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Amber Schoeller and Instructor Tracy Fowler. Photos by Darcy Yench



The first Badger Bimmers Driver's School of 2019 was held on June 17th at Black hawk Farms Raceway in South Beloit, IL. Over 50 drivers attended and a spectacular time was had by all. The weather was perfect, the track was smooth and grippy, and the smiles were miles wide. Thanks Darcy Yench and everyone else who helped make the day a success – especially all the volunteer driving instructors, your efforts are greatly appreciated!

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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 OktoberFAST at Road America October 4 through 6. Our June and August Blackhawk events were fantastic so let's be like an E30 driver and keep that momentum going. Register at:

Road America - http://msreg.com/BadgerBimmersOFast19

Many club members have asked if we'll ever do any autocross events. You finally have your chance as the Madison Sports Car Club has invited us to join them on Sunday, September 22 for their autocross at Madison International Speedway! Check out http://badgerbimmers.org/event/autocross-with-madison-sports-car-club/ for more details.

The annual Champagne Picnic is on September 29 in Fort Atkinson. This is a great event, please check in at our web site as we finalize and post 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 – vice president, secretary, two atlarge board positions, and the Fox Valley-area 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 11, 2018 to attend the Badger Bimmers Holiday Party at the Italian Community Center in Milwaukee!

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

See you soon!



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

September 12th Board Meeting International BMW

September 22nd Autocross with Madison Sports Car Club

September 22nd Fall Tour

September 29th Champagne Picnic

October 4th-6th OktoberFAST

October 19th Board Meeting Motion Products in Neenah

November 14th Board Meeting International BMW

December 12th Board Meeting BMW North

January 11th, 2020 Holiday Party at Italian Community Center

# Go Karting!

By Fred Dahms Jr.

Ayrton Senna, Mark Webber, Lewis Hamilton, Michael Schumacher.

What do these legends of F1 have in common? They started their careers by racing go karts!

On May 11th, 16 brave souls put on helmets and tested their mettle at Veloce Speedway with speeds up to 50 mph mere inches above the concrete. About half of the group had never raced an electric kart before, but as the day progressed, lap times got better and better until only a few tenths separated the group.

The trick was to be up front from the start. From what I hear, it was pretty messy in the trenches, with some racers not giving an inch to those trying to pass. Fun was had by all, however, and there were plenty of war stories over lunch afterwards at Point Burger Bar.

A slew of dollar store prizes were handed out, but only one racer received the trophy. Perhaps it was luck, or maybe I slipped \$20 to the kid in charge to give me a little extra juice.

Only one way to find out. Let's do this again!



# Spring Clean-up Milwaukee 2019

By David Thuerk

Spring did try to appear for our clean-up. After a winter that didn't seem to want to end we enjoyed a sunny and dry day with the temperature pushing toward 60 degrees. We had a good turn out with 15 people coming throughout the afternoon. The vehicles were also interesting as It seemed to be "M" day on display. We had one M2, three M3's with one being a CS, one M4 and a M5 V10. A special treat was the 850i V12, a car that I have always admired. There was an amazing red E30, Darcy's lowered and chipped E30 and other X, 3 series and track cars that nearly filled the service area. We had use of the semi-automatic car wash at International. The afternoon was filled with detailing activities throughout the event which ran from 1 to 4 pm. International BMW provided sandwiches and your club provided snacks and drinks. A great benefit of being at International BMW is the opportunity to view new cars in the open show room. The Badger Bimmer's board and participants want to thank International Auto BMW for hosting our Spring Clean Up.





## 2019 16th Annual BMW Car Show

By Jeff Fait

On June 29, 2019, International BMW in West Allis, WI hosted the 16th Annual Badger Bimmers BMW Car Show. The weather was fantastic and over 50 BMWs attended. 33 BMWs entered the hotly contested trophy competition.

Cars were entered in five classes organized by vehicle vintage, along with a separate "People's Choice" award for favorite car overall. Class winners were selected by participant and spectator ballot, so cars were awarded prizes based on their appeal and not based on how clean or original they are. I didn't see anyone with Q-Tips although I think there were a few cars on display that were well-acquainted with that kind of treatment. But that was balanced out by my car which had it's annual washing back at the May car cleanup event.

Special thanks to International BMW for sponsoring a large supply of tasty goodies for all participants along with also sponsoring the elegant trophies and providing the show venue.

The awards presented were as follows:

People's Choice: Todd Ciske, 1972 2002

BMWs of the 1970's and Earlier Todd Ciske, 1972 2002

BMWs of the 1980's Adam Bensaid, 1988 325es

BMWs of the 1990's Carlos Caseros, 1995 M3

BMWs of the 2000's Dave Yahn, 2000 M Roadster

BMWs of the 2010's & Newer: George Pergande, 2015 M4



# 2019 E30 Picnic

By Jeff Fait

The annual E30 picnic held at Frame Park in Waukesha was a huge success! Over 50 BMW's and their owners and friends attended on a beautiful Saturday, June 8th. We had a great picnic lunch and enjoyed the sunshine and cars. Thanks to Tim Jason for organizing this great event! Visit our website to see a video tour of the event!













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