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CALENDAR

Board Meetings continue to be held on the second Thursday of each month starting at 7:00 p.m. These meetings are open to all members and benefit from additional attendance.

Meetings are held at Mader's German Restaurant, 1037 N. Old World Third Street in downtown Milwaukee.
Telephone 414-271-3377.

Badger Bimmers Going to 2005 Chicago Auto Show

February 12, 2004

Yes that's correct: the Badger Bimmers are going to the 2005 Chicago Auto Show. You as a member, along with friends and family, are welcome to attend. We are looking at going on February 12, 2005. We hope to have a big response so we will be able to go by motor coach (no school bus for Badger Bimmers — this is the Big Time). We may even be lucky enough to score some free tickets to subsidize your trip.... And of course, if you attend the Badger Bimmers Holiday Party you may well win these free tickets in our Holiday Raffle. Who knows, our guest speaker B. S. Levy may even hand out these valuable tickets to you. You know it could happen, stranger things have.

So here is what we need: we need your commitment to go. So please advise A.S.A.P. The sooner we get your commitment, the sooner we can get the ball rolling. It all depends on YOU.

The ticket price is \$10.00 for those unlucky enough not to win free tickets given to them by Levy, but hey, don't let that stop you. The motor coach will leave Milwaukee around 7 a.m. We have yet to determine return time but this is an all day outing. Meals, etc. can only be planned once we have a good idea as to the number of people who wish to attend. Please contact Steve Werner by e-mail at ws2722@execpc.com or by snail mail (letter) at

Steve Werner
700 Canterbury Circle
Hartland, WI 53029

Sorry no telephone calls as I need proof of your intent.

2005

- January 8 Annual Holiday Dinner
- January 29 Bimmers' Kart Racing Series resumes
- February 12 Chicago Auto Show day trip



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FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Jeff Joy

ATTENTION: Holiday Party Goers!

We are proud to announce that B.S. Levy, esteemed author of "The Last Open Road", one of the top automobile stories ever written, will be our featured speaker this year at our Holiday Party. He will providing a informative and humorous commentary to our annual dinner. What follows is a brief bio:

"To have so cleanly delivered to his readers the nuances of the life of a racer certainly required the insight that comes from being a part of the game. Levy is certainly one who operates within the inside dimensions of sportscar racing. His continuing vintage, amateur and semi-professional racing career ("I find it hard to call it 'professional' when the prize money won't even keep the team in beer and brake pads for the weekend") includes over 80 class and overall wins and eight season championships in a bewildering variety of cars, and he has mooched, pleaded, begged and cajoled his way into many exotic racecars. You'll often find him signing books at vintage meetings and then hurriedly donning his helmet for another passionate session of squealing tires, heel-and-toe downshifts and 4-wheel drifts. Always in somebody else's car, of course! BS Levy can talk about the people in the sport, because he is one of them."

B.S. is a wonderful Chicago-based writer/personality with a tremendous passion for racing and the amazing personalities who make automotive history. As a reader who didn't experience the 50's, his fiction was wonderfully researched with historical characters and events. His writing carefully brought to life the vivid sights and sounds of that era. C'mon down and enjoy our featured speaker and celebrate another year of good motoring!

bj

Badger Bimmer Winter Kart Enduro

Hey kids, shake them winter blues and join a group of 20 plucky Badger Bimmer Karters to our indoor karting event, in Chicago, this January 29, 2005. Space is limited to 10 teams of two drivers at Chicago Indoor Racing's great facility. Their link is www.chicagoindoorracing.com. Arrival time is approximately 10:45 a.m. A safety meeting and orientation are at 11:00 a.m. and on track activities begin at noon.

They'll supply the helmets, race suits, karts and track. You supply the moxy and a team mate. (If you can't, I'll pair people up.)



We're participating in a 1-hour long team enduro with computerized lapping and timing. They also have a Webcam so your loved ones can watch as you pass opponents in your race. The track experience is quite physical as karts pull more Gs than your average M-car.

There is a restaurant and game room on

premises for post race debriefings, commonly known as bench racing.

Please RSVP to Jeff Joy at Jajoy@charltonlawfirm.com to reserve your spot. Please make checks payable to Badger Bimmers at —

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Suite 500
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Jeff Joy

FALL CAR CLEAN-UP

Fall Clean-up Update: Great Success, Growing Attendance

On Saturday, November 6, 2004, the *Badger Bimmer* and *Badger Audi* members attended a fall car clean-up day at O'Reilly's where we were once again treated to complimentary car washes. After this, we had the opportunity to use O'Reilly's roomy shop floor to detail and wax our cars in the company of friends and fellow car nuts. In all there were 22 cars, by far our largest turnout for this growing event.

The weather outside was nearly 60 degrees and sunny! We could not have asked for a better and more beautiful day for



the event. Watch for the Spring cleanup day at the same location for an even larger gathering of shiny *Bimmers*... b;



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FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

Madison Area Liaison: A New Contact for Members

by Paul Szedziewski

In years past, there were active groups in Madison and the Fox River Valley within the *Badger Bimmers*. During the course of the past 15 or so years, the Board and membership have become skewed toward the Milwaukee area. About a year ago, as I took on the Membership Chair position, I had hopes of developing an outreach to areas of Wisconsin beyond the Southeastern corner of the state where a majority of our members live. *The more the better*, was the thought. But my efforts were limited and only lived in a mention of a Board meeting. Interestingly, Club members do check out the Web site and actually do read the minutes of some of our Board meetings.

This brief background is to introduce you to **Noel Howlett** as the Madison Area Liaison for the *Badger Bimmers*. Noel contacted me after reading about the Madison area liaison idea which had been discussed at a recent Board meeting and listed in the minutes *via* the Club's Web site.

Noel has both the interest and passion for BMW's along with a willingness to explore ways that the membership in the greater Madison area may be better connected and served by the Club. Noel is currently a student at UW-Madison studying Psychology and German with hopes of graduating in 2006. He is also the proud owner of an '86 E30 with an M30 engine, now known as a 335is, along with a recently purchased '89 325i. Noel does much of his own work on the cars. Noel bought his first BMW at the age of 17 and quickly became a DIY (Do It Yourself) mechanic after a horrible suspension failure. Noel has been an active member of the online BMW communities since 2000 and joined BMW CCA in 2003 as well as acting as the "English liaison" for www.E30.de.

In Noel's words, "I am very excited about what the Madison Area and the *Badger Bimmers* have to offer one another. I believe the creation of the Madison Area Membership Liaison position is a testament to both the Club and its

members. Furthermore, I look forward to the opportunity to begin holding events in the Madison area that will help to further promote the Club and foster the ideals that make it such a great organization."

We all look forward to the year ahead and especially to a stronger role in central Wisconsin and especially the Madison area. To assist members in reaching Noel, go to the Chapter's Web site where you will find a link in the "Club Info" sidebar section; click on "officers" and you should find the Madison Area Liaison. *bi*



The following new members have recently joined the *Badger Bimmers*:

Tim Ballering	
Patti Bothwell	
Jerry David	'88 M5
John Doerheit	'84 325e
Steve Engelmann	'98 M Roadster
Charles Hejny	'03 330xi
William Hersch	
Orlow Johnson	'99 Z3
Duane Kissling	'05 325i
Dan McDernott	'00 328i
Walter Pridham	'73 Bavaria
Maury Wiese	'05 545i

The officers and Board members welcome you to the Club and hope to see you at a future event or meeting. Check out the Club Web site at badgerbimmers.org and also consider signing up for the Yahoo e-mail alert group to receive new information and reminders on upcoming events.

Happy Motoring!!!

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Paul Szedziewski, *Membership Chair*

BIMMER CANDIDATES '05

(Well, if we're not too careful...)

Another Clean Election

The election for new Club officers and Board members is scheduled for this Fall, and the candidate statements are presented below. Take a few minutes to review them, think it over and make your choice. Then VOTE. The votes will be tabulated and announced at the Club's Annual Party in January, 2005.

— PRESIDENT —

JEFF JOY

My experience in the Club began around six years ago when I was instructing at *OctoberFAST*. I have been a non-BMW-owning member until three years ago when I finally had the distinction of owning my first BMW, a 325ix. I promptly entered a TSD rally event. I enjoyed getting muddy, scaring myself over blind crests and watching other cars amble through cow pastures in the moonlight.

I have five years of SCCA IT racing experience and was blessed with a magnificently reliable car. For the last seven years, I have been a volunteer at the most energizing local radio station, WMSE. Through that experience, I have "discovered" the obvious — a club is only equal to its people. I am equally zealous about cars and am anxious to continue adding to the energy and potential of this Club if you re-elect me as your President.

— TREASURER —

DAVID SCHNITZER

Hi all, I'm David Schnitzer and I am running for re-election

to the office of Treasurer of Badger Bimmers. I've been a BMW CCA member (with a one year lapse) for about nine years. I originally joined the Golden Gate Chapter when living in San Francisco and was driving an E36, 325i.

I am currently employed at Manpower and formerly the Payroll Manager for Alterra Healthcare, so I've got a pretty good understanding of balancing accounts and working with spreadsheets. I promise to continue keeping the books in good order and asking for help when I need it.

— BOARD MEMBERS —

JOHN LOFGREN

Hello,

My name is John Lofgren and I'm one of the present *Badger Bimmers* board members. For those of you who don't already know me I'm the guy at the track events with the Fjord blue '76 2002 on the tail end of the field.

It's been a fun 2 years. I've enjoyed being a part of the club and doing something to help keep it going and make it an active and lively entity. Most of my time has been spent assisting with driving events or helping work at events which some of our other board members have organized.

I've been instructing at the driving schools this past year, and it's been great. After attending so many of the events as a student it's fun to be able to pass on the passion to someone else.

We put on some of the best driving events of any of the local clubs. Our Board and the Speed Events people are working hard to keep this going and I'd like to continue to be there to be part of it.

Hopefully I'll see you at the annual dinner.

CLARENCE BEHRENS

Over the years the club has helped me in both my automotive and social life. Among other things, it's enabled me to crash a car into a concrete wall. And no

longer do I skip work to drive alone aimlessly about the countryside; I now go to a track and, along with a bunch of others doing the same, imitate the neighbor's dog chasing its tail. Perhaps most notable is having gone from a nobody in society to becoming the much talked about "guy who got caught doing a hundred and (bleep)" in the Drive for the Cure.

If you're reading this, you're either bored crazy or somewhat interested in what's going on in the Club. Either way, I plead with you to vote. The *Badger Bimmers* is one of the best chapters of BMW CCA and the simple act of casting a vote shows your appreciation for the many people who spend countless hours putting together events for the rest of us. I really don't care if you vote for me or one of the others vying for this illustrious position; just vote!

TODD CISKE

Club member since September, 2003.
 Appointed Board Member, August, 2004.
 Contributed "X3 Test Drive" article to the *bimmer immer*, April 2003 issue.
 Provided entertainment at Pig Roast Fundraiser Event, September 2004.
 Bimmer freak since August 2003. Slave to two cars: 1987 325is ("KRFTWRK"), and 1997 328i ("Heidi").
 Participated in July, 2004 Blackhawk Farms Driver's School. (AWESOME!!!...I didn't know my car could do THAT!!!)

Why you should vote for me: I'm a clean freak that loves to drive fast...aren't you? I will do my best to represent the membership's interests with energy and integrity.




BALLOT

for

2005 BADGER BIMMERS ELECTION

PRESIDENT	TREASURER
JEFF JOY <input type="checkbox"/> Write-in Candidate _____	DAVID SCHNITZER <input type="checkbox"/> Write-in Candidate _____
BOARD MEMBERS (We are electing two candidates, so vote for two.)	
JOHN LOFGREN <input type="checkbox"/> CLARENCE BEHRENS <input type="checkbox"/> Write-in Candidate _____	TODD CISKE <input type="checkbox"/> Write-in Candidate _____
Your BMW CCA Member Number _____	

After you have voted, bring your ballot to
 the Annual Party, January 8, 2005, or mail to:

2005 ELECTION
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FROM BMW CENTRAL

Germany's Capital Welcomes Hydrogen Era

BMW Group project partner in Berlin's first public hydrogen filling station

Munich/Berlin.

Dr Manfred Stolpe, German Minister of Transport, Building and Housing, Jürgen Trittin, Minister for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, and Georg Wilhelm Adamowitsch, State Secretary in the Federal Ministry of Economics and Labor, today open the German capital's first public hydrogen filling station. In addition to conventional fuels, it offers hydrogen in the form of gas (Compressed Gaseous Hydrogen - CGH₂) and in liquefied form (Liquid Hydrogen - LH₂). The latter boasts a higher energy density and is favoured by the BMW Group as it gives vehicles a greater range. As a project partner in the Clean Energy Partnership (CEP), the BMW Group is playing an active role in the demonstration programme by running trial vehicles based on the hydrogen-powered 7 Series.

"In this inauguration, we are pointing the way forward for sustainable mobility. This project makes it patently evident that hydrogen has a high potential as a replacement for oil and other fossil energy forms in many areas", declared Dr Stolpe. Representing the BMW Group, Christoph Huss, Director of Science and Transport Policy, added: "The BMW Group has been driving forward the development of hydrogen vehicles for more than 20 years now. With the opening of this hydrogen filling station in Berlin, all partners of the CEP have come a significant step closer to fulfilling their vision of turning sustainable mobility into reality."

As part of the opening ceremony, the fuelling of a BMW test car with liquid hydrogen is presented to the government rep-

representatives. In the course of the project, an entire fleet of BMW hydrogen-powered vehicles will be deployed in Berlin.

Basis of CEP Berlin: Transport Energy Strategy

The involvement in the CEP Berlin is part of the BMW Group's involvement in setting up an infrastructure for hydrogen vehicles. The basis of this is the Transport Energy



Strategy (TES). More than ten partners from the motor and energy industry are collaborating in this group. The aim of the TES is to introduce a countrywide supply network for the sustainable energy carrier hydrogen. The German government is backing and overseeing the work of this group, which was set up on the initiative, among others, of BMW AG. The Clean Energy Partnership in Berlin is a project by the TES.

Coming to customers soon: BMW hydrogen cars

BMW AG will be offering customers a production car with a hydrogen combustion engine during the production period of the current BMW 7 Series. This will feature a bivalent drive that runs on hydrogen as well as petrol. It will mean that the BMW flagship can be filled with both fuels depending on availability and infrastructure in order to guarantee mobility for the customer.

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All-new Competition Package for '05 M3 Coupe

For discerning driver who wants ultimate in M3 handling performance

Woodcliff Lake, NJ — November 16, 2004

Already renowned for its performance and handling, the new Competition Package takes M3 performance to the razor's edge. Every aspect of the M3's handling has been tweaked resulting in the best-handling M3 ever.

The wheels are 19-inch forged-alloy wheels with high-per-

formance tires. As the serious enthusiast would expect, the Competition Package is available in combination with the standard six-speed manual or the optional Sequential Manual Gearbox.

The interior enhancements of the package are subtle but purposeful. The Alcantara steering wheel and handbrake grip feel good to the touch. The addition of the steering wheel-mounted button for the DSC M track mode requires the deletion of the multi-function controls and cruise control. The Competition Package is available with all M3 Coupe interior and exterior color combinations. Two trim items are exclusive to the Competition Package. Special Competition Package aluminum trim is included on the interior. A new exterior color, Interlagos Blue, is offered only with this package.

The Competition Package will be available for 2005 M3 Coupes beginning with December 2004 production and it will make its debut at the Los Angeles Auto Show. The price for the package will be \$4,000. *bi*



formance tires. They connect to a suspension that has been tuned specifically for the Competition Package. Turn-in is quicker with a more direct steering ratio which goes from 15.4:1 to 14.5:1.

M Track mode, brake system taken from BMW M3 CSL

The Dynamic Stability Control system includes a less intrusive M track mode, as on the M3 CSL, ensuring the security of DSC and spirited driving too. For inclement conditions the regular DSC mode remains. The brakes, also adopted from the M3 CSL, include compound and cross-drilled rotors. The front rotors have also been enlarged from 12.8 to 13.6 inches.





OktoberFAST

OktoberFAST Winner Has Blast while Learning

By Mustafa Emir

When Jason York attended his first Badger Bimmer event in January, he had no idea that an exciting fall weekend was waiting for him in an envelope. At our 2004 Annual Dinner, Jason, a Badger Bimmer since 2000, tried his luck by putting a few well chosen raffle tickets in a bowl that eventually had him win a free entry to *OktoberFAST* 2004 at Road America. In other words, Jason's first social event led to his first driving event.

During a recent phone conversation, Jason told me that he originally intended to have a bonafide track car ready for *OktoberFAST*, but ran out of time. So he did what any reasonable BMW fan would do: purchase an E30 318is, install a performance chip, some stainless steel brake lines, and a set of performance tires. And as most of you guessed, *voila*: a very decent track car! Jason was ready for his first driver's school.

OktoberFAST is one of our premier events and many drivers can't wait to drive the beautiful Road America road course during the spectacular fall season in Wisconsin. The event attracts cars of all kinds, including some pretty impressive machines including Ferraris, Corvettes, Acura NSXs, and of course all kinds of BMWs, particularly M cars. "Seeing those fast cars and being on the track with them was intimidating at first," said Jason, "but



pretty soon, I was in the flow of things, and started focusing on the track ahead and enjoying the experience." Like most people who attend a driver's school, Jason was surprised to find out just how much exhilaration and performance he could extract from a 4 cylinder car that is about a decade and a half old. "I am sold on this type of event," he exclaimed. Would he do it again? You bet.



Jason was particularly impressed with the quality of the instruction he received over the course of the weekend. In fact, he thought that the match between instructors and students was "...super, almost seemed like someone

had paired students with the appropriate instructor," and that many students had commented on this. In particular, Jason was extremely happy with his instructor, our own Paul Szedziewski, who "understood my goals, listened to me, and used the right balance of encouragement and instruction to bring the best out of my car." While students talk about driver's schools in terms of fun, *OktoberFAST* organizers focus on the education and instruction. And yes, there is more than a little thought given to get a good match between student and instructor. We continually strive for a relevant and rewarding curriculum that teaches our students to be safe, prudent, and attentive drivers on the road. Now that sounds like fun, doesn't it?

bj



WOW, What a Year... What a Ride

by Paul Szedziewski

With 2004 wrapping up, it seems appropriate to take a few minutes to reflect on what has occurred in the past 12 months. It has been quite a year for the Badger Bimmers. After a great holiday party last year held at Pandls Restaurant, the Club reorganized with new board members Cindy Ansay and Nic Gorgen bringing new blood and energy.

Then in addition to our regular Drivers Education days at Blackhawk Farms and Road America, the annual Car Control Clinic and the Spring and Fall Car Clean-up days at O'Reilly Motors we got creative and added:

- A trip to the Chicago Auto Show,



- A day of Go Kart racing in West Bend and another karting day at Chicago Indoor Racing
- A car show at International Motors
- An instructor clinic at Blackhawk Farms in collaboration with the Chicago Audi Club
- A Pig Roast fund raiser at O'Reilly Motors for Second Harvest, and
- An outing to the American Players Theater in Spring Green for an evening of theater.

We also squeezed in a return day of drivers education at



Gingerman Raceway with CGI Motorsports and a number of Club members joined with the Milwaukee Porsche Club for the inaugural running of the reconstructed road course at the Milwaukee Mile. In their spare time, a number of other members assisted in the Drive for the Cure and helped shuttle cars from Zimbrick in Madison to a Rockford BMW dealership.



As for the board, three members, Jeff Joy, Darcy Yench and Paul Szedziewski, donated a weekend to attend the national conference in Colorado and brought back some valuable information and tips for our local club. Due to an unfortunate excess of work demands, Mike Clemens stepped down as VP and Darcy Yench took on the VP role as Steve Werner took on the secretary position and Todd Ciske stepped in to fill Steve's board position. As the year began to come to a close we have also

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'04 Wrap Up...

added a Madison Area liaison in the form of Noel Howlett. We have also welcomed a number of members who have attended the monthly board meetings.

Wow, all on the backs of a volunteer group. And along the way the *Immer* keeps showing up in your mailbox due to the work of Mustafa Emir and Don Gawronski and on the Web site care of our Webmeister, Greg Smith. In addition, the Board has worked to maintain a positive balance in our checking account to make sure that the club is sound and will keep creating wonderful and varied events well into 2005 and beyond.

In taking on the membership chair position this past year, I have enjoyed seeing old friends and new members become involved in the Club and it's events. Check the calendar on the Web site or in the *Immer* and make plans to join us. And if interest sparks you, join us at an event or consider becoming as a co-chair for one of the many events. Your participation and assistance is always welcome. *bj*

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Annual Holiday Party January 8, 2005

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7:00 PM – Dinner
8:00 PM – Door Prizes and Program

► Door Prizes generously provided by BMW of North America and many other local businesses.

Menu Selections:

- **Chicken Duxelle en Croute** - Boneless breast of chicken stuffed with mushrooms duxelle and wrapped in puff pastry.
- **Sliced Roasted Pork Tenderloin** - Served with a raspberry glaze and scalloped apples.
- **Vegetarian Napoleon** - Grilled eggplant, zucchini, yellow squash, red onion, and tomato layered with mozzarella cheese. Served over roasted red potatoes with marinara sauce with fresh basil.

All menu selections include: garden salad, vegetable, potato or rice, rolls, dessert table, and coffee or tea.

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Roasted Pork Tenderloin		
Vegetarian Napoleon		

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E-mail: _____

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Maders Old World Third Street

November 14, 2004

Attendance: Jeff Joy, President; Darcy Yench, Vice President; David Schnitzer, Treasurer; Steve Werner, Secretary; John Lofgren, Cindy Ansay, Todd Ciske, Nick Gorgan, Board Members; Paul Szedziewski, Membership Chairperson; John Morgan, Driving School Instructor, and Renee Ciske, Member

Treasurers Report: \$70,769.12 (including \$5,500 CD and \$100 from the Mercedes Club). Motion to approve by John Lofgren, seconded by Steve Werner.

Discussions held regarding investments including CDs.

Membership Report: Paul Szedziewski sent out 14 Welcome-new-member letters. Madison area Noel Howlett has agreed to be the representative for the Madison area.

Since last month's meeting, the Club has 13 new members, 26 renewing members, 28 non-renewing members, and a Total Membership of 931 members.

OLD BUSINESS

"Crash Boy" Werner and others discussed the Milwaukee PCA Driving School Milwaukee at the Milwaukee Mile.

Cindy Ansay reported that the fall clinic was well attended.

Holiday Party: no updates, B.S. Levy to speak at the party, still a work in progress.

Committee consisting of Chair Mustafa Emir, Todd Ciske, David Schnitzer, John Lofgren, Steve Werner, and Darcy Yench as advisor, will be detail-oriented and will give an overview of all events. The committee will meet before the next Board meeting.

Errors and omissions insurance discussed: cost \$800.00.

OktoberFAST Update: bad checks discussed

Blackhawk Instructors School discussed: no final spreadsheet, sharing expenses with Audi Club.

Paul Szedziewski states that all Bios for the Board election are in: Jeff Joy for President, David Schnitzer for Treasurer, and three candidates for two Board positions: John Lofgren, Todd Ciske, and Clarence Beherend.

Auto Show / Kart Racing discussed.

Meeting Adjourned 8:45 PM

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Respectfully Submitted,
Steve Werner, Secretary

5 & 7 Series Take Highest Honors in J.D. Power 2004 'APEAL' Study

High marks for Z4 Roadster, X5 SAV lead to strong showing overall

October 15, 2004 — Woodcliff Lake, NJ

The BMW 7 Series was the "Most Appealing Premium Luxury Car" and the 5 Series the "Most Appealing Mid Luxury Car" in the J.D. Power and Associates 2004 Automotive Performance, Execution and Layout (APEALSM) study. The Z4 Roadster and X5 Sports Activity Vehicle posted top-three finishes in the Premium Sports Car and Entry Luxury SUV segments respectively. These strong individual performances helped propel the BMW brand to a strong overall showing.

"These results offer a strong endorsement of BMW's newest models by the constituency that matters most — our owners," noted Tom Purves, chairman and CEO of BMW of North America. "BMW owners are amongst the most passionate and critical in the industry. That the Z4 performed so well — placing higher among Premium Sports Cars than cars from any other full-line manufacturer — demonstrates the strength of BMW brand values."

BMW ranked fourth among brands. Enhancements throughout the line for the 2005 model year will ensure BMW's strong position in the marketplace.

The 2004 APEAL Study is based on responses from 102,951 new-vehicle owners who were surveyed during the first 90 days of ownership. The study, now in its ninth year, is based on eight categories of vehicle performance and design: engine/transmission; ride, handling and braking; comfort/convenience; seats; cockpit/instrument panel; heating, ventilation and cooling; sound system; and styling/exterior. *bj*

FROM THE NORTH CENTRAL VP

by Geoff Tolsdorf

BMW CCA North Central Region Pipeline

November 9, 2004

Hard to believe that fall is upon us and winter is approaching fast. But before you know it, spring will be upon us and it will be time to liberate our BMW's from winter's icy grip once again. I don't know about you but I can't wait!

Due to business travel, I was unable to make the recent Board meeting in Kansas City. Following though are some of the items I thought you might be most interested in. As always, you can read the full minutes of the meeting in their entirety at www.bmwcca.org.

The **Newsletter/Webmaster Conference** location has been changed to Atlanta. It appears that the original hotel in Providence was unable to accommodate us. Please remember the dates: May 13-15, 2005.

BMW CCA will reimburse travel expenses as set forth in Section IV of the club's Operation Manual (pages 1 and 2) for up to two representatives per chapter, being those persons serving as the **Chapter Newsletter Editor**, and the **Chapter Webmaster**. Substitute attendees will be considered on a case-by-case basis, just give Wynne a call or send an e-mail. Hotel room costs (single or double) for two nights will be covered by National. Attendees who drive to the conference will be reimbursed at a rate of \$0.375 per mile round trip, not to exceed the lowest 21-day advance airfare, from the closest airport. National will provide luncheon on Saturday and dinner Saturday evening.

Larry Koch from BMW NA was on hand to report on a number of issues important to the club including:

Membership Applications — Larry reported that all the new cars are getting a BMW CCA membership flyer in the document portfolio that is in the glove box. 280,000 new membership flyers were printed in the correct format for the portfolio.

Membership Rewards Program — Larry has seen no indications that this program will not continue for 2005.

E90 3 Series Launch — The launch of the new 3 Series will happen at the New York Auto Show the last week of March 2005 and in dealer showrooms in May. Larry is proposing that *if* chapters can come up with suitable events and

locations, he would like to take the car around the country for *BMW CCA member-only special showings*. Suitable locations would be a facility that is not a dealership, and not viewable by the general public. A location that would draw about 150 to 200 people would be ideal. This would probably limit the stops to the cities with the larger chapter populations, plus Tech Fest 2005 in Indianapolis. **If a North Central Chapter is interested in the possibility of conducting this event, please let me know by the end of the month.**

2005 Tech Fest is scheduled for March 31 to April 3, 2005 in Indianapolis, IN. The Hoosier Chapter and the Bluegrass Bimmers will act as hosts. Anyone who is interested in volunteering to help with this event or who might have ideas or contacts for tech sessions is encouraged to contact Tammy Reamer, Tech Fest Chair, at reamer@iquest.net.

Oktoberfest 2006 — Steven Schlossman and Filippo Morelli presented a proposal on behalf of National Capital to be the host chapters for Oktoberfest 2006 in the Washington, DC area. Other chapters would help with individual events. The proposed time frame would be October. October?! For Oktoberfest? What a concept!

Parade laps have been an issue at many driving schools this year. BMW CCA received an email from Wisenberg Insurance suggesting that if BMW CCA didn't have a policy covering parade laps that we should create one. In fact, our Driving School Minimum Standards has had an appropriate policy in place for years, under the term "touring laps." It requires the use of pace cars and strict speed limits of no more than 50 miles per hour. We will change the wording from "touring laps" to "touring/parade laps" to ensure there is no confusion. Pete Lyons will be provided a copy of this policy. Please remember that **this policy must be strictly enforced**, and that chapters **are free to impose more stringent safety measure on parade laps if they wish**. In St. Louis, we have decided against parade laps due to the risks involved and the potential liability of the chapter. When a car spins out during parade laps or participants claim to have exceeded 100 MPH, you know that it is out of hand.

Chapter Charters and Certificates of Charter — Scott Blazey showed the certificates of charter and cover letter that will be mailed to existing CCA chapters. This is being done so that chapters have an official record that they have been chartered and in what sequence their chapter became affiliated with BMW CCA. New chapters, starting with the Green Mountain Chapter will receive actual charters. The certificates will be mailed as soon as they are printed.

Good news for Directors and Officers of the BMW CCA. Based on the overwhelmingly affirmative response by the

majority of BMW CCA chapters regarding the need for coverage; during the meeting in Kansas City, October 16th, the BMW CCA Board voted to make Directors & Officers coverage for chapters a minimum requirement. So along with the requirement for Motorsport Liability coverage, we will now have the requirement for D & O coverage added to the Operations Manual. The BMW CCA Board also voted to help defray the cost of the coverage by paying 20% of it, thereby reducing the burden borne by the chapters for this very important insurance.

BMW CCA Senior Leaders Conference — The Senior Leaders Conference will be in Houston, Texas, November 19-21, 2004. Scott Blazey will send an assessment survey in preparation for this conference. Senior leaders will be asked to fill them out and return them to Scott. An updated conference goals and objectives statement will be provided in advance of the conference. Any thoughts, ideas, or suggestions would be welcomed. Where do you want the BMW CCA to go?

NORTH CENTRAL REGION ACTIVITY

Sheridan White of the Missouri Valley Chapter has suggested that all the chapters in the region work on coordinating driving school dates for 2005. Not just with other BMW chapters but other clubs such as PCA, Quattro club, etc. as well. Given the challenges that many of us have faced filling our schools this year, I think Sheridan's idea is a great one. By coordinating the timing and location of the events, we

can hopefully interest more members to attend these great events and increase overall participation. This will help the instructor base by preventing burn-out through successive weekend events or conflicts that prevent adequate instructor coverage.

This is not yet a formal process but I will work on establishing a common calendar for the North Central Region and hopefully we can utilize that resource to coordinate our activities and plan for 2005.

Holiday parties are just around the corner and I have some discretionary funds left. First come, first served. Please remember to encourage your membership to participate in the designated driver program so they can relax, have fun, and most importantly, be safe.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- November 19-21, BMW Senior Leaders Conference.
- January 22-23, 2005, Tampa, FL.
- March 5-6, 2005, Greenville, SC (the 2005 Annual Meeting)
- March 31-April 3 — Techfest 2005, Indianapolis, IN.
- September 18-23, OKTOBERFEST 2005, in Greensboro, NC

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, suggestions, comments, or just want to talk about the BMW CCA.

Have a safe, happy, and wonderful holiday season.

Geoff

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Dunlop SP Winter Sports 205/55R16 (4). On Mille Miglia 5 spoke alloys. Less than 200 miles on tires. (Tire Rack Winter Pkg.) Fit Audi S4 5x112 bolt pattern. \$600. Todd House: (262) 442-5293 or thouse1@wi.rr.com. 12/04

Motor: 1973 2002 Tii with injection. Ran fine when removed from rusty 2002. \$500. **Hood:** good condition. \$150. **Trunk lid:** (early) VG condition. \$100. **Rear round light panel:** good condition. \$100. **M10 motor:** unknown condition. Free. Many other parts. K-fish injection, Tii

gas tank, 1600 grills, 121 and E12 heads, early bumpers (need chrome), solex carb, stub axles, upper dash, instrument clusters, etc. Selling off my collection — moving on to smaller, faster things. PICK UP ONLY. Robert Hildebrand: 920-694-0557 (home), 414-788-4689 (cell). 12/04

Dunlop SP Winter Sport M3 snow tires (4), 245/40 R18, not mounted, used for 1k-2k miles last year. New \$188 each (\$752 plus tax and shipping). Will sell for \$375. Will fit E36 or E46 with 8" to 9.5" wide wheels. Contact John at 262-789-8689 evenings, or jvitas@acequipment.com. 10/04

Type 44 wheel & tire package. OEM type 44 wheels (five spoke star) with 225/45/17 Michelin Pilot Sport A/S tires. Approx. 4500 miles on tires. Some small rim rash on wheels but otherwise in great shape. Will fit E46 3 series, probably a E36 as well. Came off of 2000 328i. Please call Tim Cerny @ 262-770-1747 or email at tcerny@yahoo.com. Wheels & tires in Racine, WI. 10/04

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Tan Leather Seats from 1997 M3 sedan w/luxury package. Dual power front heated seats and rear bench in very good condition. Color is Magma. Not an orangish or yellow tan but more of a darker brown tan. They are from a luxury package 4-door so they are not Vaders and do not have the lever to gain access to back seat for coupe applications. The luxury package had a different (softer/thicker) leather than the standard M3 leather. \$400. Contact Jeff Bjerke at jbjjerke@charter.net 10/04

Turner Motorsport E36 Rear Sway Bar (Race Only). This is the bar Turner Motorsport developed for their E36 race cars. Cost was \$700 new. \$250. Contact Jeff Bjerke at jbjjerke@charter.net 10/04

Airbag Module. From 1997 M3. Not for use in convertibles. Should be same for all E36 non convertibles. Part numbers on box are: 3982093183, 0005 9407 B, BMW 97B3435B1755. \$200. Contact Jeff Bjerke at jbjjerke@charter.net 10/04

Airbag Sensor. From 1997 M3. Part numbers: 65.77-8374798, ZAE2 9029, 01 96 37, S2T6J14AAV3, 3500318286. \$150. Contact Jeff Bjerke at jbjjerke@charter.net 10/04

ABS Controller. From 1997 M3 Part numbers: 10.0941-0808.4, 5WK8 438, 34.52-1 164 023, Y8S6F05C09. \$200. Contact Jeff Bjerke at jbjjerke@charter.net 10/04

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