower Turbo

four-cylinder engine from BMW's new family of modular engines.

bj



From the President

Jeff Fait

Next time, I'll bring boots

I've been to several High Performance Driving Events (HPDE) in the last couple of years, and the really amazing thing is that the weather has been absolutely perfect every time. Until this year. So far, I'm two-for-two for rain. On the bright side, rain provides a great opportunity to experience a part of driving you rarely get to on the street — you are able to probe safely your car's handling limits at a much lower speed than on dry pavement, and also get to feel the effects of your ABS and stability control intervening under various accelerating, braking, and cornering situations. You also get a good lesson in when electronics are not able to overcome the laws of physics. That is, if your car has that stuff. Otherwise, the ABS and DSC built into your hands and feet have an even better learning experience!



The worst part for me was that my shoes and feet were wet pretty much the whole time. Thus the need to bring boots, and not for the reason that many of you who know me think you need boots when you're around me!



The best part for me was learning that an HPDE is still a fantastic experience regardless of the weather. Of course there were a few old-timers talking about the olden days, like "that time it snowed at *OctoberFAST*"!

Our **12th Annual BMW Car Show** was successful again this year. Be sure to check out the photographs and read all about it a little farther along in this issue.

Upcoming Events

Registration is still open for our next **Blackhawk Farms** driver's school on **August 3rd** with spaces still available. We can always use more instructors so, if that describes you, please contact **Erik Ivarson** soon so we can open up more student spots. Also, registration for **OctoberFAST** at **Road America** is open! This event always sells out early, so don't delay. Also, hotels in the area are filling up quickly so plan accordingly.

Don't forget to sign up via motorsportreg.com for our **Badger Bimmers Car Corral** at the TUSC races August 8-9 at **Road America**. Registration will get you free lunch and an awesome parking space in the **Bimmerstrause Corral** near Turn 14.

Please take a moment to visit our web site (www.badgerbimmers.org) to see the full event calendar to be sure you don't miss anything.

bj

GEEZ! Nice cars, folks!

12th Annual Badger Bimmers BMW Car Show

Report and photos by Jeff Fait

Two-time
winner
Rich Brownlie



On June 6, 2015, Concours BMW in Glendale, WI hosted the **12th Annual Badger Bimmers BMW Car Show**. The weather was delightful and nearly 50 BMWs attended. Twenty-four BMWs entered the hotly contested trophy competition.

Cars were entered in six classes segregated by vehicle vintage, plus a seventh class for BMW motorcycles and an eighth "People's Choice" award for favorite car overall. Class winners were selected by participant and spectator ballot, leading to a fun and relaxing day without worries about dust and road grime. No Q-tips were harmed and I didn't see a single white glove anywhere.

Concours BMW sponsored a large supply of tasty muffins, bagels, and turn-overs along with coffee, water, and juice for all participants.

The awards presented were as follows:

People's Choice: **Rich Brownlie**, 1988 M5

BMW's of the 1960s & Earlier: **Darcy Yench**, 1963 Riley Elf Mk II
(*Hey, that's not a BMW — but it was the only '60s vehicle at the show*)

BMW's of the 1970s: **Jim Kochan**, 1974 3.0cs

BMW's of the 1980s: **Rich Brownlie**, 1988 M5

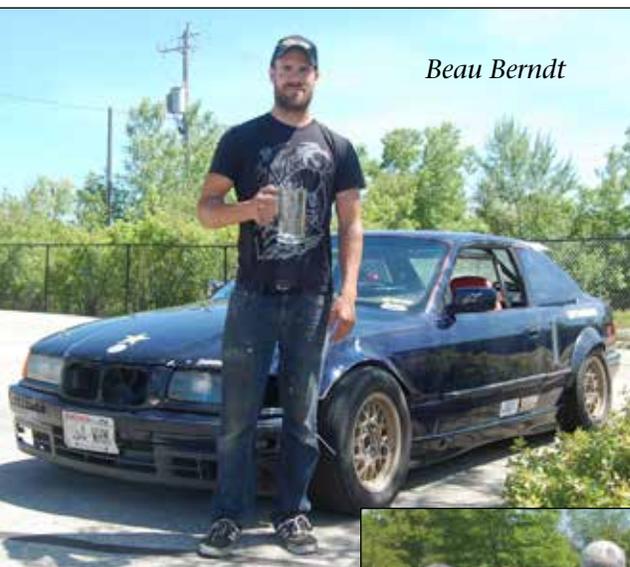
BMW's of the 1990s: **Tim Jason**, 1991 318is

BMW's of the 2000s & Newer: **Jordan Ward**, 2011 135i

Best BMW Track Car: **Beau Berndt**, 1993 325

Best BMW Motorcycle: **Erik Ivarson**, 2004 R1150 RTP **bj**

Beau Berndt



Jeff Fait & Darcy Yench

Bill Nicoud reads the voting results





Darcy Yench's 1963 Riley Elf Mk II



Jordan Ward



Tim Jason



Jim Kochan



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*

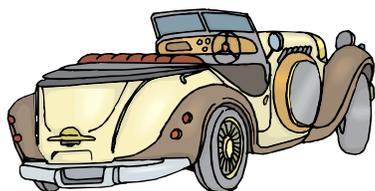
August 22

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.

This family-friendly event, held in Veterans Park on Milwaukee's lakefront, gives attendees the opportunity to get up-close and personal with the vehicles and their owners. You can cast a vote for your favorite vehicle to win the *People's Choice Award!*



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) 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), 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. 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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