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2014 Calendar

December 11

Monthly Board Meeting @ Concours Motors, Glendale

January 17

Annual Holiday Party, Board meeting, and Election at Potawatomi Hotel and Casino (see page 6)

February 14

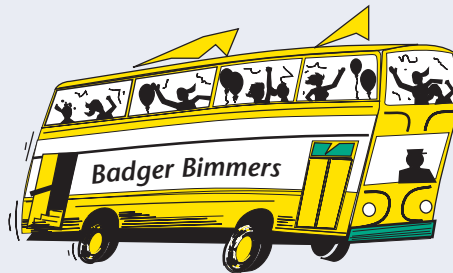
2015 Chicago Auto Show Badger Bimmers' bus trip

2015

Back Again by Popular Demand... Badger Bimmers Going to 2015 Chicago Auto Show

Please join us on The Badger Bimmers Motor Coach Trip to the Chicago Auto Show. We will travel in style from Milwaukee to Chicago stopping for breakfast on the way down.

We will be going the morning of **Saturday, February 14**, and we will return the same day. We will have three rendezvous points in the Milwaukee area: at the Brown Deer Park 'n' Ride lot (6:30-6:45), the College Ave. Park 'n' Ride (7-7:15), and the Petro Stopping Center in Sturtevant (I-94 and Hwy. 20, Exit 333) where we'll pause for breakfast (7:45-8:30).



We expect to arrive at McCormick Place at 10:00 a.m., and we'll return to Milwaukee at 2:30 p.m. These details are also available on our Web site (www.badgerbimmers.org). If you're interested in going, please register for the event at Motorsportreg.com.

Numbers will be limited. There is no charge for the bus ride, but members must purchase their own tickets for the show.

See you then!

bj

~Darcy Yench

BMW CAR CLUB OF AMERICA FOUNDATION SEEKS EARLY *bimmer immers*

The BMW CCA Foundation is trying to build a complete archive of newsletters from all chapters in the country. Does anyone out there have any issues from 1999 and before? If you do and are willing to allow the Club to photocopy some, please contact Erik Ivarson at eicarguy@wi.rr.com.

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...

2015 Oktoberfest Venue Announced

from *Roundel WEEKLY*, November 4, 2014

The jagged peaks and brilliant desert vistas of Colorado made a stunning backdrop for 2014's Oktoberfest show, but on the horizon, the latest chapter of the show's story has been unveiled—the 46th Annual BMW CCA Oktoberfest Presented by Michelin. Hosted by the New Jersey Chapter and held from the Stockton Seaview Hotel and Golf Club venue, next



year's Oktoberfest trades the high-altitude adventure of Colorado's Beaver Creek resort for the oceanside experience—and trackside thrill—of Absecon, New Jersey and New Jersey Motorsport Park.

The 46th Annual Oktoberfest will run from Monday, September 21 through Sunday, September 27, 2015, and will feature many of the events that longtime attendees have become familiar with at previous shows, including the renowned Pirelli Concours and the BMW CCA Foundation-sponsored golf tournament, both held this year on the grounds of the host resort. Other events like the



Pirelli Throwback Thursday dinner and the gymkhana precision driving course will return, too, each with new themes related to the event's new location. Oktoberfest's signature rallies and street driving events return as well, along with the Bridgestone Autocross, local area tours and activities in nearby Cape May, tech talks, dinners, and social events—and so does the German biergarten, which has proven to be a member favorite in all its forms.

bj

New Member Name Badges Still Available

With our 2015 annual Holiday Party approaching, we thought this would be the perfect time to remind our members that newly designed name tags, which include our new Chapter logo, are still available!

We would like our members to be able to show their Club support and enthusiasm with a personalized Chapter name tag. Wearing these at



Club events allows easier name recognition for other members (and they're so much nicer than sticky paper name tags). The badge is held securely in place with a magnetic backing strip that will not damage your clothes.

If interested, contact **Cindy Ansay** at (262) 388-3740. The cost is \$8.00 per tag. Please make checks payable to **Badger Bimmers** and mail to **Mike Clemens**, P.O. Box 345, Mequon, WI 53092. **bj**

New Motor Oil from Germany

from *Roundel WEEKLY*, September 16, 2014

Newly developed LIQUI MOLY Special Tec LL 5W-30 enters the market. It was developed especially for models requiring oil complying to the BMW Longlife-01 standard; this includes the newer M-class vehicles.

Special Tec LL 5W-30 has been officially approved by BMW. It is distinguished by even better lubricating properties. This saves fuel and increases engine life. LIQUI MOLY is Germany's most popular lubricant brand.

Visit www.Liqui-Moly.us for more.



bj

From the President

Erik Ivarson

Up to Speed...

Another Year, Let's Celebrate

Greetings, Badger Bimmers! Here we are again, with snow in the forecast and another season of entertaining driving under the belt. Our *OktoberFAST* school was a great success with the best weather I can remember.

2014 Driver Ed Summary

Mike Clemens, Driving Events Coordinator, reports that the event was attended by 200 students and instructors. We also had seven people go through our instructor training program on Friday. And the weather was just about as good as possible — three sunny days with temperatures in the low 70s. Best of all, we received 57 event evaluations: on 49, the overall event was rated a 4 on a scale of 1 to 4. The other eight gave the event 3s.

We also held two schools at *Blackhawk Farms*, one in June and one in August. Fifty-nine people attended the June school and fifty-four attended the August school. We had a number of first-time students at both schools.

A hearty thank you to all the workers and volunteers who planned and carried out these important educational opportunities with such professionalism and polish! If you've got ideas for improving our driving events, send them my way, or to Mike Clemens, and we'll compile a list. Or better yet, bring them to a Board meeting.

Board Meetings/2015 Election

We also had a nice turnout at last month's Board meeting and tour of the **Experimental Aircraft Association Museum** in Appleton. Thanks to **Dale Kressin** for getting the venue.

Our January Board meeting and Holiday Party at *Potawatomi* will also be the election site as reshuffling of Board members continues. Since taking this post, I've added a somewhat distant day job that has cut into my Club time. I am fortunate that **Jeff Fait** agreed to take the torch. At the same time I saw change, Mike Clemens, our fantastic Driving Events Coordinator, also decided to take a step back. And when the music stopped, I ended up in his seat. Thanks, Mike, for making *OktoberFAST* and the BHF events run so smoothly. I will keep your number handy and keep the track events fun as the new DEC.

I'm looking forward to another two Monday DE events at BHF and our big weekend at *Road America* in 2015. I'd also like to fulfill my long-time goal of putting on a **Street Survival** clinic. We've got all winter to kick around ideas.

We can do a lot with 2015. Would you like to help?

bj



An exhibit in the Experimental Aircraft Association Museum

The 2015 Badger Bimmer Chapter Annual Holiday Party

Saturday Evening, January 17, 2015
6:30 pm – 11: 00pm(?)

Potawatomi Hotel & Casino
1721 West Canal Street
Milwaukee, WI 53233
414-847-8433

Please bring non-perishable food items or your cash donations for
our Charity: Feeding America of SE WI.

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| 6:30 – 7:30 pm | Cocktails and Hors d'Oeuvres |
| 7:30 – 9:00 pm | Dinner, election results Seating the new Board, awards |
| 9:00 – ??? | Friendship and gambling |

Two drink tickets per member and guest. All others, cash bar all evening.

Dinner will be at stations

Carving station — Beef tenderloin

Mashed Potato Bar — Bacon, bay shrimp, cheddar cheese, scallions, tomato, corn, and gravy

Asian Bar — Pork fried rice, cashew chicken and Kung Pao shrimp with jasmine rice

Fish Taco Bar — Mahi Mahi, cilantro-lime slaw, salsa, cumin sour cream, black beans, verde rice, flour and corn tortillas

New Delhi Bar — Butter chicken, tandoori chicken, basmati rice, vegetable curry

Dessert Station — Crème Brulee with vanilla, chocolate or raspberry with assorted toppings

Vegetarian and other special dietary options are available upon request.

~ A non-smoking facility ~

Reservations required Register at Motorsportreg.com**

\$30.00 per member and one guest. Additional persons \$60.00

Each guest will receive a \$10.00 voucher to use at the casino.

Valet parking is available.

****No reservations or cancellations after January 10, 2015.**

Overnight Accommodations: There is a block of rooms available at the Potawatomi Hotel for \$149 per room. Call 414-847-7891 and mention the BMW Car Club Holiday Party for this special rate. Reservations must be made on or before Tuesday, December 30, 2014.

What's in Your Garage?

by Steward P. Koskinen

My name is Stew and I live in Green Bay. I am a new member of the BMW CCA and Badger Bimmers, and a first-time BMW owner. This past summer I purchased a beautiful 2007 E90 BMW 328 x-drive sedan with the sport, premium, and cold weather package from my friends at Krueger Auto in Oshkosh. The car was meticulously maintained by the previous owner at International Auto in Milwaukee. The performance, handling, and overall driving experience are excellent. I have a company vehicle for weekly business travel so this BMW is a great weekend toy.

I Started Early

I have been a car enthusiast since I was a kid. I really began to appreciate fine automobiles working for a few different car dealerships during my time at Carroll College in Waukesha, and back home in Neenah during the summers from 2001-2005. My Uncle Dave also



deserves a lot of credit for helping me grow my car obsession as we have enjoyed a lot of time at *Road America* together and driving his Porsche 911.

My first car was a 1995 VW Jetta GLX VR6 5-speed manual which was a gift from my Aunt Livy. It had a lot of miles and was not in great condition, but it was a fun car to drive and I began to appreci-

We're beginning a new monthly series in this immer (at least we hope it'll become a monthly feature): What's in Your Garage? It's an unembellished member-to-member thing, and it's simple: tell us about your car. What you like (or dislike) about it, how you drive it, maintain it, name it, bathe it, talk to it, fondle it.... Whatever. It's all relevant. Jot down a few words, take a few mug shots of yourself and your favorite ride (BMW or not), and send it all to **Tim Jason**, Membership Chairman, at tjason@versevo.com. Everyone's waiting to hear from you. —Ed.



Steward Koskinen



ate German automobiles. Since then I have owned a few Fords (including an SVT Focus) and an Acura, which were all great cars but it was time to get into a fine-tuned German car again. The BMW was a great choice for me, as a young business professional with a company car, because the E90 is relatively easy to care for. I don't put a lot of daily miles on it, and it is a great touring car for the

weekends.

I am looking forward to participating in BMW CCA and Badger Bimmer events and I will be at *Road America* with the car as much as possible. The Ultimate Driving Machine is definitely a worthy slogan!

bj

for President

Hi, my name is **Jeff Fait** and I'm running for the office of **President** of the Badger Bimmers. I've been a Club member for 12 years and I'm just finishing a two-year term as a Club Board Member. In my time as a Board Member, I've learned a lot about what it takes to make



the Club a success, learned that our Club has a lot of strengths, and learned that we face some long-term challenges that require creative solutions. I would be honored to serve as President and am excited to continue helping make our Club the best that it can be.

Jeff Fait

This year's election field is still open. So if you are interested in running for any of these positions, send an e-mail to Dave Tatem at tatemd951@gmail.com.

Election 2015

for Madison-area Liaison



It's my privilege to seek another term on the Board as the Madison-area liaison. With help from all the group and the Madison-area members, I've worked to organize the Madison Spring Car Cleanup and the Madison-area, March Board

meetings. I've helped put together some area road trips and encouraged participation in other Badger Bimmer events. I hope to continue to increase Madison-area membership and participation in Club events.

Larry O'Brien

for Board Member

My name is **Tim Jason** and I would like you to consider me for a **Board** position with Badger Bimmers. I have been fortunate enough to own, restore, and renew many of these fine cars. Through this, I have discovered a passion for BMWs that grows stronger every year. I have been fortunate enough to serve as Membership Chairman since 2012 and currently attend monthly Board meetings. By doing so, I have had the opportunity to present and help organize several events that have been overwhelming successes. I have also had the opportunity to experience several driving events and am beginning to learn the limitations of the car and myself — in response I have become an even *bigger* fan of our local Badger Bimmer Chapter! I am a hardworking, personable, do-it-yourself man who would be honored to be more involved. Let me help you promote your ideas within the Club. Thank you for your consideration.



Tim Jason

for Treasurer

I would be honored to serve on the Board of the Badger Bimmers as Treasurer. After my stint on the National Board, I am ready to resume an active role in our local chapter and am asking for your vote. I have been active in the chapter since I joined the Club in 1996 and hope to continue to help the Club grow in the future.

Darcy Yench



for Board Member



Hi, my name is **Mike Clemens** and I'm a candidate for the Badger Bimmer Board of Directors. I've held various offices within the Club over the last few years. Recently I've been the Treasurer for the chapter. I've been a member of the Club since 1997. I've organized the driving schools at Blackhawk Farms and Road America for the last 10 years. Thanks for your support.

Mike Clemens

BALLOT

2015 BADGER BIMMERS ELECTION

PRESIDENT

JEFF FAIT

Write-in Candidate _____

TREASURER

DARCY YENCH

Write-in Candidate _____

BOARD MEMBERS

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

MIKE CLEMENS

TIM JASON

Write-in Candidate _____

MADISON-AREA LIAISON

LARRY O'BRIEN

Write-in Candidate _____

After you have voted, bring your ballot to the Annual Party in January, 2015, or mail to:

2015 ELECTION

c/o Badger Bimmers • P.O. BOX 71139 • Milwaukee, WI 53211

European Delivery of Our M235i

Report and photos by David Thuerk

A Little Background

I had been looking for a '04-'06 E46 M3 in gray with a six-speed trans, manual sports seats and NO sunroof, to use as a track car. Over the year I searched, only one such car appeared on Autotrader, but it sold before I could get to it.

Early this year, I read an article on the new M235i, which was becoming available in the U.S. As I uncovered more information, it became clear that the M235i could meet my needs, desires and wishes. It's very close in size and weight to my beloved E36 M3, and would provide the always-needed substantial HP increase and massive low-RPM torque — just what we all need, want, work and pray for to run faster at *Road America*. The M235i also comes with four-piston front brake calipers (same as on the new M3/4), the M sport suspension (four settings as on the M3/4) and the M steering wheel.

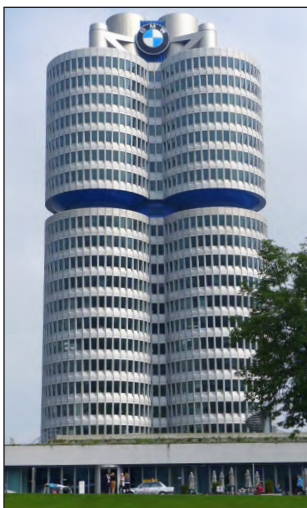
A trip to the Chicago Auto show in February allowed me to get a good look at the car and how it fit me. Everything looked great so I had a few conversations with my local BMW dealer. I found out that BMW was setting up a delete option for the sunroof, which comes standard on the M235i. After waiting for about two months, the sunroof delete option became available. I decided to order the M235i and my wife thought that European Delivery would

be a good reason to get back to Europe. We then set up a delivery date in Munich for September 5th.

Not Everything Goes Perfectly

The week before we left for Munich, the BMW sales rep called and asked me if I would accept my car with a sunroof. The plant had built my car with the standard option sunroof — the sunroof that I waited months to be able to delete from the build. Since I was not interested in having an opening in the roof and the added weight, BMW scheduled a rebuild. I

was then told that the correct car would NOT be ready in time and I would receive the car with the sunroof for the European delivery and to use on my trip to Europe. Having this other car to drive *did* eliminate any concerns about damage that could occur while I drove the car in Europe.



Over the Big Pond

We left for Munich September 3rd arriving on the morning of 4th. We took advantage of being a day early to take a trip to the BMW complex where the Welt, museum, headquarters and Munich plant are located. That allowed us to tour the museum and look through the extensive first-floor displays of BMWs, M-cars, Minis, Rolls-Royce and BMW cycles on a more relaxed time schedule.

The morning of the 5th was the day we had been waiting months for. We had a 9:20 a.m. meeting in the Premium Lounge on the third floor of the Welt to sign all the papers for customs, car insurance, drop-off, shipping, and more. We arrived early and enjoyed a few snacks in the Premium Lounge, overlooking the cars below on the delivery level. During the meeting, we were given a discount card and a certificate for a free key chain to redeem at the BMW store at the Welt. At our 10:50 pick-up time, Chris and I met with our delivery specialist, Wolfgang Voss. He was very excited to go over all the features of the M235i. He mentioned that the M235i was his



favorite model because of the performance and price.

Next we headed down the ramp toward the car delivery level. About half-way down, Wolfgang pointed out our car as it rotated on a platform. It looked great. This was the first time I saw the car in Mineral Gray with the red interior. A BMW photographer came by and took a photo of Chris and me with the car. Wolfgang then reviewed the car's features with me and entered all the settings on the car based on the answers I gave to his questions. As he was finishing the set-up, he asked where we were heading. I indicated Verona, Italy. He asked if we would like to take the southern Germany test route down to Austria, the roads that BMW uses to test cars. Yes, I agreed and Wolfgang set up the navigation system to take us from town to town on the same roads. He also set up the navigation display to show the horsepower and torque curves with a push of one button — very cool.

The delivery process completed, we loaded our luggage into the car and walked to our scheduled tour of the Munich assembly plant. Wolfgang moved our car to a secure parking location. When we were ready to leave, we stopped at the information desk and the car was brought out to us.

Plant Tour

The Munich plant is across the street from the Welt. It assembles the new 4-series, which is the 2-door version of the new 3-series sedan. The new M4 is also built in the Munich plant on the same assembly line as the standard coupe. This is a new direction for BMW since the M cars have been built on a separate line and facility.

The assembly plant tour was especially interesting for me not just because I am a fanatical BMW owner — I'm also an engineer involved in manufacturing. The tour included metal stamping, door assembly,



body assembly and welding, painting (including color change), general assembly and car testing. I found the extremely quick tooling changes fascinating, and so much faster than the change-over in the manufacturing plant I work in. BMW, as with all the car assembly plants I have seen, does not allow any photo taking. If you get to Munich, plan a BMW plant tour and a visit to the BMW Museum. It's worth your time.



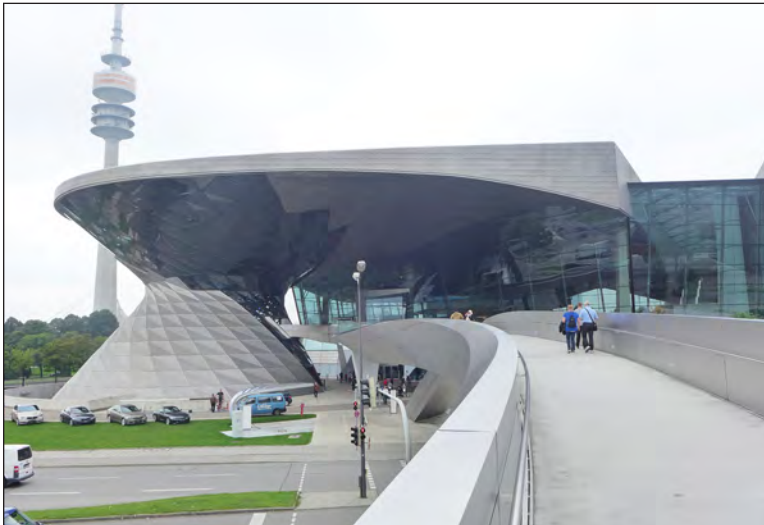
Drop-off, Delivery in Milwaukee

After the plant tour, we returned to the lounge for lunch and explored some of the first floor display areas again. Since it was mid-afternoon, we arranged for our car and departed for Italy taking the BMW test roads as planned. After 1,229 miles through Germany, Austria, Italy and Switzerland,

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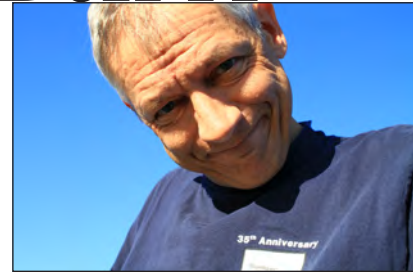
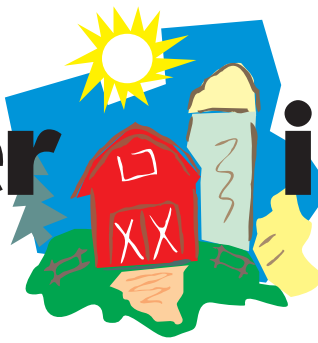
Chris and David Thuerk



Bimmer in the Barn

Part 1

by Bill Nicoud



It's been awhile since Bill first embarked on this adventure. Indeed, we published his first installment in the September, 2011 issue of bimmer immer; his most recent report was #13.

We thought that, at this point, you might appreciate being reminded of how this whole thing began because it's not simply the story of an old car being rebuilt. It's the saga of a love-hate relationship between a true craftsman and an automotive treasure. Enjoy! —Ed.

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"



Photos by Bill Nicoud

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 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 *OktoberFAST* 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

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European Delivery

we dropped off the car at the Munich Airport. The designated location was very convenient — only 500 feet from the terminal entrance.

Our car was scheduled to be picked up and delivered to a port for shipping by boat. Delivery time to the Midwest is 8 to 10 weeks. BMW has a Web site for tracking your vehicle based on the VIN.

I received a call from Pat on Saturday, November

8th (10 weeks after it was built) telling me that my car was being cleaned up and I could pick up the M235i at 11 a.m., so off I went. By the time you read this, I hope to have 1,200 miles on the car and completed the “M” car service interval.

One more bucket-list item done...

~Dave Thuerk



Support teen driving safety and you could win a new M235i Coupé.



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8 teens are killed every day from auto accidents involving texting and distracted driving! Thousands more are involved in accidents every day.

The Tire Rack Street Survival driving program is designed to give teens the ‘hands-on’ experience they need to make them smarter, safer drivers.

Be a part of the solution by entering to win a new BMW M235i or \$41,000 cash! One prize will be awarded for every 7,500 tickets purchased. AND increase your odds of winning through our multiple ticket purchase options!



To purchase tickets online and for official contest rules:

<http://drive.streetsurvival.org>

Optimized for iPhone, iPad, and other mobile devices.

Our goal for 2015 is 125 schools reaching over 3,000 teens! Volunteering with your chapter/region and choosing to participate in the Sponsorship Drive drawing supports Street Survival schools and teen driving safety in the U.S. Help be a part of the solution!

BMW CCA Foundation - Street Survival Sponsorship:

- **\$25 Sport** (1 drawing entry)
- **\$100 Premium** (5 drawing entries)
- **\$250 Performance** (15 drawing entries)
- **\$500 Frozen** (35 drawing entries)
- **\$750 Carbon Fiber** (60 drawing entries)
- **\$1000 Ultimate** (100 drawing entries)



All entries must be received by 11:59 PM EST 12/31/2014

(Winners will be selected by a random drawing conducted by Harte-Hanks, an independent judging organization, on or about January 15, 2015, from all eligible entries received.)



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The proceeds from this drawing benefit Tire Rack Street Survival, a nationwide Teen Safety Driving Program, conceived and originated by the BMW Car Club of America Foundation, Inc. The Foundation is a public 501(c)(3) non-profit, volunteer-run organization dedicated to promotion of safety and the preservation of history. © 2014 BMW CCA Foundation. All Rights Reserved.

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Bimmer in the Barn

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.

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~Bill



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