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BELEIVE IT OR NOT, BADGER BIMMERS ARE ALMOST 50 YEARS YOUNG

That's right folks, the Badger Bimmer Car Club will be 50 years old next year 2022. Much has changed over the years. Many different members have played a role in what the club has become so far in 2021.

OUR REQUEST is simple!

The Holiday Party in January 15, 2022 will be held at the Throttle Stop in Elkhart Lake, WI, so mark your calendars. We are looking for members from our founding days, midstream or newbies to help us plan for this milestone with memories or memorabilia to share at the event. Anyone have the *BIMMER IMMERS* from the founding year(s)? This may also become a special "birthday bash" during the IMSA Car Corral or maybe a series of stories of the old days to be published in the *BIMMER IMMERS* or..... HELP!!! NOW WE NEED YOU!!

Who knows what may develop? We are hoping that more than one person steps up to help, the more the better. Please contact Darcy Yench at dryench@att.net or DEC@badgerbimmers.org for submitting your information or to volunteer to help.



From the President

Jeff Fait



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We're finally seeing the back side of the coronavirus outbreak and more and more people are getting vaccinated meaning we will soon be back to whatever "normal" is going to be! For Badger Bimmers, that means that nearly all our traditional club events are coming back to life in one form or another.

Leading us off this year was our annual E30 Picnic on June 5. We had a new venue this year with lots more space for parking at Pewaukee Kiwanis Village Park on Capitol Drive. The day was sunny and hot (90+ degrees on June 5! How crazy is that?). Turnout was excellent, saw lots of old friends and made lots of new ones. Thanks to TJ Worley for organizing this event!

June 21 is our first driver's school at Blackhawk Farms. We also are all set for an August 20 date at Blackhawk. Registration is open at motorsportreg.com. The June date is filling up so be sure to sign up soon!

OktoberFAST driver's school at Road America is October 1-3 this year. Registration is open at motorsportreg.com.

August 10 our friends at Brew City Cruise Night in Mequon are hosting the annual BMW Night car show and cookout. Everyone is welcome at The River Club of Mequon, 12400 N Ville du Parc Dr, Mequon, WI 53092 from 5pm - 8pm. In previous years we've had as many as 90 BMWs in attendance.

Our August Car Corral at the Road America IMSA races is back on this year. Registration for free lunch for members is open now at motorsportreg.com.

The Door County Fall Tour is also being designed as you read this. Registration is open on motorsportreg.com.

Remember to visit our web site (www.badgerbimmers.org) to see the full event calendar to be sure you don't miss anything.

Take care and see you all soon!

Jeff

Events 2021

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

June 21th	Blackhawk Farms Driver's School
July 8th	Virtual Board Meeting
August 7th-8th	IMSA Car Corral
August 10th	Brew City Cruise Night with Badger Bimmers
August 12th	Board Meeting location TBD
August 20th	Blackhawk Farms Driver's School
September 9th	Board Meeting location TBD
September 25th	Fall Tour
October 1st-3rd	OktoberFAST

14th Annual IMSA BADGER BIMMER BMW CAR CORRAL

The IMSA SportsCar Championship and IMSA Michelin Pilot Challenge takes over Road America's four-mile circuit for what will be one of the most incredible weekends of sports car racing in the world. Fans will get to see the IMSA Michelin Pilot Challenge race on Saturday, with the WeatherTech® SportsCar Championship race on Sunday, plus races from the IMSA Porsche Carrera Cup North America and the Mazda MX-5 Cup.

Plan on coming to our 14th Annual Bimmerstrasse Car Corral at the IMSA race at Road America on August 7 and 8, 2021. We'll have to see if we are allowed paddock tours this year. Enjoy the camaraderie of your fellow BMW CCA members and BMW owners. Cheer on our BMW drivers to their wins!

The BMW NA and Badger Bimmers Chapter will provide private BMW parking outside Turn 14, a hospitality tent with TV showing the race feed, private bleachers, up in the air as of now paddock talks and with this year's Turner BMW M4 Race Team. Paddock meetings with other BMW teams will be arranged if allowed.

Donations of \$20/car/day will be going to our charities, Feeding America of Southeastern Wisconsin and Joy House, a woman's shelter in Milwaukee. Box lunches for each day are limited for each day AND must be arranged for ahead of time, so register today.

Registration information:

- Only one guest per registered club member permitted – no exceptions.
- You can purchase your track-day tickets online directly from Road America.
- Weekend tickets are \$120 but advanced pricing ends July 28, 2021.
- Saturday only tickets are \$50 and Sunday only tickets are \$55 advanced pricing.
- The schedule for the weekend will be posted on the Road America website.

Keep abreast of the latest news on Facebook, on our website (www.badgerbimmers.org) and watch your club emails for more information about this event.

You MUST preregister for this event to be counted for lunches at <http://www.motorsportreg.com>. OPEN SOON

Contact Darcy Yench (dryench@att.net) if you have any questions.



**Josh
Johnsrud**

Scholarship

Badger Bimmers Chapter -
BMW CCA (Car Club of
America) - Madison College
Scholarship

Program

Automotive Technician

A note of thanks

I can not believe that I was chosen for this award. It really means so much to me at this time in my life. Thank you so much. I cant wait to invest more in myself.

Josh Johnsrud

About Josh

After graduating High School, I attended Southwest Wisconsin Technical College and received my welding certificate while maintaining my status on the Dean's list. I then immediately entered the work force and worked 50+ hours per week on the night shift for 4 years. I really enjoy working on cars and am looking forward to expanding my education and moving into the automotive field.

I am the third person in my family to attend college. My adoptive parents have been very supportive of my choice to continue my education however, it will be my responsibility to pay for my college tuition and expenses.

I appreciate your consideration. Thank you.

What impact will this scholarship have on your success and long-term educational goals?

After working in the welding field for a little over 4 years, working the night shift and in hazardous conditions, for my health, I have decided to go into a different field. Going back to school will give me the opportunity to learn more about cars and to work in a safer environment once I graduate.

Having help to pay for my schooling would be very beneficial to me. I had to stop working at my full-time job to attend classes and do not have any consistent income. I saved as much as I could so that I can pay day to day expenses like commuting to and from school but do not have enough to fully pay my tuition and fees. In addition, once I graduate I will need to purchase my own tools for my career so I am hoping to keep my student loans to a minimum.

2021 Scholarship Winners

Recipient: Thomas Gault of Chilton, WI.

Degree: Auto Collision Repair and Refinishing

Graduation Date: 12/31/2021

How are you funding your education?

OI had to pull money from my 401K and borrow money from my parents.

Why have you chosen this field of study?

I have always loved cars and had a passion for fixing them. I had built up a car of my own over the years and loved the hands on and sometimes artistic and creative elements in auto collision. But could not afford to switch careers due to raising a family living paycheck to paycheck.

What is your employment goal and how will your FVTC degree help you attain that goal?

To gain full-time employment in a restoration shop to make a good living that I can enjoy until retirement age in twenty years. The degree will help me be able to show the skills required to work in a restoration shop and excel to earn the income needed.

What do you plan to do with your degree after you complete your education at FVTC?

My plan would be to get into a restoration shop and work on older cars bringing them back to life. Also would give me the opportunity to do something I actually love to do and make a decent living doing it. I plan to get a job either in the Fox cities area or in Arizona in painting. Preferably in the restoration side of the business with classic cars.

What will your scholarship enable you to do next semester?

With this scholarship I will be able to pay the tuition for the last welding class I need to finish the Technical Degree to get the job I need to live on my own as newly divorced single man.

A Note of Gratitude:

Thank you so much for the scholarship. It will help tremendously paying for the last of my schooling to start my new career coming out of my divorce and the beginning of a new life. I am starting over at age 47, so every little bit helps with the balance of work and school. This amount of cash will help immensely and bring a lot of peace of mind.



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Eyes Up

By Rich Friman

So the last time I wrote a story for the Bimmer Immer in 2013 (see the January/February and August issues on the website), I traced my “down the slippery slope with hair on fire” journey from my first driver’s school to competition school and the first time racing my e30. Confessional, inspirational, a tongue-in-cheek warning of what can happen when the track driving hook gets set, or just one more BMW journey story? I expect this earlier article was a combination of all of the above. Anyway, thanks to you and your votes in the recent election I am now here writing in a new role as a Badger Bimmers Board Member.

I have been thinking about what I would like to write about for stories this year and I narrowed it down to driving on track themes and the joys and frustrations of DIY wrenching. Granted these have been two interests of mine in recent years and as someone once told me we all write best when we write about what we know, or think we know, based on lived experience. The column’s title “Eyes Up” is intended to cut across both themes.

So what exactly am I talking about here? Let me offer a couple of examples.

For those of you who have done driver’s school events with the club and had your instructor gently or maybe not so gently remind you to stop tunnel visioning into that elusive late, early, or somewhere in the middle mystical apex they told you about in the classroom, and where did those little orange cones go that the other club left from their track day that you saw in the first session, you all know the drill...stop fixating! Listen to your instructor even if it is just a voice from past instructors echoing in your head, and get those eyes up.

For those of you who have ever been lying on your back on a cold concrete floor or driveway with the car on jack stands and your attention tunnel visioned onto that rusted suspension, driveline or exhaust bolt or nut that has defied your 6-point sockets, fancy ratchet, breaker bars, impact wrench of purported bone-shattering torque, PB Blaster-Kroil-secret family recipe ATF nut-loosening concoction, propane should have bought a MAP-PRO torch, skin-shredding knuckle-busting blood-letting, and loud creative swearing that puts sailors to shame (my apologies to any sailors in the audience, it is an old expression), you know that you have reached the point of needing to step back to catch a breath and rethink your approach but NO I WILL NOT BE DEFEATED so maybe one more try...yeah, eyes up.

OK so maybe I am exaggerating a bit. Or maybe not if, as I expect, some of you are laughing, blushing, nodding your heads, staring at that empty place on your mantle where the club Meritorious Damage Trophy once stood, or sheepishly reviewing your old “scars” (better known as life-mileage tattoos). The point is that if you are not careful, narrow fixation on the track or in the garage can lead you down the “bad” as opposed to “good” slippery slopes. Been there, done that with the scars, both on metal and flesh, to prove it. Like I said, lived experience.

So folks, as we move through 2021 stay safe and keep those eyes up. More to come.





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