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**November
2008**



CALENDAR

Board Meetings are 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.

Monthly meetings convene at *Pandl's in Bayside*, neatly concealed at 8825 N. Lake Drive, in Bayside (of course). [To quote the President, "...we have munchies!"]

2008

December 31 Kart Racing at Chicago Indoor Racing

2009

January 10 Annual Holiday Party at Eisner Museum



Blue in Green to Play at Badger Bimmers' Holiday Party

Blue in Green is a contemporary jazz trio fronted by Keith Watling on guitar and saxophone. Its emphasis is the classic jazz repertoire spanning early, middle and late periods. You can expect to hear classic swing tunes, *groov-alicious* Latin tunes featuring the works of Jobim, Bonfa, Fuentes, *et al.*, as well as the work of Charlie Parker, Miles Davis, John Coltrane, and original pieces by their leader, Keith Watling. When a Hammond B3 organ is used, the group delves into the grooves created by such masters of that genre as Melvin Rhyne, Jimmy Smith, and Jack McDuff. All in all you can look forward to a night of great jazz put forth by accomplished musicians who play from the heart.

You can also visit their Web site for further info and to listen to their tunes:

<http://www.keithwatling.com>

See page 9 for details on the Holiday Party and reservation form, and pages 6-7 for your Board elections' ballot.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Darcy Yench

Election Season's Here...

It's election season. Our country is getting ready for our national election and the *Badger Bimmers* are gearing up for our Board's election. We do have candidates for each of our positions but are always looking for new faces and fresh ideas. If you are interested in running for a Board position, contact one of the election committee members. See information on our Web site. Thanks to all who have put their hats in the ring to help run the Club for the next two years. Read all about them and be sure to vote! As always, we extend an invitation to all Club members to offer up suggestions for activities. We will be having our annual planning meeting just after the holiday party so if you have a new idea, please be sure to get it out there to one of YOUR Board members.

We still have some activities planned for this year. The fall rallye was November 2nd. The go-karting is coming up at the end of December, and of course the Holiday Party hopes to be another grand event. Your Board works hard to put together events for you to enjoy and participate in. I hope you will think about attending something new next year.

We will begin planning for the 2010 *Octoberfest* activities very soon. If you have experienced the Club's hosting in the past or you are interested in helping, please contact me since we will be having our first planning meeting shortly after the new year. We need lots of volunteers to run this so here's an opportunity to do something with and for your Club. GET INVOLVED!

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Darcy

World Challenge Begins 2009 at Sebring, Ends at Mazda Raceway

TOPEKA, Kan. (Oct. 31, 2008)

WC Vision and SCCA Pro Racing have released more than half of the planned 2009 SCCA SPEED World Challenge Championships schedule. The 2009 season will return to many familiar fan favorites and is framed by a season opener at Sebring International Raceway and finale at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca.

Since 2002, the SCCA SPEED World Challenge Championships have begun in Sebring, Fla., which is exactly where they will commence in 2009, as part of the American Le Mans Series' prestigious Mobil 1 12 Hours of Sebring event, March 18 – 21.

The SCCA SPEED GT teams will then head west to California for another world-famous race: the Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach. For the fourth-consecutive year, the SCCA SPEED GT Championship will race on the streets of Long Beach, joining the Indy Racing League along with the American Le Mans Series. SCCA SPEED World Challenge will also return to the hills of Connecticut and Lime Rock Park to celebrate Memorial Day weekend, May 22 – 25, with Grand-Am. An SCCA SPEED Touring Car-only event in recent years, the SCCA SPEED GT field will come along for the ride in 2009.

In August, SPEED World Challenge will visit two classic Midwest road courses: Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course and Road America. The series will once again take part in a full bill of racing at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course, Aug. 7 – 9, on the combined Indy Racing League/American Le Mans Series weekend. The SPEED World Challenge paddock will make a short trip north to Wisconsin with the American Le Mans Series the following weekend, Aug. 14 – 16, to pace the beautiful Road America circuit.

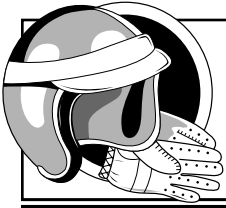
The shores of Northern California beckon, Oct. 9 -11, as Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca returns to the 2009 SPEED World Challenge calendar to host the season finale. Both races will take place Sunday, following Saturday's American Le Mans Series finale.

"We're quite proud of how the schedule is shaping up for 2009," said WC Vision Co-Chairman Bob Woodhouse along with Co-Chair Peter Cunningham, who added "We'd love to list more of the exciting venues we have planned for next year, but we respect the contract process and will wait until all details are in place." SCCA Pro Racing President and CEO Robert Wildberger agreed that the 2009 SPEED World Challenge schedule was exactly what the fans and teams are looking for.

"Both WC Vision and the SCCA Pro staff put in a tremendous effort to build the 2009 SPEED World Challenge schedule," Wildberger said. "What I see coming together is a perfect mix of classic road racing venues and blockbuster weekends. This schedule will make for great racing for the fans and give tremendous exposure to sponsors."

The remainder of the planned 10-round SCCA Pro Racing SPEED World Challenge schedule for 2009 will be released shortly. Keep checking www.world-challenge.com for the latest news.

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OktoberFAST

Another Unqualified Success

Photos and Report by Sachin Shah

The Ultimate Driving Machine. Four little words that we are all familiar with. Of course, we all know what the key word is. What better place to apply it than at Road America, the four-mile road course in Elkhart Lake.

Every year, *Badger Bimmers* holds a HPDE (High Performance Driver Education) at Road America, *OktoberFAST*. Actually held this year on the second weekend in September, *OktoberFAST* is the capstone driving event for the year. It draws people from all over the country and of all skill levels.

There are four levels of drivers. The highest level is Instructor.



Students are classified as Novice, Intermediate, or Advanced. All students have classroom time in addition to driving time. Novice students have exercises that they go through before going out on the track. I was privileged to work with Chris Fredette in running the exercises.

Some of the "behind the scenes" facts about *OktoberFAST 2008*, courtesy **Mike Clemens**, Driving Events Coordinator:

"This year we were privileged to have Shields Bergstrom and Mark White as guest instructors. Shields is a five time national SCCA champion and has tested Champs Cars and now does testing and development for the ALMS Aston Martin GT1 team. Mark White is currently driving a



Volkswagen GTI in the Grand-Am Koni Challenge Series. "Randy Pobst also made an appearance on Friday testing David MacNeil's SCCA T2 M3. In his first session with the car, Randy broke the T2 track record by four seconds."

Approximately 200 hours were spent prepping for *OktoberFAST*, spent setting up registration, processing registrations, collecting tuition, replying to inquiries about the event, ordering car numbers and tee-shirts. This is just a partial list of preparations made in the last month alone:

- Dinner preparations, including printing tickets
 - Event packets created
 - Assignments and duties compiled and distributed
 - All registration details and instructions finalized
 - All paperwork completed (Instructor/Driver notes, Grid/Control Notebook, Welcome)
 - E-mails, handouts, schedules, Waivers/Medical/Tech Forms
 - Wristbands purchased
- As you can tell, organizing *OktoberFAST* is a full time job!!!!

Statistics are only a small part of the *OktoberFAST* story. This is what some of the participants had to say:

Dan Harrison, Advanced Student
Dan has participated in *OktoberFAST* since 2000 or 2001. He brings his Ferrari 333SP, ex-IMSA race car, up for the event. This year he brought the Pegasus Racing BMW up also.

(Dan is from a southern suburb of Chicago). Of all the tracks Dan has driven on, Road America is by far his favorite. Dan had this to say: "I really enjoy *OktoberFAST*. *Badger Bimmers* allows me to run my 333SP, which I was not allowed to when I was with another chapter. It (*OktoberFAST*) is a fun and safe event, at a great track. John Morgan, Darcy Yench, and Mike





Shields Bergstrom in the classroom



Clemens always put on a great event. I have a great time.”

Scott Scheuerell, Instructor

Scott has been a member of *Badger Bimmers* since 2004. Brandon Bennett, a friend of his, coaxed him into joining to participate in *OktoberFAST*, which was his first DE. (*OktoberFAST 2008* marked his fifth time participating.) Road America is Scott’s favorite track, with Turns 12-14 being his favorites. Scott had this to say about *OktoberFAST*: “The people here are great, very nice and courteous. There is a great sense of camaraderie. I was having some troubles with my car, and a number of people offered to help. Some even offered me their cars. The instructors are extremely patient and good. They turned on a light for me, and now I want to do the same for other students.”

Don Gawronski, Instructor

Don has been going to *OktoberFAST* since the early ‘90s, and instructing for the past six or seven years. This year, Don had intermediate students and one instructor candidate. Some of Don’s highlights: “The instructor mentoring program was the most rewarding part. Another highlight was going into Turns 1 and 12 at 140 mph in one of my student’s new 335i. I enjoy all aspects of the events — the driving, of course, but especially helping improve someone else’s driving.”

Chris Fredette, Novice Exercise Coordinator

Chris has been running the off-track exercises for Novices for the past six years. (Ron Clarkson ran it before him.). The exercises consisted of hard braking, a slalom course, skid pad, and finally a mini autocross. The aspects that Chris enjoys are running the off track exercises (and finishing them), and “going fast and not braking anything.”

Paul Szedziewski, Group Manager

As group manager, Paul’s role was to get cars (his group) out onto the track, assist drivers coming in from (in his words) “a freight train”; talk to drivers who spun out, got black flagged (for passing in a no passing zone, for example), and giving some driving tips (if needed). The best part of the weekend for Paul was when he helped his friend find a solution to his

braking problem. The highlight was people stopping by and saying thanks for volunteering.

Mike Clemens, Driving Events Coordinato:

“The highlight for me was the high ratings the instructors received from the first time students.”

Darcy Yench, *Badger Bimmers* President

“The people from all over and friendships you develop over the years” is what makes *OktoberFAST* such a great event.

***OktoberFAST* by the numbers:**

• People registered	201	13% Increase
• Pro Race Drivers attending	3	No Change
• Instructors	69	1.5% Increase
• Advanced Students	47	No Change
• Intermediate Students	36	3% Increase
• Novice Students	29	4% Increase
• States represented	16	6% Decrease
• First-timers at Road America	43	4% Decrease
• People at the Banquet	110	8% Decrease
• E-mails processed	489	14% Decrease
• Tee-shirts ordered, distributed	265	10% Increase
• Car makes	17	11% Decrease
• Instructor Candidates	11	57% Increase
• Instructors, Adv. Students Friday	94	29% Increase
• Friday Sessions	13	No Change
• Saturday/Sunday Sessions (4 per group per day)	16	No Change
• Event Evaluations turned In	98	31% Increase
• Instructor Evaluations turned in	44	8% Decrease
• Student Evaluations turned in	62	7% Increase
• Overall event ratings	3.9	2.5% Increase
• Reportable incidents	3	50% Increase

There is one more significant statistic. It does not have to do with the driving done over the weekend, but the generosity of the participants:

Nancy Priem, Charity Coordinator for *Badger Bimmers*

“We raised a total of \$253.00 for Second Harvest over this weekend, which doubles our year-to-date collection.”

When you add all these elements together, the final result is inevitable. As one Instructor summed it up, “*OktoberFAST* was an unqualified success, probably the best ever.”

Thanks to all who contributed to this article... and to my fulfilling weekend.

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ELECTION 2009

CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT

Darice (Darcy) Yench

I have been a member of the Badger Bimmers Chapter since June 1997. I have worked as social chairperson for the club, organizing the annual year-end party from 1997-2003. I have been the registrar and organizer of OktoberFAST at Road America from 1997 – 2006 and worked on our driving events at Blackhawk Farms. I was first elected to the Board of Directors in 1998 and served as Vice President from 1999-2003. I was Secretary in 2004 and became our Speed Events coordinator when the National office developed the position. I have helped to organize numerous social events such as the Car Club night at Pandl's and also organized our first BIMMERSTRASSE tent at the ALMS race in August 2006 at Road America. Our club has grown to over 1,000 members and stayed there for several years now. With a lot of help from many members, our



club will host Oktoberfest in August 2010 which I will chair. I am anxious to continue adding to the energy and potential of this Club if you re-elect me as your President.

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CANDIDATE FOR TREASURER Clarence Behrend

Ladies and Gentlemen:
As a statement for candidacy, I
"If re-elected, I promise to continue to receive receipt, questioning every payment for the uninformed at board meetings.
Thank you for your attentive support on this issue.
Sincerely,

Clarence Behrend
Treasurer - BMW CCA - *Badger Bimmers* Chapter

Sitting in a leather chair (in the Treasurer's Office!) overlooking the peaceful Milwaukee River, sipping designer coffee and pondering the marvels of the universe and various ways to enliven board meetings.

[Paid for and approved by the Clarence Behrend for Treasurer Committee]

CANDIDATE FOR BOARD MEMBER

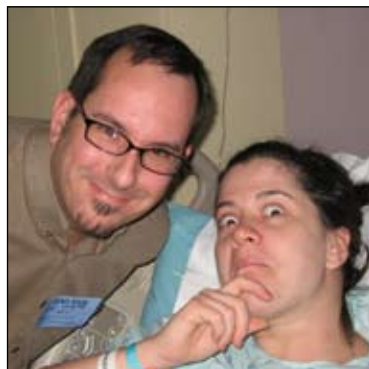
Mike Clemens

Hi, my name is Mike Clemens and I'm a candidate for one of the open club board positions.

I have been on the board for the last 2 years. I have been a member of the club since 1997. My main interest is in the driver schools and car control clinics that the club sponsors. I have run the Blackhawk and Road America events over the last several years. At the 2008 Road America event we had 200 people attend the event. That was the largest number of people to ever attend one of our driver schools. If you've been to these events, you have seen me running the driver and instructor meetings. If elected, I would like to work with other board members to stage the BMW Foundation Street Survival course next summer. I will also continue working to make our drivers schools even better than they already are. I have also volunteered to help with running the national BMW CCA Oktoberfest event in 2010.

Thanks, Mike Clemens

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CANDIDATE FOR BOARD MEMBER

Chris Fredette

Well, I have a baby on the way as I'm typing this... Not that it should affect your vote.

I'm running for reelection as a Board member. I've been a BMW CCA member since 1995 and I was on the board back in the 90s, too. In my time in the club I have participated in virtually every type of club event. I've been to Oktoberfest (we will be hosting this event in 2010, if you haven't heard!), 6 Nurburgring schools in Germany, rallies in the US and Germany, and more track driving schools than I care to count. More recently, I have run car handling clinics for the Club and the off-track exercises at Road America for over 6 years.

My plans for the next two years, if elected, will mainly be to deliver a top-notch Oktoberfest to Wisconsin and make sure the Club is being fiscally responsible in the slowing economic climate. We are expecting to see

decline in school attendance, so I see protecting the Club's funds as a top priority.

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CANDIDATE FOR BOARD MEMBER

Paul Szedziewski

OK gang, it is time for me to run for an office again. After about 5 years as the Membership Chair, I have resigned that position and am now running for a general Board post. I have been a long term member of Badger Bimmers (since the mid-80's) and with some time to do the work. Over the years I have served as a Board Member for a few years and also as Club Secretary.

In addition, I have been a student, instructor, grid worker, track registration worker at Road America and Blackhawk Farms. Away from the track events I have organized the Spring Clean up at O'Reilly Motors and Fall clean up at Aloha Motors, set up the initial Car Show at International Motors, and once

also served as Holiday Party co-coordinator.

Also for the past 5 years I have organized the track day at Gingerman Raceway with CGI

I have enjoyed my time with the Club and the various members I have met and gotten to know. I look forward to the development and planning of the OctorberFest in our area in 2010. I will continue the Gingerman track days.

So, in conclusion, do vote for me as Board Member and I will continue to contribute to the chapter. See you all at the Holiday Party in January.

Paul Szedziewski



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PRESIDENT	TREASURER
DARCY YENCH <input type="checkbox"/>	CLARENCE BEHREND <input type="checkbox"/>
Write-in Candidate _____	Write-in Candidate _____
BOARD MEMBERS	
(We are electing two candidates, so vote for two.)	
MIKE CLEMENS <input type="checkbox"/>	CHRIS FREDETTE <input type="checkbox"/>
PAUL SZEDZIEWSKI <input type="checkbox"/>	
Write-in Candidate _____	
Your BMW CCA Member Number _____	
<p>After you have voted, bring your ballot to the Annual Party, January 10, 2009, or mail to:</p> <p>2009 ELECTION c/o Badger Bimmers P.O. BOX 71139 Milwaukee, WI 53211</p>	

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

Welcome, New Members

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

Mike Burton	'93 525it	Colgate
Brett Carroll	'99 540	Butte Des Morts
Thomas Griffith	'31 BMW Ihle 600	Verona
Mark Hutchison	'05 M3	New Berlin
Robert Kearns	'01 M5	West Bend
Keith Kupczyk		Barrington IL
Joshua Liesch	'03 M3	dePere
Derek Nordeen		La Crosse
Paul Ricco	'02 M Roadster	Milwaukee
Joseph Testa	'94 525	Madison
Rim Trotier		Pewaukee
James Valaskey	'08 335i	Hazel Green
Bill Van Der Sanden	'94 740i	Menomonee Falls
Mathew Weglarz	'03 325	Milwaukee
Nate Ackerman	'92 325i	Madison
Guilherme Barros	'07 335i	Madison
John Doerheit	'03 325i	Janesville
Michael Jakus	'95 M3	Waukesha
Kenneth Kudlak	'91 850i	Monona
Cabot Matharani	'97 M3	de Pere
Michael Sadoff	'08 M3 coupe	Fond Du Lac
John Stathas	'03 525iT	Fitchburg
Charles Stern	'98 Z3	Madison
Wayne Wall		Sheboygan
James Allen	'07 Z4	Delefield
Eli Bateman		Dresser
Tim Brasher	'97 328i	Wauwatosa
Skli Fetters	'03 Z4	Fitchburg
Kyle Harvey	'89 325iX	New Berlin
Patrick Kennedy	'91 318is	Muskego
James Perry	'73 3.0 CS	Larson
Thomas Poyser	'05 545i	Madison
Joshua Sanders	'98 528i Autop	Monona
Patrick Stern	'70 2800 CS	Fitchburg
Timothy Suckow	'03 530i	Watertown
Joseph Wilsonn	'97 740i	Milwaukee

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 www.badgerbimmers.org. Also consider signing up for the Yahoo e-mail alert group to receive new information and reminders about upcoming events.

If you have any questions about the Club, activities, or other BMW-related issues, feel free to contact me at Membership@badgerbimmers.org. For those of you in the Madison area, contact our Madison-area Liaison, **Dustin Tornow**, at madisonliaison@badgerbimmers.org, or for those of you in the north-central part of the state, contact Liaison **Jeff Sonneleitner** of Oshkosh at foxvalleyliaison@badgerbimmers.org. Or find their e-mail links on the Club Web site. E-mail addresses can be located with the officers link on the Web site. Happy Motoring!

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— Paul Szedziewski

New Year's Eve Karting Enduro

By Charles High

This year the annual karting enduro will be held on Wednesday, December 31st at Chicago Indoor Racing.

Sixteen two or three person teams will compete in the 60 minute race. Each team member of two-person teams will be required to drive for at least 25 minutes. If there are three drivers, each must drive at least 17 minutes. Any number of pit stops can be performed but all drivers must complete nearly equal minutes on track. At least one member from each team must be a Club member. Your BMWCCA membership number must be entered on the registration form. On-site registration for the event will begin at 8:30 am and the 60 minute race will start at 10 am. Chicago Indoor Racing will provide helmets, race suits and the karts. There will be a safety meeting before the race starts.

Registration for the event will be done online at www.motorsportreg.com. Go to the Badger Bimmers' Web site and select the article about the karting event. There will be a link in the article to the registration form at www.motorsportreg.com. If you haven't created an account and specified the Badger Bimmers as one of your clubs on the registration site, you will have to do that before you can register.

Last year we had a waiting list for the event so be sure to register as soon as you can.

Chicago Indoor Racing is located at 301 Hastings Drive, Buffalo Grove, IL 60089 and their phone number is (847) 941-9400. Their Web site is www.chicagoindoorracing.com.

Directions coming from the Milwaukee area:

- Take I-94 south from Milwaukee.

- Turn west on Lake Cook Road.
- Cross Northgate Parkway.
- Turn right on Hastings Drive (just after crossing over the railroad tracks).
- Chicago Indoor Racing is the third building on your right.

You can register a two or three person team for \$200 or individually for \$100. For those registering individually we will assign you a partner for the race.

Watch the Race, then Party!

At our special request, the caterer at Chicago Indoor Racing has agreed to open the bar and provide food for participants and spectators during and after the race. We are working on a package that could provide for food and drink and possibly the use of some of the games in the arcade area. We will try to get the pool tables if we can get a good crowd.

Badger Bimmers BMW CCA Holiday Party

When	Saturday, January 10 th , 2009, Drinks 6pm, Dinner 7:30pm
Where	Eisner American Museum of Advertising (http://www.eisnermuseum.org/) 208 N Water Street, Milwaukee (414-847-3290)
Cost	\$25 each for member and one guest, additional guests are \$50 each \$15 for children 12 and under

Believe it, or not, the BMW Annual Dinner is right around the corner. This year's extravaganza will return to the Eisner American Museum of Advertising & Design in Milwaukee's Third Ward. The Eisner is a fascinating collection of advertising history combined with product design exhibits, both past and present. The entire museum will be open during our evening so you will have the opportunity to view the special exhibit: Fossil "VINTAGE-OLOGY". This exhibit showcases Fossil's iconic designs represented through a variety of products and packaging. In addition, music will be provided by the Keith Watling group.

Chef Jack's catering will again be preparing the dinner. The wait staff will pass around appetizers consisting of tequila shrimp, mini quiche, chestnut rumaki, raspberry & brie phyllos, crab wontons, & spanokopita. The menu entrees will consist of three entrees: lemon pepper tilapia, Island chicken with mango salsa and chef carved roast chateaubriand with béarnaise sauce in a semi-sit down dinner. (A vegetarian selection is available upon request.) Dinner will be accompanied by a assorted rolls, fresh seasonal fruit display, martini mesculn salad of greens with dried cranberries, toasted almonds, red onions and balsamic vinaigrette, fresh asparagus, and parisian oven roasted potato A chocolate fountain of cascading warm chocolate with strawberries, pretzels, pineapple, marshmallows, and cookies is our dessert and will remain up for 1 hour after dinner. Kona blend regular & decaffeinated coffee, tea, and milk will be included with the meal. The menu selections have been tried and found to be delicious.

The Museum is located at 200 N. Water Street, just south of Downtown Milwaukee. There is a parking ramp directly across the street as well as limited on-street parking. We feel sure that this year's event will be memorable, so hope to see you there!

As with all of our events we will be collecting donations for 2nd Harvest. Bring your non-perishable food items to donate!

In order to maintain our status as a not-for-profit organization we require that one person on each registration be a member of the BMW CCA. If you are not a CCA member when you join name Badger Bimmer Chapter as your chapter choice. You cannot register if you do not have a membership number. No forms will be processed without a membership number.

BMW CCA members who are not Badger Bimmer Chapter members: Please call the National Office (1-800-878-9292) if you wish to sign up for dual chapter membership in the Badger Bimmers Chapter. The annual fee for membership in a second chapter is \$15.30, prorated from the date of your call to the end of your current membership.

Non-BMW CCA members: Please call the national office (1-800-878-9292). Be sure to specify Badger Bimmers Chapter. The annual fee is \$40. You cannot fill in the application without a number, so ask for your membership number before you hang up!

Complete the registration form on the next page and return it along with your check, made payable to Badger Bimmers, to:

David Thuerk
1225 Veranda Court
Brookfield, WI 53005

So bring the family. The racing is competitive and fun to watch, there are trophies, and the past champions of the last two years will NOT be returning. This should provide the rest of the field a shot at the podium, as that team won by many laps the last two years.

There will again be a breakfast get-together at *Walker Brothers Pancake House* at 7:30 am. The pancake house is 10 min. from the track facility, at 200 Marriott Dr., Lincolnshire, IL 60089. Their phone number is (847) 634-2220.

Directions coming from the Milwaukee area:

- Take I-94 south from Milwaukee.
- Turn west on Half Day Road (Ill 22).
- Turn south on Milwaukee Ave. (US 45).
- Turn west on Marriott Drive.

Directions from the pancake house to the track:

- Take Milwaukee Ave. (US 45) south.
- Turn west on Lake Cook Road.
- Turn right on Hastings Drive (just after crossing over the railroad tracks).
- Chicago Indoor Racing, third building on your right.

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Badger Bimmers BMW CCA Holiday Party

Club Member (\$25)

Number _____ First Name _____ Last Name _____

Dinner Choice Standard _____ Vegetarian _____

Day Phone Number _____ Evening Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

Car Model _____ (Will appear on name tags)

First Guest (\$25)

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Dinner Choice Standard _____ Vegetarian _____

Second Guest (\$50)

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Dinner Choice Standard _____ Vegetarian _____

Third Guest (\$50)

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Dinner Choice Standard _____ Vegetarian _____

Child (\$15)

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Dinner Choice Standard _____ Vegetarian _____

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First Name _____ Last Name _____

Dinner Choice Standard _____ Vegetarian _____

Mail this form along with your check, made payable to Badger Bimmers, to:

David Thuerk
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Brookfield, WI 53005

Registration forms and payment must be received by January 5th.

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CARS

2005 325Ci Convertible. Orient Metallic Blue / Blue Top / Tan Leather. Top-Down usable trunk. Almost new all-season tires. Premium Package, HK sound system, bra, coco floor mats, and cover. Originally TX, one WI winter. Meticulously maintained. 41K miles; 5 mos. remaining on the Factory Warranty. \$29,500. Car in Mequon. 262-236-0845 or 414-550-6100, sailfullmoonguy@yahoo.com. 8/11

1997 M3 Coupe. Arctic silver/black, 135k mi., 5-spd, heated manual "Vader" seats, 18 button OBC. No smoke, pets, winters. Always garaged. All maintenance. New battery, cooling system, suspension. Some stone chips, etc. **Mods:** Koni SA w/H&Rs, M50 manifold, chip; B&B exhaust, short shifter, Corbeau seats, HIDs, carbon-fiber hood, trunk, spoiler, front lip, more. Asking \$13,000 OBO. Contact Jason @ 414-708-7362 or 1997m3forsale@gmail.com for pics. 4/08

2003 540i Sport. 6-spd, silver/black. 77k mi. All maintenance records, no dents, excellent condition. Winter tires, wheels. \$22,000. Phone 261-241-9206 or jkochan@wi.rr.com. 4/08

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X3 winter tire/wheel package: 235/55HR-17 Pirelli Winter 210 SnowSport on 17x7 Borbet CA wheels. 3 yrs old, very clean. Tires from 2/08, +/- 1k miles. \$700. Jeff at 608-236-4055, pj753@att.net. 11/08

E30 Parts: Leather Sport Seats from '89 325is - Good condition. No splits or tears. New driver side back and thigh bolsters on left side. Leather is aged but intact. \$200. M-Tech 1 Steering Wheel - Good condition. \$50. New OEM dash, in box from dealer, paid \$560, now \$375. Jeff at 608-236-4055, pj753@att.net. 11/08

Vehicle Storage: Reserve your space now for the upcoming winter in a safe, secure and heated facility in New Berlin. Power is supplied for battery chargers and 24 hour fire/security monitoring. Tony Stevens 262-352-7764, ads4189@yahoo.com. 11/08

4 E36 wheels, 7Jx15 bottle cap (Style E) with Bridgestone Blizzak WS-50 snow tires 205/60R15, tread depth .38 - .40 in., Pictures available. \$400. Chris at 414-807-0124, cfries3@yahoo.com. 11/08

4 E36 wheels, 7Jx16 double spoke (Style K) Model 1162760-5. Pictures available. \$400. Chris at 414-807-0124, cfries3@yahoo.com. 11/08

1 E36 wheel, 7Jx16 double spoke wheel (Style K) with new Dunlop SP Sport 2000 225/50ZR16. Model 1162760-5. Pictures available. \$150. Contact Chris at 414-807-0124, cfries3@yahoo.com. 11/08

4 BBS wheels, 7J15H2, Used on E36. Pictures Available \$300 Contact Chris at 414-807-0124, cfries3@yahoo.com.

19" Enkei wheels w/Falken F452 235/35ZR19, will fit any E46 model. Match BMW Silver Gray Metallic color. \$500, Scott 262-893-0719. 5/08

Z4 3.0 Sport Wheel/tire package. From 2004 BMW CPO Z4. Dealer stated tires were new, <2500 mi. Rims met BMW CPO Standards. Tires are Bridgestone Run Flats RE050A. Fronts 225/40R18. Rears 255/35R18. Mounted and balanced. \$2500 retail. Asking \$1400.00 + Shipping. Or pick-up. Call 414-708-0244 or In4no@earthlink.net. 5/08

1997 740il OEM wheels. mounted with worn tires. Asking \$120 + Shipping, or pick-up. 414-708-0244 or In4no@earthlink.net. 5/08

E46 Passenger side mirror: white '97 328i sedan. Original BMW part. Complete assembly with heated glass MINUS the motor. Best offer. timo210@hotmail.com. 5/08

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Badger Bimmers Competitive in Chicago

2008 Car Club Challenge

by Scott Scheuerell

Chicago Indoor Racing held its annual Car Club Challenge on Sunday, September 28th. The Car Club Challenge is a 300 lap karting enduro and includes a timed qualifying session. There were 15 car clubs represented at the event, including Corvette Club, Lotus Club, Windy City Chapter, and the Mini Club, with each club allowed up to three teams.

I had attended several Badger Bimmer karting events around New Year's Day, and have always had a great time. So I decided it would be fun to organize a team to represent the Badger Bimmers. I contacted former Club president Jeff Joy to see if he would be interested in helping me to organize a team. After a few e-mails and phone calls, we had our six man team composed of Jeff Joy, Charles High, Faisal Khan, Shields Bergstrom, David Swernoff, and myself. Each team member got to run roughly 50 laps during the race. Special thanks go to my wife Judy who handled communicating with our drivers while they were out on the track and to Badger Bimmer member Graeme Buchanan who took pictures and video of our team.



The Badger Bimmers 2008 Car Club Challenge Team

Once the green flag dropped, the competition with the other car clubs was intense! Several of the teams had some seriously "gifted" hot-shoe kart drivers, but the Badger team ran very competitively and our times were consistently quick throughout the roughly two and a half hour race. When the checkered flag fell, we placed a solid 8th out of 15 total teams. Not bad at all for our first ever time in the competition! Whether it was the blurry-quick lap times put down by Shields and Jeff or watching David's personal admirer wave at him an awful lot with the penalty flag, there were always big smiles. *bj*

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On the Cover This Month

335d Averages 23/33 mpg and 0-100 in 6.2

The new 335d features the 3.0-liter inline-six featuring Variable Twin Turbo Technology – an engine widely acknowledged as the unchallenged benchmark for sporting performance, motoring refinement and superior efficiency in other markets around the world. Applying Variable Twin Turbo Technology, a small turbocharger first cuts in at low engine speeds. Thanks to its low inertia, this turbocharger develops boost (and extra power) in response even to the smallest movement to the gas pedal and without the slightest delay. As engine speed increases, the second, larger turbocharger cuts in, developing maximum torque of 425 lb-ft at just 1,750 rpm.



Note from the Editor

You may have noticed that the *immer* has been running without commercial advertising for a few months now. Starting with our first issue in 2009, we will once again feature advertising from businesses who want to reach out to our members to offer services. To accommodate advertising, we will be increasing our page count to 16, with the intention of providing at least one more page of non-commercial content. We plan on funding this increase in the *immer* through advertising revenues, so the net financial impact of the change will be a positive one.

Downshift has taken a break for this month, but will return with a vengeance next issue.

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