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Photo by Darcy Yench



# 2015 Calendar

April 4	Saturday Board Meeting in Madison at Kelly Moss Motorsports
May 9	Spring Car Clean-up in Milwaukee, Madison & Fox Valley area
May 14	Board Meeting, Concours Motors
May 16	E30 Meet and Greet, Frame Park, Waukesha
May 29	Milwaukee Region Porsche Club DE event at Blackhawk Farms
May 31	Wings & Wheels Fly-in and Breakfast, Fort Atkinson Municipal Airport
June 6	12th Annual BMW Car Show at Concours BMW
June 11	Board Meeting, Concours Motors
June 15	Badger Bimmers Drivers School at Blackhawk Farms
June 22-23	Wisconsin Audi Club DE event at Road America
July 9	Board Meeting, Concours Motors
August 3	Badger Bimmers Drivers School at Blackhawk Farms
August 8-09	Car Corral at Road America: Continental Tire Road Race Showcase
August 13	Board Meeting, Concours Motors
August 14	Milwaukee Region Porsche Club DE event at Road America
September 12	Badger Bimmers Picnic in Fort Atkinson. Details TBD.
September 25-27	<b>OktoberFAST</b> at Road America
October TBD	Saturday Board Meeting in Fox Valley area
October 10	BMW Winter Prep Tech Session at European Auto House in Mequon
<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  
Concours Motors • 5990 N. Green Bay Ave. • Glendale, WI.

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

## News of Note...

# BMW Reveals the X5 xDrive40e

From *Roundel Weekly*, March 17, 2015

**B**MW's first-ever sport activity vehicle—the X5—is now BMW's first-ever plug-in hybrid sport activity vehicle. It's called the BMW X5 xDrive40e which, given the dual modes of propulsion, is a mercifully short moniker.

The first of its kind within the BMW brand features xDrive—BMW's superlative all-wheel-drive system—and eDrive—BMW's EfficientDynamics technology that combines an internal combustion engine with an additional electric motor to allow electric-only motoring or a combination gasoline-electric mode. By the way, xDrive is active all the time, regardless of whether the vehicle is running in electric-only or combination mode.

The X5's primary power plant is a two-liter, four-cylinder, TwinScroll turbocharged gasoline engine that produces 245 horsepower and 258 pound-feet of torque. It is integrated through an eight-speed Steptronic transmission with a synchronous elec-



tric motor that puts out 113 horsepower and 184 pound-feet of torque. Thus, the combined power of the internal combustion/electric combination is 313 horsepower and 332 pound-feet of torque.

## Driving School Insurance

**M**any 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**

## Spring Clean-up at International BMW

**A**s I write this our January weather has not been as intense as last year, but I expect we will probably get our typical snow during February and March. May always seems to be a good month for a complete cleaning of your favorite ride, inside and out.

Come join your fellow Club members for our annual **Spring Clean-up, May 9th** from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. We are having the clean-up at **International BMW** once again. International BMW is located on 108th Street south of Lincoln Ave. They provide a great place for us to work on our cars. International BMW will wash your car in their auto car-wash bay. We have the use of the BMW/MINI service area to continue cleaning/detailing in a warm protected area. The Spring Clean-up affords a great opportunity to meet with other Club members while shining and/or cleaning your BMW's interior.



I am inviting **Nick Sanfilippo** from *Acci-dent* to attend and offer his painless dent removal services. Their dent removal results have been amazing. If you are interested in having a dent removed, contact Nick Sanfilippo at **414-305-5005** several days before the event and let him know where the dent is. Some repair locations require special tools, so Nick will need to know what tools he needs to bring for your specific repair.

The BMW and MINI showrooms will be open all afternoon. You'll be able to take some time to inspect the new cars. Snacks and beverages will be provided by the Club.

If you have any questions, call me at **262-784-4180** or contact me by email at **dthuerkm3@gmail.com**.

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Similar clean-up sessions will be held in the **Fox Valley** and **Madison** areas on the same day, May 9. For information about the Fox Valley event, contact **Dale Kressin** ([dale@vin.com](mailto:dale@vin.com)); and for Madison, contact **Larry O'Brien** ([ashark@charter.net](mailto:ashark@charter.net)). **bj**

~Dave Thuerk

# From the President

Jeff Fait

*Sliding into Spring, or...*

## How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love DSC

**H**ello again, fellow Badger Bimmer members—and those tired of winter and ready for spring! It's just around the corner, they say, and not a minute too soon. It's been an interesting winter, starting out without much snow, relatively speaking for Wisconsin. Which led me to make a decision violating my cardinal winter rule from all winters past: forego swapping out the summer (albeit "all-season") tires for snowflake-on-the-mountain winter tires. Just too hard to carry them up from the basement and mount on the car for merely a dusting of snow. The trusty E39 528i just turned 15 and still steams like a battleship—how bad could it be? Turns out it wasn't too bad... if you wait until after the plows have been through. For the most part, the car's dynamic stability control (DSC) does an OK job of managing what little traction might be available. The only little glitch is that, when starting from a dead stop, if there is wheel slippage, the DSC cuts power and cuts power until it's a good idea to momentarily switch it either DSC is turned off or the light would be off unless you from yourself.



We had several interesting **cago Auto Show**, and the **2nd** attended and a lot of fun. And they reminded us youngsters why Steve McQueen is still so cool.

Registration has opened at [motorsportreg.com](http://motorsportreg.com) for our two **Blackhawk Farms** driver education events, happening on **June 15th** and **August 3rd**. If you've never been to a Club HPDE event, either one of these would be a great way to try it out and see if you like it. Our Club driving instructors are awesome and do a great job of teaching safe driving techniques in a non-intimidating atmosphere. If you're still not sure, we also offer a program that allows you to attend the novice classroom sessions and take rides on the track with an instructor in his or her car.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for some great upcoming events: the **April 4th Saturday Board meeting** in the Madison area at **Kelly Moss Motorsports**, the annual **Spring Car Clean-ups** on May 9th at **International BMW** in West Allis, **Zimbrick BMW** in Madison, and **Bergstrom BMW** in Appleton, followed the next week by the **E30 Picnic/Meet and Greet** on May 16th at **Frame Park** in Waukesha.

Finally, I'd like to remind everyone that if you have any ideas for Club events, or questions, comments, or complaints about the Club, please let me or another Board member know!

**bj**



# Bimmers Tour



Photos by  
Darcy Yench



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With our starting pick-up at the Brown Deer Park-and-Ride off I-43 and a second stop for riders at the Park-and-Ride, I-94 and College Ave., we were off to the Petro Stopping Center in Sturtevant, WI for our breakfast stop. With our final two attendees with us, our group of 28 were off to Chicago for the first day of the auto show. We arrived at the McCormick Place promptly at 10 a.m. and assembled for a group photo before heading into the show.



The show this year was as nice as in the past with a few cars with actual colors other than white, black, and silver. Of course, the BMW display drew all of our attentions. My *compadres* and I thought the Ford GT was pretty cool, and that Alpha Romeo had by far the best display of the show filled with memorabilia and early race cars.

It was a great day to hang out with our fellow BBR members. Thanks to Dale for bringing the popcorn on the way home!

We want to give a BIG SHOUT OUT to BMW NA for providing admission tickets for all of us to get into the show!

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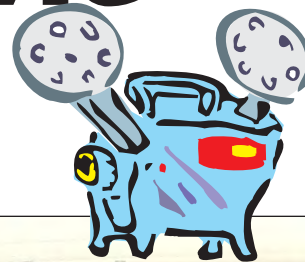
— Darcy



# Chili 'n' a Movie



Report by Ron Pace

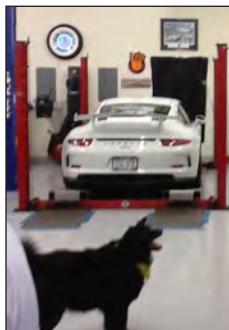


On February 28th, the second annual *Chili and a Movie* gathering was held at Ron's Toy Barn in Saukville. Some 17 Badger Bimmers gathered on a sunny but cold day to enjoy some interesting cars, some chili and a movie. The new addition to the car collection was a 2015 Porsche GT3, while leaving shortly will be the 1991 Porsche Firehawk race car.

The chili was an eclectic collection ranging from a white, chicken-based recipe with a hint of India to an exotic but rather spicy rattlesnake blend, along with a variety in between. Socializing, beverage partaking and bench racing were the order of the day.

We then settled down to some serious movie going. With the benefit of the equipment provided by Mike Clemens, we were able to see *Le Mans* in Dolby digital or the equivalent thereof for the times. Pictures tell the story in this edition of your newsletter, courtesy of Darcy Yench, who also rustled up all the fix'ns to make the day a great break from the winter.

bj



# Touring the BMW Museum

Report and photos by Dave Thuerk

Part of European Delivery is a tour of BMW's Museum. The Museum is conveniently located across the boulevard from the *Welt* and is a simple trip across the elevated foot bridge that's connected to the second floor of the *Welt*. The museum covers the 90-year history of BMW and is set up in seven exhibition halls at different levels connected by multiple bridges. This concept was meant to simulate roads connecting plazas along the highway. It is an impressive, open, multi-level structure which allows viewing different levels as you travel over the connecting bridges.

## Reviewing History

As we entered the lobby, we were greeted by three, what I assumed to be, classic vehicles—none of which I have ever seen before: 1939 335, 1954 502 and a 1968 3.3LI. Our tour started with the early



In the lobby

history displays that included the *Bayerische Motoren Werke GmbH* 1917 six-cylinder airplane motor and other early production items. Moving along, we passed the motorcycle display of racing and production cycles.



The 328 Fixed-roof Saloon

This led us into automotive racing history, which started with a 1939 328 fixed-roof racing saloon made with tubular frame and an aluminum skin. Adjacent to this early racer was the B52 F1 race car. This was driven by



The BMW Museum

**Nelson Piquet** in the '80s and captured the Formula 1 World Championship in '83. The B52 was the first turbo-powered Formula 1 car to win the Drivers Championship and first car in motor sports to use telemetry.

We continued along and entered the engine display which contained sports car, Formula 1 and innovative production engines. Next was the sports car racing hall which had on display a 2000 TI (another car I have not seen before) and all the familiar cars: Batmobile, E30M, 36M and 46M racers and was followed by a display of racing engines.

## Architecture Provides Amazing Views

Crossing the first bridge provided a good view of the museum



The B52 Formula 1 car





*The Hall of Race Cars*



*The Hall of M Cars*



*The 2000 TI Sport Racer*



*The 2009 I8 Prototype*



*The '70s vertical stack*

layout. Multiple floors and bridges were in view. We passed by a vertical stack of 1970s 7-, 6-, 5- and 3-series and continued into the 3-series hall showing its development from the '70s through the 2000's E46. We continued into the Hall of M cars starting with the 1981 M1 through the E46M3 SLC. As we passed over bridges, each bridge provided a different view of the lower levels. We passed several individual displays of special cars: an Isetta, BMW 700, 2009 I8 prototype, 328 Mille Miglia Roadster, which was a major design statement moving into aerodynamic design, and finally a clay model cut-away to show how the clay models are built. We worked our way down to the lower level which displayed classic roadsters: 1930 3/15PS, 1934 315/1, 1936 328 and the 1956 507.

Leaving the lower level brought us to a display featuring the M1 race car, an updated M1 concept car made for the 30th anniversary in 2008, and the hydrogen powered H2R, which set nine international speed records in 2004. This brought us to the base of the round, funnel-shaped structures housing Rolls-Royce history.

There was much more in the museum that I have not covered here. I gave my attention only to displays that covered my particular interest. All the

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## BMW Museum

other series cars and displays were looked at as we walked by.

There is a lot of other activity at the BMW Museum and *Welt* besides displays. In the *Welt*, there is a

children's Campus Workshop that teaches about mobility and technology. Both facilities are avail-



*The hydrogen-powered HR2*

able for events for children as well as car fanatics. It would be a great place for our holiday party, just a wee bit long of a commute. If you're planning a trip to southern Germany, the BMW Museum is definitely worth the time and effort to visit.

— Dave Thuerk

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