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Longest Day Driving School June 5–7, 2009

by *Mike Bengé*

MidAmerica Motorplex, South of Council Bluffs

This is your chance to attend one of the best driving schools available in the country. We have developed a very effective program to teach novice and experienced drivers the finer points of car control at a great facility. We have gathered the best, enthusiast instructors from around the Midwest to help you have "the time of your life."

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Calendar of Events: May - October 2009

Events, club activities, and all happenings BMW

Saturday, May 9, 2009

Bimmers & BBQ

European Motorcars
11:00 am

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Monday, May 11, 2009

Informal Social

Royal Mile
6:30 pm
210 4th Street, Des Moines

May 22 – 24, 2009

Vintage at the Vineyards

Shelton Vineyards
Dobson, North Carolina

June 5 – 7, 2009

Longest Day Driving School

MidAmerican Motorplex
See article on front page

Tuesday, June 9, 2009

Informal Social

Fridays
6:30 pm
3340 Westown Parkway, West Des Moines

Saturday, June 27, 2009

Annual Picnic

Palisades State Park, near Cedar Rapids
12 Noon
See article on page 3

Monday, July 13, 2009

Informal Social

Hessen House
6:30 pm
101 4th Street, Des Moines

July 16 – 19, 2009

Vintage Races

Road America, Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin
More information available soon

Tuesday, August 11, 2009

Informal Social

Skybox Lounge
6:30 pm
1261 8th Street, West Des Moines

August 14 – 16, 2009

ALMS Races

Road America, Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin
See article on page 8

Sunday, August 30, 2009

I-Cubs

1:05 pm
More information to follow...

September 28 – October 3, 2009

Oktoberfest

Road Atlanta, Atlanta, Georgia

Sunday, October 11, 2009

Street Survival

More information to follow...

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Welcome to our 2009 Board of Directors

Although no elected positions were contested this year, we do have a few new board members who were recently appointed: (*new to board)

President: Fred Bell

Vice-President: David Brighton

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Secretary: David Trachtenberg

At Large: Nehru Cheddie*, Kevin Wake*, Kolin Brighton*

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Web Master: Dana Schrader

Immediate Past President: Mike Bengé

Please join me in welcoming our 2009 Board. If you have an interest in being on the board in the future. . . please let a board member know. We look forward to another great year of events.

Bimmers & BBQ – Saturday, May 9

by *Dave Trachtenberg*

Time to get that European machine out of the garage for our "Bimmers and BBQ" event. May is just around the corner, so get your baby all shined up and come on out to European Motorcars of Des Moines on **Saturday, May 9** at 11am.

You'll be able to show your car and view some of our club's finest autos. In addition, you can check out EMC's latest selection of new and used BMW's. So... come on out... you'll meet a group of car enthusiasts and enjoy some burgers, brats and dogs hot off the grill, cooked and provided by your local HyVee. Only \$8 each for lunch.

What could be better? See you there.



Annual Picnic – Saturday, June 27

by *Kevin Wake*

Spring has sprung... well, sort of... The view out my window doesn't look like it, but it's time to start planning to attend the club's annual summer picnic. **Saturday, June 27** is the day to mark your calendar. We'll be at Palisades-Kepler State Park. It's located about halfway between Cedar Rapids and Mount Vernon on Highway 30.

Palisades-Kepler has been a resort location since the 1890's and was frequented by such notables as poet Carl Sandburg. According to the Iowa DNR's website, http://www.iowadnr.gov/parks/state_park_list/palisades.html, the park features "six miles of walking trails, dramatic river bluffs, a large variety of beautiful wildflowers, majestic hardwood trees, and an abundance of wild life." Excellent access to the river is also available for boat launching and fishing.

The club picnic will be at the park's stone lodge, which was built in the 1930's by the Civilian Conservation Corp. Access to the lodge is paved along with plenty of paved parking next to it in a secluded setting. The lodge has plenty of room both indoors and out to make this a rain or shine event. Tables, chairs, plates, forks, spoons, napkins, picnic food and soft drinks will be provided. Food will be served starting about noon.

Don't forget. Saturday, June 27 is the day. Rain or shine it will be a good day to relax, chat about the Longest Day, enjoy family and friends, and drive your BMW.



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BMW CCA Iowa Annual Financial Statement

Assets

Total Checking/Savings.....	18,089.47
Accounts Receivable	310.00
Undeposited Funds	60.00
Total Assets	18,459.47

Liabilities & Equity

Retained earnings.....	23,645.94
Net income	-5,186.47
Total Liabilities & Equity	18,459.47

Profit & Loss Statement December 2008

Income

Donations for Charity.....	655.00
Event Revenues	24,033.00
Miscellaneous Income.....	125.00
Newsletter Advertising Revenue.....	50.00
Rebate from National.....	13,062.54
Gross Profit	37,925.54

Expenses

Charity	425.00
Depreciation Expense	0.00
Event Expenses	30,264.10
Insurance.....	0.00
Internet Expense.....	279.50
Newsletter.....	11,210.28
Office Supplies.....	120.63
Other Expenses	449.43
Postage and Delivery.....	1,183.72
Printing and Reproduction	210.20
Total Expenses	44,142.86

Other Income/Expense

Interest Income	494.88
Investment gain/(loss).....	-244.03
Other Revenues.....	780.00
Total Other Income.....	1,030.85

Other Expense

Other Expense	0.00
Total Other Expense.....	0.00

Net Other Income 1,030.85

Net Income -5,186.47

Tech Session Recap – March 21 – European Motorcars "How to get that winter crud off your car"

by Dave Trachtenberg

If you missed the March Detail Tech Session...you missed a great one. Over 25 people attended the event at European Motor Cars of Des Moines. A perfect 70 degree day — great weather to check out some new and previously owned BMW's at the dealership...and learn the art of proper car washing from our own detail pro, Earle Rock.

Earle spent much of his career detailing some of the world's finest cars at Country Clubs. He brought his expertise to our members and taught everything from using the right products to knowing what part of the vehicle to clean first. He demonstrated his art on a first generation 750i.

By the end of the session, we were all ready to tackle our own cars — doing it the right way for the best results. The attendees received a written guide and they were able to get answers to many questions. Earle committed to doing more sessions, including waxing/polishing and engine detail.

Don't miss the next session. You'll be a pro, too, in no time.

Thanks again to Earle and to EMC for hosting this event.



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Annual Dinner Recap *by Ken Boatwright & Jo Harvey*

On February 28, 2009, the faithful gathered for the Iowa Chapter Annual Meeting and dinner. President Fred Bell, welcomed the crowd and did a fine job guiding us through the evening's events.

After drinks, schmoozing and a good dinner, we heard our own chapter member, David Splivalo, recount his experiences in Formula 1 Racing as the P.R. director for Scott Speed's 2005 season.

Voting results were announced as reported elsewhere in this edition. Congratulations to the new Board and many thanks to outgoing member, Brian Smith.

David Brighton presented the "Cutting it a Little Fine" award to Don Van Langen for his many mechanical mishaps on his trip to Oktoberfest 2008!

The Member Participation Drawing was held and David Trachtenberg announced Janet Fulton the winner. Her prize is a free registration for the Longest Day Driving School. Remember, the more events you attend, the better your chance of winning.

Sponsor of the Year award went to EuroWerkz, LC of Pleasantville, IA for their ongoing support and the excellent service provided at O'fest in rushing a fuel pump from the west coast to New York in less than 24 hours, thus saving the week for David & Becky Brighton. Doug Wittkowski of EuroWerkz was unable to attend this year, but his efforts are appreciated!

The prestigious Member of the Year award was presented to Stacy Van Langen. She's a constantly active chapter member and is noted for her good natured help and generosity. Congratulations to Stacy!

Throughout the evening, David Brighton commanded the door prize drawings and did a great job. Safe to say everyone left with more than they came with!

Many thanks to our sponsors! Keep them in mind when you need merchandise or service!



Chicago Auto Show Trip

Saturday, February 21

by Rick Talbot



Well, it was very dark and cold at 4am Saturday morning when a shiny Arrow Stage Lines tour bus departed the European Motorcars lot in Urbandale. Thirty-one "car crazy" folks headed to the 101st edition of the Chicago Auto Show at McCormick Place.

After a short pick-up stop at the CoralRidge mall, where 15 more souls joined us, we continued on through less than optimal weather and road conditions to Chicago. A bald eagle escorted us across the Mississippi River.. that had to be a good sign.

Scott, our driver, made excellent time beating my conservative schedule and we all arrived at McCormick an hour early and just in time for the show's opening at 10am. Previous auto show trips have told me, especially on weekends, the first two hours give you the most "freedom" to move about and get clear photos of the vehicles you most want to see, so we all headed immediately into McCormick. Some were even smart enough to use the skywalk to stay out of the falling snow and cross the street! Hey, I remembered when we returned to the bus later!

Highlights of the trip?... I imagine there's about 46 different opinions on that one but as the instigator of organizing the trip, let me say I was very pleased with the service Arrow Stage Lines provided and very appreciative of all who "signed up" to make the trip possible! Despite the packed schedule, and a very early morning departure, everyone was "on time" enabling us to maximize our time at the show...7 hrs before our scheduled 5pm departure. Based upon this year's experience, I think it's a viable idea for a future years' repeat if the interest is there. We could have even planned a short breakfast stop perhaps around the Quad Cities...something to remember for next time perhaps.

As for vehicles...I'm a 10 year owner of a '99 Miata (recently sold BTW ;-)) and I especially looked forward to seeing Mazda's

historical display of all three Miata editions, the new 2009 "MX-5" along with several concept Miatas built over the years as well as three Mazda race cars...a Spec Miata/MX-5 Cup car, a Star Mazda and an American LeMans. Many participants were members of the Iowa Chapter of the BMW Club and BMW featured the new Z4 with its retractable hard top now made in Germany (verses Spartanburg, SC which now solely produces BMW's SUV/SAV's). Very nice, but outside my budget. Despite GM's announcement of imminent, drastic changes for Hummer, Saturn, Pontiac and Saab (who'd declared bankruptcy in Sweden just the day prior) there was a lot of interest in the upcoming Chevy Volt hybrid and new Camaro. A concept Corvette was also an attention getter.

Conspicuous by its absence was Porsche...always a make to admire and dream about but A.W.O.L. from this year's show. For some reason, the SMART car just didn't have the same attraction for me...those make my Miata look like a limo size-wise!

Another sign of the times perhaps...I noted a lot of displays were less "over the top"...and the Jeep demo area was still there but scaled down from previous years. The U.S. Army display was very crowded; a lot of interactive displays and lots of young folks checking out the displays and perhaps the "job opportunities" there.

Another "find" was that McCormick Place now has a McDonald's on the premises so you can get a reasonably priced lunch prior to sampling the local Reba's fudge found all around the auto show.

The Chicago Region, SCCA, also had it's annual display of a variety of Club Racing, Solo and Rally vehicles.

All in all, a very good trip and I just barely got home by midnight...a 20 hour trip but certainly worth it to have someone else do the driving.

Welcome New Members

LAST	FIRST	CAR	YEAR	CAR	YEAR	CITY
Dismer	Derek	E92 M3 Coupe	2008			West Des Moines
Day	Dale L.	X5	2005	X5	2006	Grimes
Day	Mary Beth					Grimes
Hrabak	Rich					Fort Dodge
Graziano	Charles D.	X3	2004	328xi	2007	West Des Moines
Bohn	Jeff	325ix	2002			Clive
Svoboda	Shawn	325i	2001			Ankeny
Powell	Shannon	325i	1993	VW Passat 1.8t	1999	Marion
Huk	David	535i	1990			Marion
Lettween	Barbara	330xi	2006			Clive

American Le Mans Series at Road America – August 14–16

by Nehru Cheddie

The Speed World Challenge and the American Le Mans Series are going to Road America, and we are going with them! Join us for a three-day trip to Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin from August 14 - 16 to see both of these great series compete on the famed Road America road course. The newly christened BMW M3 GT will be driven by Bill Auberlin and Joey Hand. There will also be a number of BMW entries to cheer on in the Speed World Challenge Race. To release some adrenalin between races, compete wheel to wheel at the Briggs & Stratton Go Kart track located on the Road America grounds - bring your helmet!

The plan is to leave from BMW of Des Moines in a caravan of cars around 1:00 pm on Friday, August 14 in order to get to our hotel in Fond du Lac at a reasonable hour. The trip will take approximately 6.5 hours. Driving up with the group is optional.

On Saturday, you will be on your own to explore all 14 turns of Road America. Pit and paddock access is included in the ticket package. For those who are interested, we will get together for dinner on Saturday night to kick back and talk about the day's events. We will be heading back to Iowa on Sunday immediately following the American Le Mans Series race, which will most likely start at 11:00 am.

The cost for race tickets is \$85 per person, in advance. We also have a block of rooms reserved at the MicroTel Inn in Fond du Lac, WI. The rate per night is \$70.95+tax for a queen bed or \$80.95+tax for double beds. Space is limited, so please call the MicroTel Inn at 920-929-4000 and ask for the Iowa Chapter BMW Event room block; be sure to reserve your room by July 1, 2009. To purchase race tickets, please submit \$85 per person by July 1 to: Iowa Chapter BMW Club, P.O. Box 42113, Urbandale, IA 50323

Contact Nehru Cheddie (nehru@cheddie.com) for reservations, questions or concerns.

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