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# 2016 Events

## August 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <i>Drivers School at Blackhawk</i>	2	3	4	5	6 <i>IMSA Weather- Tech</i>
7 <i>IMSA Weather- Tech</i>	8	9	10	11 <i>Board Meeting—BMW Milwaukee North</i>	12	13
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September 8	Board Meeting – BMW of Milwaukee North
September 17	Champagne picnic in Fort Atkinson
September 23-25	<i>OktoberFast</i> at Road America
October 8	Kettle Moraine Scenic Drive: A Badger Bimmer Fall Color Road Rally
October 15	Board Meeting, Bergstrom BMW, Appleton WI
November 10	Board Meeting – BMW of Milwaukee North
December 8	Board Meeting – BMW of Milwaukee North

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  
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# From the President Jeff Fait

## Summer Speeding!

**Wow!** What a great summer so far! The past month has been jam-packed with automotive events ripe for the picking. Summer in Wisconsin brings no shortage of awesome car-related events just begging for participation. Seems like every club has a car show, a sightseeing drive, a rally, or a track day to partake in. The upcoming weekend as I write this has five events I have to choose from. Selecting three of the five is a tough decision. Of course, the Badger Bimmer events are always the best, so sometimes that makes the choice a little easier.

### *5th Annual BMW Club Night at Brew City Cruise Night*

Coming up on August 16, is the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual BMW Club Night at Brew City Cruise Night in Mequon. This is a relaxed, casual, unofficial get together where we can gather and show off our cars, tell each other stories, and have some great food and drinks! Previous years have seen nearly 100 BMW's attend. This year, the gathering is at a **new location** – **nines American Bistro at the River Club, 12400 N. Ville du Parc Drive, Mequon, WI 53092**. Hope to see you there!

### *OctoberFAST at Road America*

Registration is open for **OctoberFAST at Road America** September 23-25! This event always sells out early, and is on track to do so again, so don't delay. Also, hotel rooms are filling up quickly so plan accordingly.

### *Bimmer Immer Future*

I hope you all are as impressed as I am with the extremely high quality of our club newsletter, ***bimmer immer***. We owe our editor, **Don Gawronski**, a huge round of applause for making this happen every month. Starting soon, there will be big changes to the format, content, and delivery of your favorite periodical. You may recall that we spent many months looking for a new editor, and asked our readers to weigh in on switching to digital delivery of the newsletter. Both those efforts have borne fruit, and in the next month or two we will introduce our new editor, a new look for the ***bimmer immer***, additional content and features, and electronic delivery.

Also – remember to please take a moment to visit our website ([www.badgerbimmers.org](http://www.badgerbimmers.org)) to see the full event calendar to be sure you don't miss anything.

# News and Reminders

## Brew City Cruise Night Invites Badger Bimmers for BMW Night!

Tuesday, August 16, is the 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 nines American Bistro in Mequon, with each week being dedicated to a feature marque, club, or theme.

For the August 16th 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 2015 event, there were over 100 BMWs in attendance among the over 190 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, Tire Rack, Rock Auto, and nines American Bistro. There will also be food and drink service available in the parking lot as part of the show.

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



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

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

**When:** August 16, 2016

**Where:** nines American Bistro, 12400 N. Ville Du Parc Drive, Mequon, WI 53092

**Why:** Because it's FUN!

*(This is not a Badger Bimmers-sponsored event.)*



Par Mustan's take on his 535xi

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~ Cheers, Par Mustan



## Wisconsin Audi Club—Road America DE Event—August 14—16

The Wisconsin Audi Club DE event at Road America starts on Sunday, August 14th with lunch, tech inspections, and driver/instructor meetings at the Osthoff in Elkhart Lake. On track sessions at Road America follow on Monday and Tuesday. More information about the event is available on the Audi club [website](http://www.audi-club.com) and registration is open at [motorsportreg.com](http://motorsportreg.com). If you're an instructor and want to instruct at this event contact Mary Medo at [mmedo@wi.rr.com](mailto:mmedo@wi.rr.com) for the code needed to register.



# IMSA Weather Tech Road America Car Corral

by Darcy Yench

**BMW CCA - Badger Bimmers Chapter**  
**Saturday, Aug 6 — Sunday, Aug 7, 2016**  
**Road America, Plymouth, WI**

**Registration ends in three months on August 4, 2016, 4:00 AM CDT**  
**Join the Badger Bimmers on August 6-7, 2016, in our 8th Annual IMSA Weather-Tech BMW Car Corral at Road America. All members are welcome!**

The IMSA WeatherTech 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 to our Bimmerstrasse Car Corral at the IMSA race at Road America on August 6 and 7, 2016. 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. Cheer on our BMW drivers to their wins!!



Fans will get to see the Continental Tire Sports Car Challenge race on Saturday, Aug. 6, with the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship event on Sunday plus races from the IMSA GT3 Cup and Lamborghini Trofeo all weekend. Fan activities include an open grid, autographs, tech talks, fan forums, and Tour de RA bike event.

## *Come Join us in the Paddock!!*

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 \$15/car/day will be going to our charity, Feeding America of Southeastern Wisconsin. Box lunches for each day will be provided, but must be arranged for ahead of time, so get registered today.

Contact [Darcy Yench - dryench@att.net](mailto: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](http://www.roadamerica.com). Weekend tickets are \$105, but advanced pricing ends July 27, 2016.



The schedule for the weekend has been posted on the Road America [website](http://www.roadamerica.com). Keep abreast of the latest news on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/badgerbimmers), on our website [www.badgerbimmers.org](http://www.badgerbimmers.org) and watch your *Bimmer Immer* newsletter for information about this event. **You MUST preregister for this event to be counted for lunches.** <http://www.motorsportreg.com>

# My Trip to The Vintage

~ Travelogue by Scott Simpson

Like many members, I have read stories in *Roundel* magazine reviewing “the Vintage” event that happens each May in North Carolina. Last year I toyed with going. The event was in Winston-Salem. I had to be in Charlotte a few days



later for my work, and my mother lives in Brevard, near Asheville. But, I decided the logistics were a bit much and to be gone for almost two weeks was not going to work with my job.

**But...**

This year they moved the event to the Asheville area, and I am now working a part-time job, so I decided I needed to attend this event. I could attend the Vintage and then spend a few days with my mother taking care of maintenance items around the house.

I had several things to arrange. My brother, who lives near Ft. Worth Texas, and I usually meet at our mother’s to tackle her projects.

After I decided to make the trip, I spoke with my brother about meeting me in NC. He got back to me a few days later saying he could just as easily come up to Wisconsin and we could make a road trip to NC. It is about 800 miles from New Berlin to Asheville, and I have done it several times in around 12 hours in my nice new Mazda’s, but that takes driving 80+ mph the entire time.

For those that don’t know what “vintage” bimmer I

own, it is a 1987 325i Cabriolet. It is a great car, but it is not fun on the Interstates. It is just as noisy with the top up as it is down, and it is not fun for extended times above 70 with the top down. The plan was to take two days, and use US and state highways, es-

chewing the Interstate highways, and of course with the top down.

**Prepping...**

First, there were some maintenance items to deal with and as E30 owners know, the timing belt needs to be changed periodically. The recommendation is every 4 to 5 years and 60,000 miles. My car usually only does 800-1000 miles per year, so I have not had it done in a while. In fact, it was done about 8,000 miles ago, but that was in 2005! Eleven years may be a record, but not one I wanted to extend any longer.

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I contacted a few local repair shops and the estimates were three times what I paid eleven years ago. I decided to do it myself. I ordered a kit of parts, and, armed with a Bentley manual,

several internet articles, a *YouTube* video, and four Joe Bonamassa CDs for the stereo in my back garage, I started the job about a week before I was going to leave (I wanted to start much earlier, but the weather was bad most of April). I worked very slowly, checking things as I went.

## *Progress and off we go!!*

It went straightforward, except for a few missteps in the reassembly process, but nothing that caused any issues, just extended the time to complete the job. I also adjusted the valves, replaced the valve cover gasket (which was leaking a bit), changed the oil, installed new coolant hoses and new coolant. I also removed and cleaned the oil level sensor, as it has been setting the "oil level" check light at the top of the windshield. I thought cleaning it might bring it back to life. New sensors are in the range of \$200. As the E30 has a dipstick, I don't need the sensor to be functional. I also changed the gas strut that supports the hood, as it occasionally falls down on windy days.

The new timing belt is installed, there are no leaks and the car runs as it did before.

My brother arrives on Tuesday, and Wednesday morning we set off. The top is down; it is 51 degrees and overcast. We went down US 45, to US 14 to US 41 through Chicago. Interesting, but way too many traffic lights and it seemed like 80 percent were red. Then US 41 in Indiana to US 52.

We were heading toward Indianapolis, but after our slow journey through Chicago, we decided to turn southwest of Indy, then catch US 31 to Indiana route 7 to Madison, Indiana. Madison is between Cincinnati and Louisville, and among other things hosts a round of powerboat racing in July each year.

We checked into a budget hotel, and then went to explore Clifty Falls State Park, a great little state park where three creeks spill into the Ohio River. I

should mention that my brother has a 1998 New Beetle with the TDI diesel engine. Many times when he was driving, he would move the car about ten feet and shift to second. I had to keep saying to him "Rev it up, this is not your diesel" or "This engine is built to rev, don't lug it!" He eventually got it, once commenting "This thing comes alive at 3000 rpm."

We set off the next day down US 421 to US 127, to US 150, to US 25E, to the Cumberland Gap National Historic Park. US 25E used to go through the famous gap, but in 1996 a tunnel was built through the mountains, and the actual Cumberland Gap has been restored to how it was in the 1800's when Daniel Boone and others blazed a trail through the Gap. Hundreds of thousands of settlers passed through the Gap on their way into Kentucky.

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## *Happy 100th BMW...*

This year is not only the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of BMW, but also the 100<sup>th</sup> year of the National Park Service. I bought an ornament commemorating the 100<sup>th</sup> year of the park service at the visitor center gift shop. We drove by the Vintage site in Hot Springs on the way to Brevard. We made it to our mother's house with time to fix a couple things that evening. We had the top down the entire trip.

I saw a device called **RediRad** at the Milwaukee Masterpiece last summer. This device adds an auxiliary jack to the radio to allow digital music to be played over the factory radio. I did not want to add a new stereo to my car, so this was a great way to modernize the sound system. As the company is based in Delafield, I contacted them about adding one to the 325i. Matt of **RediRad** came to my house and we installed the **RediRad** with basically no modifications to the car. The only visible item is a power wire from the fuse box along the firewall. The **RediRad** unit is hidden above the glove box. A cable with a 3mm plug is in the center console. We connected an iPod, tuned the radio to 91.1 FM, and had tunes along the way.

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## My Trip to The Vintage

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In Indiana, we noticed a constant whistling/howling, that reminded me of the tornado scene in the *Wizard of Oz*. After some experimentation, we discovered the radio antenna was the source of the noise. For the return trip, we disconnected the antenna power so it would not rise with the radio on.

On Friday, there were some informal activities for the Vintage. Unfortunately, it rained or was misty and cloudy all day. Most of us just milled around, admiring new arriving vintage bimmers, and watching Jeff from **Odometer Gears** replace the broken gears in vehicles ranging from a 1966 1600 to some 5 series. At one point there were three white E30's queued up for odometer repair. Jeff's 1600 was not charging and **Rob Seigel** performed some trouble shooting with an audience. The problem was the regulator.

I only use my convertible on nice sunny days, and almost never put the top up, so I was not sure how weather proof the original top was. Actually, it was not that bad, but I definitely need to use a treatment such as 303 or RaggTopp to seal it better. The rain was basically soaking through the top in a couple places, but it was nothing a towel couldn't handle. Friday evening was the registration for the Saturday event.

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# 2016 Badger Bimmers' Champagne Picnic

The Champagne Picnic is fast approaching! Vicki and Peter Wright are looking forward to hosting the Fort Atkinson renewal of this longstanding Badger Bimmers event, in September.

Friends... so many! It was a delight to see us all enjoying each other at last year's successful event; those whom we had not seen at events for many years, those who were new to our Badger Bimmers family, and everyone in between. We toasted Tom and Janet Rost, who founded this celebrated event... a gathering of fun folks from all walks of life... and those of us who attended the early events at their beautiful home in Cedarburg reminisced about "the good old days" and growing up together. And the cars... man, what a fine gaggle of superb automobiles (and a sprinkling of restored antique tractors)!

So, let's do this; how about if, before the responsibilities of life run away with you, you grab your calendars, and make the note "*Champagne fun... just say yes!!!*" in the Saturday, September 17th slot (ok... put it on the Sunday, September 18th slot as well, as a rain date, in case of inclement weather).

We're not sure how we top last year's event with Howard's (of "Big Red" e34 M5 fame) spectacular shots of the event from his drone... but we'll come up with something.

Lunch of brats on the grill and fixin's consisting of whatever you care to bring as a "dish to pass" and a glass of champagne will be provided, and our apologies to those who brought their own stuff to grill last year...



we completely overlooked the need to keep the grill going for your use. Let's plan on that again this year and we'll pay more attention to that detail this time around.

More info to follow as we excitedly approach 2016's version of The Badger Bimmers' Champagne Picnic!

*See you there!*



## The Vintage (Continued)

I had told my brother the story of me buying the convertible from the original owner, **Charlene Van Orsdol** (Charlie), and that long-time club members know the vehicle as “Charlie’s car.” When filling out the card to put on the windshield, one line on the card was for the car’s nickname. I said we really don’t have a name for it; just refer to it as the convertible, or the BMW. My brother says “I thought it was Charlie’s car?” So that is what we put on the card.

Saturday for the actual Vintage event was sunny with chance of pop-up showers. We headed up route 63 to 209 to Hot Springs. We had the top up for the first half to let it dry a bit more, and then dropped it for the run into Hot Springs. Six miles out it started sprinkling.

*“Sunday was spent on chores at our Mother’s house.”*

### *A little rain...*

We were at first behind a pickup that was not going too slow, but then we both caught a Corolla that was crawling. I got past both vehicles with some dicey moves, and then it started raining harder. We were only two miles out when we caught an Escape. With another dicey move, we were past, and at the entrance of the Vintage. We stopped under a tree to put the top up and dry the leather a bit. By this time it had stopped raining. Other than a two minute shower a little later, the rest of the day was dry and sunny.

### *At The Vintage...*

The Vintage was great, we met many great owners, saw many great cars, plus a few that made you wonder how they got there. We saw cars from Texas, Oklahoma, Iowa, Maryland, Florida, and most New England states. Our Badger Bimmer member **Luis Arisso** won one of the people’s choice awards with his Tiaga 3.0Si.



### *Home and Detours...*

Sunday was spent on chores at our Mother’s house. For the return trip on Monday, we decided to do “the Dragon”, US 129 along the southwestern edge of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. That was fun, only hampered by low fuel level, keeping me one gear higher than I would have liked for some sections.

We then went up US 27 into Kentucky, where we decided to detour to Cumberland Falls State Park. Another great park with hiking trails around falls known for Moonbows and with the right conditions, rainbows can be seen under a full moon from the mist of the falls.

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## The Vintage (Continued)

We stopped for the night in Carrollton, Kentucky, just upriver from Madison. In Indiana, we used Indiana 7 to 16 through Bloomington, right past Indiana University, to US 231, US 136 and US 41. We wanted to take a different route around Chicago, so we used US 24 to US 52/45 and Ill 113 to Ill 47. Once in Wisconsin, WI 120 to National Avenue to New Berlin. We caught a brief shower two miles from home, so had to turn south to avoid that.

### *Overall, sunburn, and to next time...*

All-in-All, it was a great trip. It was sunny and warm the entire trip home, while only partly sunny on the trip down. Most would agree that ideal top down weather is 70-80 degrees. We had that for most of the second day down and the first day of the return.

After getting home, I asked my wife "ask me what is better convertible weather; 55 and overcast or 90 and sunny?" I'll take 55 and overcast, as you can roll



up the windows and turn up the heat, but stopping when it is 90 and sunny is brutal. We both got a tan bordering on a mild sunburn the last day. We put over 1800 miles on the car, and averaged 28 mpg for the trip. I am already looking forward to attend this event next year. There are many other places we can visit on the way down and back.

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**1999, BMW M Coupe** - (Z3 Coupe body style), WBSCM9334XLC60885. Purchased in 2001, 2nd owner, under 58,000 miles. No dings or damage. Exceptional condition, everything works. Arctic Silver Metallic with 2 tone gray/black Nappa leather heated power seats. 5 speed. DOHC 24 valve 240hp 3.2 inline 6cyl. Power glass moonroof, BMW Harman-Kardon sound system with single in-dash CD, cupholder and BMW alarm system. Extensive standard equipment. Additions: Custom hand painted trim stripes in M colors. Stress-bar under hood. 3M automotive film on hood, bumper & fenders. Replaced: A/C compressor, water pump, hatch struts, seat bushings, headlamps & battery. Tires; 225/45R17 94Y XL and 245/40R17 95Y XL Michelin Pilot Super Sport, mounted in 2011 with less than 7,000 miles on them. Exclusively dealer maintained, well cared for & stored winters, never smoked in. Available for sale at \$19,000 or best offer. Car is located in Oshkosh. Also included is a one year old car cover that was only used inside. Steve or Kris. [M3RILL@new.rr.com](mailto:M3RILL@new.rr.com). (6/16)



**2012 BMW X3** - \$30500obo, Only 28000 miles! The lowest I've seen looking around. 20 year BMCCA member here that looked at 20 X3's last year before buying this one. It's close to perfect. It was bought at Concours new and CPO by me last year. It has the transferable CPO 6 year 100k warranty so buy like it's from a BMW dealer. Heated steering wheel and power tailgate! CONVENIENCE PKG -inc: power tailgate, comfort access keyless entry, manual rear side-window shades, Xenon headlights, adaptive light control (ZCV) COLD WEATHER PKG -inc: heated front seats, heated steering wheel, split fold-down rear seat (ZCW) PREMIUM PKG -inc: Nevada leather seat trim, universal garage door opener, auto-dimming exterior mirrors, auto-dimming rear view mirror, lumbar support, interior light pkg, storage pkg, panorama roof (REQ: 4DE Finesse Siena Wood Trim, 4AD Brushed Aluminum Trim, or 4CH) 5UXWX5C52CL728740 - contact Chris at [Fredette.Chris@gmail.com](mailto:Fredette.Chris@gmail.com).



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