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June Blackhawk Farms Driver's School

Story Jeff Fait/ Photos Raymond Zit

We just wrapped up our first HPDE event of the year, held at Blackhawk Farms Raceway in South Beloit, IL. The weather was perfect: Partly cloudy and cool all day and then Mother Nature conveniently timed a free carwash for us right after the last track session.

Events at Blackhawk are always enjoyable. It's a great venue for first-time HPDE participants, slow and simple enough for a beginner but also technically challenging and interesting for those with more experience.

We had 57 cars and drivers in attendance and from what I saw a great time was had by all. We'll be there again on July 31 so [be sure to register at motorsportreg.com](http://motorsportreg.com).

Special thanks to all the club members who helped make this event a great success!



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Welcome to the Spring Quarter edition of the *bimmer immer*!

2017 is in full swing and there's a lot going on and coming up. The E30 Picnic, 14th Annual BMW Car Show, and first Blackhawk Farms driver's school of the year were all a ton of fun and great successes.

Our July 31st Blackhawk event and the August IMSA race car corral weekend at Road America are both looming large – be sure to check out our website and motorsportreg.com for all the details and to sign up. For the IMSA event there's a great free lunch available for members who register in advance – see the sign-up on motorsportreg.com to make it happen.

The updated Badger Bimmers website is really taking shape. There is now the ability to post classified advertisements. Ads are free for members – check it out and take the opportunity to create an ad to sell those parts gathering dust in your garage or sell your fine automobile to another club member.

We will also soon (if not already by the time you read this) be posting blog articles on the website that will keep you up to date on the goings-on of the club. Check that out under the "Newsletters" section of the website.

We're also looking for a new *immer* editor. Kim, our last editor, had to step down due to some unforeseen (positive) life changes that required her to step back from the club for a while. Now that we're a quarterly, the workload isn't too bad – maybe 3 or 4 hours per quarter to assemble articles written by others into our pre-designed template. The newsletter is prepared using Microsoft Word so there's no exotic page-layout software to worry about. Please contact any of the club officers or board members listed in the column to the left of this one to discuss this opportunity.

See you at Blackhawk Farms Raceway in a few weeks!

Events 2017

Details on Events can be found on the website: www.badgerbimmers.org

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| July 13 | Board Meeting – BMW of Milwaukee North 6:30 pm |
| July 31 | Blackhawk Farms Driving School |
| August 5-6 | Car Corral @ Road America's IMSA Continental Sports Challenge and WeatherTech® SportsCar Championship weekend |
| August 10 | Board Meeting – BMW of Milwaukee North |
| August 15 | Third Annual BMW Cruise Night, River Club - Mequon |
| September 7 | Board Meeting – BMW of Milwaukee North |
| September TBD | Champagne Picnic in Fort Atkinson |
| Sept 29-Oct 1 | OktoberFAST at Road America |
| October TBD | Board Meeting – Fox Valley |
| November 9 | Board Meeting – BMW of Milwaukee North |
| December 14 | Board Meeting – BMW of Milwaukee North |
| January 13, 2018 | Holiday Party – Wisconsin Automotive Museum, Hartford |



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
BMW of Milwaukee North (formerly Concours BMW) • 5990 N. Green Bay Ave. • Glendale, WI.

2017 June Blackhawk Farms Driver's School (Cont.)

Photos by Raymond Zit



Spring Driving Tour 2017

Story Robert Hall/ Photos Robert Hall/Peter Wright

April 29 - Another year, another rainy Spring Tour. Oh well, still a splendid time for all. By my count there were 12 BMWs and 22 BMW enthusiasts; for some reason, the majority of the cars were black in color, so it looked a bit like a funeral procession. At least it was a very sporty funeral procession!

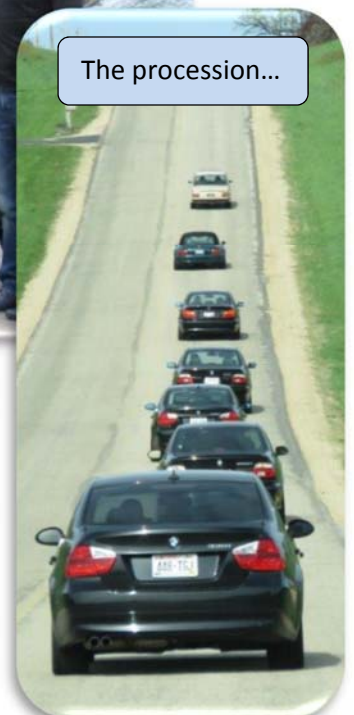
After meeting for introductions, goody bags, and fueling-up in Mineral Point, we mounted our steeds and hit the open road. There were a couple convertible drivers that tempted the weather with open tops, but that didn't last long. A quick stop at the Riverside Park in Cassville allowed us to stretch our legs for a bit while we are introduced to our travelling companion: the Mississippi River. We then paraded to Wyalusing State Park for pre-lunch views of our state's natural beauty while getting to know the other cars and fellow enthusiasts better.

A short jaunt to Prairie du Chien and we were ready for lunch. More friendships were made over a delightful meal. It was then time to cross over into Iowa for the downstream half of the tour. More scenic driving brought us to the historic town of Guttenberg where we gathered at the Lock and Dam #10 to witness a 600ft long group of grain barges (corn and soybeans!) transit the lock. After marveling at the exacting driving abilities of the tugboat captain, we gathered at a pub just below the dam for the necessity of a warming beverage and more conversation. More driving along the majestic waterway and bluffs landed us at our terminus of East Dubuque, Illinois, making our tour a proper tri-state affair. We enjoyed our final cocktail and meal together at Timmerman's Supper Club before parting ways.

I would like to express the gratitude of myself and the tour participants to: Peter Wright for handling the formalities of getting the tour organized; David and Tiffany Helmke for their work defining the route and stops of the tour; Steve & Georgia Pate and Mary O'Brien for their wonderful pictures; and my wife, Linda, for her encouragement and assistance in my efforts to grease the wheels of companionship amongst the club members. It was my pleasure to be of assistance on another successful driving tour. Let's hope that the next Spring Driving Tour allows for the proper use of the convertibles!



The gang...



The procession...



Classic!



Gaining on you!

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