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*It is that time of year again to nominate Board Members and Officers for the next two years.*

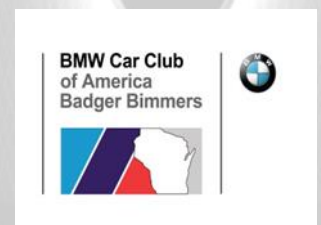
*We are accepting nominations for the 2019-2020 term for the following positions:*

- President*
- Treasurer*
- Madison Area Liaison*
- Two at large Board members*

*If interested please submit your name, a brief summary of your background and why you wish to join the Board to [Jeff.Fait@badgerbimmers.org](mailto:Jeff.Fait@badgerbimmers.org) and [Creston.Flemming@badgerbimmers.org](mailto:Creston.Flemming@badgerbimmers.org).*

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## Summer's at Full Throttle!

I hope everyone has been enjoying our run of hot and humid weather! If not, don't worry, soon enough we'll be complaining about how cold it is. Summer is in full swing and there are lots of things coming up.

Be sure to register right away for our driving school at Blackhawk Farms Raceway on August 13 and OktoberFAST at Road America September 21 through 23. Our June Blackhawk event was fantastic so let's be like a 2002 driver and keep that momentum going. Register at:

August 13 Blackhawk - <http://msreg.com/august132018bhf>

Sep Road America - <http://msreg.com/BadgerBimmersOfast18>

The IMSA weekend is fast approaching, August 4th and 5th we'll have the full-on picnic setup in the BMW Corral outside of Turn 14 at Road America. Sign up at <http://msreg.com/imsa2018> for a free lunch and other perks. Admission to Road America is separate and extra so be sure to buy your tickets for the races as well.

The annual Champagne Picnic is on September 30 in Fort Atkinson. This is a great event, please see <http://badgerbimmers.org/event/2018-badger-bimmers-champagne-picnic/> for all the details.

I know it's early, but due to the timing of our published newsletters we need to think about the upcoming Badger Bimmer Board elections. At the end of this year the following positions are up for election – president, treasurer, two at-large board positions, and the Madison liaison position. The vitality of the club depends in large part on the participation of members in the operation of the club, so now's your chance to stand up and put your ideas and efforts to work supporting this great organization! Contact any current board member or officer if you'd like to discuss the opportunities.

Finally, save the date of Saturday, January 12, 2018 to attend the Badger Bimmers Holiday Party! This year we're pulling out all the stops and having an extravaganza at the Harley-Davidson Museum in Milwaukee. Tim Jason is organizing it and he promises that it will be spectacular!

Don't forget to check in at [www.badgerbimmers.org](http://www.badgerbimmers.org) regularly to stay up to date on Club news and activities. There are a LOT of things coming up!

# Events 2018

Details on Events can be found on the website: [www.badgerbimmers.org](http://www.badgerbimmers.org)

July 28	BBQ Car Meet – Kim’s Resturant
August 4-5	IMSA Car Coral – Road America
August 5	Concours d’Elegance Club Day
August 9	Board Meeting – Umansky BMW
August 13	Blackhawk Farms Driver’s school
August 14	Brew City Cruise Night – Badger Bimmers Night
September 13	Board Meeting – Milwaukee Area
September 15	Complementary OctoberFAST car inspections – Kummrow Auto
<b>September 21-23</b>	<b>OctoberFAST – Road America</b>
September 30	Champagne Picnic – Fort Atkinson
October 6	Door County Rally
October 13	Board Meeting – Fox Valley
November 8	Board Meeting – Milwaukee Area
December 13	Board Meeting – Milwaukee Area
<b>January 12, 2019</b>	<b>Save the date – Annual Holiday Party and General Meeting</b>

## **2018 Door County Fall Tour**

*By Justin De Maa and Dale Kressin*

Join us on October 6th for a driving tour from Appleton heading north into Door County. Enjoy beautiful rural roads plus lake, river and forestry views. Anticipate an enjoyable social with fellow Badger Bimmers and appreciate the beauty of Door County Wisconsin!

We will have an opportunity to fuel up at Kwik Trip, near Bergstrom BMW (Enterprise Motorcars) in Appleton as our starting point. There will be a brief social and driver’s meeting at ~9:30 am to 10 am. We leave on our tour at 10:00 am, traveling through the country on winding roads northward. An early afternoon restaurant lunch will be scheduled (each individual will be responsible for those expenses). Some participants may wish to stay overnight (at their own expense) and others may elect to travel back home. We will have hotel recommendations for those interested.

Contact Justin De Maa ([justin.demaa@gmail.com](mailto:justin.demaa@gmail.com)) or Dale Kressin ([Dale.Kressin@badgerbimmers.org](mailto:Dale.Kressin@badgerbimmers.org) or [Dale@VIN.com](mailto:Dale@VIN.com)) for additional information and also watch the Badger Bimmer website.

This event will have multiple sponsors, event shirts and a prize give away. Early registration at [www.MotorsportReg.com](http://www.MotorsportReg.com) is encouraged as this event will be limited to only 24 cars.



## June 11<sup>th</sup> Blackhawk Farms HDPE Track Report

*By David Burman*

Waiting our turn on the starting grid, sitting next to our president and experienced track enthusiast, Jeff Fait, in his 335i, I could feel the excitement building for my first time around Blackhawk Farms Raceway. Jeff offered to show me the ropes during our Driver's School event by letting me ride with him for a session. When the signal was given, we eased out of the grid on pit lane, parallel to the main straight to enter the track at Turn 1.

Easing around Turn 2, braking into Turn 3, then balancing the throttle around Turn 3D and 4, it was clear that Jeff is very familiar with his car and the track. I've been driving and assisting with autocross events for over 10 years now, but I have not had a lot of experience with driver education events at road courses, so this was an exciting event for me.

Blackhawk Farms Raceway is a tighter road course than I have been to before, with trees on both sides of the track and even a road crossing the track at one point in the 1.95-mile course. Compared to Autobahn Country Club, it feels much smaller and tighter, almost like a high-speed autocross through the back corners. Unlike an autocross event, at Blackhawk Farms you are well into the triple digits on the main straight from Turn 7 to Turn 1.

One of the benefits of the BMWCCA Driver's School events is the alternating classroom and instructor sessions for the first timers and the track novices. This event on June 11th had 60 attendees registered for the event. 11 advanced group, 22 instructors, 14 intermediate group, 9 novices, and 4 staff, such as myself, helping with registration and the starting grid. The event went off without any major incidents and only two mechanicals.

The next Badger Bimmer event at Blackhawk Farms will be our Monday, August 13th Driver's School event. Registration is open on MotorsportReg through the link on the Badger Bimmers home page at [badgerbimmers.org](http://badgerbimmers.org). For those that have not done track days before but want to learn how to drive on a track, these are perfect events to build your skills and learn proper car control.



# The 2018 Badger Bimmers Car Show Report

By Chris Wenzler

We had some good, clean fun this last Saturday, June 2nd at BMW of Milwaukee North. In typical Milwaukee fashion, we all awoke that day to grey skies and temps in the 50's, but that didn't stop some great folks and some neat cars from joining the festivities.

We had 32 cars registered and a few more that didn't make the sign-up sheet. It was a pretty darn good spread of some beautiful vintage cars that seemed to quietly find their places among the ranks, and some gorgeous newer cars that thundered their way into the parking lot. Side note - It seems that a prerequisite to owning a newer ///M car is to make the exhaust on it sound like it's some kind of an underfed, angry, carnivorous animal trying to find its way out of the trunk of the car and consume anyone in the neighboring vicinity.... but maybe I'm just jealous....

When the dust settled and my wife Lisa and Darcy finished tallying up all the ballots, we handed out six trophies. Best of the 70's went to Anton and Martha Steigerwald with their beautiful 1971 2002 that they bought brand new! Well done! Best of the 80's went to our very own Darcy Yench with her rather cold blooded 1988 325is. Neat car Darcy! Best of the 90's went to Jim Radke with his excellent 1998 Z3. Congrats Jim! Best of the 2000's went to Dave Sterns with his exceptionally cool 535 wagon. Nice job Dave! Best track car went to Dan Hannula with his jaw dropping 2016 M4 GTS.... the want factor is extremely high with this one.... And last but not least, the People's Choice award went to Jeffery Brown with his most excellent 2010 535xi! A cool car indeed!

Thanks to BMW of Milwaukee North for their hospitality and refreshments. Thanks to all that showed up with their excellent rolling pieces of German engineering. And special thanks also to Jeff, Darcy, Alan, and Lisa for their help! I truly enjoyed hanging and chatting cars with all of you, and hope to see you again next year. Happy motoring!





## Spring Cleaning!

*By Dave Thuerk and Dale Krissen*

On May 5<sup>th</sup>, the Badger Bimmers were welcomed at Bergstrom Enterprise Motorcars! Ron Hayes laid out the red carpet for our members to use their detailing supplies, a bay in their detail area and their boardroom for our members to gather socially. The Bergstrom team and club members shared substantial experience in auto detailing. Very interesting cars and members participated in this event.

This event brought new members with individual experiences in detailing of their cars. We had a nice group with good discussions on BMW performance, mechanical maintenance and repairs. We had a brief lunch and enjoyed sharing experiences. The participants expressed interest in touring, track events and autocross.

On May 12<sup>th</sup>, International BMW graciously invites us back each year for our annual Spring Clean Up. They provide use of their semi-automatic drive through car wash and their service area for cleaning/polishing/waxing/etc. This year they staged three cars in the service area for us to checkout – a M2, M6 and the new X3M sport. All are very nice vehicles!

Our attendance was 9 people with very nice vehicles which included an M5, E36 M3, M235i, 335i modified for track operation, and a supercharged DINAN E36M3. Two unmodified 335i's, a 1 series, and a "Brand X" plastic car with a vette in its name rounded out the cars in attendance. All who came left happy with clean and polished cars for the driving season.

International BMW provided us with sandwiches and the club provided snacks and drinks to enjoy with our efforts for the day. We had at least a dozen International customers stop by our area inquiring what we were up to and some expressing interest in our club. An intense interest from one individual for our driving school will most likely result in a new member and driving school participant.





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