



NewsWerks

The official newsletter of the Iowa Chapter BMW CCA

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Chili Cook-Off

There were traditional chilis, chicken and turkey chili, Thai chili, and even one that came with a danger sign!

The first annual Chili Cook-Off was held on January 31 at the Clark Alumni House on the Campus of Coe College in Cedar Rapids and by all accounts it was a huge success! Lots of chili tasting, BMW talk and talk about how we all want the cold weather to end so we can get our babies out of the garage and/or keep them clean! Too bad we can't include a scratch and sniff in the newsletter so those of you who did not attend could enjoy the smell. Instead here are some of the photos from the event. Many thanks to Mike Bengé and Diana Patten for putting this event on.....sure to be an annual tradition now!



And the winners are...

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UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

Updated information will be posted on the website as it becomes available. Be sure to check current information at www.bmwia.org

Sunday, March 14th

2:00 pm

Karting Fun at Sprockets Karting Center

*2134 108th Street, Clive, IA, Just south of Hickman Rd.
a few blocks east of the I-80 /Hickman Rd. interchange.*

Saturday, March 20th

Beyond Changing the Oil

Tech Session 1:30 pm

**European MotorCars DesMoines
9999 Hickman Road, Urbandale**

Saturday, April 17th

Karting Fun at Sprockets Karting Center

2:00 pm

Sunday, April 25th

Annual Clean Car Concours

True North Companies

421 4th Ave SE, Cedar Rapids

Registration begins at Noon

Towels down at 1:00 Judging 1:00 - 2:30

Awards 3 pm

*\$10 to enter and \$5 of each entry fee will be donated
to Variety Club of Iowa*

May

Street Survival Teen Driving

Des Moines

June 12 and 13th

Longest Day Driving School

Mid America Motorplex - Pacific Junction, IA

July 4 - 9

Oktoberfest - Pasadena, California

July 17

Annual Club Picnic and New Member Welcome

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CHILI COOK-OFF.....

There were three categories in the First Annual Chili Cook-Off

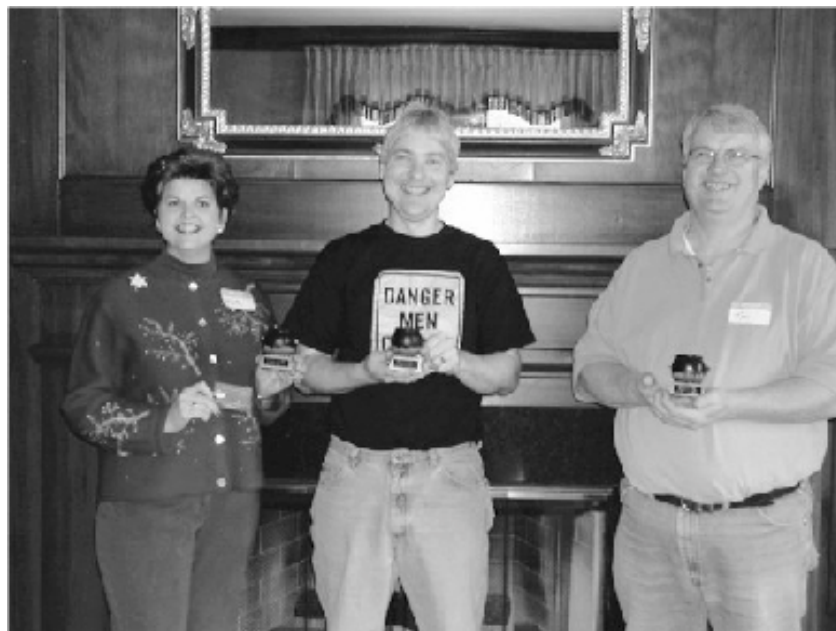
Peoples Choice-Best Chili

Peoples Choice-Hottest Chili

Chairman's Choice



The Winners



Left to right, Marita Clark-Chairman's Choice; Don VanLengen-Best Chili; Tom Clark-Hottest Chili

Membership Participation Program

The Iowa Chapter Membership Participation program is designed to encourage new and current members to participate in chapter activities and get involved in the Chapter. Points will be awarded based on member participation during the year. Each point will each be converted to one raffle ticket for a drawing on a high value and interesting prize(s) at the Annual Meeting. A sign in sheet will be available at each "Official" Iowa Chapter event. It is your responsibility as a member to sign in. Board members will not receive points for their Board duties.

Points to be awarded as follows:

Attendance at Iowa chapter function.(other than those noted below)	1 point
Attending the Annual Meeting	2 points
Attendance at any out of state Iowa Chapter endorsed function	2 points
Writing of a published NewsWerks article	2 points
Attending your first Iowa chapter function	3 points
Securing a year long advertisement for the <i>NewsWerks</i>	3 points
Signing up new Iowa Chapter BMW CCA member	3 points
Helping plan or Coordinate a Chapter event or function	3 points
Attending Oktoberfest	3 points
Hosting / Coordinating an Iowa Chapter event(Chairman)	5 points



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The rave of the month deals not with a BMW at all but with a Porsche. Porsche has again grabbed the bull by the horns, in its quest for the ultimate street and track car with the recent introduction of the 911 GT3. Actually, this rave is directed toward BMW in hopes that they follow the lead set by our friends from Stuttgart. I know the car nuts among us have already read about this wonderful car but to those of you that have not, the highlights read like this. Classic 911 design, weighing in at a mere 3000 lbs, with a highly tuned but normally aspirated, that is no turbo or supercharger, (just real German engineering performed on a flat 3.6 Liter 6 cylinder making 380 horsepower). The performance numbers are, as you might expect, very impressive with 0-60 in 4 seconds and a top speed of 190 mph. It is also very high priced listing at near \$100k. That is a whole bunch of money but not a penny more than the latest BMW M3 CSL that is a European only model and doesn't come close to those performance numbers. I invite you to read more about this no holes barred performance car and I think you will agree that Porsche has raised the bar significantly and I congratulate them. Great job Porsche! Those of us who attend track events regularly know that only Porsche and BMW really understand how to build a true performance car package that is at home, right out of the box, on the track and on the street. I cannot wait to check one out in person.

So, my rant is also focused toward BMW. Where were you guys? This is what we have been asking for since the original E-30 M3 was last produced in 1991, 13 years ago. Don't get me wrong; the E36 M3 was a winner as is the current E46 M3. These are truly great cars and the standard by which all performance coupes and sedans are still measured but what we really want is a raw version of the same concept. We really do not want a big back seat, that we hardly ever use, or an endless list of driver's aids that we disable at the track. We certainly do not need sunroofs and park distance control and navigation systems and "I" drive never even crossed our minds. The above-mentioned Porsche does not even offer ABS brakes yet we cannot buy a BMW, of any kind, without them. Technology is cool but lets put it into power, handling and lightweight technology rather than

trying to push the M3 into a new luxury segment. We know the next M5 and M6 will be big horsepower road kings but we want a track car and anyway you slice it light weight is always king at the track. Motor is BMW's middle name and we need to focus on that too. Then we need to put the next generation of M3 on a low-carb diet. We love the M3 and it is the performance flagship of BMW and probably the best road going BMW ever produced, but we yearn for something more, and at the same time, something less. All we ask for is a dream car, cars most of us will never drive much less own. We need a dream car, a no holes barred version of the production M3 model that we can covet as an all out performance king, an M3 that will run with the wolves. Think no more than 7-8 lbs per horsepower and weighing less than 3000 lbs. Possibly along the lines of the E30 M3 with modern design and 400 honest BMW horsepower. Possibly not an M3 at all but a special model, say an M2.

I find myself lusting after the Porsche 911 GT3 and somehow I feel dirty, like I am cheating on my spouse. Please, BMW, help me before I stray...

In March 2002, the BMW Car Club of America formed the non-profit, tax-exempt charitable **BMW CCA Foundation, Inc.**, to provide benefits to the motoring public community and owners of BMW automobiles. Its charter under Section 501(c)(3) enables the Foundation to establish programs to benefit the public in general, and BMW owners specifically. The vision of the Foundation is to be a significant repository of BMW information and to foster educational programs for the automotive community. To that end, the Foundation established three programs to accomplish its mission:

The Preservation and Restoration Program (PRP)
The PRP supports educational programs that foster and promote the art of vehicle preservation and restoration. To that end, funds for scholarships supporting automotive restoration will be pursued.

The Library, Archives and Museum Program (LAM)
The LAM Program will create a repository for BMW-related historical documents, literature and paraphernalia, providing club members with access to rare and interesting BMW artifacts while insuring their continued existence.

The Driver Safety School Program (DSS) - Hoping to reduce accidents, injuries and deaths, the DSS Program promotes and conducts educational projects to improve the car handling skills of young drivers, especially teenagers. The DSS Program is headlined by the "STREET SURVIVAL Teen Driving School" that is conducted in various parts of the US.

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1987 535is Overall good condition. It runs well but needs more attention than we can give it. One mild Iowa winter. \$3200 Obo, Jeff @ 515 276 2536

1997 M3 sedan auto White/Magma, No winters 30k miles Sunroof CD alarm super nice \$25k obo. Iowa location Andy 512 970 3734.

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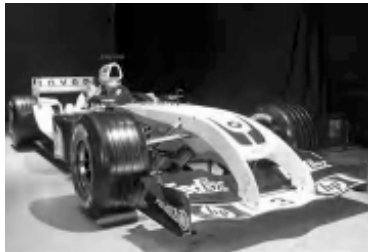
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Parking Ticket

I went to the store the other day and I was in there for about 5 minutes. When I came out there was a police officer writing a parking ticket. So I went up to him and said, "Come on, buddy, how about giving a guy a break?"

He ignored me and continued to write the ticket. So I called him a pencil-necked geek. He glared at me and started writing another ticket for worn tires!

So I called him a piece of horse manure. He finished the second ticket and put it on the windshield with the first. Then he started writing a third ticket!

This went on for about 20 minutes...the more I abused him, the more tickets he wrote.

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