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Photo by Ben Fullerton



2011 Calendar

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 Driver & Instructor Day at Road America
October 1-2	<i>OktoberFAST</i> Driving School at Road America
October 22	Board Meeting - 11am Enterprise BMW - Appleton, WI
October 8	Fall Car Clean-Up - Salvaggio Auto Design - 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

2011 Driving Events

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 be 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.

Board meetings are generally held on the second Thursday of each month. They start promptly at 7:00 pm. 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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Please consult the monthly Calendar (above) for exact locations and dates.

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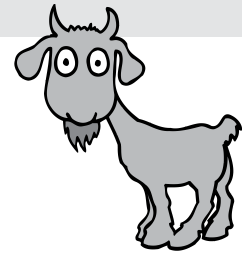
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From the President

Mike Loos



Perils Presidential

Holiday parties are supposed to be fun. As President, it falls on my shoulders to make the annual party/meeting a great party. I feel nervous about such a heavy responsibility, like the nauseous feeling I used to suffer before a final public presentation of a school project. Or the butterflies I get before I tell my wife I signed up for another driver's school day at the track. Or worse, the feeling of impending doom knowing that eventually she will ask how much money I spent getting my car ready. Oh sure, Diane is short and cute, but she can butt heads like a mountain goat if properly antagonized.

Not that I really think putting together a holiday party for the BMW Club is like doing battle with a mountain goat. I'm just saying, I'll do my best to ensure a good time this year.

We will be holding our annual holiday party at Comedy Sportz on January 14, 2012.

By the way, I feel secure about the mountain goat comparison with Diane because I'm pretty sure she doesn't read my column. But just in case, Diane, darling, a mountain goat never smelled as beautiful as you.

The *OctoberFast* driver's school event at Road America, September 30-October 1, is filling up nicely. We are ahead of last year, so if you intended to sign up and haven't yet, do it now. **bj**



Logo Contest



Fullerton Logo Wins

by David Tatem

August 18, 2011

Late last spring, the Badger Bimmers sponsored a contest to design a new Club logo in keeping with the "BMW Clubs-Design guidelines for appearance" released by BMWCCA in 2010.

The Background and Objectives of the new set of guidelines are as follows:

BMW Club members identify strongly with the BMW Brand and associate BMW products with their own values. As ambassadors and multipliers of the BMW Brand and its products, however, they bear the responsibility for representing BMW in a way that is characteristic of the brand.

After all, the BMW Brand is highly valuable, and such value must be protected. On the one hand this means adhering to certain shared basic rules, but it also means preserving individuality and setting oneself apart from other BMW Clubs.

The BMW Club appearance should be based on the premium aspirations of the BMW Brand. The Club must always be clearly recognizable as the sender.

These design guidelines have been developed in close collaboration with the International Council of BMW Clubs. They outline the new appearance using examples for all relevant media applications, are mandatory worldwide and apply without restriction to all communication and correspondence materials.

Without further ado, I present to you the winning entry penned by Ben Fullerton, an Industrial Designer at Kohler New Product Development. In addition to meeting all the rigorous design criteria

from the guidelines, Ben has been able to capture the "M nature" of our Club with the tri-color background, and identify us as "Wisconsin" Badgers — while maintaining a clean crisp presentation (see logo above). Ben will receive a two-day Driver's Education track event at the 2011 **OktoberFast** weekend October 1 and 2 for the winning entry.

Ben had the advantage of growing up with an e34 5-series (nicknamed "Gretta") and developed a keen appreciation for all things BMW at an early age. The connection between creative form and functionality was one of the drivers bringing him into the industrial design career path. Prior to his current position at Kohler, he worked for Motorola and a design studio in Los Angeles, all the while looking for the next BMW challenge. That challenge came with his e36 M3 ("Rosalind" with her proud owner, below).



Ben's previous track experience is limited to Autocross events, so he's looking forward to seeing what a four-mile road course is like, driving either his M3 or his A3 ("Clarimond").

Congratulations, and thank you, Ben!

bj

It's All about Torque and Time

by Ron Pace

It seems that all we ever talk about is horsepower when we try to compare cars regarding their ability to accelerate or obtain a top speed. Of course, that is after we talk about the weight of the car. In many regards, referring to horsepower is really pretty useless.

First, horsepower is just a calculation. While horsepower may sell cars on Mondays, torque is what moves a vehicle. It all comes down to your basic high school physics class — you do remember those days, don't you? It fundamentally is the difference between force and work. If you apply a lot of force to an object but it doesn't move — who cares? But if you apply force and the object moves — well, that's a good thing when it comes to comparing power plants.

You see, force that moves an object becomes work or torque. So, for example, if someone says my motor was dynoed at 400 horsepower, you might or might not be impressed. You see, without knowing the torque curve, you can't really understand how the force (horsepower) will propel the car. This is because the force may be at an unusable RPM range.

Measuring torque

You really need to understand the work the engine is capable of performing. The definition of work is force exerted in a straight line. But the traditional internal combustion engine rotates. So we measure torque, which is a rotating force times the axis of distance. Somewhat simplified for the purist, but basically, for work to be performed, movement must occur. So an engine that makes 200 lb-ft of torque becomes work when 200 pounds are moved a distance of one foot from the center point of the axis.

But, to be meaningful, we need to know how fast this work is done or we need to know revolutions

per minute. Combine torque and speed (RPM) and you get horsepower. For those of you interested in the formula, it is —

$$\text{Horsepower} = \frac{\text{Torque} \times \text{RPM}}{5252}$$

How this works in practice

An example or two can be helpful. The under-2-liter vintage CAN AM car that I race has a power plant that delivers peak horsepower of 350 in a package that weights under 150 pounds. So you might wonder why this wouldn't make a great engine to transplant into a street Porsche. Well, it makes that horsepower by delivering 200 lb-ft of torque at over 9000 RPM. At 1500 RPM, it delivers only 20 lb-ft of torque or 6 horsepower — not enough to move a 3500 pound street car. In fact, it's a challenge to get a 1000 pound race car moving from a standing start with that power plant.

Let's take a look at the opposite extreme. My tow vehicle delivers 333 horsepower and 550 lb-ft of torque. Wouldn't that be a great race motor? Not likely, since it is diesel and makes its peak torque at under 3000 RPM and drops to under 150 lb-ft over 4500 rpm.

So the bottom line is you need to understand the torque curve over time. The objective for a street car power plant is to make maximum horsepower at 85-90% of the red line with a relatively flat torque curve between 50-100% of red line. No easy challenge, but get it right and you have a very streetable vehicle, and if you like the horsepower number at peak you will love the drivability of the car at high speed.

See you at upcoming events.

bj

In many regards, referring to horsepower is really pretty useless.

Election 2012

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Bill Nicoud



My name is Bill Nicoud, and I'm running for a second term as a Board member for the Badger Bimmers. It's hard to believe almost two years have gone by already. We have been busy, with Octoberfest, OctoberFasts, logo changes, Web site changes, etc. There is more work to do and I would like your support to continue this work. As always, we need your input and support to make this Club strong and enjoyable, so get involved, whether it means voting for a candidate or planning an event. This Club is better with you! Thanks for your consideration. **bj**

for Vice President...



Ron Pace

I seek your endorsement as Vice President of the Badger Bimmers for the coming year. Having served in this role for the past year, I am familiar with the duties and believe I can continue to contribute at a high level to the Club leadership. I truly enjoy the people in the region and feel fortunate to be part of such a forward thinking, dynamic group. **bj**

for Secretary...



David Thuerk

My present term as General Board Member is nearing its end. As a result, I am at another decision point on what direction I want to take related to my involvement in the Club. These last two years as a Board member seem to have passed by quickly. I continue to enjoy the Club immensely, its activities and the connections to the members I have met over the years. I look forward to many more. My decision is to run for the position of Secretary. So I am asking you to vote for me and allow me to continue to be involved in the planning and support of the activities that make the Club interesting and fun.

Remember to attend our annual Holiday party and bring your ballot. If you are unable to come, mail in your ballot and show support for the Board member candidates. **bj**

Cindy Ansay



My name is Cindy M. Ansay and I am currently running for a Board position with the Badger Bimmers. Previously, when first elected to the Board in 2004, I had assisted the Club with the planning and preparation of our events. I have been privileged to meet many of our members while working registration at our driving schools and other events. I was responsible for the initial implementation of the Road America project and I have chaired our annual car show at International Autos for several years. While I greatly enjoy my interaction with Club members, I am equally at home behind the scenes planning and implementing our various projects and events. I grew up with BMWs and they have been a true passion of mine since I learned to drive. My first car was a 2002 — and I consider myself lucky to have not one but two of these fine cars still in my possession.

I am looking forward to continuing my enthusiasm for and dedication to the Club and my passion for the marque! **bj**

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(We are electing two candidates, so vote for two.)

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After you have voted, bring your ballot to
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Bimmer in the Barn

by Bill Nicoud



It's all Peter's fault. This may be a long story, with several installments, but I just wanted to make it clear up front, it's all Peter's fault.

Ok, so those who know me, know I've owned several BMWs over the years, including more than one 2002. Peter, my friend of more years than I would probably admit to, has owned his 2002 since new, 1976. I guess he thought I must have missed mine — I hadn't owned one in more than twenty years, but who's counting. But there was Peter delivering to me a well used 2002, a car that had been owned by various chapter members since it was new in 1973. Did I mention it was well used, very well used?! Peter didn't feel right selling this (very well used) 2002, but thought I might be able to whip it back into shape. Unfortunately that would have been a very big whip indeed (did I mention this was a well used 2002?). I was warming up to the idea of a 2002, but this offered a little more than I wanted to do.

My brilliant plan called for finding a donor car with a little more meat left on its bones, using the salvageable parts from the well used BMW, a little bodywork, a little lovin' and I would be enjoying a 2002 again. That was 2004, this was 2010, still not driving a nice painted 2002. I guess I could argue that, because I do the "making pretty" car thing every day, it was hard to find the time. But the truth of it was, I still wasn't completely fired up about the project. I needed a new plan; I needed a car with less work than even the donor car needed. I began to search for the right car: one with very little rust, usable trim and interior, and preferably one that ran well — and be able to find such a unicorn in Wisconsin. Not asking too much, right?

There I was, reading the craigslist ad: 38,000 mile car, very little rust, great interior, in a little town



photos by Bill Nicoud

near Elkhart Lake. Sounded too good to be true, but I thought I'd give a call. Turns out that the current owner was the original owner's son in law, and the car was sitting in a barn. Did I want to come and take a look? Still sounding too good to be true I said, *Uh,*

sure. This was all happening the week of Oktoberfest 2010. I was greeted by a likeable young man who showed me to a big red barn. Inside, under a generic bluish plastic tarp was the 1971 BMW 2002 from the ad. Three flat tires, and covered in a few years worth of barn crud. The last registration tag said 1983, not driven in almost 27 years. What was I getting myself into? The car was complete, all chrome intact, interior not torn up, no broken glass, engine all there. Maybe, I thought, just maybe...

I thanked him for his time, filed that one in my head and went on to O'fest. Late in the week, while at the track, I got a call from the likeable young man. He told me he had gotten a lowball offer from someone and really didn't want to sell it that cheap — did I still have any interest? I did, more than I wanted to admit, so I made a counter offer that was still a good discount from the asking price. To my surprise he accepted. I was soon to be the owner of yet another 2002.

Now, I do have to state here publicly that my wife of now 28 years, Pam, has been, for the most part, on board with this project.

However, having been married for 28 years, I knew that the other car would have to go!

This was getting complicated, and remember it's all Peter's fault. Want more? Stay tuned. **bj**





Grand Tour of Lake Michigan

Thursday Sept. 15 - Sunday Sept. 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

Last day to register online:
Wed Sep 14, 2011

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Greetings, All —

If you were unable to make the Grand Tour, missed the first tour or just want to do another run without 1,200-plus bicyclers, come join us for a tour of Dane County's back roads on **September 17, 2011**.

We'll gather about 10:15 AM at Shoveler Sink, which is 4 miles west on Mineral Point Road from the intersection of Mineral Point and the West Beltline in Madison.

Bring your goodies for a picnic lunch at Blue Mound State Park and enjoy the vista and chatting with all the good folks. Yes, there is a small contribution to the state park system.

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2011 Fall Car Clean-up

Saturday October 8, 2011

Salvaggio Auto Design

After the brake dust has settled, after the last June bug is gone, come join us for a clean-up session at **Salvaggio Auto Design**. Whether you're preparing your car for the season-that-shall-not-be-named, prepping for storage, or just need a quick clean-up day, this is your chance. Salvaggio Auto Design will again open its doors for the Badger Bimmers to come and scrub to your heart's content. We'll supply the space, water, encouragement, and maybe even some snacks and refreshments. You supply the car, suds, elbow grease, and favorite clean-up supplies. You'll also get a chance to see some of our latest projects, and recount the summer's events. Please give a call to let us know if you're attending so we can plan for refreshments, etc. **bj**

Date: Saturday, October 8, 2011

Time: 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Place: Salvaggio Auto Design

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The Website Is Up!

New Website

Our new chapter website is up and running. Feel free to visit it at <http://www.badgerbimmers.com>. In fact, please visit the site and register for an account.

Account Creation

On the home page you will see a User Login box along the right hand side of the screen. Click on "Create new Account."

Fill in all the required fields, including your BMWCCA Member Number and click the "Create New Account" button at the bottom. Once your account has been approved by the system, you will receive an e-mail confirmation and have full access to the site.

Benefits of the New Website

The new site offers a cleaner, more modern look. The content management system (the framework of the site) is new and user friendly. This allows for easier updates with more content. The new site will also allow for more dynamic content, such as member-submitted photos and videos.

The new site also includes a Discussion Forum and Classified section. Once you have created an account on the website you can post cars and parts for sale as well as engage in discussions about Club events and BMWs in general. The new community aspect of the site allows for more interaction among members around the state.

New features are being added to the website regularly, and hopefully we will make use of them to enhance our experience as Club members. I am also looking for more pictures of members' cars to add to the rotating banner at the top of the site, so feel free to contact me with any pictures, questions or suggestions.

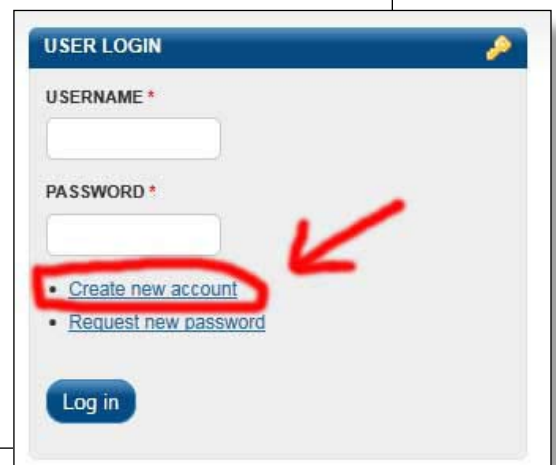
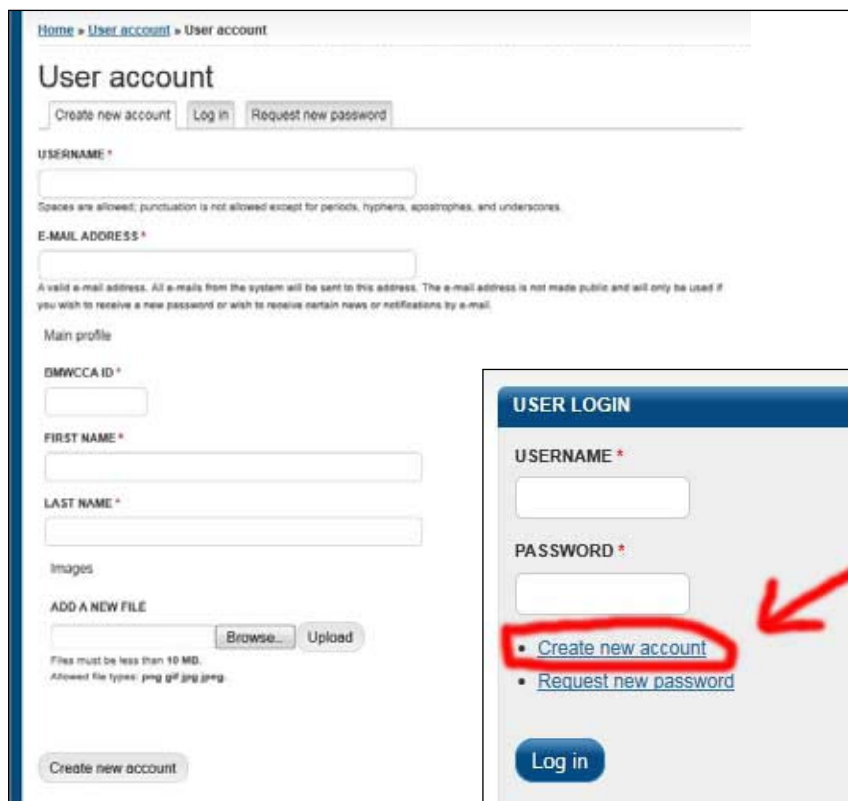
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Thanks.

Will Hippensteel

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(See the sample windows below.)



Classifieds

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.

1987 16Valve 190 2.3 Cosworth 5-speed Benz - Smoke Silver Met. A hoot to drive, these cars were quite different inside & out. One-of-in



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BMW CAR CLUB OF AMERICA FOUNDATION SEEKS EARLY bimmer immers

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