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2015 Calendar

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 16	Red Lion Pub's rally to Road America for Vintage Car races
May 23	PCA-sponsored autocross at Elmbrook Church. Badger Bimmers are invited.
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 Badger Bimmers' Car Show at Concours BMW
June 7	SCCA TSD Rally, Madison. Badger Bimmers are invited.
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 8-9	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	OktoberFAST 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
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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
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Please consult the monthly Calendar (above) for exact locations and dates.

News of Note...

SCCA Invites Bimmers to 110 mile TSD Rally

The Sports Car Club of America is hosting the **Roads Scholar Road Rally** in Madison on **Sunday, June 7th**. This will be a 110 mile, 4-hour drive along the beautiful country roads west of Madison towards Spring Green and Dodgeville.

[Editor's note: This is NOT a Badger Bimmers-sponsored event, but all Badger Bimmers Club members are invited to participate.]

Rally teams are composed of a driver and a navigator. You'll receive a set of route instructions that describe how to follow the predefined course that begins and ends at **Gray's Tied House** restaurant/brewpub in Verona. **No prior rally experience is required**. In fact, this rally is specifically designed to introduce car enthusiasts to the sport of rallying.

Precision Driving, Not Racing

Each road on the rally course is assigned an average speed. Your goal is to follow the course using the provided route instructions (some people call them "clues") and maintain the assigned average speeds. Every 15 miles or so we'll set up a checkpoint where you'll be timed when you arrive. Penalty points are assigned for being either late or early at each checkpoint.

Assigned average speeds are always at or below the posted speed limits. Cars are spaced out at 1-minute intervals so you won't be driving in a pack. Trophies will be awarded to the teams with the fewest penalty points at the end of the rally.

In addition to the challenge of staying on time, we'll throw some tricks into the route instructions to see if you're paying attention and following the directions. If you like driving and enjoy games and puzzles, you'll enjoy this sport.

The cost to run is \$15/person; two people are required in each car. Pre-registration is required. You can either fill out an entry form and mail it in with a check, or you can register and pay online at motorsportreg.com.

Two weeks prior to the rally, all contestants will receive a set of detailed General Instructions. No special equipment is required: just your car, pens, paper, a digital watch, and a clipboard.

Another way to participate and enjoy the event is to be a checkpoint worker. If you have any questions or would be interested in working a checkpoint, please contact the rallymaster, **Jim Crittenden**, at 970-261-2144 or at james.a.crittenden@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you. **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**

Spring Clean-up at International BMW

As 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 paintless dent removal ser-

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From the President

Jeff Fait

Gearing Up for Summer

Hello, fellow Bimmerphiles! As I write this, the first day this year that really felt like Spring is coming to an end. Almost time to close the office windows for the day, but the fresh air is so welcome I need a few more minutes. Recent heavy rains have washed all the nasty winter salt off the roads, meaning our treasured beauties that have been slumbering for the winter can finally come out to play with minimal fear of the dreaded tinworm. (That's rust to any Southerners who may be in the audience.)

Dale Kressin and I were fortunate to be able to attend the **BMW CCA National Conference** held in Dallas at the end of March. It was a great opportunity to meet and mingle with the National Board, and especially with our peers from other North Central Region Chapters. The overall theme was centered on improving the engagement of our Club members, and there were many good ideas shared. It was also an opportunity to see how our Club stacks up against other chapters. I have to say, I think our Badger Bimmers Chapter is among the best in the nation! Not to say that we can't improve — so again I ask that anyone with ideas for events, or ways to improve the enjoyment of your Club membership, please contact me or any of our other fine Board members.



Great Turn-out in Madison

In early April we held our Madison-area Board meeting in conjunction with lunch and a tour of **Kelly-Moss Motorsports**. Twenty-one Club members and friends turned out to see some really spectacular machinery and eat some delicious tacos. Thanks go out to **Larry O'Brien** for setting up this event!

May brings up our **Spring Car Clean-up** events in Milwaukee, Madison, and Appleton. Be sure to check these out to clean the last of winter's worst from your ride. It's always fun to hang out, clean up your car, and have some snacks with other Club members. Also in May we have our **E30 Meet and Greet**, which is open to all even if you don't have an E30. Contact **Tim Jason** for more details.

June is the start of the **HPDE** season, so be sure to sign up for our **Blackhawk Farms** events and get ready to sign up for **OctoberFAST** at **Road America** as soon as registration opens on June 1.

We're heading into the busy time of year for the Club and there is sure to be something for everyone! 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

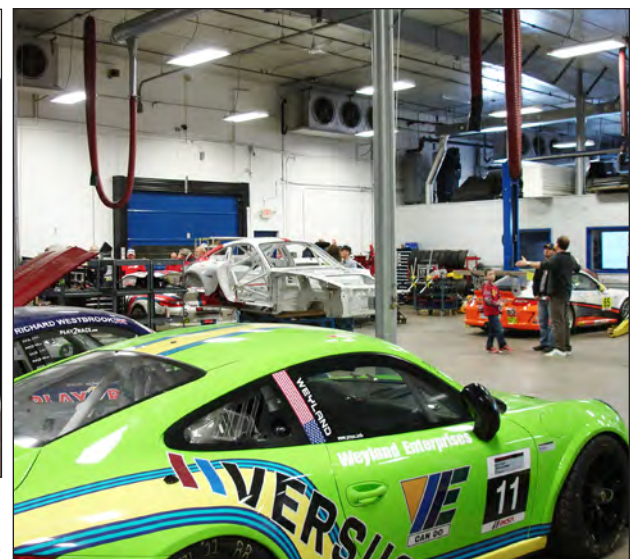
April Board Meeting at Kelly-Moss Motorsports

Report by Larry O'Brien

The Badger Bimmers' Board held its April meeting in Madison at Kelly-Moss Motorsports. President Jeff Fait led the Board through its agenda with his usual alacrity. All told, 21 folks were present, which was a pretty good attendance. Lots of good chatter as always.

After munching their way through another fine Pasqual's taco bar, all of us followed our kind host Jerry Drew on a tour of this extraordinary facility. As many already know, Kelly-Moss specializes in preparing, and racing, Porsches. But it goes well beyond that: K-M also provides high-end restoration, engine work and body work for all makes and ages of wheeled vehicles.

Jerry showed us the various areas of the shops, but most of us salivated over the awesome engine-building and tuning spots. Of course, there were many vintage and race cars to see and marvel over. It's a really cool place. Jerry assured us that not only customers but also visitors are welcome. (I know from personal experience the quality of K-M's staff's work. They rebuilt the engine in my 1976 2002. Perfect!) A visit to K-M is definitely worth the time. All told, it was another good day.



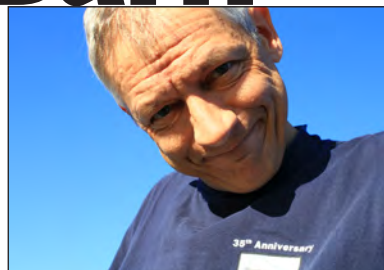
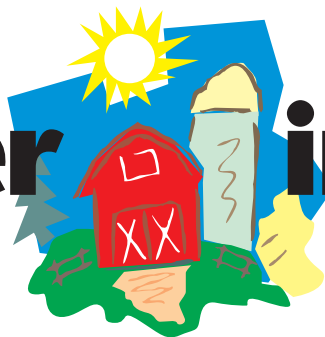
Some of the meeting attendees, host Jerry Drew fourth from left.

Photos by Darcy Yench and DAG

Bimmer in the Barn

Part 14

by Bill Nicoud



Well, the planets aligned once again, and I was able to spend some quality time with the Bimmer over the holidays.

I have been trying for a long time to finish up some painting on the inner front structure and fenders so that I could finish, fit and weld the front fenders. It seems like a small matter, but small matters like this are important to insure a quality result. Mission accomplished: the fenders are now permanently installed.

An Unforeseen 'Curve Ball'

The next order of business was to finish stripping the old finish off the remaining body panels. As you know from previous articles, this means mechanically removing paint layers until the bare metal is revealed. This includes the use of various grades of sandpaper, different types of sanders, grinders, and paint-stripping fiber wheels. I had hoped to save some time by having the original hood and trunk media-stripped by a sub-contractor. Unfortunately the process didn't work as planned, and instead of nice clean panels, ready to be primed, I ended up with panels that were distorted beyond what I wanted to deal with. Another curve ball. This one meant I had to source replacement hood and trunk panels. This was an expense I hadn't planned, and a delay I didn't need.

After some searching, I was able to source the needed panels locally. I felt this was the best approach since I was able to examine the panels before I bought them. (I'm grateful to Club member Noel Saubers for parting with these pieces, so that I could continue with this project.) With parts obtained, I continued with the stripping process, made some small metal repairs, and finally was able to prime all of the stripped panels.



Upgrading Those Seatbelts

There was one more task I wanted to finish over the holidays. I wanted the option of having newer style retractable seatbelts in the car. In order to have this option, I needed to add additional seatbelt anchors. Using a 1973 BMW 2002 as a guide, I was able to determine where the belts were anchored. Next I fabricated reinforcements and anchors from surplus steel of the appropriate gauge, and graded nuts with the correct size and pitch to handle the seatbelt anchoring bolts. Finally I welded the anchors in the correct place. Now I

have the option of using newer retractable belts or the original equipment belts. Or maybe adding some four-point belts, suitable for the occasional track day.

With this item off my list, I attained another milestone in this long process. All the body-related welding is finished. This is a big step. It means I'm able to move on to more mundane filling, sanding, and priming steps.

It's a good feeling, and now I can see a little glimmer of light at the end of a long, long tunnel.

Stay tuned...

bj



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What's in Your Garage?

Purchasing a Handsome German Gentleman

by Danielle Jason

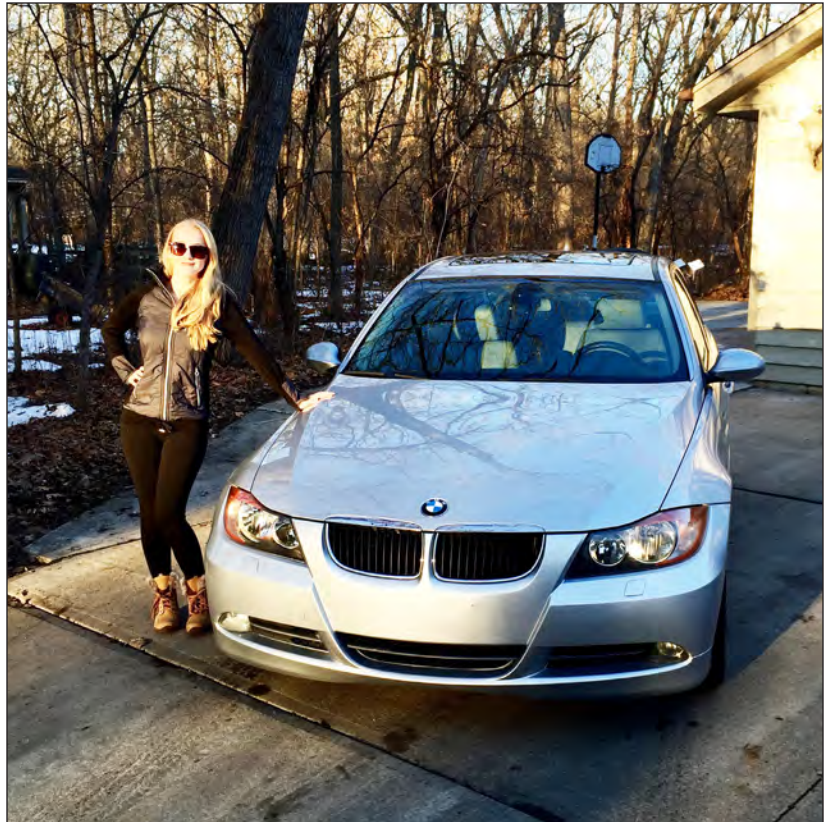
*This is the second installment in our new monthly series featuring... you, our readers, our fellow Club members. We'd like to know **What's in Your Garage?** It's simple: tell us about your car. What you like (or dislike) about it, how you drive it, maintain it, name it, bathe it, talk to it, fondle it.... Whatever. It's all relevant. Jot down a few words, take a few mug shots of yourself and your favorite ride (BMW or not), and send it all to **Tim Jason**, Membership Chairman, at tjason@versevo.com. Everyone's waiting to hear from you. —Ed.*

I've never considered myself a "car person." My knowledge base consisted of naming a handful of brands, and a very basic idea of which brands were superior and why. Other than that, if it had four wheels and got me from point A to point B, I had no complaints. Until I unfortunately was involved in an accident (no one was injured, thankfully) and found myself in the perils of car shopping. I was drowning in overzealous salesmen, sketchy Craigs list ads, and hyper-modified junkers. Frankly I was at my wits end when I decided I needed to look for quality and reliability instead of the "best deal."

...at First Sight?

That's when I met "Hans," my fondly deemed 2008 328xi BMW. This mean machine was everything I never knew I needed or wanted. Dramatic, I know, but this is a true love affair, people! I went from driving cars that just barely ran to a BMW, the truthfully proclaimed, ultimate driving machine.

The first day I drove Hans to work, I got there 20 minutes early...oops. For once accelerating wasn't a chore and what's more, it was fun...really fun! This car handles like a dream, and with All-Wheel Drive, Stability Control and all of the latest safety features, Wisconsin winter roads didn't strike fear into my heart. Not to mention just sitting inside on the plush leather seats and admiring the roomy interior, powerful stereo, and all the buttons and gadgets is just enough to make a girl weak in the knees.



Spoiled Forever

I can now say I am the (very) proud owner of a BMW and you'll be hard pressed to seat me in anything but. And though I might still think a McLaren is an Irish brewery, I'm much more of a car aficionado than I used to be. I'm happy to say I am a true fan of BMW's unparalleled quality, reliability, and just overall enjoyability factor. For the first time, in my 22 years, I actually enjoy driving.

Road trip, anyone?

bj

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Annual Spring Clean-up

vices. 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.

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); and for Madison, contact Larry O'Brien (ashark@charter.net). **bj**

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