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July 2016

AND THE WINNERS ARE...

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**Cover:** Participants in the 14th Annual Badger Bimmers Car Show

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# 2016 Calendar

July 14	Board Meeting – BMW of Milwaukee North
August 1	Drivers School at Blackhawk Farms
August 6-7	IMSA WeatherTech Car Corral at Road America
August 11	Board Meeting – BMW of Milwaukee North
August 16	Third Annual BMW Cruise Night
September 8	Board Meeting – BMW of Milwaukee North
September 17	Champagne picnic in Fort Atkinson
September 23-25	<i>OktoberFast</i> at Road America
October 8	Kettle Moraine Scenic Drive: A Badger Bimmer Fall Color Road Rally
October TBD	Board Meeting, Fox Valley area
November 10	Board Meeting – BMW of Milwaukee North
December 8	Board Meeting – BMW of Milwaukee North

## 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 BMW of Milwaukee North (formerly Concours BMW) • 5990 N. Green Bay Ave. • Glendale, WI.**

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

# News of Note...

## Save the Date

## Brew City Cruise Night Invites Badger Bimmers for BMW Night!

**T**uesday, August 16, is the annual Badger Bimmers BMW & MINI Night at Brew City Cruise Night in Mequon, WI, and we would like to invite everyone to attend!

Brew City Cruise Night is a weekly gathering of car enthusiasts from around southeast Wisconsin. They host 22 Tuesday night car shows (from May through September) at the **nines American Bistro** in Mequon, with each week being dedicated to a feature marque, club, or theme.

For the August 16th Badger Bimmers night, BMWs and their owners will come from far and wide to show off their cars and socialize with other enthusiasts. At our 2015 event, there were over 100 BMWs in attendance among the over 190 cars at the show.

Along with the car show there will be door-prize giveaways, with excellent items from **Acci-Dent**, **North Shore's Finest Auto Detailing**, **Tire Rack**, **Rock Auto**, and **nines American Bistro**. There will also be food and drink service available in the parking lot as part of the show.

Bimmer Cruise Night 2015



Be sure to put this event in your calendar, it's going to be a highlight of your summer!

**What:** Brew City Cruise Night Badger Bimmers BMW/MINI Night

**Who:** ALL BMW and MINI owners, old and new, and their friends

**When:** August 16, 2016

**Where:** **nines American Bistro**, 12400 N. Ville Du Parc Drive, Mequon, WI 53092

**Why:** **Because it's FUN!**

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*(This is not a Badger Bimmers sponsored event.)*

## 2016 Driving Events Schedule

**T**he 2016 Badger Bimmers Driving Events calendar opens with our **Monday, June 13 Driver School** at **Blackhawk Farms Raceway**. Our second Blackhawk DE is **Monday, August 1**. Registration opened March 1 at [www.motorsportreg.com](http://www.motorsportreg.com). Search "Badger Bimmers." We run rain or shine and Blackhawk's two miles make it a quick learn.

Contact one of our advertisers to arrange a **Tech Inspection**. The tech and medical forms are available at <http://www.badgerbimmers.org/Badger-Bimmers/Forms.htm> along with the typical schedule and a bevy of PDF files you should read before the event.

**OctoberFAST 2016** will be held **September 23-25** at historic Road America. Friday is for Advanced drivers and Instructors only. Registration opens June 1st at [www.motorsportreg.com](http://www.motorsportreg.com). The three-day event

has been our most popular with over 500 people through the gate last year. By popular demand, we will hold the Saturday dinner at the Osthoff Hotel. Lodging can be

reserved at the Osthoff or Baymont Inn and Suites. Speak with a manager to get the Club discount.

Badger Bimmers offer a safe, fun way to learn the dynamics of your own car. You learn skills you can use every day. ***Please use them responsibly.***

Contact me if you or someone in your group can help with registration. There's no pay, but you won't starve. Thanks for your registration help, **Nancy Priem** and **Charles High**.

**bj**

—Erik Ivarson, DE Coordinator



# From the President

Jeff Fait

## Springing into Summer!

**T**he weather is finally (almost) consistently warm, if not a bit wet, and we are charging headlong into the busy part of the year for our Club- and car-related events.

### Blackhawk was great!

We just wrapped up our first HPDE event of the year, held at Blackhawk Farms Raceway in South Beloit, IL. The weather was perfect: Mother Nature perfectly timed a free carwash for us right before lunch, and the track was dry in time for the next session. Events at Blackhawk are always enjoyable. It's a great venue for first-time HPDE participants, slow and simple enough for a



beginner but also technically challenging and interesting for those with more experience. We'll be there again on August 1 so be sure to register at [motorsportreg.com](http://motorsportreg.com).

Registration is now open for **OctoberFAST** at Road America in September! This event always sells out early, so don't delay. After two weeks of registration, we already

have over 40 drivers registered. Also, hotel rooms are filling up quickly so plan accordingly.

### Featured in this issue...

Our BMW car show was successful again this year, be sure to read all about it a little farther along in this issue.

Don't forget to sign up via [motorsportreg.com](http://motorsportreg.com) for our **Badger Bimmers Car Corral** at the IMSA **WeatherTech** races August 6-7 at Road America. Registration will get you free lunch and an awesome parking space in the **Bimmerstrause Corral** near Turn 14. We'll also have paddock talks and hot-pit tours on the schedule.

Also, **August 16** is our **Third Annual BMW Cruise Night**. This year it will be at **nines American Bistro** in Mequon — see the event details on page 4. Last year we had well over 100 BMWs attend.

As always, please remember to take a moment to visit our web site ([www.badgerbimmers.org](http://www.badgerbimmers.org)) to see the full event calendar to be sure you don't miss anything.

**bj**





# Best Birthday Ever?!

## The E30 Picnic

Photographs by Darcy Yench



**H**ow do you get about a hundred people to help celebrate with you on your birthday? You plan an E30 Picnic with free food, perfect weather and fantastic BMW cars!

### Great weather, great cars

On May 21, 2016 more than 55 BMWs lined their way across Waukesha's beautiful Frame Park for Badger Bimmers' 4th Annual E30 Picnic. After the overwhelming success of the previous three years, this event has become one the favorites put on by the Club. The weather started out partly cloudy and 65 degrees. By the time lunch was served, the temperature had climbed to 75 degrees with sunny skies. You couldn't have asked for better weather, as though we ordered it on line with free shipping!

Many E30s joined us ranging from M3, 318i, 318is, 325i, 325is, 325ix, to multiple convertibles. A fine group of assorted BMW models also joined in the display area for the group to enjoy. BMW enthusiasts all the way from Minneapolis to Chicago spent the afternoon showing off their stock standards and creative modifications.

### ...and a great lunch!

First and foremost, I'd like to once again thank Badger Bimmers for providing a great lunch spread that no doubt added to the success of the event. Congratulations to our raffle winner, **Ian Thomas**, who won the 2016 Badger Bimmers BMWCCA Blackhawk Farms Raceway Drivers School and Safety Seminar Driving Event Certificate.

Special thanks to **TJ Whorley** for his event promotion through social media and the WI Bimmers Club. With his expertise and our Badger Bimmer Face Book page, we were able to reach out far and wide to many BMW enthusiasts to insure a very successful gathering.

Thanks to **Jeff Fait** for rallying the troops to sing happy birthday to me.

I enjoyed our collective camaraderie and look forward to the next time we can all get together. Be sure to join us next year when we meet again to show, discuss, appreciate, and admire these incredible driving machines.

**bi**

— Tim Jason







Report by Tim Jason

Ian Thomas accepts the Drivers School Certificate





# 13th Annual Badger Bimmers BM

Report by Jeff Fait

On June 4, 2016, BMW of Milwaukee North in Glendale, WI, hosted the 13th Annual Badger Bimmers BMW Car Show. Despite the threat of (and eventual arrival of) rain, nearly 50 BMWs attended; 23 BMWs entered the hotly contested trophy competition. That was a fantastic turnout and exactly equaled last year's perfect-weather attendance record.

## The Competition Structure

Cars were entered in six classes organized by vehicle vintage, along with a separate "People's Choice" award for favorite car overall. Class winners were selected by participant and spectator ballot, so cars were awarded prizes based on their appeal and not based on how clean or original they are. I didn't see anyone with Q-Tips, although I think there were a few cars on display that were well acquainted with that kind of treatment. (But that was balanced out by my car which hasn't even seen soapy water yet this year.)

**Special thanks** to BMW of Milwaukee North for sponsoring a large supply of tasty muffins, bagels, cookies, water, and juice for all participants along, with sponsoring the elegant trophies as well.

Also a huge **thanks to Concours BMW and the Wuesthoff family** for generously donating a large supply of extremely nice BMW-themed merchandise for door prizes.

The awards were presented as follows:

- People's Choice: **Jerry David, 1972 3.0cs**  
BMW's of the 1960's & Earlier: No winner, they must have all been afraid of the rain  
BMW's of the 1970's: **Jerry David, 1972 3.0cs**  
BMW's of the 1980's: **Scott Simpson, 1987 325ic**  
BMW's of the 1990's: **Rochelle Blaha, 1996 M3**  
BMW's of the 2000's & Newer: **David Thuerk, 2015 M235i**  
Best BMW Track Car: **Jordan Ward, 1991 318is**

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# W Car Show



*Rochelle Blaha*



*Jeff Fait with Jordan Ward*

Photographs by  
Jeff Fait &  
Darcy Yench



*Dual winner, Jerry David*



*Scott Simpson*



*Darcy Yench with  
Todd Schwieso, Sales  
Manager at BMW of  
Milwaukee North*



*David Thuerk*



# Wings 'n' Wheels 2016

Report by Peter Wright



Photographs by Larry O'Brien, Donovan Wright and Peter Wright

It was a slow start by anyone's standards. A gaggle of new Fords dragged in overnight by Daryl, the local Ford dealer, and his crew; nice and shiny... all lined up waiting to go home with someone... anyone. A cold, seriously stiff wind buffeted a much worn Snickers' wrapper against an aircraft hanger door. A light drizzle... (sigh); par for the course for any 2016 event with which I have had anything to do. But, the sole activity was indeed, *frenzied*: breakfast being prepared by the stalwarts from Jones Dairy Farm; french toast and Jones' pork sausages... Oh my!! If nothing else, we would have



an outstanding all-you-can-eat breakfast!

## Then, they arrived

Then rumbled in a torrid 545i with that gorgeous V8 burble. Could have been mine, but "Bruce," the even torrider (is there such a word?) E39 540i, was still, at that time, in the Wright's stables. Who needs two V8 powered BMWs?

Anyway... where was I? Oh yeah. The crowd gathered — and other Bimmers arrived. A mean-spirited-looking 328i coupe; the 40-year young '02 twin sisters (fitting *Blau Mit Weiss* matriarchs), red and grey; the M235i cheeky twins, one of them





## What's in Your Garage?

# '...a blast in the snow.' RA Next

Report by Michael Redman

**W**haddaya say? We'd love to hear about your favorite ride, too. Send contributions to **Tim Jason**, Membership Chairman, at [tjason@versevo.com](mailto:tjason@versevo.com). Everyone's waiting.... —Ed.

**H**i, Tim!!

Glad to be a member. I picked up this beauty, 2016 M3, in Munich at the end of September, 2015 at the plant. Then drove it around Bavaria and Austria for a week. Definitely a wonderful and memorable trip. When the car arrived locally, I had the dealership (Zimbrick) put on snow tires. I drive it all the time, and it is a blast in the snow (La Crosse). Can't wait to give it a spin at Road America.

Thanks again, and enjoy the day! **bj**

—Mike



## Wings 'n' Wheels



wearing some funky-looking front tires (c'mon, Dave, pony up some of that stashed green for decent rubber!). If a certain M3 pilot wouldn't have been on, as it turns out, a rather expensive "health kick," there could have been the darling E30 M3

twins present as well, but some of said pilot's "essential parts" (some sort of ball joint, I think) were chucked for go-faster parts, and a long trip to Fort was ill-advised. (Get well soon, Bill! Love ya, man!! Hug the main squeeze for us!!)

### A Ford, Bimmer stand-off

The atmosphere was tense, to say the least, with The Fords on the left side, and The Bimmers, befriended by a lone seriously red Porsche, on the right, staring

each other down, while helicopter and planes flirted with wild abandon in significant crosswinds, toying with disaster; and silly parachutists ... er... well... parachuting.

To lighten things up and divert attention, The

Brits arrived: a very, very, yellow MGB, along with an unbelievably sexy Aston Martin piloted by our own **Jeff Fait**. All turned to humor as a well-prepared, knock-kneed (... or is that pigeon-toed? Maybe both?), half boat, half car, Amphicar



wheezed its way into our midst, with polished propeller glinting in the sun that, by then, had gratefully begun to make its presence felt.

Delightful breakfast having been thoroughly enjoyed, the inbound crowds steadily increased in number — lots of excited kids, sights, smells, rides, lifelong memories made at every turn. One mom struggled to explain to her

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# Bimmerstrause BMW Corral @ RA

August 6 & 7

by Darcy Yench

The IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship takes over Road America's four-mile circuit for what will be the most incredible weekend of sports car racing in the world. Plan on coming to our Bimmerstrause Car Corral at the IMSA race at Road America on August 6 and 7, 2016. Hear presentations by team members in their paddock areas, and by sponsors and officials from BMW. Enjoy the camaraderie of your fellow BMW CCA members and BMW owners. Cheer on our BMW drivers to their wins!

## Races, with all the amenities

Fans will get to see the **Continental Tire Sports Car Challenge** race on Saturday, August 6, with the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship event on Sunday, plus races from the **IMSA GT3 Cup** and **Lamborghini Trofeo** 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. Paddock meetings with RLL Racing, *BimmerWorld* and other BMW teams are being arranged. Donations of \$15/car/day will be going to our charity, **Feeding America of Southeastern Wisconsin**. Box lunches for each day will be provided but must be arranged for ahead of time, so register today.

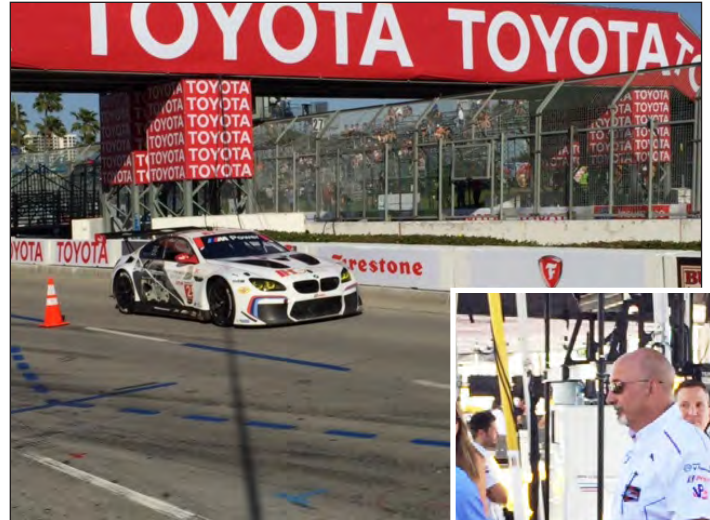
## Registration information

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 advanced pricing ends July 27, 2016.

The schedule for the weekend has been posted on the Road America website.

Keep abreast of the latest news on Facebook, on our website ([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 at <http://www.motorsportreg.com>.

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## Wings 'n' Wheels

knee-high son that the Amphicar was really a car that could "sail" up and down the Rock River like a regular boat. I loved son's only thought, in which I share: "Why?"

### An incredible variety

Where else, in one place, could one enjoy the muscle cars of yesteryear (immaculate 1977 Smokey & the Bandit Trans Am, complete with screaming chicken



on the hood, and many other fine examples) alongside homemade lowered and chopped roadsters with monster engines, boat-car curiosities, new offerings right off the Ford dealer's lot, The Britts, an enormous 1950s-vintage Buick that could house several families for extended periods, and finally, the very best that Germany has to offer (ok, so there were no Audis, or, what's that other kind again? Oh yeah... MBs.)? Oh, I almost forgot, a lead on a 2002tii that "runs," for an asking price of \$500? Wonder if it's a '72?

The electric atmosphere, sparked by the kids' excitement, transformed the cold, seriously stiff wind and light drizzle of early morn into a stellar day. The kids had a ball. We had a ball. The flying thingies stayed upright and in the air, as hoped. And, the Boys & Girls Club of Fort Atkinson added close to \$10,000 to its coffers for funding a host of programming for the benefit of so many.

Thank you to all Bimmerites who came and enjoyed. 'Nother successful event. Life is grand!!! **bj**



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