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The official newsletter of the Iowa Chapter BMW CCA

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE BOARD

I hope everyone is having a great summer – even if it has been more like spring or fall.

The chapter's membership continues to grow to record levels and we may soon be over 1,000 members in the Iowa Chapter alone! Part of this is due to the memberships purchased by EuropeanMotorcars Des Moines – a Big Thank You to them for their continued support. Additionally, we are seeing more members renew their memberships after the initial purchase is made by EMC. We are also seeing more and more new members attending our events. All of this is very good and we hope to meet new members at each event.

Hopefully, the increased participation we are seeing is due to the fact that the Board is trying to provide more of the events you have asked for. Your input does make a difference, please continue to share, with us, your thoughts and ideas.

The rest of 2004 should be just as great. We have many of our annual events coming up: Fall Color Tour, Holiday Party, and our social gatherings at various local restaurants during the summer and at Sprockets Karting during the Fall and Winter. We are also already planning next year's Annual Meeting tentatively scheduled for the evening of February 26th, 2005. Keep those calendars clear and make sure to come out and join us at an upcoming event. We would love to meet more of you.

Because we are trying to provide a greater variety of events, we did decide not to do the September Driving School at MidAmerica Motorplex, south of Council Bluffs. Don't worry...the event is still happening, but this year it will be put on by the Missouri Valley Chapter – our neighbors to the west in Nebraska, South Dakota and North Dakota. It promises to be the same great event and many of the same people you've met at previous driving schools will be there. If you haven't signed up or participated before, don't miss this opportunity. It is more fun and worthwhile than you could ever imagine. Just ask anyone who has been to one.

Don't forget to participate in the Ultimate Drive for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation at your local BMW dealership. See Page 2 for more information on the "Drive" in Iowa.

Until next time...stay between the lines and enjoy the ride!

Dana Schrader, President

UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

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

CENTRAL IOWA SOCIAL EVENTS

A chance to get together, have a few beverages and food and get to know our fellow club members

September 20

Granite City Food and Brewery
12801 University Ave, Clive
6:00 pm to ??

October 4th

Hessen Haus
101 4th Street, Des Moines
6:00 pm to ??

If you live outside of central Iowa and would like to begin a monthly social event for Club Members in your area, please contact Scott Smed, Events Coordinator.

September 18

EuropeanMotorscars Des Moines



Experience the exhilaration of driving a new BMW while joining the fight against breast cancer. In partnership with the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. BMW NA donates \$1 per mile to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. All the information you need to participate and pre-register can be found on-line at www.bmwusa.com, click on the Joy of Driving link and then the Events & Programs link. Sign up today.

September 19

KOMEN KARAVAN

20 Volunteers are needed to drive the Drive for the Cure BMW's from EuropeanMotorscars to Bloomington, MN. You will meet at EurpeanMotorsCars no later than 7:30 am, get in a vehicle and make the 245 mile drive to Bloomington. You will return in a 21 passenger bus. Box lunch included. Passengers are very limited due to number of seats on the bus for return trip. All drivers must be 21 years of age, and must be 25 years old for the 7 series. All drivers must show a valid driver's license and current proof of auto insurance (for any car). BMW NA also donates \$1 for every mile driven to the Komen Foundation when chapter members transport the automobiles! If you would like to help, please RSVP to the Dave Brennan, Event Chairman at dbrennan@netins.net

October 16 -17

FALL COLOR TOUR & TSD RALLY

You won't want to miss this year's event

See page 11 for all the details

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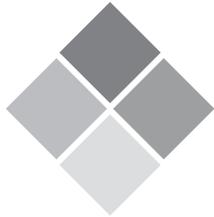
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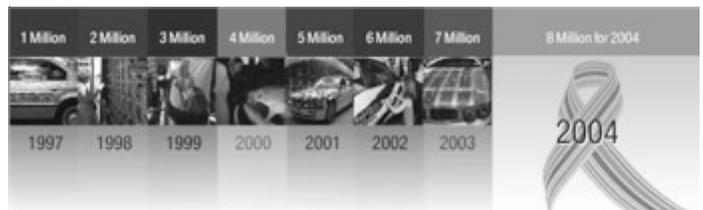
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 AND HOPE TO SEE YOU AT AN EVENT SOON!**

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First Annual Day at the Ball Park

Chaired by David Trachtenberg

Play Ball!!

There he was—all alone on the pitcher's mound. The thousands of people in the crowd were so quiet, that you could hear a pin drop. You could tell that he was a bit nervous, but there was a job to do, and like everything else he took on, he would get it done.

Was this a dream? No way—it was our fearless leader, Dana Schrader—throwing out the first pitch of the game at our first annual Iowa Cubs Day at Principal Park in Des Moines.

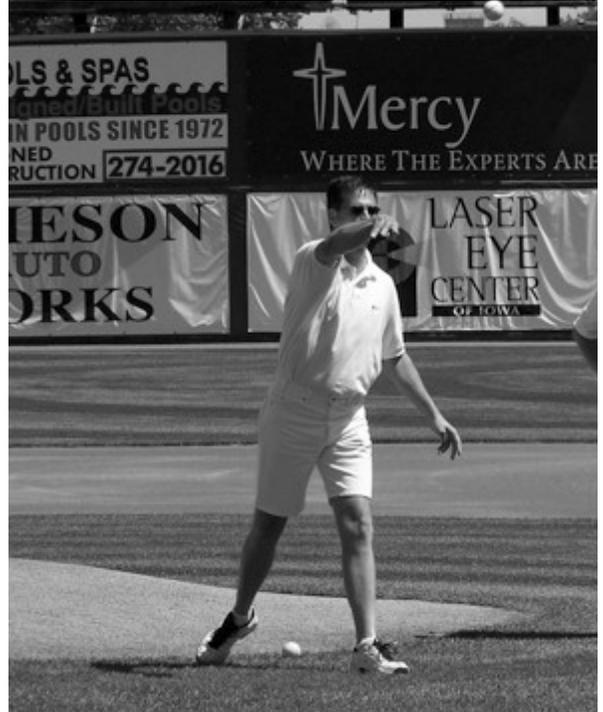
The ball made it perfectly to the catcher, and the game began. Who knew that a “car guy” could throw a baseball?

We couldn't have asked for better weather. It was in the mid 70's, and not a cloud in the sky. We lined up “our babies” on the sidewalk in front of the stadium. The cars included everything from an M3 to a 2002. As the crowd entered the ballpark, they got to view some of our best cars.

Even though we were competing with the Iowa State Fair, we had 24 people attend the event. Our great seats were along the third base line. We soaked up the sun, stuffed our faces, and had some great conversation.

Don't miss this event next year. See you then.

Photo by Kolin Brighton



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SPEEDING TO PAY YOUR TAXES.....By Doug

Yes, it's time for another rant and this one is near and dear to my heart. That is, the fleecing of America by our speed limit enforcement system. In a country that consists of millions of extremely bad and unaware drivers, our state and local governments have decided to wage war on us personally. Not because they are concerned about us or because they would like to make us better drivers but because they have found it profitable. Yes, again the dollar rules and speed limit enforcement has just become another way to tax us.

I, on the other hand, am very concerned with traffic safety and driving skills but our government could care less. Has any government agency ever tried to help train people to be better drivers in this country? Have they actually tried to enforce a safe vehicle code? Have you ever even heard of anyone receiving a violation for unsafe driving or poor driving skills? Or of a program to improve actual driving skills? And yet we see this sort of driving every day we are out on the roads.

So the plan is speed enforcement and it is highly profitable, not only for our states but for our beloved insurance companies and this is how it happened. In the 1980's, we became concerned about crime. Rightly so, but as usual we didn't go about it with any common sense. Our answer was to hire more police, put more bodies on the streets, all the streets, not only in the most violent and underserved areas of our large cities but out here in fly over country. You see, everyone got a share of the federal money for more police and that included the safest areas too. Raise your hand if you paid for all of this, because you did. So, now what do we do with all these Police Officers if we have no real crime to fight? How do we pay for them when the money runs out? Lay-offs? Oh, certainly not. Revenue enhancement by using radar guns seems to be working very well.

Don't get me wrong, we certainly need traffic laws and I do not want to let everyone drive as fast as they want on our highways, but this has gotten way out of hand. A single speeding ticket can be a very expensive little proposition these days. Okay, the price of the ticket isn't too bad, at say \$75-200. But then everyone else gets their cut. You might have a small string of bad luck and get several tickets in a short period of time, or have a young driver in the

house that gets a minor infraction. Look out.... because your insurance company is coming for their share and they are ruthless. In fact several of these insurance companies have gone to the extremes and actually help fund the purchase of radar equipment for local police and sheriff departments. How crazy is that? Are they concerned about your driving skills? Shouldn't they sponsor us, their customers rather than the enforcement agencies?

What is the answer? Well, we need to make the current system un-profitable so that we might actually get back to some common sense and possibly concentrating on safe driving skills. First and foremost, Never ever, ever, pay another speeding ticket. Take it to court. You will actually save a bunch of money in the long run and there is a very good chance it will either be dismissed or reduced to a small infraction that will be much easier on your wallet and driving record. Do not wait until it is too late, one ticket or five, start this policy now. Don't have time? Make time; we are all in this together. Clog those traffic courts with trivial matters and then watch the system get re-evaluated. Always practice safe driving by using a radar detector. No, they will not save you in every situation but they will do two things every time, keep you aware and point out just how many radar guns are out there. Wake up! Be very aware of your surroundings in all-driving conditions. This will not only make you a safe driver but will reduce your chances of being over taxed. Or, you could just forget it, drive the speed limit, avoid being aware, don't be concerned with any actual skills, try to avoid actually doing anything like concentrating on your driving or what your 3-4000 pound vehicle is doing. That is fine with me, just please stay in the right lane at all times and try not to hit me, or your fellow "real" drivers.



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September 11-12, 2004

The Missouri Valley Chapter of the BMW CCA would like to extend an invitation to attend the "Trieben Schnell" Driving School September 11-12 at Mid-America Motorplex located on the Iowa/Nebraska border 20 minutes South of Omaha on I-29. There will be a track familiarization day on Friday September 10 for all instructors, instructor candidates and advanced students.

Come enjoy a weekend of classroom instruction and lots of track time at one of the safest new facilities in the Midwest. This event will fill up quickly and is first come first served, so don't delay. For information on the track, visit their website at www.midamericamotorplex.com.

For registration information and all other questions, visit the Missouri Valley Chapter website at www.bmwccamvc.org and follow the Trieben Schnell links.

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CLUB PICNIC

If you missed the Club Picnic, shame on you! You missed a great time with some of the best BBQ and food in Iowa. Over sixty members and their families attended the picnic at Easter Lake and the weather was perfect! Sunny and warm but not too warm! A special Thank You to club member Don VanLengen and his wife Stacy for preparing all the food! What a job they had and they did it so well!

Between the beverages and food, there was lots of “car” talk time and a lot of looking.....the parking lot was an array of BMW's from 2002's to 6 series. It was a beautiful sight!



1. Button for Dashboard
2. Traction control off
3. Dashboard menu: Increment
4. Neutral gear request
5. Radio talk
6. Drink pump
7. Diff control high
8. Diff control low
9. Diff control
10. High speed engine braking
11. Low speed engine braking
12. Fuel mixtures.
To save fuel or give more power
13. Traction control
14. Traction control
15. Cut engine to turn it off
16. Tyre selection (dry, inter, wet)
17. Pit lane speed limiter
18. Dashboard menu: Decrement
19. Oil pump activation
20. Brake balance adjustment

In My Opinion.....

Yokohama AVS ES100 tires have been purchased and recommended by many Iowa chapter members including myself. I am very sorry to report that they have developed some issues that I thought we should pass along. Somewhere midway through their life they start to get overly noisy and the condition worsens as the tires age and accumulate miles. This problem is being discussed on many enthusiast related chat boards and automotive sites. Apparently there is no danger with this issue, just a very annoying noise problem that you should be aware of. The problem seems to be worse on cars that incorporate increased camber changes in their suspension geometry such as BMW and Porsche. Yokohama makes many excellent tires for BMW's including the AVS Sport, AVS db2, and competition tires but the bargain basement priced AVS ES100 have not turned out to be a product that I want to recommend.

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"Apple and BMW have outpaced the industry around the innovation curve," said Steve Jobs, Apple CEO. "This elegant solution enables auto enthusiasts to carry with them and enjoy their entire music collection everywhere they go, heightening their ultimate driving experience."

"With Apple, we're bringing the ultimate seamless digital music experience to our customers," said Tom Purves, Chairman and CEO, BMW (US) Holding Corp. "The BMW iPod Adapter provides our drivers with virtually endless miles of music without their hands ever leaving the steering wheel."



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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

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Fall Colors Tour and Rally

Last issue we gave you a teaser about the soon-to-be-here annual Fall Colors Tour. Now for the rest of the story, as Paul Harvey would say.

This year's event features two (!) main driving segments. On Saturday, October 16, we'll have the rally portion. This one is a pure Time/Speed/Distance (TSD) rally, and is trap-free, in honor of all of those who dislike puzzles and mental challenges. What that means is simple – you have one task, and one task only on this rally – get there on time. No more, no less. No gimmicks, no tricky course-following rules, no fill-ins from signs erected by wartime camouflage experts. We tell you the entire route, with a minimum of coding and buzzwords. We give you mileages to turn points, tell you clearly when to change speeds, and also what signs to look for and exactly where to look for them in order to assist you in confirming those turn points and speed changes. It should be virtually impossible to get lost. All you gotta do is drive the route as precisely as possible, time- and speed-wise. And if you truly hate to do even that amount of detail but you'd like a nice drive through the Des Moines River Valley and the company of great friends for the weekend, then come on along on the route without competing. Or, contact me and you can help out with the checkpoints. You don't need much for equipment to participate in the rally, but a watch with a good second hand or digital readout is helpful, along with a clipboard to hold your papers, a writing instrument, and perhaps a calculator if you want to be particularly intense about competing. If your car has a trip computer, a lot of the work can be done by electronic magic, too – we don't prohibit any equipment you might want to use. Check the chapter website prior to the event to get complete rally rules and definitions, and we'll also have copies for everyone at registration.

Meeting place on Saturday is the **Walgreen's** parking lot at the corner of **Beaver Ave. and Douglas Ave. in Des Moines**. **Registration** will be from **9:30 to 10:00 a.m.**, with a driver meeting at 10:00 and **first car off at 10:30**. Gas, groceries, and sundries are all available nearby if there's something you've forgotten. There will be a break for lunch partway along the route.

The second portion is our return on October 17, and will restore the Sunday group drive that we did in the first couple Fall Colors events. This one will take us down through the Loess Hills, and then lunch at the transplanted German Hausbarn in Manning before splitting up and heading for home. Dave Brighton and Gary D'Agrosa have come up with a very scenic route that most of us in Iowa have probably never gotten around to driving. If you just want to do the Sunday drive, feel free to join us in Storm Lake for the Saturday dinner and the tour the next day.

The hotel for Saturday night is the **AmeriHost Inn in Storm Lake, 712-732-1000**, or national reservations 800-434-5800. They have a block of rooms for us, **held only until Sept 20**. Tell them it's with the BMW Club, and you'll get a room rate of only \$50 + tax. Please RSVP by email or phone to me if you're thinking of coming – **fourbells1@mchsi.com** or **515-224-4179**. We don't need much notice, but any advance helps in making sure the restaurants are ready for us on the lunch stops and for Saturday night's dinner.

Meals are all on a no-host basis. The fee for rally participants will remain at the historical \$10/car to cover trophies, etc. and everyone who registers, in advance, will be eligible for door prizes.

Committee members – Fred Bell, Dave Brighton, and Gary D'Agrosa





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