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TIRE RACK STREET SURVIVAL

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On Sunday, May 3rd, The Tire Rack Street Survival Teen Driving School will be returning to Zionsville High School in Zionsville, Indiana, the site of the very first Hoosier Chapter TRSS event. Instructors, and volunteers will be needed. Contact Andy Simionson, 317-873-0949 or at simonsons@ameritech.net or Larry Clarino, 317-896-9689 or at larryc@dizzyc.com for more information on helping out.

Student registration is now open at www.streetsurvival.org. Be sure get any teen you care about signed up for this life saving program.

Check out the latest event details at:
www.hoosierbmw.com



Newsletter of the Hoosier BMW Car Club, Inc.

HOOSIER TRACKS

Last Hoosier Drive of 08'

By Mike Lingenfelter

Early November is about the latest Hoosier car enthusiasts can enjoy driving pleasure before succumbing to the demands of the holiday season and the risk of winter weather. About 20 chapter members in a dozen BMWs and one Lamborghini — half of them roadsters or convertibles — took the opportunity to share a last hurrah on a one-day driving tour casually named “Vive Vevay.” A few of the more intrepid tourists drove “top-down” even though temperatures hovered near 50 degrees.

The group met southeast of Indianapolis, caravanned to Batesville, and then zipped up and down the curvy roads carved into the hills overlooking the Ohio River between Rising Sun and Madison. Many of the roads in this area are an enthusiast’s delight: little or no traffic, lots of technical turns and elevation changes, and excellent pavement. The flat, straight roads “connecting the dots” between the twisty

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ones enabled passengers to recover their composure. After three hours of spirited driving, the group converged on downtown Madison for a late lunch at an eatery of their choice. Some went for gourmet sandwiches; others opted for good old-fashioned hamburgers. Afterward we hopped back in our cars and caravanned back to Indianapolis.

All who partook in the tour enjoyed themselves vastly — both the camaraderie and the driving. Several participants, including organizer Mike Lingenfelter, promptly put their warm-weather steeds into hibernation upon returning home. Fortunately, by the time you read this, we'll be thinking of soon pulling our prized Bimmers out of winter storage for the 2009 driving season just around the corner.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Larry Clarino
Chapter President/Hoosier BMW CCA



This being my first President's Corner I want to thank you all for having the confidence in me to elect me to this job. Following Mike Lingenfelter is going to be a real challenge. The chapter thrived over the last years under Mike's leadership. I hope to be able to continue that growth. We have an incredibly talented board of directors and I know

with their help and counsel we will be successful.

Keeping a club like ours relevant in this economy is certainly going to be the main issue. We will be working hard in a number of ways to sign up new members, and to reach out to current members to get them more involved. The best way to "have fun" with the chapter is to help. We need more folks to help organize events,

from tours and driving events to social events. And we promise to help you do that!

In the coming months, we will be asking our membership what you want the club to be doing. We will be doing some informal surveys at all of our events to gather that information. The plan is to make getting involved easy and fun. If you have an idea for an event, let one of the board members know and we will make it happen with your help.

The one thing I am most proud is the commitment to the Tire Rack Street Survival Teen Driving program this chapter has made. Thanks to the leadership of Andy and Stephanie Simonson, we Hoosiers are among the leaders in the nation with this lifesaving program. But, we do need more help to keep this momentum going. It takes a lot of volunteers to do a TRSS event, about forty to fifty, but at the end of the day, I promise you will have a terrific feeling knowing you actually saved a kid's life that day.

Perhaps our largest project of this year, Rites O' Spring, is just around the corner. Thanks to Jerry and Tami Reamer for the eighteenth consecutive year the Hoosier Chapter members and friends will be thrashing around Putnam Park Road Course with our performance driving school. This is the place to really play with your car. Not only will

you have more fun than should be legal, you will learn tons about safe driving from some of the best instructors in the country.

Speaking of performance driving, under the leadership of Chris Dunlap, we all hope to find ways to increase the number of autocross events we can do. Demand has been growing for this inexpensive way to test your car and yourself. If you know of any big paved areas that would lend themselves to an autocross event let us know.

Be sure to look at the calendar of events in this and every issue of Hoosier Tracks and on our website, hoosierbmw.com, for a complete list of our upcoming events.

All and all, I feel great about the future of the club. Hope to see you all soon.



It was a dark and stormy night... well not too stormy, maybe a little

icy...as the lights went down and the projector started to roll.... Yep, it was Movie Night for the Hoosier BMW Club. Thanks to Ian Bryant and Tri-Phase Technologies, the club was treated to a couple of movies most had somehow never seen before.

Transformers, starring an old yellow Camaro turned hero robot, in a world-saving onslaught of visual special effects and ear-splitting sound. Transformers was followed by that 1976 auto racing favorite, Gumball Rally, which is best described as an internal combustion orgy of street racing to the tenth power.

Movie Nights are just plain fun. Ian does a great job of picking not only good pizza but coming up with films that are just goofy enough to make everyone feel like a kid again.



CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

February:

21st

Progressive Dinner starting at 6:00 p.m. Details on web site.*

March:

4th

Membership meeting at Brickyard Crossing. 6:30 p.m.

11th

Social meet at Brockway (Carmel). 6:00 p.m.

21th

Tech for *Rites O' Spring* at Vaughn Motorwerks (Check web site for details)*

28th

Air Force Museum — 1 day auto tour. (Check web site for details as March approaches.)*

April

1th

Membership meeting at Brickyard Crossing. 6:30 p.m.

10/11/12th

Rites O' Spring driving school at Putnam Park.*

25th

Ertel Cellars Winery Tour 1 day driving trip.*

Griot's Garage open house. Check web for date.*

May:

3rd

Street Survival at Zionsville High School.*

6th

Membership meeting at D&R North. 6:30 p.m.

20th

Social meet at Brockway (Carmel). 6:00 p.m.

*Visit www.hoosierbmw.com for updates, additions and last minute-changes.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

BAKER, MIKE

Indianapolis, IN 03/Mini Cooper S

BIEHN, BRIAN

Greenwood, IN 05 6Cic

BRITTON, SHIRLEY

Indianapolis, IN 93/525i

CARTER, JAMES

Zionsville, IN 530i

COSBY, F

Indianapolis, IN

ENGLE, LORI

Martinsville, IN 05/X3

DAVIS, PETER

Kingston, Ontario 06/325xit

DICKMAN, PHILIP

Richmond, IN 07/525xii

EGGERS, BECKY

Brownsburg, IN 04/330ci

FEESER, HANK

Mulberry, IN 03/M3

FRASER, WILLIAM

Indianapolis, IN 08/335xii

HUFF, DALE

New Palestine, IN 08/335i

HYMAN, MATTHEW

Carmel, IN 06/330Cic

JOHNSON, JAMES

Newburgh, IN 08/535i

JONES, RHYS

Carmel, IN 88/M3i

KARNER, MATT

Indianapolis, IN 09/335xi

KEY, CONNIE

Indianapolis, IN 90/535i

KLING, JOHN

Noblesville, IN

LOVELL, PATRICK

Bloomington, IN 07/525xi

M, BRUCE

Zionsville, IN 09/335xi

MCCOY, ZACHARY

Carmel, IN 07/335i

MCGILVRAY, DEREK

Martinsville, IN 07/335i

MILLER, PAUL

Carmel, IN 78/320i

MOORE, GARY

Richmond, IN 04/330xi

RICHEY, RAYMOND

Indianapolis, IN 06/X3i

ROACH, JOHN

Indianapolis, IN 04/M3

ROWLES, JACKIE

Carmel, IN 09/X5

ROWLEY, DEBORAH

Fishers, IN 06/330i

RUSHTON, JERRY

Zionsville, IN 04/325i

SCHOER, CLIFF

Marion, IN 07/550-1

SMALL, AMBER

Fairmount, IN 05/Mni

SMITH, CHRIS

Fishers, IN 08 135i Coupe

SNODGRASS, JOHN

Indianapolis, IN 97/328ii

SOWDER, MATT

Indianapolis, IN 03/530i

STEWART, REGINALD

Indianapolis, IN 84/318i

VANDER WYDEN, MICHAEL

Carmel, IN 98/740i

WEIMER, ROBERT

Columbus, IN 07/328

WITHROW, DEBRA L

Indianapolis, IN 97/23

Chili Cook-off

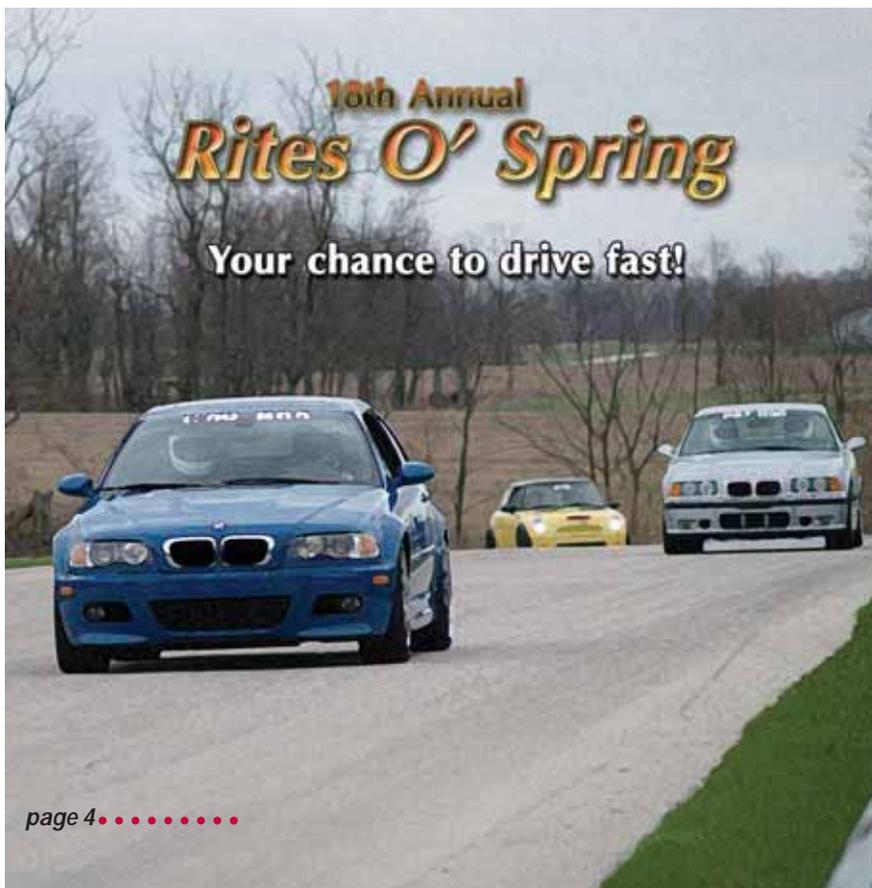
By Kirk Skagg

The second event of January was a Chili Cook-off at the Village of West Clay in Carmel. Carmel boasts the largest number of roundabouts in a US city and at least two members admitted to mishaps with their chili crock slinging chili about their car and passenger. The siren song of a roundabout for BMW drivers is difficult to ignore even when unrestrained vats of boiling chili are involved.

Six contestants submitted their best chili to be judged by the 28 that attended. Each chili was given an automotive related name. Common consensus was that all the recipes were extremely good and it was difficult to pick the best.

The Grand Prize Winner was Michelle Johnson with a wine based red chili called "Bimmer Lite." Her prize was a sampler pack of "Beers from Around The World." Ian Bryant took the prize for Most Unique Chili with his family recipe of a white chicken chili with pepper jack cheese named "Ian's Corvair Chili, Unsafe at Any Speed" a nod to Ralph Nader's book about Chevrolet's Corvair.

The chili event was concluded with Euchre and various card games, the rules of which were influenced by the number of drinks consumed by the non-designated drivers playing the games.



The Hoosier Chapter of the BMW Car Club will be presenting it's 18th annual Rights O' Spring High Performance Driving School on April 11~12, 2009, at Putnam Park Road Course, in Mount Meridian, Indiana, west of Indianapolis. Putnam is a ten-turn road course that is an excellent mix of both high and low speed corners with plenty of run off room. It's an excellent place to learn. This is your chance to join in on one of the best diving schools anywhere. The Hoosier Chapter has a reputation of doing things right, with a huge dose of fun.

Of course BMWs are not required, pretty much any car can participate from a daily driver to a real track rat. An inspection is required, but we provide an opportunity to have your car inspected for free. Each driver will be assigned to an appropriate run group based on track experience from novice to expert with an in-car instructor to help hone your skills. You will get tons of track time as well as expert classroom training. Cost is \$375.00 for the whole weekend and includes a banquet dinner on Saturday night.

For more information contact Jerry Reamer at 317-738-2658. To sign up go to: www.motorsportreg.com

TECH TIPS



Free Scheduled Maintenance marketed by BMW on all new vehicles and the claim that some items are good for a "lifetime" of service has left many enthusiasts confused or concerned. In this condensed version of his 2007 column, Mike Miller of Bimmer Magazine recommends a slightly more conservative approach toward maintaining your BMW for a lifetime. For the full article go to www.bmw330ci.net/maintenance.php

This alternative to BMW's factory-recommended maintenance schedule is actually BMW's maintenance schedule, more or less, which was used prior to Free Scheduled Maintenance.

Break-in Service for New Cars: BMW stopped performing break-in services except on M cars. I have seen that the engine and driveline oils in new modern BMWs are literally full of metal at 1,200 miles — as has always been the case with any new car. For this reason, I recommend a 1,200-mile break-in service. Oil and Filter Intervals. BMW recommends their Castrol 5W-30 synthetic motor oil in all BMWs except contemporary M cars, for which they recommend their Castrol 10W-60 synthetic motor oil. The factory oil change interval is controlled electronically, but is presently about every 15,000 miles. If you are running BMW's oil, I recommend an oil and filter change interval between 5,000 and 7,500 miles.

Spark Plugs: There is no reason to deviate from the factory-recommended Bosch or NGK spark plug specification, changed at 30,000-to-60,000-mile intervals, depending upon the car and severity of service.

Air Filter: Stock paper element, check every 15,000 miles, tap out dirt, replace if necessary, standard interval 30,000 miles.

Fuel Filter: Replace every 30,000 miles on models produced up to 1992 and every 60,000 miles on models produced from 1992-on, also replace if fuel pump is replaced.

Timing Belt, Tensioner Pulley, and Front Cam Seal: Replace every 5 years or 50,000 miles on vehicles so equipped, water pump replacement also recommended as preventative.

Engine Drive Belts: Replace O.E. or O.E.M. BMW poly-ribbed serpentine belts every 60,000 miles

Engine Coolant Service: Change engine coolant at two-year intervals, using only factory BMW anti-freeze mixed 50-50 with distilled water.

Power Steering Fluid: Replace every 30,000 miles.

Manual Gearbox Oil: Only synthetic oil should be used in BMW manual gearboxes, drain interval 30,000 miles

Automatic Transmission Fluid (ATF) and Filter: For older automatics using Red Line or other synthetic ATF, drain interval 30,000 miles. Old fashioned petroleum ATF, drain interval 15,000 miles. Older automatic transmission models, which do not have "lifetime fill" should have ATF and filter services every 15,000 miles if using petroleum ATF; every 30,000 miles with synthetic.

Differential Oil: I use and also recommend Red Line 75W-90 synthetic gear oil, drain interval 30,000 miles in any BMW.

Brake Fluid: Recommend one-year brake fluid changes, or prior to each driving school or track event. BMW now recommends two-year brake fluid changes.

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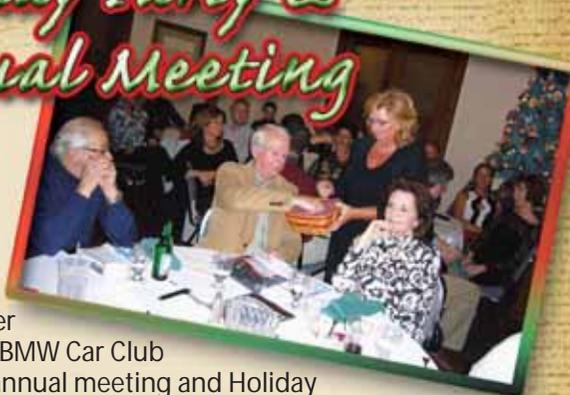
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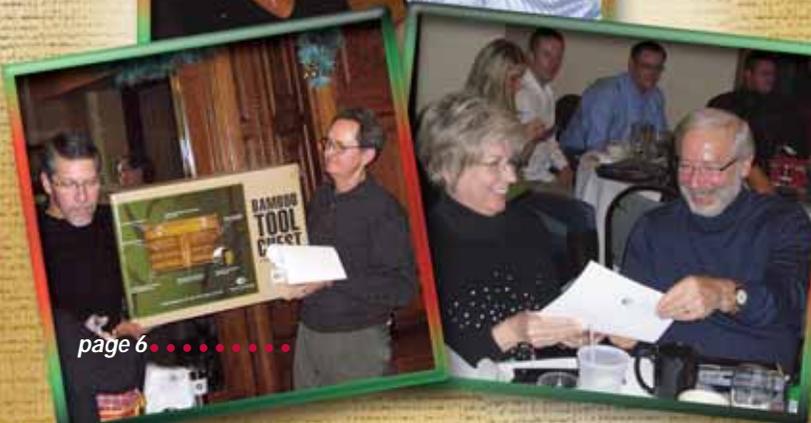


The Hoosier Chapter of BMW Car Club held their annual meeting and Holiday Party for 2008 on December 20th at the Rathskeller in downtown Indianapolis. The vote to make the treasurer a board appointed position was approved unanimously. The Executive Board and Directors were also elected bringing some new blood to the offices of President, Vice President and Secretary. Good luck to you all, may the club run as well under your guidance as it did under our past board.

With the annual meeting, dinner and scrumptious desert of cheesecake with blueberries out of the way, we were ready to party and party we did! The organizers of this wonderful event, Tami Reamer and Susan Wilson, added to the enjoyment of the evening with their sponsored door prize drawing. Each member who attended walked away with a truly unique gift including our new President who received the 18 year old fruit cake that has been passed back and forth each Christmas season between himself and his old Connecticut neighbor. Thanks Mike Lingenfelter for making this happen.

A big thanks to the sponsors who help make this one of the most memorable events in 2008:

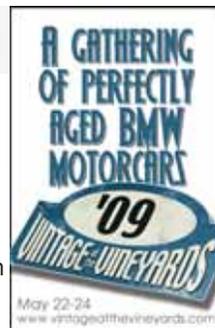
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VINTAGE AT THE VINEYARD

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Vintage at the Vineyards is moving to beautiful and spacious Shelton Vineyards in Dobson, North Carolina. The display area is open to all BMWs older than 1985 and e23 first generation 7-series up to 1987, e24 6-series up to 1989, e28 second generation 5-series up to 1988, all e30s and Z1s. All BMW motorcycles up to 1985 are also welcome.



The event starts on Friday evening and concludes on Sunday at the Biltmore Estate in Ashville, North Carolina. There will be scenic drives, hay rides, wine tasting and winery tours, vendor/swap meet area, raffle, and much more. The event is FREE but please register if you are a vintage BMW owner. For more info about Vintage at the Vineyards 2009 and registration check out the new website <http://www.vintageatthevineyards.com>. Please book rooms ASAP.

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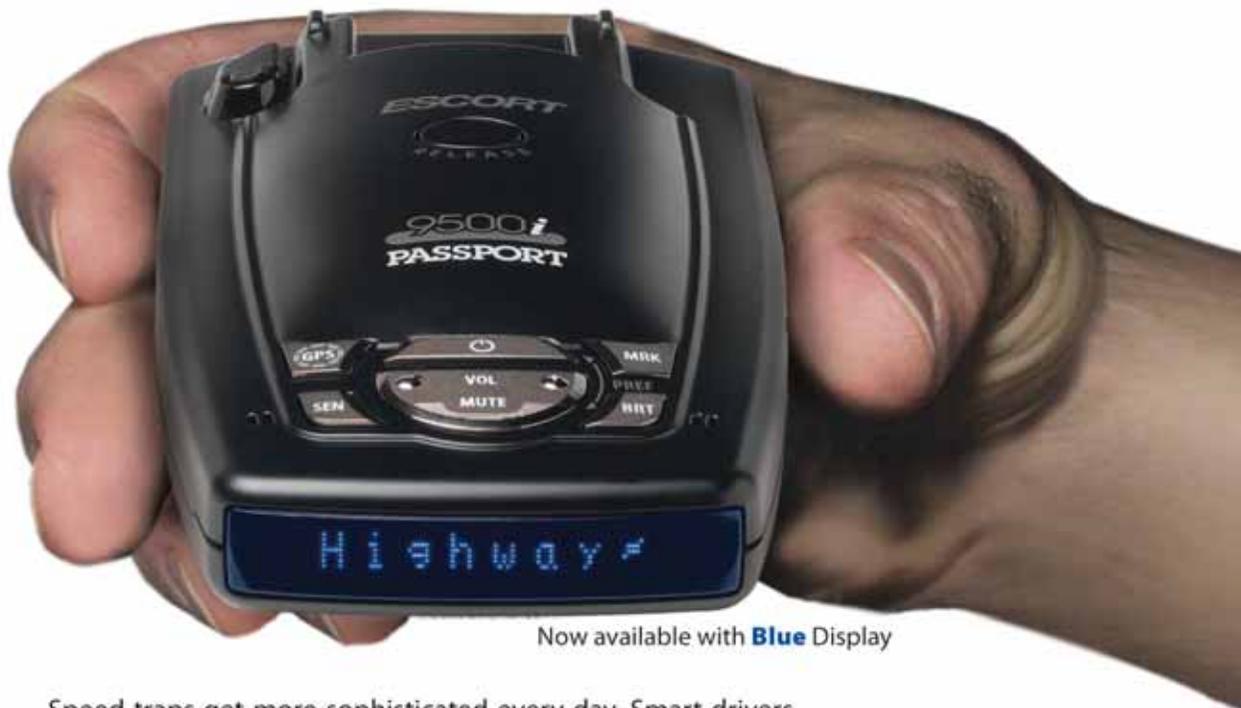
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