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2018 Badger Bimmers board

Front Row (left to right): Darcy Yench, Ron Pace, Tim Jason, and Larry O'Brien

Back Row: Dale Kressin, Jeff Fait, Dave Thuerk, Chris Wenzler, David Burman, and Creston Flemming

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Happy New Year!

Farewell 2017! Hello 2018! Time sure flies, I wasn't even used to writing 2017 on stuff and now I have to remember it's 2018.

Our annual Holiday Party was on January 13th and was a fantastic time at the Wisconsin Auto Museum in Hartford! 70 members enjoyed a delicious buffet along with some great time spent sharing stories from the past and plans for the future. Generous sponsors provided a huge assortment of raffle prizes which really contributed to the festive atmosphere. Darcy Yench did a fantastic job leading the planning and making arrangements for a delightful evening. Thank you!

Results of the club election were announced at the holiday party. Five positions were up for grabs, and without further ado, to the right is the list of the 2018 Badger Bimmers board – congratulations to the new and reelected members!

I would also like to thank outgoing board members Joe Conway and Dan Frodl for their years of exceptional service. Both served with distinction and were responsible for the successful execution of many memorable events that helped make the club what it is today. Thank you Joe and Dan!

Be sure to attend our Third Annual "Chili and a Movie" event Saturday, February 3rd at Ron Pace's "Toy Barn" in Saukville. Bring your favorite chili to share while we watch the movie "McLaren" and spend a winter day hanging out and dreaming of summer. Last year's event was a big hit and a great time. Please go to www.motorsportreg.com for more details and to sign up.

Dates have been announced for our three driving events for 2018! We will be at Blackhawk Farms Raceway on June 11 and August 13, and OktoberFAST will be at Road America September 21 through 23. These are all fantastic, fun, and educational events which will be the highlights of the summer.

Don't forget to check in at www.badgerbimmers.org regularly to stay up to date on Club news and activities.

See you soon!

Events 2018

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

February 3	Chili and a movie, Ron's Toy Barn, Sauville
February 8	Board Meeting – BMW of Milwaukee North
March 1	Registration beings for HPDE @ MotorsportReg.com
March 8	Board Meeting – BMW of Milwaukee North
April 14	Board meeting – Mazomanie Mini Car Museum
May 10	Board Meeting – BMW of Milwaukee North
May 19	E30 Picnic, Frame Park, Waukesha
June 11	Blackhawk Farms Driver's school
August 4-5	IMSA Car Coral Road America
August 5	Concours d'Elegance Club Day
August 13	Blackhawk Farms Driver's school
August 14	Brew City Cruise Night – Badger Bimmers Night
September 21-23	OctoberFAST, Road America

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Why drivers walk the talk at the track

By Dale Kressin

Driving on track carries real risk. To help reduce risk, I recommend starting out slow with an instructor; learn the correct driver's line and a basic understanding of strategies on what to do if problems develop on track.

If you ever have an opportunity to walk the track you drive, I definitely recommend you do this. I wanted to share a few observations I have made from the Sebring International Raceway track in Sebring, Florida with the more familiar Road America track in Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin. There are very few similarities between these two tracks. These tracks provide completely different driver experiences and both are tremendously fun! The track walk can help drivers get a better understanding of the track and help make driving more predictable, safer and more fun.

Walking the track allows drivers to better understand the track and the adjacent runoff areas. The driver can learn from a track walk areas that allow safe drive off in situations where a turn cannot be safely made or where there is track blockage such as an on track incident.

Walking these tracks helps better understand the various undulations of the driving surfaces. It allows drivers to better understand where "turn in", "apex" and "track out" points are located and more specifically; the local conditions at these points. Drivers develop a better understanding of the importance of how and where to position the car at these points in dry and wet (rain line) conditions. For those that drive on track, the track walk helps develop an appreciation for off camber areas, surface conditions and help understand the "line" and the reason for the need to vary from the "driving line" at various speeds, in passing and under different weather conditions (hot, cold, rain or snow).

Road America has dramatic elevation changes and Sebring is virtually flat. Road America has many visual points of reference to help the driver "lift their vision" where Sebring has very few visual reference points off the track. Road America is very smooth and has repaved surfaces with grippier asphalt products at various turns. Sebring is a track derived from a concrete airfield. Very few changes have been implemented at Sebring and there is tremendous resistance to make changes from this "tradition". There are cracks in the concrete with dropped and elevated concrete sections making the track very bumpy. Walking this track helps drivers to better understand areas to avoid that will unsettle the car at speed. Drivers quickly learn there are locations to "use the entire track" and locations to avoid track defects that could unsettle the car creating avoidable risks.

The specific turn by turn driver's line will not be discussed for either Road America or Sebring International Raceway in this article, however; future articles are encouraged. I have provided a small set of photos from my recent track walk at Sebring International Raceway.

I encourage drivers to walk the track for many reasons, especially for improved driving safety and enjoyment.



Larger photos can be found at bagerbimmers.org

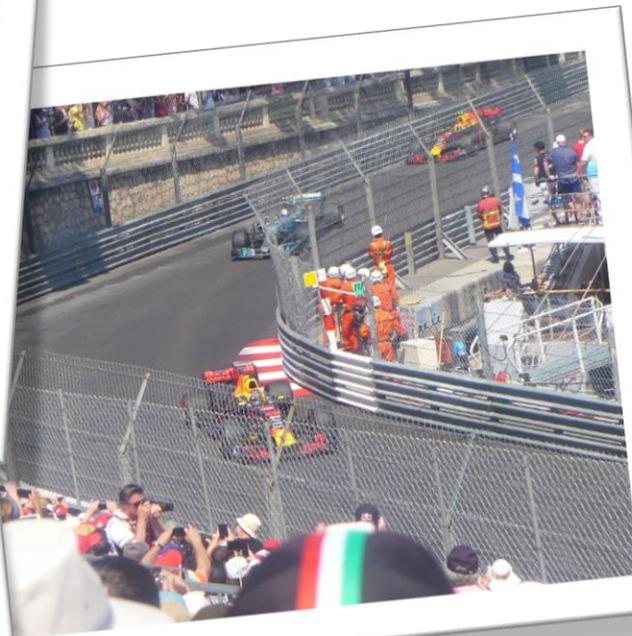
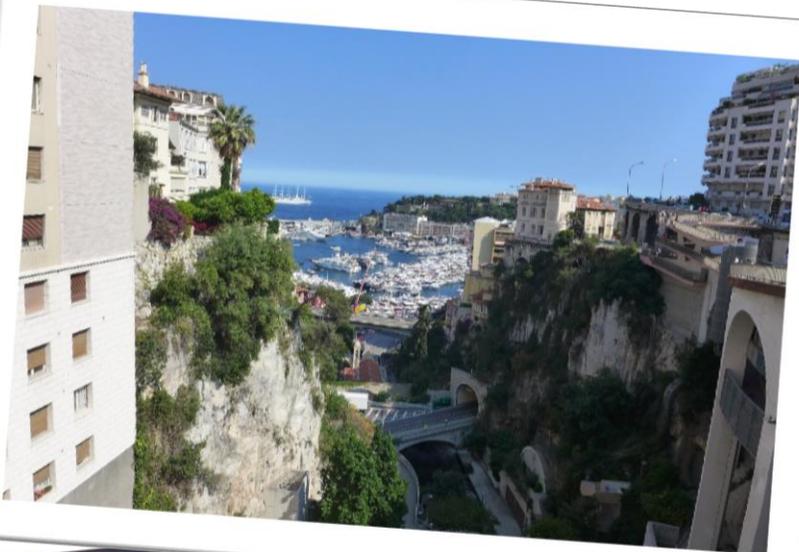
A Motorsport Trip of a Lifetime – Monaco F1

By Dave Thuerk

Three years ago, during the European delivery of my m235i, I was very lucky to have the opportunity to attend a Formula One race at Monza. After we planned the car pickup date and made all the hotel arrangements though Italy and Switzerland I found out that the race was on the day we were passing by Monza on the way to Lake Como. I had to go and we only needed to leave earlier and arrive later in the evening at our hotel in Bellagio Italy.

For this year's Europe trip, my wife Chris was looking at Mediterranean Cruise lines as asked me why would a cruise ship stop for two days in Monti Carlo in May. That was the launching point for planning a combined trip to France and Monaco which included three days at the Monaco Formula One race. Chris searched through options and found the tour group Motoexpress operating out of the UK. They specialized in tours to selected Formula One races and Moto GP races. We tied this trip together with 10 days in southern France in the Provence area along the Mediterranean. Chris planned an extensive driving schedule though southern France Provence area for the 10 days prior to the Formula One Event. We rented a car and GPS for the trip. We stayed in three cities and made day trips through the country side. Driving there was amazing. The roads seemed to follow old trails. Sometimes you could see for a few miles and the road would wonder back and forth. A straight section for over ¼ mile seemed rare. It was an enjoyable to drive and I wish I had my BMW rather than the rental. We visited many charming mountain top villages during the 10 days. Most were from Medieval time built in the 1300 and 1400's. We visit historic site, villa's and enjoyer the drive thorough the country side.

Story and photos continue at badgerbimmers.org...



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By Darcy Yench

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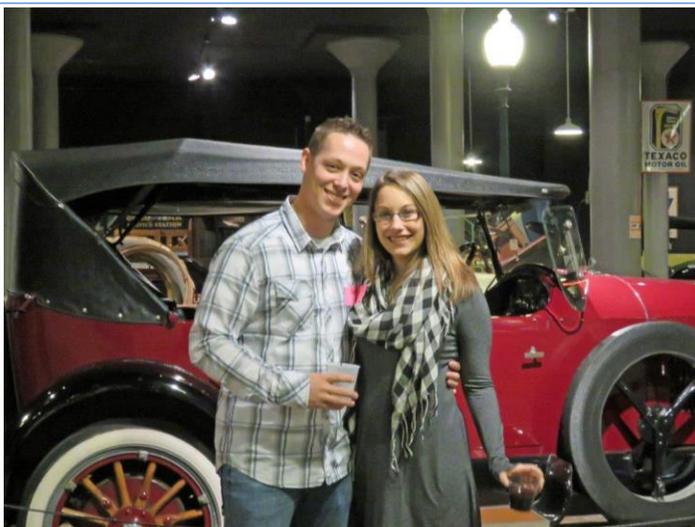
The catering was done again by MJs Market and Catering and the food was enjoyed by all. We got a short history of the museum by Dawn Mueller while noshing among the 25 WI made Kissel cars in the collection. One of the more interesting exhibits was a 1929 Ruxton behind glass, one of 20 left. Kissel Motor Car Company of Hartford, Wis., manufactured the Ruxton's transmission just down the road from the museum. On the main floor we were treated to a large model train display. On the second floor, in addition to the cars, if you braved the cooler room was a 1913 #1003 Soo Line steam locomotive along with other railroad artifacts. My attention was drawn on the second floor to the red 1963 Rambler American convertible. My mom had a blue one that we traveled all over the country in when I was a kid.

The election results were announced and our new officers are Vice President - Dave Thuerk, Secretary - Ron Pace, Fox Valley Liaison - Dale Kressin, 2 at large Board members - Creston Flemming and David Burman. Thank you to all who ran and all who voted!

Besides the great conversation of our 70 in attendance and good food, the door prizes were abundant as usual and the club provided some pretty cool mugs for each attendee. Very special thanks to all of our sponsors and donors: Badger Bimmers, BMW NA, BMW CCA, Umansky North BMW, Enterprise BMW, International Autos BMW, Zimbrick BMW, Laurel BMW, Big Bear Tire, Blackhawk Farms and Road America.

We had two great silent auction items and raised \$295 for the Joy House shelter for women and children. We also collected \$80 and 49 pounds of goods for Feeding America of Eastern WI. I dropped all the donations off on Friday, Jan. 19, 2018 and was able to tour of the entire Milwaukee Rescue Mission which includes Joy House. They are doing GREAT work there for our community.

Thanks to all who arrived a bit early and helped get things set up. Hope you enjoy the pictures from the event that were taken by Mary O'Brien. If you missed it, make sure to attend next year's holiday party that Tim Jason has volunteered to plan for us!



See more photos at badgerbimmers.org!

Some Thoughts on Transporting Your Car

By Dale Kressin

I recently needed to transport my 2015 Porsche GT3 from Oshkosh to Sebring.

Here are some considerations I found important, I hope this is beneficial to other members.

- I needed to decide on enclosed or open transport.
- My preference was to have a lift gate transport and to have my car on the upper level. I did not want the possibility of another car dripping fluids onto my car during transportation.
- I needed to have my car delivered for a specific HPDE event and therefore a guaranteed delivery date was needed. Most transport companies will require a 48 hour period of time for the scheduled pick-up and delivery dates. That made timing very important. Having the car delivered to the track required me to fly two days ahead of the event. A more flexible strategy would be to ship the car to a nearby track support performance shop.
- It is important to obtain insurance certificates of the transporter.
- Contracting a broker can be helpful in securing an excellent transport.
- It is ideal to arrange for final payment by certified check.



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