

**BMW Car Club  
of America  
Northern Ohio Chapter**



# BIMMER PILOT

The Newsletter of the Northern Ohio Chapter

## SUMMERFEST: JOIN US FOR 4 DAYS OF FUN ON THE NATION'S FASTEST ROAD COURSE!

We are pleased to announce that PBOC is joining forces with the chapter for our August Nelson Ledges HPDE and Club Race event. The dates are August 11-14, 2011. This will be an exciting weekend of high-speed driving education and racing. These races will feature not only the BMW Club Race cars but also Porsches, Vipers, Corvettes and others. Of course, we will be having the annual BimmerWorld "Trackside BBQ" on Saturday evening, which is always a great time. Check here and throughout the issue for details as well as [www.nohiobmwcca.org](http://www.nohiobmwcca.org)

### **Nelson Ledges Club Racing School: August 11 & August 12, 2011**

Northern Ohio Chapter BMW Car Club of America is pleased to host a BimmerWorld Club Race School at historic Nelson Ledges Race Course August 11-12 in conjunction with our SummerFest event. This school is open to all advanced HPDE students and instructors, to anyone wanting to go into racing, to track junkies, or to anyone who wants to get a taste of what racing is all about.

This highly structured intense two day education will be lead by Scott Hughes as well as Tim Smith and other well-known BMW CCA racers. The minimum requirements for this event are the same as for an HPDE—track-worthy car and approved helmet, although we do recommend any and all safety equipment up to and including a fully prepared race car. Just as with an HPDE, cars do not have to be BMWs, as all makes and models meeting HPDE criteria are welcome.

This intense, non-contact two-day school will be busy with meetings, classrooms, and on-track sessions.

Many instructors—drawn from the ranks of Club Racing, pro racing, and other venues (some national champions)—will be available to educate, consult, train, and help you learn. For more information contact Tim Smith (330.808.0166, [tsmithelectric@gmail.com](mailto:tsmithelectric@gmail.com)) or Harvey Rogers (330.655.2707 or [harvbmw@aol.com](mailto:harvbmw@aol.com)).

### **SummerFest Schedule:**

- August 11-12: Club Racing School
- August 11: Lapping Day
- August 12: Enduro
- August 13-14: Central Region Premiere Race
- August 13-14: Drivers' School (DE)
- August 13: BimmerWorld BBQ

### **Nelson Ledges BMW Central Region Premiere Races: August 13-14, 2011**

Northern Ohio Chapter and Nelson Ledges have been selected as the site for the Central Region Premiere Races during SummerFest. The 3 points-paying races will include two 25-minute (30-minute session) sprints on Saturday and either a 45-minute sprint or a 55-minute enduro on Sunday. Your registration for this event will include 2 test/tune sessions on Friday, a practice and qualifying sessions for each sprint on Saturday, and a warm-up/qualifying session on Sunday as well as one ticket to the BimmerWorld Trackside BBQ on Saturday night.

More details on points, potential test/tune time on Thursday, and payment are available from Harvey Rogers or at [www.nohiobmwcca.org](http://www.nohiobmwcca.org). To register visit [www.bmwccaclubracing.com](http://www.bmwccaclubracing.com).



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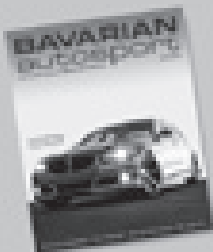
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 10-24 Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix**  
Details and registration at [www.pvgrp.org](http://www.pvgrp.org)
- Aug 7 Nervous Dog Coffee Bar Cars and Coffee Cruise**  
All are welcome and invited. 4161 Steels Point Drive, Suite 1000, Stow, Ohio. For more information call 330.929.2326 or visit [nervousdog.com](http://nervousdog.com)
- Aug 9 3rd-Quarter Board Meeting** - Club House (Paws), Bertram Inn and Conference Center, 600 N. Aurora Rd. (Rt. 43N), Aurora—7 p.m.
- Aug 11+ 12 Nelson Club Racing School**  
See the front page for details or contact Harv Rogers (330.655.2707, [harvbmw@aol.com](mailto:harvbmw@aol.com))
- Aug 12 Nelson Ledges Four-Hour Enduro Race**  
Contact Tim Smith (330.808.0166, [tsmithelectric@gmail.com](mailto:tsmithelectric@gmail.com)) for details.
- Aug. 13-14 Nelson Ledges BMW Club Racing Central Region Premiere Race**  
See the front page for details or contact Tim Smith (330.808.0166, [tsmithelectric@gmail.com](mailto:tsmithelectric@gmail.com)) or Harvey Rogers (330.655.2707 or [harvbmw@aol.com](mailto:harvbmw@aol.com)).
- Aug. 13-14 Nelson Ledges Drivers' School (DE)**  
High performance school details and fees are on page 6.
- Aug. 13 Nelson Ledges BimmerWorld Trackside BBQ**  
See details below and at our website.
- Aug. 14 Nelson Ledges Heroes on Track**  
See page 6 for details.
- Sept 1 Classified print ads due** for Fall 2011 issue.  
Please send information to [editor@nohiobmwcca.org](mailto:editor@nohiobmwcca.org)
- Sept 11 NOR German Auto Show**  
11:00 am - Donauschwaben German-American Center, 7370 Columbia Rd., Olmsted Falls, Ohio.  
For details see page 6 or contact Charlie Swift (440.735.0995, [charles@swiftfilters.com](mailto:charles@swiftfilters.com)).
- Sept 16-18 Glenmoor Gathering Car Show**  
See page 7 or [www.glenmoorgathering.com](http://www.glenmoorgathering.com) for details.

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For additional information, go to [www.nohiobmwcca.org](http://www.nohiobmwcca.org).

### BimmerWorld Trackside BBQ Reservation Form

Open to all members and guests at 5:30 p.m., Saturday. Non-event participants are \$25 each.  
Menu: ½ BBQ grilled chicken or steak, "fixin's", dessert, beverages. Deadline: August 8, 2011.

Please reserve: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
for the BimmerWorld Trackside BBQ @ \$25.00 each

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ .00 City: \_\_\_\_\_

Choose one:  1/2 BBQ Chicken  Steak State/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail reservation form and payment to: Harv Rogers Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
186 West Barlow Road, Hudson, Ohio 44236-2078

Make check payable to: Northern Ohio Chapter BMW CCA E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

SummerFest, August 11-14 - Nelson Ledges

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## NOC MERCHANDISE SALE

We're clearing out the club merchandise currently in stock. Coolers, pens, and hats all feature our (now vintage) chapter logo. Coolers and hats are \$9.95 while pens are \$6.95; shipping is included in prices. Contact Harvey Rogers (330.655.2707 or harvbmw@aol.com) for payment options.

You'll be able purchase these collectable items at club events for a discounted price of \$5 each.



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- Technical tips and information
- Autocrosses & Rallies
- Camaraderie
- Tours & Driving Events
- National Events - and TechFest
- Driving Schools at renowned tracks

## GRANDSTAND

Harvey Rogers, Chapter President

Greetings Everyone,

It looks like summer has finally arrived and there are lots of great events coming for members to attend. First off, by the time you get this we should have a new National website. You will have to go check it out. Much more user-friendly and lots more information.

April and May had us hosting two driving events at Mid-Ohio. The April date included both an HPDE and a Club Race School. The event went very well, a little chilly and damp but a great learning experience. May's Mid-Ohio HPDE also hosted a Club Race with some great racing and wonderful weather.

Keeping the events moving in the spring, the annual winery driving tour concluded last month covering parts of the Chagrin and Grand River valleys and ending with a meal at the Grand River Cellars in Madison, Ohio. It was a good turnout with beautiful weather.

In July, if you're interested in driving into Pennsylvania there are plenty of events during the two weeks of the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix—from racing to concours—to cover anyone's interest. See either the new National or Northern Ohio websites for more information.

SummerFest at historic Nelson Ledges Road Course is finalized with something to do for everyone! The four-day event we are hosting along with PBOC will include a Club Race School (Aug. 11-12), an HPDE (Aug. 13-14) and the North Central Region Premiere Club Races (Aug. 13-14). There will also be a 4-hour endurance race late Friday afternoon and evening. Should be some exciting racing

with the PBOC cars (Vipers, Corvettes, etc.) out there competing. Our annual BimmerWorld Trackside BBQ starts at 5:30 Saturday afternoon. We are also honored to be having the Wounded Warriors Heroes On Track on Sunday. This is to honor a few of our many soldiers and veterans who have been wounded. We will be having a classroom, lunch, and track rides for them during the day. If you would like to come out and volunteer or make a donation or sponsor any of these events please let Wolfgang Kaufer, Tim Wing or me know.

Contact details and lots more information is available in the newsletter or on the NOC website. So come out to Nelson Ledges for SummerFest, There is something for everyone!!! The only things we don't have are popcorn and a ferris wheel.

If you haven't signed up for the North Central Region Grand Tour around the Upper Peninsula of Michigan (September 14-17), you'd better hurry as spots are filling fast. This looks to be a great weekend coordinated by our Region VP, Mike Lingenfelter. Again, check our web site for details.

Anyone up for doing the Detroit Auto Show trip in 2012? We are considering, actually Dave Fisher is begging, to bring it back. We had a few inquiries for it this year and with the show getting much better, we want to know. Please contact Dave or me and let's see if the interest is there.

Don't forget the Glenmoor Gathering taking place September 16-18. Again, check here and on website for all the details.

See you at SummerFest Harv

## BMW IS BACK IN HOLLYWOOD WITH MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE – GHOST PROTOCOL

BMW Corporate Communications



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Munich/Los Angeles. Back in Hollywood. BMW is pleased to announce their participation in the upcoming Paramount Pictures release "Mission: Impossible - Ghost Protocol" as the film's main automotive partner.

"We are thrilled to be involved again in another Hollywood Blockbuster," said Ian Robertson, BMW AG Board Member for Sales and Marketing.

Having provided vehicles for outstanding film projects, TV productions, etc. for more than 35 years, entertainment marketing is firmly established as an important building block for the BMW Group's long-term image and product communications.

"Mission: Impossible – Ghost Protocol", directed by Brad Bird, is scheduled for release middle of December 2011.



## ON THE HORIZON...

### CARS AND COFFEE

**Where: Nervous Dog Coffee Bar, 4161 Steels Point Drive, Suite 1000, Stow, Ohio**

**When: Sunday, August 7, 2011**

Nervous Dog Coffee Bar is hosting Cars and Coffee, a gathering of exquisite automobiles and their lucky owners. All are welcome, invited, and encouraged to participate. It should be a fantastic time to congregate, kick tires, and savor a cup of coffee. There will be something for everyone enjoy – classics, exotics, hot rods, motorcycles, and more. It's all free, except for the coffee, of course. We genuinely hope you and your club can make it. For more information call 330.929.2326 or visit nervousdog.com.



### EXPERIENCE A CLUB DRIVING SCHOOL



**Where: Nelson Ledges Road Course**  
**When: August 13-14, 2011**

Driving schools can be the most fun you can have on four wheels, even if those wheels aren't attached to a BMW. If you're interested in learning safe, controlled handling of your car, consider attending our last club driving school of 2011 at Nelson Ledges. The weekend is \$295 including one BimmerWorld Tracksides BBQ (non-members add \$48 for a one-year membership). Download an application and medical form from [www.nohiobmwcca.org](http://www.nohiobmwcca.org), read all information for restrictions, complete and mail the registration and a check payable to NOC BMWCCA to Harvey Rogers, 186 W. Barlow Rd., Hudson, OH 44236.

If you have questions contact Joe Whitman (330.605.1558 or [JosephMWhitman@gmail.com](mailto:JosephMWhitman@gmail.com)) or Harvey Rogers (330.655.2707 or [harvbmw@aol.com](mailto:harvbmw@aol.com)). Don't miss this opportunity to gain a great set of skills during a fun-filled weekend.

### HEROES ON TRACK

**Where: Nelson Ledges Road Course**  
**When: Sunday, August 14, 2011**

The Northern Ohio Chapter of the BMW Car Club of America is pleased to announce that we have been selected by the Heroes On Track (H.O.T.) project to host 20 wounded warriors from Ohio and



surrounding areas at our August 13 and 14 Drivers Education (DE) event at Nelson Ledges Race Course near Cleveland, Ohio.

On Sunday each soldier and veteran will either ride with an instructor in a modified session or in a touring lap with a family member attending with them. A classroom

session, lunch, and other activities are planned. This is a rare opportunity to combine our passion for our wonderful hobby— motorsports—with our sense of civic pride and gratitude for the sacrifices of the fine young men and women that are serving our nation. If you have never attended a DE before this is the best time to begin and if you're a DE regular then we need you to come out and volunteer to make this event a success for our clubs and for the wounded warriors. Other marquee clubs and regions are strongly encouraged to participate with us. To volunteer to help or make a small contribution, contact Tim Wing ([timwing3@yahoo.com](mailto:timwing3@yahoo.com)).

For more information about H.O.T., contact Heroes On Track coordinator, Wolfgang Kaufer (386.562.4090 or [jwkauffer@yahoo.com](mailto:jwkauffer@yahoo.com)). We look forward to seeing you there!!!

### NOR GERMAN AUTO SHOW

**Where: Donauschwaben German Cultural Center North Olmsted, Ohio**

**When: Sunday, September 11, 2011**

The annual NOR German Auto Show will be held at the Donauschwaben German-American Center, 7370 Columbia Rd., Olmsted Falls, Ohio on Sunday, September 11. The event is hosted by the Northern Ohio Region Porsche Club of America and is open to any German vehicle. Participating clubs include the Western Reserve Section, Valley Chapter of the Audi Club, and the Northern Ohio Chapter of the BMW Car Club of America. Last year's event had 100-plus vehicles on display including a nice contingent of BMWs from our chapter. Come and enjoy an afternoon of great German cars and authentic German food!

For more information contact Charlie Swift (440.735.0995 or [Charles@swiftfilters.com](mailto:Charles@swiftfilters.com)).

## GLENMOOR GATHERING OF SIGNIFICANT AUTOMOBILES

**Where: Glenmoor Country Club  
4191 Glenmoor Drive N. W., Canton, OH**

**When: Sunday, September 16-18, 2011**



In 2011 the Glenmoor Gathering will present another field of outstanding automobiles and motorcycles. Featured classes will be "Avant Garde: Early Front-Wheel Drive," "Sixteen Cylinder Motorcars" and "The Automobiles of Darrin," including a group

of 1938-42 Packard Darrin automobiles. The Front-Wheel Drive Class will include examples of the legendary Cord, Ruxton, Citroen Traction Avant, a Miller race car plus other early front-wheel drive automobiles.

The event will also feature a special display of vintage British motorcycles as well as the usual great show field of American and European classic automobiles.

The 2011 honorary chairman is Steve Moskowitz, executive director of the Antique Automobile Club of America. Headquartered in Hershey, Pennsylvania, it is the largest antique automobile organization in the world. Chosen as the 2011 poster artist is Charles Maher of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, a past president of the National Automotive Artists Association and a member of the Automotive Fine Art Society. During the 2011 concours automotive art by a variety of artists will be displayed and on sale, and several automotive authors will be signing their books.

A special bonus of the 2011 Gathering weekend will be the Classic Car Club of America Grand Classic on Saturday, sponsored by the Ohio Region of the CCA. Many of those cars will also be on display during Sunday's concours.

The 2011 weekend activities are scheduled to include the Passport Transport Countryside Tour, automotive seminars, cocktail party and Gala Dinner, cooking demonstrations, a Junior Judges' program and other family activities. The Grande Salon Antique and Classic Car Auction will be held for the second year on Saturday, September 17.

For more information on this year's concours and weekend events call 330.966.3600, visit [www.glenmoorgathering.com](http://www.glenmoorgathering.com) or view the adjacent schedule.

### Friday, Sept. 16

- 9 a.m. Silent auction opens and continues through 7 p.m. Saturday
- 1 p.m. Glenmoor Gathering Golf Tourney (call for tee times - open to public)
- 3:30-5 p.m. Collector car seminar by master automotive craftsmen Fay Butler and Dale Adams
- 6 p.m. "Welcome" party Glenmoor Country Club patio

### Saturday, Sept. 17

- 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Passport Transport Countryside Tour (concours exhibitors only)
- 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Day of Classic Beauty and Pampering at The Spa at Glenmoor
- 9 a.m.-2 p.m. CCA Grand Classic – Glenmoor Country Club front lawn
- 12 p.m. Grande Salon Antique and Classic Car Auction – until 4:30 p.m. – Glenmoor Country Club north grounds
- 5-7 p.m. Cocktail reception for automotive artists—Glenmoor Country Club lawn; artists' tent opens; authors' book signings
- 7:30 p.m. Gala dinner in Glenmoor Country Club Chapel dining room, including live auction

### Sunday, Sept. 18

- 7 a.m. Cars enter show field
- 8 a.m. Judges' breakfast and meeting
- 9:30 a.m. All show cars in place, judging begins
- 10 a.m. Concours opens to the public, artists' tent opens; authors' book signings; display of World Class Performance Cars on club front lawn; special events open; Glenmoor Country Club chef cooking exhibition; Glenmoor Garage, Junior Judges, and kids' coloring contest.
- 10 a.m. Special events open: Glenmoor Country Club chef cooking exhibition, author's book signings, Glenmoor Garage, Junior Judges, kids coloring contest
- 11 a.m. Buffet luncheon open to public
- 12:30 p.m. Ribbons placed on cars
- 1:30 p.m. Introduction of judges, narrated drive-through, awards presentation begins
- 3:30 p.m. Drive-through/awards presentation concludes
- 4 p.m. Concours concludes
- 4:30 p.m. Afterglow Party (for car exhibitors/sponsors)

## TECH TIPS Q&A

### BMW X3 Leaking Sunroof

Q: I have a 2005 BMW X3 that was delivered in December, 2004 that is equipped with a panoramic sunroof. I recently discovered a great deal of water in the boot area behind the right rear wheel well. I am told that X3s, particularly earlier models, had sunroof water management problems requiring the drainage tubes to be cleaned periodically. I found general information on this subject online but no specific details regarding where the drain tubes are located. Do you have any details regarding this problem and how to fix it?

A: Sunroof water leaks are, unfortunately, not uncommon on the earlier E83 X3 chassis (X3 through 2006). The leakage is typically due to clogged or pinched drain tubes and/or faulty sunroof cassette sealing. Evidence of the leakage can be water on the windshield, in the well behind the rear seat, in the rear corner wells and even coming through the headliner. BMW has a TSB (Technical Service Bulletin) on this; SI B 54 06 06. While there was a design change at 10/05, we are seeing issues with the later production units as well. BMW has not recognized this as a recall issue and if the vehicle is out of the original or CPO warranty (as many are), the best that can be hoped for is for the dealer to do a "good will" warranty.

What can the vehicle owner do? Inspect the sunroof drains. Look for the drains in the corners of the sunroof framework. If you pour water into the frame, it should readily run into and through the drains. The drained water should exit under the vehicle chassis in the general areas behind the front wheels and behind the rear wheels. Clean the drain openings with firm but flexible wire or pipe cleaners. You can blow compressed air (not high pressure) into the drains as well.

If you determine that you have drain problems that you cannot take care of on your own, a BMW dealer visit may be in order.

### Turn Signal Switch Not Canceling or Resetting – E34 E32 Many Models

Q: I own a 1995 BMW 525i. I recently had my ignition housing repaired, now, after I use the turn signal lever the lever won't return to off position (middle).

A: Our first comment is; if you had work done by a shop, to install the ignition switch or column lock housing, and the turn signal switch now does not cancel ... most likely, this is the responsibility of the installer to fix. If they were installing the lock housing, they would have had the steering wheel off as well as the turn signal switch. If it was working before, it should work after the current repair.

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Well, if you end up having to take care of this yourself, you could have a broken canceling pin on the back of the steering wheel assembly or the switch itself may be broken (the part that the canceling pin touches and moves to turn off the switch). You'll have to pull the steering wheel in order to inspect and determine what is at fault. The Bentley repair manual will guide you in removing the steering wheel and the switch (if needed).

Note: This answer is applicable for many BMWs in addition to the one listed below.

### First Oil and Fluid Change – Break-In Period

Q: With just 3000 and 6 mos. on my car, it won't come due for an oil change for some time, per BMW. Normally I like to change out the oil/filter at some realistic mileage/time, particularly a new car. 3K seems too short a time for modern oil and 12K seems too long, so I have a couple of questions:

First – Do you have any thoughts you'd like to share as to a realistic change interval?

Second – Without a dip stick, it seems possible to me that putting in the listed capacity could overfill. Do you have any thoughts on how much oil to put in assuming a filter change as well?

A: Since your 128i is new, we are dealing with a special situation. Namely, the break-in period.

While it may be true that the engine oil (as well as the other fluids) is still within its normal useful life, this is not what we should be considering. Since we are actually running these initial fill fluids as the break-in fluids, we want to change them out at an early interval. This is due to the wear particles that are present from the initial assembly break-in wear.

We would recommend that you change the engine oil and filter immediately (we would prefer a first change at 1000 to 1500 miles, but now is better than later). Additionally, we would recommend a differential fluid and transmission fluid change, for the same reasons as already noted. Once the "break-in" oils have been changed, we can work on a more standardized fluid change schedule (still not as lax as suggested by BMW, however). We would suggest the Bavarian Autosport Ultimate Maintenance Schedule as a good general guideline.

Your 128i takes 6.5 liters for an oil change. We would start with this quantity and then see what the level monitoring system shows.



## THE DRIVERS SEAT

Tim Smith, Vice President and Club Driving Liaison

### ADDITION BY SUBTRACTION



After winning my second National Championship I have decided to cut the number of races I would run this year and to improve on my endurance skills by focusing on the long races. (Those of you who know me well know I love the long races.) In Club Racing, an endurance race is 1 hour or more. A true endurance race is at least 4 hours and the hard-core racers will tell you that, if it is not at least 12 hours, it is considered a long sprint.

This year we will be focusing our efforts on the 12-Hour at Nelson Ledges. I have had the opportunity of racing with one of the better Enduro teams during the past 3 years (BimmerWorld). My first endurance race ever was at the 12-Hour at Summit Point with BimmerWorld in 2009. We were fortunate enough to win that race by two laps. That was enough for them to invite me to race in the 13-Hour at VIR with them in October of 2009. Once again we were fortunate enough to win that race. Since 2009 we have gone on to win the 13-Hour every year.

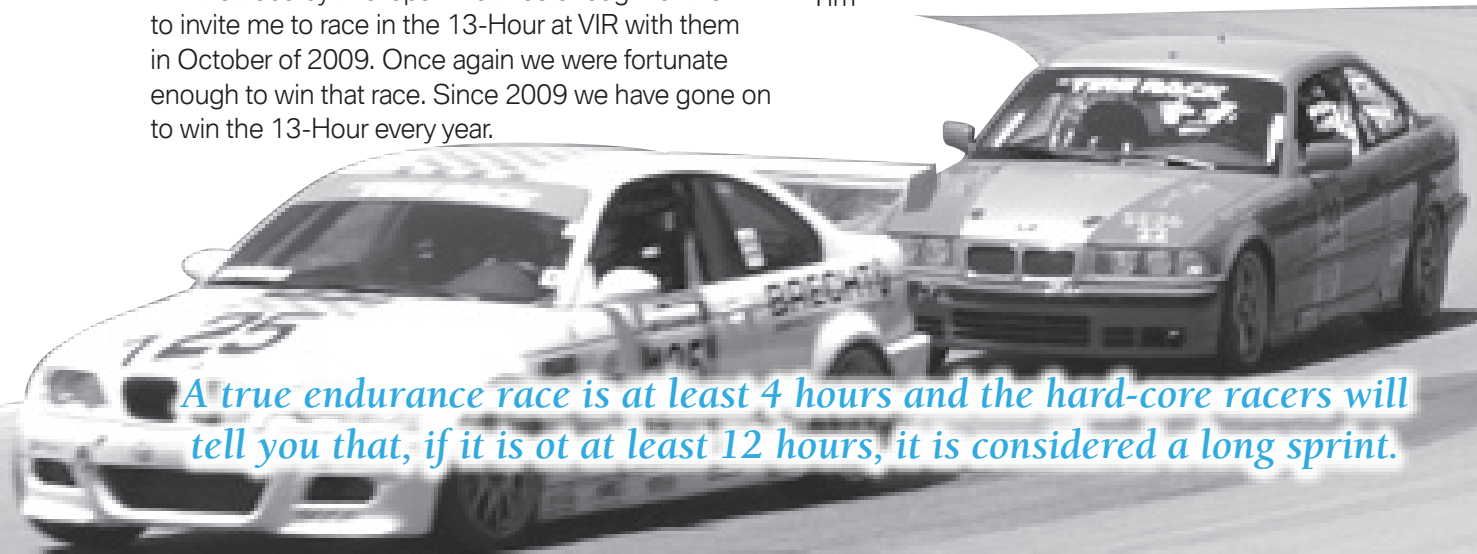
For anyone who knows endurance racing you know that you need A LOT of luck and unbelievable car prep. One of my goals has always been to enter my SE36 in a 12-hour race. As our race followers know, we did just that in 2009. We were winning the race at the 8-hour mark when we had some issues that took us out of the race. Since I have always wanted to win a 12-hour race in this car, it's become our goal for 2011. We are entering the SE36 #22 again with our focus on an overall win. It will take GREAT driving and perfect pit stops to succeed.

Winning a 12-hour race with an SE36 will not be easy. We will be up against cars with \$10,000 suspensions and \$12,000 in brakes, while we will be running the \$1,500 suspension that is specked for the class and stock brakes. These items will not prevent us from winning, but we will have to have strategy on our side. We are after fuel mileage. We will be up against cars with 300+ hp while I'm at 185 hp. What do we have to succeed? Again, fuel mileage and great drivers.

We will be testing the car this year on Friday, August 12, at our annual Club Race at Nelson (AKA SummerFest). This year we will be running a 4-hour mini Enduro. Come out and join us for the weekend. We will be hosting a DE, a Club Race School and BimmerWorld will be hosting our annual trackside BBQ on Saturday.

Stay tuned and wish us luck.

Tim



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## DRIVEN TO OBSESSION

Rich Loney, Pilot Editor

### ROAD SCHOLAR

While enjoying our Chapter holiday party this past January I found my way to the silent auction table. There were lots of great things up for bid but one item in particular caught my eye. A gift certificate for the Mid-Ohio School's Honda Teen Defensive Driving Program. If you've read my past columns



you're aware that my 16-year old son Ryan started driving about 9 months ago. Knowing how ill-prepared I was at

his age to drive, winning this particular auction seemed like a must. With my checkbook in hand I bid with gusto and won! I was thrilled, not only was the certificate mine, but I was able to get it for a bit less than list price. Bargain!

Once home, my son and I logged on to Mid-Ohio's website to get a better idea of what the course was all about. There we discovered videos showing teens doing 360-degree spin after 360-degree spin while driving Honda Accords with skid pad rigs. It appeared to be a blast! My thought was that this was going to be a fantastic day of driving fun with a bit of education mixed in.

After a quick and easy phone call to Mid Ohio, we were scheduled for class time on May 22, 2011. The representative said I could attend the classroom sessions at no additional cost, and as a bonus, I could also bring my 13-year son Kyle along pro-bono as well. Skid pad, race track, cars, and a day with my boys. What could be better?

We arrived at Mid Ohio at 8 a.m. sharp and headed to the Goodyear Tower to register. Once full, the class consisted of 14 teens, both boys and girls. Our lead instructor Brian Till, a former race driver and current ESPN and Speed Channel commentator, was fantastic with the kids. His ability to speak to these young adults in a manner that captivates their attention is a true gift. To break the ice, he asked each student why they were attending the course. To my surprise, 11 of the students were mandated by a magistrate to attend be due to traffic violations. In addition to

speeding tickets, infractions ranged from rolling a car to totalling a motorcycle. At this point I realized the teen defensive driving school was more than a day of fun with my boys. The sobering reality was that many of these kids were one bad driving decision away from a possible fatal car accident.

During the three classroom sessions, Brian covered many great driving and awareness tips but he also presented some eye-opening facts.

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for 15- to 20-year olds, accounting for over one-third of all teenage fatalities. In 2009, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), 3,000 teens were killed and over 350,000 were sent to the emergency room as a result of a motor vehicle crash. Nearly 13% of all drivers involved in fatal accidents are teens, **despite the fact that they make up only 6% of licensed drivers.** The conclusion: inexperience, immaturity, faulty judgment, poor hazard recognition and a higher propensity for



risk-taking put young drivers in jeopardy behind the wheel, which can end in tragic results.

Practice, education and experience are the only ways to reduce these unfortunate figures, and that's exactly what The Mid-Ohio School's Honda Teen Defensive Driving Program provides. The one-day course prepares young motorists for real-world situations by exposing them to potentially hazardous situations in a safe, controlled environment.

Using both theory and practice, the talented and professional team of instructors at the Mid Ohio School led by Brian Till can instill the skills teens likely never learned in Driver's Ed — skills that don't just make them better drivers, but just might save their lives.

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- \$ 500 1 Series - all models
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## ULTIMATE MACHINES

### 2003 E46 330i ZHP

Owner: Guy Foster, nohiobmwcca webmeister

#### Specifications:

- DOHC 24-valve 6-in-line, aluminum block and head, port fuel injection
- Displacement: 182 cu in, 2979cc
- Power (SAE net): 235 bhp @ 5900 rpm
- Torque (SAE net): 222 lb-ft @ 3500 rpm
- Transmission: 6-speed manual
- Curb weight: 3370 lb
- Zero to 60 mph: 5.6 sec
- Zero to 100 mph: 15.3 sec
- Top speed (drag limited): 152 mph
- Braking, 70-0 mph: 158 ft

Cosmetic elements include a so-called aerodynamic package (deeper air-dam and rocker-panel extensions), Alcantara faux-suede seats and steering-wheel cover, black-anodized interior aluminum trim, and gauges with red needles. The list includes reprogrammed engine management, hotter cams, a six-speed manual gearbox (a first for a non-M 3-series BMW), and a shorter final-drive ratio—3.07:1 versus the 2.93:1 rear end used in the base 330i with manual



transmission. The suspension components are a smidge stiffer than the setup in the base 330i, and the Performance package gets an 18-inch wheel-and-tire combo. The package also substitutes Michelin Pilot Sport tires, with slightly bigger rear footprints: 225/40ZR-18 front and 255/35ZR-18 rear. The engine tweaks don't add up to much—the redline goes up 300 to 6800 rpm, peak horsepower goes up 10 to 235, and torque goes up eight pound-feet to 222. But a little more thrust and shorter gearing do pay off at the track. A performance-package 330i sprinted to 60 mph in 5.6 seconds and covered the quarter-mile in 14.3 seconds at 97 mph.

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**For more information, contact Tim Smith ([tsmithelectric@gmail.com](mailto:tsmithelectric@gmail.com)) or Harvey Rogers ([harvbmw@aol.com](mailto:harvbmw@aol.com)).**

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## PIT BOARD

By Cynthia Harrison, Club Secretary

### Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Liz Colwell, reported a current balance of \$9,049.19.

- Insurance: All necessary insurance has been requested for upcoming events.
- Charity Match—Forms were submitted.

### Board Member Reports

- Membership: Chair Dave Fischer reported 750 regular and 95 associate members.
- Newsletter: Editor Rich Loney reported \$4,268 in revenue and one outstanding ad payment.
- Web Site: Webmeister Guy Foster, reported necessary updates had been done.

### Old Business

- North Central Region Caucus—February 19-20, 2011--Chicago: Guy Foster attended.
- New National Web Site: The revised go-live date is 6/2/11.
- North Central Region Grand Tour Fall 2011—September 15-18, 2011: Registration is now open.
- Drivers' School/Race School—April 1-3—Mid-Ohio: Numbers were down for the DE; there were 23 race school graduates.
- Drivers' School/Club Race—May 27-29—Mid-Ohio: Registration was down for the DE; the Club Race had good registration to date. Because no event coordinator could be found, FahrerFest will not be held this year.
- Drivers' School/Races--SummerFest—August 11-14—Nelson Ledges: Details for the combined event with Porsche/BMW Owners' Club (PBOC) are being finalized.

The meeting was conducted Sunday, May 1, 2011 at the Bertram Inn and Conference Center by President Harvey Rogers.

### New Business

- Detroit Car Show/Greek Town/Casino Bus Trip—January, 2012: Dave Fisher will arrange one bus on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Holiday Party 2011—January, 2012: The event will be held at the Bertram Inn and Conference Center, Aurora.

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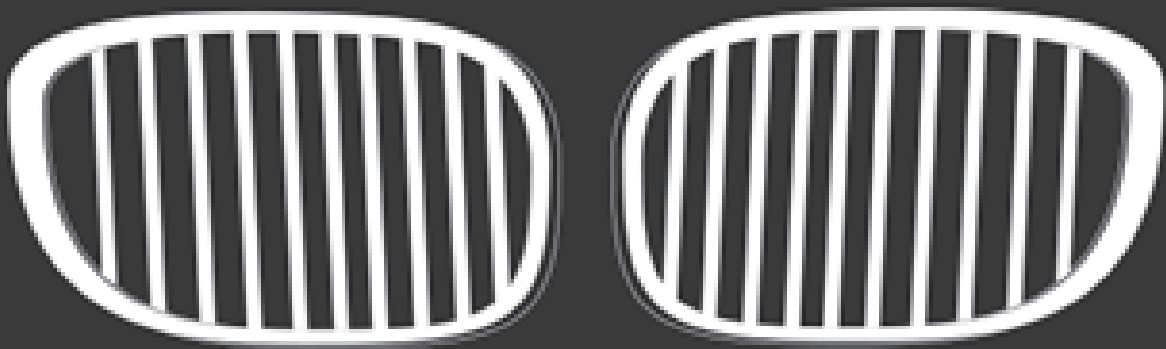
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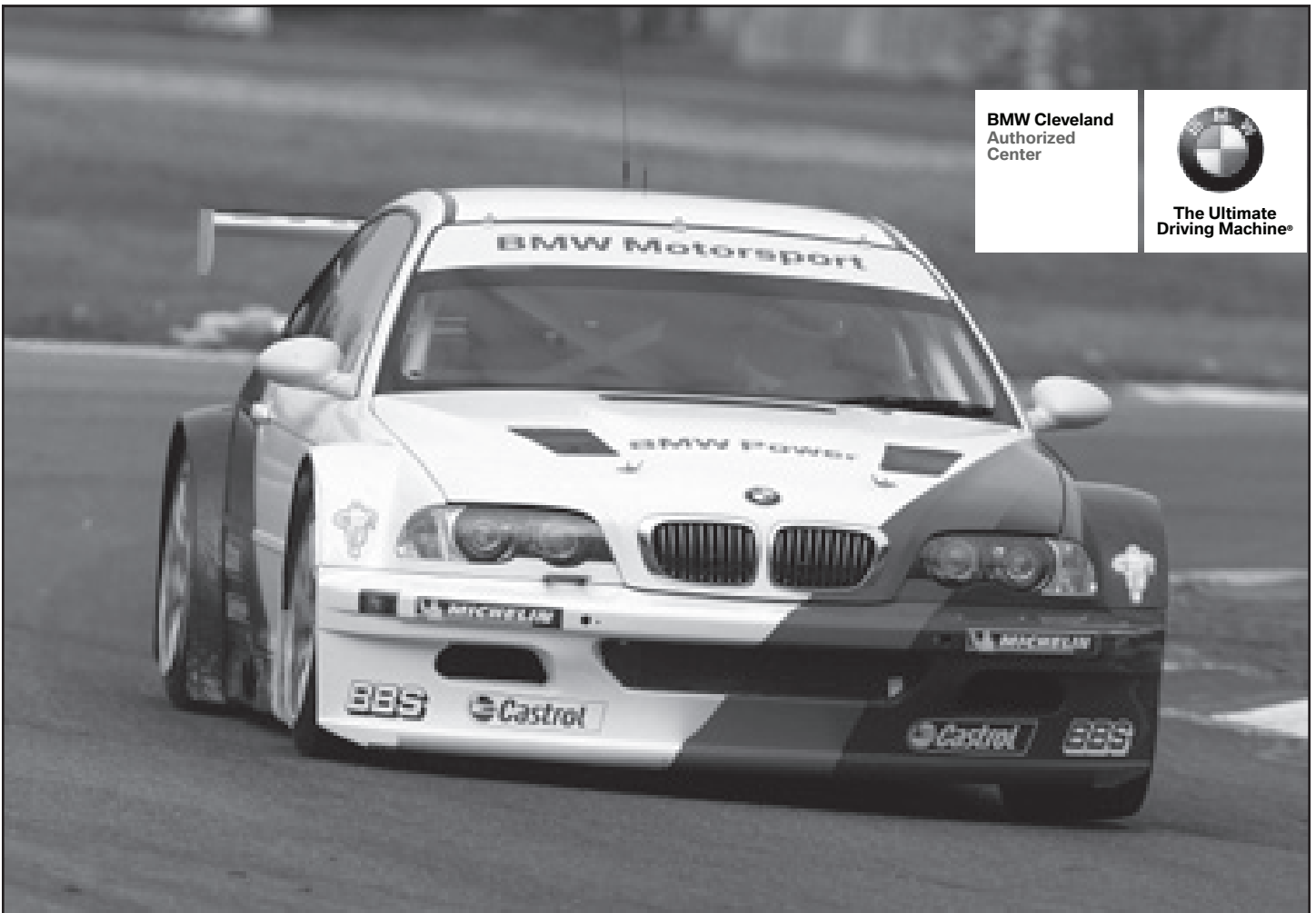


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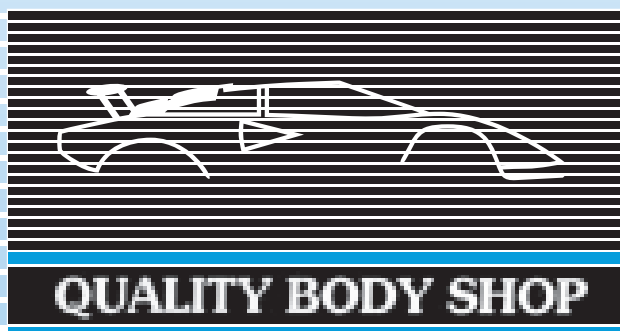
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