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2011 Calendar

July 25	Track Day Blackhawk Farms Raceway
August 2	Badger Bimmer Car Show - 6-9 pm - Brew City Grill - Mequon, WI
August 8-9	Audi Driving School - Road America
August 11	Board Meeting - 7pm Brew City Grill - Mequon, WI
August 18-20	Car Corral at the ALMS Race (outside turn 14) - Road America
August 27	Masterpiece Car Club Day, downtown Milwaukee, at the Lakefront
September 8	Board meeting - 7pm Brew City Grill - Mequon, WI
Sept 15-18	Grand Tour around Lake Michigan - All Central Regions Participating
September 30	Advanced & Instructor Day at Road America
October 1-2	OktoberFAST Driving School at Road America
October 22	Board Meeting - 11am Enterprise BMW - Appleton, WI
October TDB	Fall Car Clean-Up - Port Washington, WI
November 10	Board meeting - 7pm Brew City Grill - Mequon, WI
November TDB	Winter Tire Talk with Peter Cunningham or Real Time Racing - Saukville, WI
December 8	Board meeting - 7pm Brew City Grill - Mequon, WI
January 14	Holiday Party
February 2012	Chicago Auto Show

Be sure to check the Corral Events on page 14

Board meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month. They start promptly at 7:00. Board meetings are open to all members. The Board encourages member attendance.
Monthly Board meetings convene at: Brew City Grill • 10250 N. Cedarburg Rd. • Mequon, WI 53092
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From the President

Mike Loos

Ever heard of grassroots racing? I'm not talking about the locals running at the dirt track, demo derbies or even a BMWCCA Track events. I'm talking about events like, um, Crap Can Racing. What? Yeah, also known as Chump Car Racing or 24 Hours of Lemons Racing?

Got your attention, don't I? In a nutshell, this is wheel to wheel racing in cars that are not exactly 'serious' race cars. Or were they ever meant to be. Cars like Camrys or '62 Ambassadors. And they're cheap, really cheap. Which makes it all so much more fun! Excluding wheels, tires, brakes, the required roll cage, race seats, approved 5 point harnesses and fire extinguishers, purchase prices of these racecars must stay within a total value: NOT EXCEEDING \$500.00. I know, 500 bucks won't even put a good set of tires on your daily driver, so how do you finish an endurance race in a 500 dollar crap can? Sometimes you don't. Well, like I said, it's fun! Cars break, you scramble out to the nearest auto parts stores. They stop because something fell off, you deal with misfit parts. You make Red Green green with envy because of your deft use of silver duct tape. When your racer runs, you quickly get back out on track to put down more laps. Fun.

Crap Can Racing is also a team sport. That helps to share the pain. The race teams are comprised of four drivers. The same four are solely responsible for designing, building and tuning. They are also the Sponsors and pit crew. They get to share in the victories too, and podium photo sessions, magazine ads, champagne sprays, flag-girl attentions etc....

How do I know all this you ask? I've been there before. I just finished my 3rd 24 Hours of Lemons Race, run at Gingerman Raceway in South Haven MI. I'll elaborate ... My crew: Dr. Bob (a dentist) and Eric (the Miata maniac) tailored a victim, um, I mean a 1994 Nissan Sentra from Chattanooga, TN to the track. Charles High, (infamous for Mini Mad driving skills and now turned E30 Monster), and I met them there on the Friday before the race. It took us most of the day to get the car through tech for the Saturday thru Sunday endurance race. As it turns out, race officials actually get serious about 24 Hours of Lemons Race Series (it's a legit series just like ALMS or NASCAR) competition machinery and demand that the cars NOT leak fluids, NOT have loose engine compartment wires and/or components and that those components/wires NOT fizz or smoke, and that cars rev to a steady 2500rpm for 5 seconds. Go figure!

That's just a taste of what a 24 Hours of Lemons Race can be. I dare you to Google 24 Hours of Lemons. You may have to fend off a desire to scan Craigslist for cheap cars. You might like to go be a spectator. You may get hooked. I am. Our car was still running at the checkered flag. We finished 35th out of 65 teams. Whew!

I am going to build a Lemons racer. How about a 1991 Audi 200 Turbo Quattro? HMMM.. An old Audi in an endurance race. WHAT COULD POSSIBLY GO WRONG?

I'll start by getting the car to lose about 900 lbs.....

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Badger Bimmers

Car Show Report

by Bill Nicoud

photos by Darcy Yench



Grey skies and cool temps plagued our annual car show for a second year. E30's were the dominant car of choice, with five cars competing for honors. For a second year Luis Arisso Impressed spectators by bringing an unusual example of the marque, this time bringing a golf yellow 1973 3.0 CS. Another standout was the 1973 tii of Noel Saubers also in golf yellow. Winners this year were chosen by attendees and members'. Concours Motors again cleared their showroom for us to display members cars that spanned over four decades of BMW's. While attendance was down a bit this year, the level of preparation was not . Attendees were able to enjoy coverage of the Le Mans race, and qualifying for the formula on race on the big screen TV in the customer lounge. Awards were provided by David Swernoff, and featured granite plaques etched with a roundel. At least two competitors faced a tough challenge having participated in Fridays drivers school, and then preparing the same cars for Saturday's show. Winners this year are Luis Arisso 1973 CS in the pre 80's class, John Molitor 1988 M3 in 80's class, Charles High 1991 318is in the 90's class and Kevin Strauss in the 00& newer class. The Peoples Choice Award went to Frank Malaczynski with his beautiful 1988 M3. The Badger Bimmers would like to thank Concours Motors for hosting us, and members and spectators for sharing their cars with us.





Winner Pre-80's • 1973 3.0CS • Luis Arisso

Winner 2000+ • 2004 M3 • Kevin Strauss





Winner 1980's • 1988 M3 • John Molitor

Winner 1990's • 1991 318is • Charles High





People's Choice • 1988 M3 • Frank Malaczynski

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by



Grand Tour of Lake Michigan

Thursday Sep 15 - Sunday Sep 18

Lake Michigan Shoreline, Lake Geneva, WI

Join BMW CCA for “The Grand Tour,” a weekend getaway which samples the best the Midwest has to offer. The driving tour traces the Lake Michigan shoreline, visits your choice of (5) Wisconsin museums, and lets you unwind at day’s end at premium resort and culinary destinations.

The event begins in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin*, on Thursday, September 15, 2011. En route to Sturgeon Bay in beautiful Door County, you’ll have a chance to tour Frank Lloyd Wright’s Taliesin, the EAA AirVenture Museum, the Harley-Davidson Museum, the Wisconsin Maritime Museum, or the Kohler Design Center. Friday’s destination is your choice of Mackinac Island or Traverse City, Michigan. Saturday offers you the option of relaxing in Traverse City or exploring the wineries and winding roads of nearby peninsulas. This incredible weekend concludes on Sunday, September 18, with the incomparable Gilmore Car Museum outside Kalamazoo.

Participants more than two hours’ drive from Lake Geneva are encouraged to stay in Lake Geneva on Wednesday night, September 14

For more information visit • <http://www.bmwcca.org/TheGrandTour>

Personalize your weekend by choosing amongst the museum, lodging and dining options. Selected hotels and resorts have room blocks reserved, for which you need to mention “BMW CCA” by the cut-off date to qualify for the group discount rate. Book now before it’s too late! Partake in the entire event or whichever portion you choose. The driving itself will be done in small groups, with no set schedule, to keep the experience relaxed and intimate.

This event is open to all BMW CCA members.

To help preserve the beauty of Lake Michigan, participants are encouraged to make a charitable contribution to • gatheringwaters.org/land or michigannature.org

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Wed Sep 14, 2011**

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2011 Driving Events

Blackhawk

Registration is open for Friday, July 25th. Check the website for details - www.badgerbimmers.org

Road America

Registration is open for OktoberFAST at Road America in Elkhart Lake. Check www.badgerbimmers.org for a link to a detailed article about the event and the on-line registration form.

OktoberFAST

This year OktoberFAST will be Friday, September 30th to Sunday, October 2nd. Friday is for instructors and advanced students and Saturday/Sunday is the drivers' school with run groups for novice students, intermediate students, advanced students and instructors.

Helmets must Snell M or SA 2000 or later. 2011 will be the last year that 2000 specification helmets will be allowed. Starting in 2012 only 2005 and 2010 specification helmets will be allowed.

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Darcy Yench

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- There will be a brand-new events calendar and events pages to promote our events
- Our Chapter Officers will be given direct access to reporting functionality
- The Chapter Newsletters can be hosted on our landing page
- There will be a new Calendar offering Event Pages
- There will also be an ability to conduct event registration for the chapters

Corral Events



BMW Car Corral at Road America for 2011

The Badger Bimmer BMW Car Corral will be open and we invite everyone to park your BMW's in the fenced area outside Corner 14 for the following events. The club's grills will be fired up and available for use, so BYOM, bring your own meat to cook out if you like and picnic with us at the races. Further details to follow, keep informed on the website, or see page 11 this issue.

• **July 14-17 Kohler International Vintage Car Challenge Racing with Brian Redman (Saturday & Sunday).** The car corral will be available for members to park in. The grills will be out for use but no formal activities are scheduled at this time.

• **August 18-20 American Le Mans Series** - The car corral will be available for members to park in. The grills will be out for use and a schedule TBD for paddock tours on Saturday only.

• **August 27, 2011 - Masterpiece Car Club Day** - downtown Milwaukee at the Lakefront Advanced registration is required. \$15 per vehicle gives you 2 exhibitor passes good for the weekend and a continental breakfast for two on Saturday. Space is limited to the first 500 vehicles. The first 200 will receive a commemorative dash plaque. Questions call Lindsay Schoettlin at 414-225-1344 or lschoettlin@jfsmilw.org See more information at the website: www.milwaukeemasterpiece.com Let's fill the Lakefront with BMW's

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CARS

1973 BMW Bavaria - Malaga with Tan Vinyl Interior, Oklahoma Car with little rust, Unknown Miles, 4 speed, runs and drives, many new parts, includes numerous parts from parts car (less engine, transmission, and interior), needs full restoration. (Parts for a 5 speed fuel injection conversion are available as well for an additional \$1200) \$2500 OBO Contact Kirt @ kam1271@hotmail.com for more information. Car is located in the Madison Area.

1973 BMW 2002 - Malaga, tan interior, mileage unknown. Runs and drives, Weber carb, crane ignition, e21 sport seats. Floors solid, needs paint and body. Car came from Colorado. Extra parts available. \$1,500.00 - contact Bill 262 268-1006 wnicoud@wi.rr.com

2001 BMW 330xi - AWD Orient Blue, Gray Leather. Sport package, dual power seats, 5 speed manual, CD premium sound, 17" wheels. Excellent condition, 72,000 miles - \$10,900. Car is located in Green Bay - 920-662-1500 or 920-655-7225, ask for Brian.

2006 BMW Z4 M Coupe - Black, black extended leather. 25,000 miles, never been in the snow. Car is located in Mequon - 262-242-4173 or 414-698-8801 or mclemens@execpc.com.

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