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Dates to Remember

September 15th
Spartanburg South Carolina
Iowa Chapter / BMW NA Drivers School
Yeah, I know, You should have reserved a spot !
Our best wishes to all that will attend, have a blast!

September 22nd
EuropeanMotorcars Des Moines TSD Rally
Our number one chapter sponsor will again come through to help us with our very first Des Moines based rally. Chapter treasurer Fred Bell is busy devising ways to make this a challenging and fun driving event. This guy is sneaky so watch him. Rallying is coming back in a big way all over the country as a great excuse to enjoy driving. Think of it as solving hidden riddles as you drive the prescribed route. Our Fall Color Tour last year included a rally that members are still talking about. Why not come on out and give it a try.

October 13th
Iowa Chapter Fall Color Tour
We had so much fun last year that we promised to do it all again and with even more gusto. Board member Tom Clark will again be our host for a fun rally along with some of the most spectacular scenery in the Midwest. If last year was any indication, many memories will be made again this year. See the article in this issue and make your reservations soon as this is the busy season for accommodations in the area.

October 19-21st
Quattro Club Driving School at Heartland Park
Another drivers school at Heartland Park Topeka? Yes and an official Iowa chapter event to boot. Run in conjunction with the Kansas City Chapter BMW Car Club, it is a cooler (at least in temperature) version of the July event. Sign up now at http://www.quattroclubusa.org/r/kc/driver_school.html

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An actual editorial from the Editor?

I have yet to unpack the M3 from our recent trip to Heartland Park, Topeka, Kansas from this past weekends BMW CCA drivers school nor have I begun to think about our departure for Oktoberfest next weekend in New Hampshire. I felt the need to sit down and write this while it was fresh in my mind and more importantly fresh in my heart.

What I witnessed this past weekend will not only be something I will forever remember, but has also helped restore my faith in the human race. I now hereby dedicate myself, to the extent of my abilities, to all of the friends I have met in and around this club. Read on and I'm sure you will understand why.

You have all heard me preach about how much fun these driving events can be and how we would like you to all participate in them to improve your general driving skills and for the true appreciation for the outstanding handling characteristics of the BMW. That is the upside to drivers schools and is the far overwhelming majority of what happens at most of them. But, there is a downside.

On a rare occasion, and for some reason more often in the last few years than I can ever remember, there have been some accidents. Last weekend we witnessed one of those and let it first be said that again no one was injured. Our own Treasurer and Iowa chapter charter member Fred Bell was the unlucky driver in this incident. I for one was shocked and upset, as Fred had been so enthusiastic at his relatively new hobby as a BMW pilot. In most cases this happens more to experienced drivers who are pushing the performance envelope to the extreme much too soon and that was just not Fred's style.

The reasons why it happened will never really be known and are not really important to this story. What happened after the crunch is what is very important to me and I hope to you.

Many of the Iowa contingent were gathered in the shade as Driving School chief instructor Kirk Kiloh brought us the news of our friends collision with the wall. He immediately assured us no one was hurt and that Fred would be returning with the wrecker crew shortly. Kirk is the first of many hero's of the weekend and we all very much appreciate his efforts with this situation and how dedicated he and the rest of the staff are to making these schools fun, safe, and well organized. Fred returned from the track heartbroken about his bent car but also relieved that it wasn't his daughter Alison who was scheduled to do her first novice event in the very same car later in the day. We all did our best to console Fred and to assure him that in the end, bent sheet metal is all it really amounted to and could be fixed.

Then I watched as the hands and hearts opened up and I have to say, I was truly moved by what I saw in the next hours and days. The first problem was Alison. She had been so looking forward to her first drivers school and now had no car. Not a problem, as it turns out as our own Vice President and maybe the biggest hero of the weekend Tony Wiles stepped right up and fixed that. He provided his M3 for Alison, coached her during the lunch time parade laps about the cars handling tendencies and sent her out with her instructor Angie Gibson. Angie made sure that Alison took it very easy, understanding what her mental state might be like after the very disturbing morning she must have had. What can I say about Tony. This is his most coveted M3, a car that I might add has never been driven on a track by any other than himself. I stood with Tony and Fred on the hill and watched as a proud but nervous father and just plain nervous but so very generous car owner watched a new driver do her first track laps. The pollen count must have been high as my eyes were watering badly that afternoon.

The next dilemma was getting the M coupe to Kansas City for repair. Also as it turned out not much of a problem as Iowa chapter member Scott Smed volunteered his trailer and Siraj Podikunju his Jeep for a tow vehicle. Siraj also...

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insisted that when Fred was again ready to take to the track, his BMW M3 was available. I want to again stress that these cars are highly prized among all of us and never normally loaned to anyone much less for high speed instruction. Fred and chapter event coordinator Jay Read delivered the car to Kansas City that afternoon and returned to enjoy with us the traditional Saturday night banquet. Fred did go out on track again Sunday in Siraj's M3 and we were all very happy to see that.

Fred's and Siraj's instructor, Bob Gilmore made himself available in our area to help ease the tension and made sure everyone felt comfortable with the situation. Even our fearless spiritual leader and Roundel publisher Satch Carlson took Alison out a few times for some experience in the novice group.

Later this week, Fred, I, and Siraj will be busy readying the two M3's for a trip to Oktoberfest where again all of us will try to make sure everyone from the Iowa chapter has a great time. And it is not a chore, it's what we enjoy doing. Now, maybe even more so.

I have been around motorsports and car people my entire life and have seen some amazing things but this past weekend was just so much of an inspiring show of compassion, generosity, and friendship that I felt I needed to share it with all of our members. This club is about automobiles, performance, driving, and many other things. But as this past weekend proved once again, it is actually about people. That is **you** and that is **I** and all of the fifty five thousand members in this club, I for one am very proud to be a part of it.

If you haven't yet done so, please plan on joining us at an Iowa chapter event and see for yourself.

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What a great time to be a BMW enthusiast. The BMW marque has rewarded the faithful with an outstanding year on the track in professional Motorsport, the company has remained independent and prospered to a degree that we can only marvel at, and our national and local club has had its best year ever as well.

The Iowa Chapter has grown and we have more than doubled our initial membership thanks in no small degree to our agreement with David Dean, General Manager of European Motorcars Des Moines. We have had wonderful participation in our events this year, with new faces at just about every meeting. Our second Annual Picnic was a particular success, as it gave us all a chance to get together in a beautiful setting to socialize without the pressure of competition or adherence to a timetable.

We will be very active in the Susan B. Komen "Drive for the Cure" at European Motorcars Des Moines on Monday, September 10, so please come by to say "Hi" and help us make a difference in a small way for a very worthy cause by taking a new BMW out for a spin. Every mile driven earns the Komen Foundation additional financial support in the fight to find a cure for breast cancer. The Iowa Chapter was honored this year by the Komen Foundation when they asked us to provide drivers to shuttle the "Drive for the Cure" BMW fleet from European Motorcars Des Moines to Joe McCarthy BMW in Peoria, IL on September 11th. By taking a weekday away from work, these 19 volunteers will drive a total of almost 5000 miles, earning nearly \$5000 for the cause. This volunteerism speaks volumes about the caring and selfless people that have joined and become active in our chapter. We would be a poorer organization without such friends.

On a lighter note, we have been having a blast at the track and on the autocross circuit. We have had over a dozen members participate in each of several driving schools at Heartland Park, Topeka, Road America in northeast Wisconsin, and GingerMan Raceway in southwest Michigan. We caravanned to these events, yakking away on two-way radios both coming and going. Satch gave a speech at the dinner for the Kansas City Chapter's event in Topeka. It seems that he'll never forget or forgive us for the "cholesterol poisoning" that we allegedly subjected him to at our first annual dinner in the Amanas. Somebody should tell him that those were GERMAN restaurants we were eating at...

Speaking of the track, our third trip to the BMW Factory Performance Center in South Carolina is completely booked up. There will be only three Iowa Chapter members in attendance, in addition to the two out of state BMW CCA members who were smart enough to join the Iowa Chapter in order to take advantage of the discount rate that we offered exclusively to Iowa Chapter members. I know that a trip to South Carolina isn't cheap, but I hope that we have a better showing next September when we do this event again. We are the only chapter in the country able to offer this excellent opportunity to our members. Let's take advantage of it!

We're looking forward to a great time at our annual Holiday Wine Tasting Party, and our third Annual Dinner, where we hope to have one of the BMW factory race drivers for our keynote speaker.

Fred Bell and I will be attending our 1st Chapter Presidents and Treasurers Congress in Minneapolis October 6th and 7th. We will be networking with other chapter officers, and attending seminars and workshops that will hopefully give us a better insight into CCA operations, issues, and administration. Chapter elections are around the corner, so if you're interested in helping the Board of Directors administer the Iowa Chapter, or want to campaign for one of our chapter officer positions, please let us know soon so that we can include you in the electoral process.

I hope to see you soon at one of our meetings or events. Don't forget that we have Iowa Chapter logo polo, tee, and oxford shirts as well as static sticker window decals available. Just contact any Board Member, or go to our web site, www.bmwia.org.

Fall Color Tour 2001

It's time to get out your maps of Iowa, find your stopwatch, and read up on the rally rules because we're getting ready for our Second Annual Fall Color tour! This time you may want to add checking your brakes and practicing your hill starts since not only is our starting point, Dubuque, the oldest city in Iowa, it's also the hilliest!

We will meet at Dan Kruse BMW on Highway 20 in Dubuque starting at 9:30 on Saturday morning, **October 13th** for donuts and coffee. After a brief team meeting at 11:00, cars will begin leaving for the rally at 12:00 and for the next 3 hours, travel some of the most scenic roads in all of the Midwest! Again this year if you'd like to take in the sights but not follow all of rally instructions, we'll give you a detailed map and "simplified" directions so you don't have to miss out.

Our final resting point for the evening will again be the river town of Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin. We have reserved a block of rooms under the BMW club name at the Quiet House and Windsor Place hotels. Reservations are your responsibility and can be made by calling 608-326-4777. After arriving at the hotel, we will have social time so you can relax and tell tall tales about the day's adventures. Saturday evening we will have an awards ceremony and buffet dinner at "The Barn" restaurant on the outskirts of Prairie du Chien.

On Sunday we'll have a couple options for motoring fun. If you just haven't had enough driving, a tour group will leave the hotels at 9:30 Sunday morning and head through the countryside to Gays Mills, the heart of Wisconsin's apple country. After a stop there to get some goodies, we'll head south and make another loop through Galena, Illinois on our way back to Dan Kruse BMW in Dubuque. (From there you're on your own to get home!) We should be in Dubuque about 1:30 PM so everyone should be able to make it home at a decent time.

If you'd like to do some more sight seeing but aren't sure about the trip to Gays Mills, at 11:30 Sunday morning a tour group will leave the hotel and head south and west through Iowa, ending in Manchester, at the intersection of Highways 20 and 13, about 35 miles west of Dubuque. Again you can plan on being in Manchester at about 1:30 PM.

Entry fees are \$10.00 for each car registered by October 1st, \$15.00 after that and for all non Iowa chapter BMW CCA members. The buffet dinner will be approximately \$15.00 per person. Mail in your \$10 fee along with your name, membership number and the number of dinner reservations required to the BMW club P.O. box address on this newsletter. Questions? or for more information contact **Tom Clark** at toclark@cisco.com

Attendees of last year's event are still talking about it so please plan on joining us for an encore presentation. We look forward to seeing all of you at Dan Kruse BMW on Saturday, October 13th!

Saturday October 13th 2001

9:00 - 11:00 Registration at Kruse and social time

11:00 - 11:30 Drivers meeting

11:30 - 12:00 Prep time before leaving

12:00 - ??? Cars leave 2 minutes apart

3:00 - 6:00 Cars return to hotel, social hour in conference room

7:00 - 9:00 Dinner and awards at "The Barn"

Sunday

9:30 Full tour group leaves

11:30 Short tour group leaves

Reminder:

We have scheduled informal Des Moines area dinner meetings every third Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. Located at **Stella's Blue Sky Diner** in Urbandale on 100th street now through October. Come on out and have dinner with us.

Dates for this year:

Tuesday August 21st

Tuesday September 18th

Tuesday October 16th

We also welcome our friends in Eastern Iowa to join us or to schedule their own local meetings.

EuropeanMotorcars Des Moines September Rally

Plan to participate in a fun rally to celebrate EuropeanMotorcars Des Moines' new facility! Join the group on **Saturday, September 22** – starting point to be at the brand new building at 100th and Hickman (Urbandale) if all goes well on the construction schedule, or from the current facility at 9060 Hickman Rd. in Clive if necessary. All you need to participate is: a driver (naturally), a navigator (well, we know one member who completed the last one with just God as her co-pilot, but we don't generally recommend it), car (Bavarian is better, of course, but doesn't affect the standings), watch (stopwatch can be handy), writing instrument, and sense of humor. Oh, and a little cash – fee will be \$5 per person for Iowa Chapter BMW CCA members and \$7.50 for others. We plan to invite other car clubs in the area to participate as well (and encourage them to take a look at our sponsor's automotive offerings while there).

Planned schedule

Registration: 9:30-10:30

Get there early to get signed up, read the instructions, look at cars, etc.

Driver meeting: 10:30

First car off: 11:00 Cars will start in order of registration number, at 1- or 2-minute intervals.

The route will take us around a couple hours' worth of Des Moines and surrounding environs. Afterward, we'll regroup at the dealership for lunch, provided for us by EuropeanMotorcars Des Moines, and then take care of the prizes, gripes, finger-pointing, et al.

Questions? Or for much appreciated RSVP's – Contact Fred Bell at 515-224-4179 or B3725@aol.com.

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Heartland Park : More Fun in the Sun

By Jay Read

The annual Kansas City BMW Club Drivers School at Heartland Park in Topeka, Kansas attracted fourteen Iowa Chapter members seeking fun in the sun. It rained Friday morning, was cloudy on Saturday, but on Sunday the school lived up to its "Surface of the Sun" name. Our EZ Up tent for shade and several coolers of water and soda made us the envy of the paddock.

A big attraction of the weekend was the modified moving van brought in by Russ Wiles and his friends from Sioux Falls, SD. This rig held their five cars, on two levels, plus a shop, with tire mounting equipment, in the front. The whole operation resembled a factory racing team or as Russ himself described it "retched excess". Most of the usual track junkies were there. Hot machines included Russ' M3 Lightweight, Dana Schrader's E46 M3, Porsche turbos, Vipers, and a supercharged Mustang. Scott Smed brought his CRX racecar instead of his 328is.

Friday night included a social gathering with appetizers, adult beverages and a chance to talk to old friends again. Some of the Iowa members and the guys from Sioux Falls decided to see Planet of the Apes, but were unable to get in so, according to Tim Petersen, they just asked Mike Bartley to take his shirt off.

"Roundel" editor Satch Carlson, attired in his "ice cream vender" suit, was the featured speaker at the Saturday night dinner. Satch was in entertaining good form with some new as well as not-so-new stories. Much of his humor was at the expense of members of the audience, of course. As usual our Iowa Chapter members did very well in the door prize department.

By Sunday afternoon attrition had reduced the number of students so some run groups were combined. Some of our members who are normally in separate groups got to run together, which was much more fun. Finally the time came to change tires, pack up and head home. Dave Brennan even took off the metal backing plates he'd been using for brake pads and put on some new ones. Three caravans of cars headed for Iowa with their drivers full of enough stories to last until the next driving school.

Discounts

Did You know that many of the BMW related vendors in our area offer discounts on parts and services to the members of the Iowa Chapter of the BMW CCA?

Following is a list of such vendors.

If you know of any additional Iowa shops, service providers or dealers that also provide discounts to our club members please let us know.

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Oktoberfest 2001...

Track time at New Hampshire International Speedway, autocrossing, rally's, car shows, new cars, new products, along with new friends, banquets, trophies, door prizes and more car talk than one person could absorb.

The setting was beautiful and great fun was had by all seven Iowa chapter members that attended this years Oktoberfest. I know that I learned many new things and in the coming months we will be relaying some of the fun of Oktoberfest to you in hopes of enticing you into attending Oktoberfest 2002 which will be in Colorado next July and in which your own Iowa chapter will be heavily involved.

This year the BMW CCA gave away 13 new M3 convertibles and two of the winners were in attendance, a first for Oktoberfest. There were real live black bears, 36 pound turkeys, and moose in attendance at Waterville Valley. We heard about Boris Said's latest fight and how Bill Auberlin breaks his toys. The new Mini made its first club showing. And did you know that Zymol is now selling motor oil and laundry detergent? At this point it is all pretty much a blur but we will try to explain it all and would hope that many of the Iowa members pencil in Oktoberfest 2002 as a must do for next year.



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