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*On October 23rd, 2021, Badger Bimmers and the Beran family hosted their Fall Picnic near Whitewater, WI at their new home workshop filled with BMWs. The event was a pot luck with attendees bringing all sorts of great dishes to pass all afternoon. Over 70 cars were on display in the field with well over 100 people in attendance to see the Beran's new shop and enjoy the fantastic, sunny fall weather. Models ranged from the classics to new and there were also many non-BMWs that attended in a separated display area.*

*In memory of Adam Bensaïd, after his recent passing, his cars (his e30 and e32) were on display and many of his friends and family also attended to check out the club and get to know his car family.*

*The event gained the club some new members and the Beran family looks forward to hosting another event next year.*

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# From the President

Jeff Fait



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Well daylight savings time is gone until spring. Feels like it's getting dark right after lunch. Temperatures and leaves are falling. Badger Bimmers had a great summer. And even though winter is almost upon us, we have some great events planned to tide us over until spring.

January 15 brings us our annual holiday party. 2022 is the 50th anniversary of Badger Bimmers and we have an awesome party planned to celebrate! The party is being held at Throttlestop in Elkhart Lake. There will be plenty of time before dinner to mingle and look around the terrific museum at the venue. The dinner menu is fabulous. And to top things off, legendary racer Brian Redman will be our guest speaker and share stories of his exciting career. Attendance is limited to 150 people and you must be a BMW CCA member to attend. Cost is \$50 per person, limit one guest per member. No children, please. Register online at <http://msreg.com/2022-BB-HolidayParty>. There are blocks of rooms available at the Osthoff, Siebkens, and the Baymont Inn.

February 5 is the return of our annual Chili and a Movie event at Ron's Toy Barn in Saukville. Bring a pot of chili to share or just come and enjoy a car-themed movie (TBD) with fellow club members. The event is limited to 20 people, no children, please. Sign up online at <http://msreg.com/chilimovie2022>.

We are also working on setting up a go-karting and burgers event for early March.

And finally, our annual board election is upon us. The candidates and a mail-in ballot are included later in this newsletter. You can also vote online after November 25 at <https://www.motorsportreg.com/index.cfm/event/survey/uidSurvey/459A9735-A38C-EBF7-6E4D034D7E6BA57F> or simply scan the QR code on the ballot. Of course you must be a current Badger Bimmers member to vote.

Remember to visit our web site ([www.badgerbimmers.org](http://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 21/22

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

|                                  |   |
|----------------------------------|---|
| December 9th, 2021               | Board Meeting at BMW of Milwaukee North |
| January 15th, 2022               | Holiday Party at ThrottleStop           |
| February 5th, 2022               | Chili and a Movie at Ron's Toy Barn     |
| March 2022                       | TBD Go Kart outing                      |
| June 6th, 2022                   | Blackhawk Driver's School               |
| August 6th-7th, 2022             | IMSA Car Corral                         |
| August 12th, 2022                | Blackhawk Driver's School               |
| September 30th-October 2nd, 2022 | OktoberFAST Road America                |
| January 21st, 2023               | Holiday Party at Legends of Brandybrook |

## Badger Bimmers Official Ballot

Save a stamp and vote instantly online!

<https://www.motorsportreg.com/index.cfm/event/survey/uidSurvey/459A9735-A38C-EBF7-6E4D034D7E6BA57F>

Pick one:

Vice President:  Creston Flemming  \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary:  Ron Pace  \_\_\_\_\_

Fox Valley Liaison:  Dale Kressin  \_\_\_\_\_

Pick two:

Member at Large:  David Burman  Sam Forrest  \_\_\_\_\_



*Fill out the ballot and place it in an envelope. Be sure to write your name and BMWCCA number as the return address.*

*Mail to: Badger Bimmers*

*P.O. Box 170104*

*Milwaukee, WI 53217*

## 2021 Board Candidate Profiles

I have been an avid BMW enthusiast since high school when I purchased my 1987 535i (which I still have). I joined the BMWCCA after attending a few events in Minnesota with the North Star chapter, and switched to the Badger Bimmers when I moved to the Milwaukee area in 2010. With my current daily driver, a 2013 335i, I have started to explore the tuning community with other groups around Chicago and Wisconsin. I spend my summers at car shows, Autobahn Country Club, Blackhawk Farms, Road America and AutoX events across the state.

I have enjoyed being on the board the past 4 years, organizing and attending the events such as the annual holiday party and the e30 Picnic, Champagne Picnic, Fall Picnic, OctoberFAST and Oktoberfest. Pictures I have taken in the past at these events have been featured in the Bimmer Immer and on the Facebook page over the past few years.

I now work for an auto repair group in Waukesha County and as a board member I look forward to helping organize more events focused around the club's enthusiastic members. I have also been appointed the Driving Events Coordinator to oversee our club's track events for the future as I have become more involved.

I have made many friends in the club, and would be honored by your votes to elect me to represent you on the board for another term. Thank you for your consideration. – David Burman

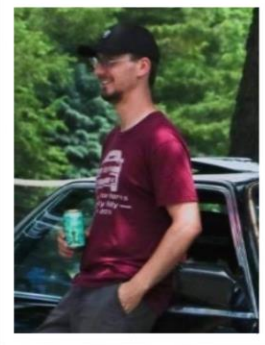


*David Burman*



*Creston Flemming*

Hello, I am running to replace our current VP who has chosen not to run for reelection. I have served the club as a member at large for two terms and as Bimmer Immer editor since 2017. I currently daily drive a 2008 E90 M3. I enjoy participating in our activities on the street and track as well as meeting like-minded individuals within our club. I appreciate the opportunity to make our club even better as we move to return to normality. – Creston Flemming



*Sam Forrest*

My name is Sam Forrest and I am running for an at large seat on the board. During my first semester of college I purchased my first BMW, a 1997 M3. Sadly I lost that car in an accident but the love for the brand has stayed with me ever since. A few years later I picked up a 1987 325is and attended my first E30 Picnic with it. I've been a Badger Bimmer member ever since. Today I'm taking the e30 to everything from the Door County Rally to Oktoberfest at Road America. I look forward to working with the other board members to plan and host all the events that Badger Bimmers puts on through the year.

I have enjoyed both track and social events for the Badger Bimmers for several years and have been the Northeastern Wisconsin liaison for two terms. I am willing, able and happy to continue as the Northeastern liaison. I continuously encourage new members to participate with the Badger Bimmer board to strengthen the club in serving our members and our communities. – Dale Kressin



*Dale Kressin*

My name is Ron Pace and I am seeking your endorsement and vote to continue as Secretary of the Badger Bimmers Chapter. Having served as Vice President and then Secretary I am quite familiar with the governance of the Badger Bimmers and enjoy supporting the various activities undertaken for the benefit of the membership. By way of background I am retired from the Kohler Company where my most recent position was Group President. Currently I am on the Board of Directors for several companies and am Chairman elect for the Road America Board. I have served on the Board of Road America since 2005. I also consult at Kohler as an executive coach. I am an avid motorsport participant and am a racer in a vintage Lola T496/497.



*Ron Pace*

## Eyes Up: The “Other Driver”

By Rich Friman

Track driving season is here and thoughts are focused on prepping the car, remembering everything you did correctly last season, and, if you are honest with yourself, things that you need to work on.

Tangential hint: if you ever have trouble falling asleep at night, try running through the track (or tracks) in your head. I am talking eyes-closed visualization here. Turn-by-turn, entry, apex, and exit, braking, throttle transitions. It is kind of like counting sheep in that it shifts focus away from all the day’s work and other clutter in your head. And, it works better than counting livestock or, depending on your flexibility and extent of years of dedication, trying to twist your body into some Zen-like pretzel and chanting ancient mantras. Try it. After a few laps, you will be out...or if you are still awake at least you have been doing something more constructive than sheep tallies.

But I digress. The topic of this *Immer* installment is the “other driver.”

At track events you have probably heard instructors tell you to get to know the other folks in your run group. In particular pay attention to and learn how they drive and behave on track. Predictability is the key and your level of trust in the “other driver” needs to be on the low end of the scale initially until you learn otherwise how they behave.

How do they enter, apex, and exit a corner? How do they brake, how smooth is their transition to throttle, how do they accelerate? Are they a “drop anchor” early in the braking zones and then “point and shoot” down the straights driver, or do they brake late and carry momentum through the turns? How do they react in traffic?

Of course you have listened diligently in the classroom and to your instructor and know what to do when and where and why at least in principle, and are working on the ever adjusting transition from principle to practice. But what about the “other driver”...?

Adjusting is part of the learning experience and entails developing the skills to make the right split-second decisions, especially when the “other driver” does not. To give you an example here, the appendices of the NASA CCR (Club Codes and Regulations) cover sample track scenarios involving position, responsibility for accident avoidance, and “racing room” particularly in corners. Granted racing and drivers’ schools are two VERY different things, but there is a takeaway that has always stuck with me.

The gist is that even though you may have the “right” to a particular space on the track it does not always make sense to try and assert that right. The “other driver” might not be paying attention, might not see you, might just assume that you will back off, or may simply try to take the space anyway and let the stewards and the folks in impound sort it out later if necessary. This leads back to the point about learning and being aware of the habits of the “other driver.”

Now you might think that in a drivers’ school where there are rules like “no pass without a point” and “complete all passing before the braking zone” that space is clearly understood by all and thus that the takeaway I mentioned above is not an issue.

But it can be. Consider situations when you are being passed. Do your part and keep those eyes up—pay attention to the flags and corner workers, give a clear point-by to the overtaking driver in the passing zones of your run group, and stay on the proper line. In short, do not be that “other driver.”

If you are being passed on the straights by someone even when you have not given that car a point-by (e.g., with apologies to *The Treasure of Sierra Madre* or, for you more recent classic movie fans, *Blazing Saddles*: “Point-by??? We don’t need no stinkin’ point-by”), remember that “other driver” and be even more aware when they come up on you again.

If you are passed in the braking zones during a drivers’ school (e.g., “dive bombed”) welcome to a learning experience. Be aware that mechanical issues happen like boiled brake fluid, burned through pads, or blown a brake line. But there may be that “other driver” with the fast car who simply believes that they can only slow down by going deep into the braking zone no matter where your car might be.

Regardless of the reason why, you now have company where you did not expect it. The corner workers are your friends and the frantically waving flag about a faster car behind you really does mean something. Do not tunnel vision, quick check your mirrors, be predictable in your line, and be prepared to adjust speed and braking as necessary to avoid collecting each other and both cars going home on a flatbed or worse.

Once through the corner, take a breath. Congratulations, you have learned something and for the rest of the session, and in sessions going forward, you now know THAT car. But you also have to ask yourself some hard questions. Did you see this coming or were you too red-mist focused on the car in front of you and thinking about your own next pass?

Now consider situations where you are the one doing the passing. How well do you know the car you want to pass and how that driver behaves? Are you paying attention to how they point-by, the traffic behind you, the flags of the corner workers, and your track position relative to the upcoming braking zone? Are you following the school passing rules or do you think that rules do not apply because you are special and are going to “win” the HPDE session? In short, make sure that you do not become that “other driver.” Until next time folks, have fun, be safe, and keep those eyes up!

## 2021 Track Events

words by Creston Flemming

pictures by David Burman

This year marked the triumphant return of the Badger Bimmers normal three HDPE events after the abridged 2020 season. Our first two events were held at Blackhawk Farms Raceway on June 11<sup>th</sup> and August 20<sup>th</sup>. Both Blackhawk events featured great weather. Thanks to our new COVID protocols, we were able to welcome the return of in-car instruction for our fully vaccinated novices and instructors.

Our premier event at Road America, OktoberFAST was held on October 1<sup>st</sup>-October 3<sup>rd</sup>. The first two days had awesome weather but the 3<sup>rd</sup> surprised us with some rain. Nevertheless, our students were able to seize the opportunity to practice the rain line at America's National Park of Speed. New this year, Feeding America was onsite at OktoberFAST collecting food and monetary donations for those in need. Thank you to all who contributed! All of our events this year were free of major incidents. A shoutout to all volunteers, instructors, and newly appointed DEC David Burman. Special thanks to retiring DEC Darcy Yench for her many years of tireless service to the Club. We hope to see all drivers return next year and help sell out all of our events!

## BLACKHAWK FARMS



# ROAD AMERICA



# RAIN AND SHINE

1/15/2022

# Badger Bimmers

## 50th Anniversary Holiday Party and Annual

### DINNER With Special Guest Speaker **Brian Redman**

#### Appetizers:

Vegetable tray

Fresh Fruit skewers

Sweet and Sour Meatballs

Brushetta

Bacon Wrapped Water Chestnuts

Stuffed Mushrooms

Tossed Salad

#### Entrees:

Marinated Pork Tenderloin

Medallions

Prime Rib

Charcoal Grilled Walleye

Vegetarian Lasagna (only upon request)

Garlic Parsley Red Potatoes

Grilled Seasonal Vegetables

Homemade Corn Bread

#### Desserts:

Dutch Apple Pie

Raspberry cheesecake

\$50.00 per person, only one guest per member

Register at MSR [msreg.com/2022-BB-HolidayParty](https://msreg.com/2022-BB-HolidayParty)

A block of rooms are available at the Baymont, Ostoff and Siebken's for 1/15/22.

Mention the Badger Bimmers BMW Club when calling for reduced pricing.

### Located at **Throttlestop**

20 Victory Ln, Elkhart Lake, WI 53020

4:00 Doors open for museum viewing

5:00 Cocktails and Appetizers

6:00 Dinner

7:00 Annual meeting and Guest

Speaker







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