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Photo by Jenny Morgan



2015 Calendar

September 12	Badger Bimmers Champagne Picnic in Fort Atkinson at the home of Peter and Vicki Wright
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
October 24	Northern Wisconsin Tour. Details on page 12.
<u>2016</u>	
January 9	Annual Holiday Party and Board Meeting at Golden Mast Restaurant
February 6	Chili and a Movie. Details TBA.

More **OktoberFAST** Instructors Needed!

If you register to instruct on Saturday and Sunday, you're also guaranteed to get in on Friday if you want. See page 14 for details.

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

Save the Date

Prepare Your BMW for Winter

With this beautiful span of weather we've been enjoying, it's hard to believe that cold weather will be on its way.

European Auto House (11020 Buntrock Avenue) in Mequon will be hosting the Badger Bimmer Chapter on **Saturday, October 10, 2015**, for a **Winter Car Prepping Session**. The tech session will start at 10:00 a.m. With the upcoming cold season, this

event will give us an opportunity to get answers to our questions about using snow tires (vs. not), storage, coolant/fluid concerns, and overall preparation of your BMW whether it's destined for storage or year 'round driving.

Breakfast will be provided. Please RSVP to **Cindy Ansay** at (262) 388-3740. Please mention the model of the BMW that you will be bringing to the event. **bj**

From the President

Jeff Fait

This time I didn't need boots!

Astute readers may recall my column from two months ago recounting the rainy weather for our Club's first Blackhawk Farms driving school this year. Happily, our second Blackhawk event, August 3rd, was treated to absolutely perfect weather despite some scary storms the night before — best of all, I did not need my boots and my feet remained dry all day. The driving was great, the weather was great, the participants were great — who could ask for anything more.

I would like to personally thank all the volunteers who make these events possible: Erik Ivarson, Mike Clemens, John Morgan, Dave Thuerk, Nancy Priem, Ron Pace, Chris Schuh, Fred Schwierske, and all the fabulous driving instructors. I hope I didn't forget anyone. If I did, let me know and I'll put your name in big letters in the next newsletter.



August has been hopping!

August 8th and 9th saw the **BMW Corral at Road America** filled to capacity for the **Continental Tire Challenge** and **TUDOR** races on Saturday and Sunday. Again we were graced with great weather, and **Darcy Yench** set up an awesome schedule of paddock tours and driver meet-and-greets.

August 11th was the **4th Annual BMW Club Night at Brew City Cruise Night** in Mequon. The event was another big success this year. See photos and stories later in this issue.

Registration for **OctoberFAST** at *Road America* is almost full! Waiting lists have been started for Novice and Intermediate drivers.

Things worth repeating...

I hope you all are as impressed as I am with the extremely high quality of our Club newsletter, *bimmer immer* (which you are reading now in case you forgot!) We owe our editor, Don Gawronski, a round of applause for making this happen every month. Don's looking for an "apprentice," a person who would be interested in learning to produce this publication, and could eventually take over the editor duties. If you are intrigued by the possibilities, please contact one of the Club officers for more information. Contact information can be found on page 2 of this issue and on our website.



Also — please take a moment to visit our website (www.badgerbimmers.org) to see the full event calendar to be sure you don't miss anything.

bj



August 8 & 9

August 8 and 9, 2015 once again saw some exciting race-filled days at *Road America* in Elkhart Lake. The weather was perfect both Saturday and Sunday, and the BMW teams provided even more entertainment for the crowd in the **Badger Bimmers Car Corral**, just past turn 14. More than 90 people signed in each day.

Most Paddock Tours Ever

Paddock tours this year were the most ever. Saturday morning, the corralers went to see the groups competing in Saturday's **Continental Tire Sports Car Challenge** race.

First stop: **BimmerWorld** cars #81 & #84. Host **James Clay** and the rest of the BimmerWorld crew talked to the group about the complexity that comes along with running two BMWs in the ST series. Car



The corral crew



A Well Deserved Thank You!

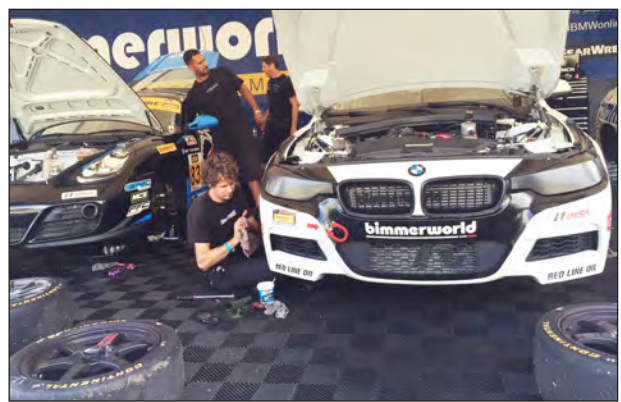
A very special "Thank You" is due our sponsors: **Badger Bimmers**, **BMW Windy City Chapter** and **Enterprise BMW in Appleton**, who supplied box lunches; and **Concours BMW in Glendale**, who supplied a great variety of beverages and the two cars on display at the corral. As in the past, **BMW NA** was instrumental in underwriting the additional expenses of the event.

#81 started in position 28 and finished 14th. Car #84's race was cut short after 31 laps.

Next stop, Team TGM #64, **Ted Giovanis**, gave us a look inside their paddock and top-of-the-line transporter. They give away some great t-shirts and caps. **Thanks Ted!** Car #64 started in 25th position and improved two positions by race's end.

Many of us stopped at **Fall-Line Motorsports** #46's paddock, but **Ashley Freiberg** was not available at that time. Ashley and teammate, **Trent Hindman**, started in 9th place and finished on the podium in 3rd place. Ashley visited with

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Badger Bimmers' BMW Corral @ Road America

Report by Darcy Yench



Photos by Jenny Morgan

4th Annual Bimmers' Cruise Night

Report by Jeff Fait

Photos by Sachin Shah

Tuesday, August 11, was the fourth annual **Badger Bimmers BMW & MINI Night** at Brew City Cruise Night in Mequon, WI. This year yet again had the biggest turnout so far, and has become a must-do summer gathering.

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 **Pöga Bar and Yummys Restaurant** in Mequon, with each week being dedicated to a featured marque, club, or theme.

A Spectacular Array

For the August 11th Badger Bimmers night, BMWs and their owners came from far and wide to show off their cars and socialize with other enthusiasts. Before the night ended, many dozens of BMWs and MINIs put in an appearance, along with a plethora of other cars that came to share the BMW love and enjoy the fantastic Wisconsin summer weather. We didn't get an official count of just the BMWs, but satellite spy imagery (and feet on the ground) reveals a total of well over 250 cars attended. Club members from all over southeast and central Wisconsin, along with a big group from northern Illinois, made the trek in an astounding variety of BMW vehicles. CS, '02, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, M, and X along with MINIs old and new were all well-represented.

Door Prizes, too

The night was topped off by a big door-prize giveaway, with excellent items from **Acci-Dent, Michelin, Tire Rack, Rock Auto,**





and Continental Tire finding new homes. Start making plans for next year's fifth annual event, tentatively scheduled for the second week of August, 2016.

I'd like to thank everyone who attended this year for coming out, and also give a big round of applause for the Brew City Cruise Night volunteers who helped make the night a special one.

bj

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BMW Car Corral

us in the corral Sunday, signing autographs and just hanging out!

Touring Sunday's Racers

Saturday afternoon stops included cars for the **TUDOR United SportsCar Championship** event on Sunday. Our visit to **Turner Motorsport #97** was hosted by **Will, Jay, Markus, Michael** and the rest of the boys, ready to take on *Road America* and shoot for their fourth consecutive podium this year. Unfortunately, their race was cut short by a crash in the kink. Hope there's better luck for them in the last races of the season.

Our final stop was with **BMW Team RLL** cars #24 & #25. The **BMW USA Motorsport** factory teams continue their push to take over the #1 GTLM spot from **Corvette Racing**. The team did not fair so well this year with car #25 finishing 5th and #24 finishing 6th in the race. Three races left in the season... Hope they get some more podium finishes.

We had two "hot-pit" experiences for participants on Saturday and another pair on Sunday. [Read of **Don Haase's** experiences following this report.]

New this year was the opportunity for our group to drive a lap around the track. Fifteen cars participated; videos can be seen on our website.

A special visitor to the corral, along with Ashley Freiberg on Sunday, was BMW NA's **Victor Leleu, Motorsports Manager**. It was a pleasure to welcome him to the corral and spend some time with him.

Next year's dates have already been published. The **Continental Tire Road Race Showcase** will be back at *Road America*, Elkhart Lake, WI, the weekend of **August 6-7, 2016**. So, mark your calendars and plan to attend.

bj



Hot pit? Oh Yeah!!

Thanks to the Badger Bimmers for an outstanding BMW car corral August 8-9 at *Road America*. One of the highlights was attending the Hot Pit tour on Saturday. After meeting at the IMSA tent, our IMSA host walked us over to the pits to watch the last of the stops in the Continental Tire race from an open space directly behind the wall. We saw several cars pit, including one a few stalls down. It looked like controlled chaos, up close.

Our host then asked if we wanted to watch the end of the race on the big screen TV at the IMSA tent or watch it from pit lane just down from the finish line. Not a hard decision there. On the walk toward the finish line, our host stopped to say hello to **Andy Lally**, co-driver of the #44 **Magnus Racing Porsche**. Andy was reviewing practice times for the Sunday TUDOR race on his computer in the Magnus Racing box. Despite his GT Daytona qualifying session being scheduled to start 45 minutes after the Continental Tire race, Andy talked with our small group for several minutes, answered questions and posed for pictures. I've always liked the Magnus Racing Porsche and now I have another reason to root for them, after **Turner Motorsport**, of course.

Since the finish of the Continental Tire race was now only a few laps off, we quickly walked to an open pit box near the finish line. While taking pictures and videos of the cars flying by, we were surprised by a flurry of activity in the box next to us when another car came in for a late splash of fuel. It was a very exciting way to cap what seemed like our personal tour of pit lane.

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— **Don Hasse**
Buckeye and Tejas Chapters

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Save the Date

Badger Bimmers 2015 Fall Tour: Keshena

By Paul Zschaechner & Dale Kressin

Join us on **October 24th** for a driving tour from Appleton heading north. You'll enjoy beautiful, winding rural roads, **Shawano Lake**, as well as river and forest views, and have a chance to appreciate the **Menomonee Reservation** topography and the historic events of the seizure of the famous **Novitiate**.

Treat Your Palate, too

We will have an opportunity to fuel up at Kwik Trip, near **Enterprise Motors** in Appleton, where we'll have a brief social and drivers' meeting from 9:30 to 10 a.m. We'll leave on our tour at 10:00 a.m., traveling through the country on winding roads northward through **Shiocton** and on to **Shawano**. We will enjoy views of the Wolf River at **Bamboo Bend**, stop briefly to honor the history that unfolded at the Novitiate Ruins and view Shawano Lake from a county park. We'll break for lunch in Shawano at a cozy local restaurant called the **Farm Inn on Main** (www.farminnonmain.com). Your tour guides strongly suggest you accept the temptation to select bakery to take home. Orders for fresh baked bread (a wide selection) or other treats can be placed a few days before the trip (715-524-4916) and they will be ready for us when we arrive.

The Shotgun Eddy's Stretch

We continue on to **Keshena Falls** and then through Menomonie County along 19 miles of U.S. Highway 55. The trip north on U.S. 55 is a sports car/motorcycle paradise. The serenity of the overhanging tree canopy makes you feel as though you want it to last forever. If the tree canopy has thinned out in late October, we can enjoy wider views of the terrain. Still, the many curves in this 19 mile stretch are a little too tempting for a "casual" drive. There are many pull-outs, where slower traffic should move over, but often doesn't. So we may get separated on this stretch. We'll go as far as **Shotgun Eddy's**, (whitewater rafters) where we'll wait for any trailing cars at the Hwy. W/WW turn to the east.

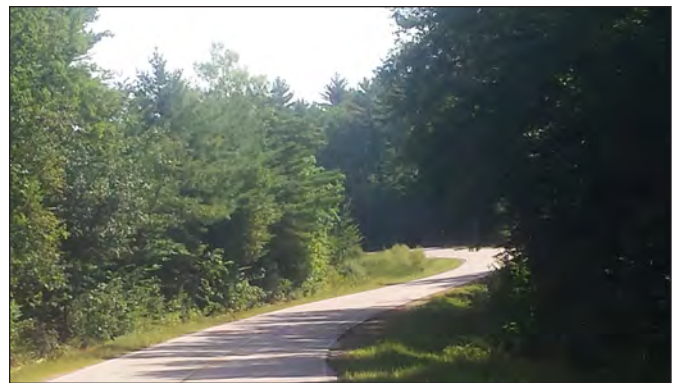
Anyone have an idea why we could lose drivers in Shotgun Eddie's area? Badger Bimmer members are safe drivers, so little worry!



Home Before Dark

We will take a rest and fuel stop just south of **Mountain**, on 32/64. The drive back to the south takes us through **Cecil**, **Bonduel**, **Black Creek** and then **Appleton**. There will also be an opportunity to stop at a produce market near Appleton. Drivers from Green Bay or Wausau can take alternate routes (Highway 29 east/west) on their drive home. We anticipate that we'll be returning to Appleton later in the afternoon, approximately 4:30 p.m.

Please contact **Dale Kressin** (Dale@VIN.com) with any questions you may have, and to sign up for this Northern Wisconsin tour. **bj**



What's in Your Garage?

A Perennial Favorite: Z28

Report and photos by Ron Pace

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.

The recent addition to my **Bungalow Collection** is one of the most sought-after muscle cars — a production number-matching 1969

Z28 Camaro. This is a very special car for a number of reasons.

It was purchased in an unmolested condition in 1986 by noted Z28 expert **Kent Mathison**, the authority restorers go to. It sat until the mid-90s at which point it was restored almost exclusively with NOS (new old stock) and original parts — not reproduction parts — and completed in 2001. It has its born-with drivetrain. Further, the carburetor, power brake booster, alternator, starter, and radiator all have correct part numbers with dates consistent with the vehicle build-date as well. The cowl tag and VIN tag are original to the car. The interior retains its original seat upholstery, which is

also quite impressive. All glass is properly marked and dated and appears to be original to the car as well. The paintwork was flawlessly applied by Tom

Schultz (a Schultz full paint job on a straight body can cost \$20,000).

Further proof of the vehicle's quality: it won a **Gold Concours** award with a score of 998/1000 points



at a recent Chicago muscle car show (MCAN). It is equipped as it left the factory with the original ZL2 cowl induction hood, chambered exhaust, center console, tach and gauges, factory spoiler, AM radio and X33 trim package.

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The car is doubly special to me since I was fortunate enough to race a nearly identical 1969 Z28 during the early years of the **SCCA Trans Am** series on the East Coast. The pictures tell the story of this rather unique find. **bj**

URGENT!

More *OktoberFAST* Instructors Needed

We need more instructors for *OktoberFAST*. If you'd like to instruct at *OktoberFAST*, please go to motorsportreg.com to register. If you need the code that allows you to register as an instructor, e-mail Mike Clemens (mclemen@execpc.com).

We have students on both the Intermediate and Novice Group wait lists waiting for more instructors to register. If you register to instruct on Saturday and Sunday, you're also guaranteed to get in on Friday if you want. **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**

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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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