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Spring Clean-up



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2014 Calendar

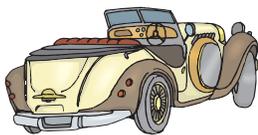
August 9-10	Bimmers' Car Corral @ <i>Road America</i> for Tudor racing series
August 12	BMW/Mini Cruise Night @ Highland House, Mequon
August 14	Monthly Board Meeting @ Concours Motors, Glendale
August 23	Club Saturday at the Masterpiece Car Show
September 11	Monthly Board Meeting @ Concours Motors, Glendale
September 20	Ladies' Tech Session at European Auto House
September 26-28	<i>OktoberFAST</i> at <i>Road America</i>
October TBD	Monthly Board Meeting @ Enterprise BMW, Appleton
November 13	Monthly Board Meeting @ Concours Motors, Glendale
December 11	Monthly Board Meeting @ Concours Motors, Glendale

Badger Bimmers to Sponsor Breakfast during *Club Saturday at the M*

This year, **The Milwaukee Masterpiece Car Show** is Saturday and Sunday, August 23rd and 24th. Saturday is Club Day and the Badger Bimmers are proud to sponsor breakfast that day.

Individuals, as well as members of local and regional clubs, are invited to show their vehicles — all years and makes of two- and four-wheeled vehicles are welcome.

A highlight is the parade of automobiles and motorcycles starting at the **Harley-Davidson Museum** and ending on the show field! This family-friendly event, held in **Veterans Park** on Milwaukee's lakefront, gives attendees the opportunity to get up-close and personal with the vehicles and their owners. You can cast a vote for your favorite vehicle to win the *People's Choice Award!*



More information about Club Day, including registration information, can be found on the Masterpiece website (http://milwaukee-masterpiece.com/?page_id=11). There's also information about Sunday's *Concours d'Elegance* on the website (http://milwaukee-masterpiece.com/?page_id=9).

Sign up to show your BMW and support the Badger Bimmers and the Masterpiece's charitable partners — **Autism Society, Boys and Girls Club of Greater Milwaukee, and Meta House.**

**If you don't have a car to show, you can still buy tickets for the show.
Purchase your tickets by August 1st to get a discount.**

Board meetings generally are held on the second Thursday of each month. They start promptly at 6:30 pm. Board meetings are open to all members. The Board encourages members to attend.

Monthly Board meetings will convene at 6:30 pm in the Board Room at
Concours Motors • 5990 N. Green Bay Ave. • Glendale, WI.

Please consult the monthly Calendar (above) for exact locations and dates.

News of Note...

ATTENTION:

Ladies of Any Age!

Members and Associate Members

Come have breakfast and bond with your Bimmer!

On Saturday, September 20, European Auto House, located at 11020 Buntrock Ave. in Mequon, will host a Ladies-only Tech Session for our Club.

The tech session will begin at 9:00 a.m.

This event will be a wonderful opportunity to talk one-on-one with Nathaniel Sumner, a factory-trained BMW technician and owner of European Auto House. A grouping of different models of BMWs will be on hand to help us go through the basics of car care. He will also cover more specific details about your own particular vehicles. So bring your questions.

Please RSVP to Cindy Ansay at (262) 388-3740. Kindly leave your name, and the year and series of the vehicle that you will be bringing to the event.

BMW Airbag Recall

Reprinted from *Roundel WEEKLY*, July 22, 2014

BMW has informed the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of the company's intent to voluntarily recall all model year 2000–2006 BMW 3 Series vehicles, produced between May 1999 and August 2006, to replace the passenger-side front airbag as part of a worldwide recall.

BMW is not aware of any cases of faulty airbags involving BMW vehicles. However, potential problems with ruptured airbag inflators have been noted in rare cases involving vehicles made by other carmakers that use similar airbag systems from the same supplier.

The replacement campaign is a voluntary precautionary measure by BMW with a goal of minimizing the risk of faulty airbag activation. Approximately 574,000 vehicles in the U.S. may be affected.

This is a voluntary extension of a May 2013 recall campaign. At that time, the airbag supplier stated there was a production period during which potentially faulty airbag inflators were installed in passenger-side front airbags. Following this revelation, BMW recalled 42,000 3 Series vehicles in the U.S. The airbag supplier has now extended the potential problem production period.

bj

Driving School Insurance

Many automobile insurance policies now exclude coverage for events that take place on a race track. The only way to know if your policy still covers driving schools is to read your policy. If you find that your policy does not cover our driving schools you can purchase event insurance from Lockton Affinity Motorsports (<http://locktonmotorsports.com/product/track-insurance/>). BMW CCA members get a discount on the purchase of both single- and multiple-event driving school insurance.

bj

OktoberFAST 2014

This year, *OktoberFAST* is scheduled for the end of September: Friday, September 26th through Sunday, September 28th, at *Road America*, Elkhart Lake, WI.

Friday is reserved for our advanced students and instructors. We'll also hold an instructor clinic for new instructors on Friday. On Saturday and Sunday, there will be run groups for novice, intermediate and advanced students as well as instructors.

Registration for *OktoberFAST* opened June 1st. Last year *OktoberFAST* was full by the first of August. Don't miss out on *OktoberFAST* — register early.

bj

From the President

Erik Ivarson

Up to Speed...

Doin' 80 on the 90

Greetings, Badger Bimmers! I hope you're taking advantage of the events and fair weather to get out and drive.

That's what I did with the family for 2800+ miles! After a year of living with the 2004 wagon, I had to press it into service on a big trip. Fully loaded touring on 80 mph interstates and mountain twisties was no problem. Even at 230k miles the 325xit gave us 27 mpg with two tanks over 30 mpg. Staying out of the city helps.

A rare rain soaked Colorado Hwy 82 enough to make one oncoming driver slide into my lane, but there was enough road once I tightened my line. Rainbows were a treat in the mountains. It was a great trip in an involving car.



August will bring another **Blackhawk** driver school, **Brew City Cruise Night** featuring us, Badger Bimmers and the **Masterpiece** car show at the lakefront. The September 26-28 **OktoberFAST** at *Road America* is filling fast.

Get out and drive!

bj

Another great event, thanks to *International BMW*

Following a very successful clean-up in 2013, we returned to **International BMW** for a second year last May 10. International BMW provided the use of their auto car wash and their large service entrance for us to continue cleaning, polishing and detailing our cars. It was ours to use from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. The area gave us room for more than 15 cars indoors. The day was just excellent, sunny and in the 70s. We had a continuous flow of cars throughout the afternoon. Our attendance this year was 18.

We had some very interesting cars: **Bill Nicoud** showed up late in the day with his exceptional E30 M3, **John Morgan** brought his 911 Carrera track car and a 1980s 635. All cars left looking better.



A great benefit of being at International BMW is the opportunity to view new cars in the open showroom. This year you could view the new

2-series, which is the same length as my 1998 E36 M3, with a very similar weight. Besides a new body style, the big change is in the engine bay, where you'll find a 3-liter twin-turbo straight six. (I have something coming up on the new M235i. I will let you know in a few months.)

Plan on joining us next year. We have room!

The Badger Bimmers' Board and participants want to thank International Auto BMW for hosting our Spring Clean Up 2014.

bj

The Ferrari Museum



by David Thuerk

Since there was so much to see in the Museum, we decided to offer a “Part 3” to provide a few more car photos.

Room after room contained sports cars and endurance cars. The early race cars and endurance racers were very interesting to see. These early race cars had no safety devices. Driving these without roll bars or a cage, or a good racing seat and — in the very early years — without seat belts, brought back memories of my first club driving school with the standard three-point seat belts. I clearly recall how difficult it was to hold my position in the seat as I turned into a corner. (Now, on the track, I drive with a harness.)

I hope you’ve enjoyed my view of the Ferrari museum. If you get a chance to visit Europe, plan on visiting a car manufacturer’s museum and plant. It will most likely be

a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Now I need to get to the BMW Museum — I expect that will be even better. **bj**

~Dave Thuerk



Ferrari 330 P3
1966
124 800 - 3908 cm³



Ferrari 512
1970



Ferrari 228 S
1962
124 800 - 2174 cm³
130 hp (101 @ 2000 rpm)



TUSC Bimmerstrause BMW Corral @ RA

August 9 & 10

by Darcy Yench

Join the Badger Bimmers on August 9-10, 2014 in our 6th Annual TUSC Bimmerstrause BMW Car Corral at Road America. All members welcome! The newly formed TUDOR United SportsCar Championship takes over *Road America's* 4-mile circuit for what will be the most incredible weekend of sports car racing in the world. Plan on coming out to our Car Corral for a TUSC race at *Road America*. Hear presentations by team members at their paddock areas, sponsors and officials from BMW. Enjoy the camaraderie of your fellow BMW CCA members and BMW owners.

Variety of Races Scheduled

Fans will get to see the **Continental Tire Sports Car Challenge** race on Saturday, August 9, with the TUDOR United SportsCar Championship event on Sunday, plus races from the **IMSA GT3 Cup Challenge**, **IMSA Prototype Lites** and the **Mazda MX-5 Cup** all weekend. Fan activities include an open grid, autographs, tech talks, fan forums, and *Tour de RA* bike event.

The Badger Bimmers Chapter will provide private BMW parking outside Turn 14, a hospitality tent with TV showing the race feed, private bleachers, paddock talks and hot pit tours during the race with

this year's Z4 Race Team. Paddock meetings with RLL Racing, *BimmerWorld* and other BMW teams are being arranged. Donations of \$10/car/day will be going to our charity, *Feeding America of WI*. Box lunches each day will be provided but must be arranged for ahead of time, so register at <http://www.motorsportreg.com/events/tudor-uscr-road-america-car-corral-bmw-cca-badger-bimmers-775833#.U1v7zqKmWk8>.

Purchase Track Tickets Separately

Contact Darcy Yench (dryench@att.net) if you have any questions. Only one guest per registered member permitted — no exceptions. You can purchase your track-day tickets online directly from *Road America*. Weekend tickets are \$105 but advance pricing ends July 31, 2014. Go to www.roadamerica.com/Races/RaceInformation.asp?id=245. Keep



abreast of the latest news on Facebook ([facebook.com/badgerbimmers.org](https://www.facebook.com/badgerbimmers.org)), on our web site (www.badgerbimmers.org), and watch your *bimmer immer* newsletter for information about this event. You must pre-register for this event to be counted for lunches. **bj**

Brew City (BMW) Cruise Night

Tuesday August 12

by Jeff Fait

Brew City Cruise Night Invites Badger Bimmers!

Tuesday, August 12, is the third annual **Badger Bimmers BMW & MINI Night** at **Brew City Cruise Night** in Mequon, WI, and we would like to invite everyone to attend!

Brew City Cruise Night is a weekly gathering of car enthusiasts from around southeast Wisconsin. They host 22 Tuesday night car shows (from May through September) at the **Highland House Restaurant** in Mequon, with each week being dedicated to a feature marque, club, or theme.

For the August 12th Badger Bimmers night, BMWs and their owners will come from far and wide to show off their cars and socialize with other enthusiasts. At our 2013 event, there were over 90 BMWs in attendance among the over 150 cars at the show.

Along with the car show there will be door-prize giveaways, with excellent items from **Acci-Dent**, **North Shore's Finest Auto Detailing**, **Michelin**, **Tire Rack**, **Rock Auto**, and **Highland House Restaurant**. Plus food and drink discounts and specials from the Highland House.

Be sure to put this event in your calendar — it's going to be a highlight of your summer!

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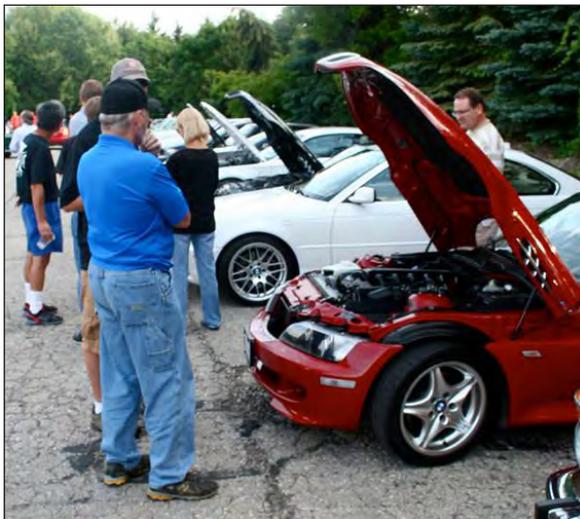
What: Brew City Cruise Night Badger Bimmers' BMW/MINI Night

Who: ALL BMW and MINI owners, old and new, and their friends

When: August 12, 2014

Where: Highland House Restaurant
12741 N. Port Washington Road
Mequon, WI 53092

Why: Because it's *FUN!*



Want an M1?

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The BMW M1: BMW's first supercar. The car that is probably on more BMW fanatics' dream-car lists than any other Bimmer. We envy our fellow BMW CCA members who own them, and we are delighted when they bring one to a Club event.

M1s don't come up for sale that often, but there's one up for auction on eBay right now that sure looks nice. It claims to be all-original, with fewer than 8,000 total miles; it was apparently owned by a Japanese museum for the last 30 years, and it was regularly driven and maintained.



If...we had a half-million dollars we didn't know what to do with, we would consider taking a much closer look.

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—Scott Blazey

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