



NewsWerks

The official newsletter of the Iowa Chapter BMW CCA

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A New Challenge for Our Chapter **Street Survival™ Teen Driving School And Safety School (for the rest of us)**

Let's start out with a few sobering statistics about driving:

- Teenagers cause 2.5 million automobile accidents per year. The economic cost of teen accidents in 2001 was \$42.3 billion.
- 14% of all traffic deaths are teenagers. In 2000, it averaged out to one teen death every 90 minutes!

Most driving programs acknowledge that a problem exists with driver training in this country. Street Survival is a program that was initiated by the BMW CCA Foundation nationally to address gaps in the training that almost all of us receive before getting a driver's license. As one observer said, can you recall your high school driving instructor ever saying "Let's get this thing a little loose, and see if you can catch it before the back end comes around"? Nope – me neither. We learn enough to pass the rules of the road written test, and enough mechanical skills to pilot the car in reasonable traffic situations in pretty good weather conditions – and then we're turned loose with that magic slip of paper to learn the rest by seat of pants and the occasional bad experience.

Individual BMW CCA chapters host the Street Survival events for their regions, using the national program curriculum and our local instructors and facilities. Credit also needs to be given to national sponsors Liberty Mutual Insurance, BMW NA, ZF Group North American Operations, Michelin, and The Tire Rack – without their support, we couldn't do this program for our community.

So what exactly is Street Survival? It's a one-day program of classroom and in-car training, using the student's own car. It doesn't matter if it's the family minivan, a pickup, a really cool BMW or a "slammed" Asian import. You run what you bring. The point is to learn driving skills in the vehicle that the student is using most of the time. We'll have a wet-down parking lot, with lots of very pliable plastic cones and very little else that can be hit. The closed parking lot and wet surface allow for abnormal car behavior and recovery at slow speeds, so mistakes are learning experiences rather than calls to your insurance company. A qualified instructor will be with each student in the car throughout the day, teaching about the car's handling limits and how to control the car in emergency situations. Real-world scenarios are emphasized, such as emergency lane-change maneuvers, slick-surface handling (THAT never happens in Iowa, does it?), and panic braking.

Street Survival is NOT a course for learning how to drive your car at high speeds. Safety and car control are the objectives. Saving a life is the result!

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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

Saturday, July 23

ANNUAL PICNIC AND CLEAN CAR CONCOURS

11am to 6 pm

Easter Lake Shelter #4, Des Moines

(paved roads)

Entry Fee for Concours is \$10.

\$5 of the entry fee and all People's Choice "voting" dollars will be donated to Variety, The Children's Charity

Concours Rules are posted on the website

11:00 to Noon Concours Registration and "final" detailing

Noon - Towels down

Noon to 1:30 - Concours Judging, People's Choice Judging

Lunch

2:00 - Concours Awards

2:30 to ???? Social (which in this club means "car talk")

Concours Chairman David Trachtenberg

Picnic Chairman & BBQ Master, Don VanLengen

Please RSVP to Don Vanlengen if your are planning to attend. We want to make sure we have enough food and beverage!

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Wednesday, August 17

European Motorcars Des Moines

10 am to 6 pm

Sunday, August 20

Kimberly Imports

625 W Kimberly Road, Davenport

10 am to 6 pm

Monday, August 21

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September 10

Street Survival School

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September 17-23

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**Fun Drive to Cajun & Zydeco Festival
and Photo Contest**

It was a great day for a drive and President Dana selected some awesome roads for us to travel on! (Except for that little piece of gravel road outside of Marshalltown).

Approximately 45 of us met up in Marshalltown to make the journey to the Cajun and Zydeco Festival in the Amanas. After a brief overview of the drive.... off we went into the wild blue yonder! Some even had the top down on their convertibles...a truly beautiful sight.

To make it interesting, Dana had us taking photos along the way. There were 4 categories:

Landscape
People
Car(s) in motion
Car(s) at rest

The photos have been placed on the web site and all the members are invited to visit the web site and vote for their favorite photograph in each category. Voting is open until July 30th. Winners will be announced in the next issue of the *NewsWerks*.

For those of you who were on the drive, we took a chance by picking the Cajun Festival as no one had attended it in the past, sorry. Next year, we will select a different festival to drive to and enjoy.



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Street Survival

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If you've read this far, but are wondering how it applies to you if you don't have a teen in the house, never fear! While the main Street Survival program is only open to 16-19 year-olds with valid licenses, the Iowa Chapter event will also feature a safety school at the same time that is available to any member with a valid license. We're making a limited number of student slots available for non-teens, so sign up right away!

Here's all the particulars:

Location: Southeast Polk High School, 8325 NE University Ave., Runnells, IA (from Des Moines, just keep going east on University past the fairgrounds and Pleasant Hill until you see it!)

Date/ Time: September 10, 2005. Sign-in at 8:15 to get the car tech inspected & pick up student manual; school 9-4:30. Students *must* sign up in advance. Registration will end September 1 or when full.

Teens must register at: online at www.streetsurvival.org. Membership in BMW CCA will be included with your entry fee, along with the rest of the benefits below.

Safety school registration (non-teens): Send in the form below.

Any questions? Event chair is Fred Bell, 515-457-7849 or fourbells1@mchsi.com.

Iowa Chapter Safety School

September 10, 2005 Southeast Polk High School

NAME: _____ *BMW CCA member #: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

*If not a member, please contact the National office at www.bmwcca.org to sign up for regular or associate membership).

Tuition: \$30. Includes student manual, lunch, some fun, and some whole new driving skills in your repertoire!

Mail check payable to Iowa Chapter BMW Club and this form to:
P. O. Box 42113, Urbandale, IA 50323

1...2...3... For the road

By Doug Wittkowski

The New 3 series is here... and although I don't usually review BMW models for the *NewsWerks*, I felt the 3 series deserved it, as it is the most significant car BMW has brought to the market since the last new 3 series in 1999. Why? The 3 series and its many variations will make up the majority of what you and I buy and drive.

In short, they done good! The first surprise was the styling. Having seen photos and not really liking it much, I was shocked at how nice it looked in the flesh. I thought it had very interesting styling, done very well, with seamless quality and assembly. For sure the sport package cars look much better than the non, and the base 325i might be a bit pedestrian looking.

But forget styling, BMW's have never been about styling, how does it perform? In a word, better. I have never been a huge fan of the E46 in most forms as many feel heavy handed to me. And the earliest versions felt especially disconnected from the driver's control. This new generation is better, in that area, with superior feedback and a "come play with me" feeling. That feeling I found lacking in the similar E46 330i's that I have driven. What about the new engine? Flat is what I have to say about that. It certainly is a superior design with many innovative engineering features, and a 33 horsepower gain. But flat is good and bad in this case. The power is up but you really don't feel it. The torque curve is broad and flat, but I enjoyed the low-end torque bias of the previous 330, with a six speed, better. This engine is V12 smooth and very sweet, and I'm sure it is faster but it just doesn't have the feel of torque in the low range like the other engine did. Although I was unable to test the handling at any real limits, it feels super responsive and very quick. This car should be a blast on any winding road and very capable at the track. It drives very similar to the previous and rare 330i Performance Package with a bit more refinement.

The interior also sparked my interest. I was afraid the dash was going to be too sedate looking, but it is a great blend of watch-dial (BMW's new trend) gauges surrounded by a very logical approach to controls and functions all wrapped up in extremely high quality looking materials. I liked it. And as long as you don't opt for the hump in the middle, I-drive system option, the design is great. The seats, like most modern BMW's, are superior and ready for as many miles as you care to do. Now onto the sound system, we finally have sound! The sales person claimed the sound system is a big upgrade and I think BMW is finally getting the message, as this, and the most recent BMW's, do seem to have a much better handle on a premium sound system. The 645ci, I recently drove was good and this car is better yet. It's about time, BMW!

Prognosis? The new standard bearer is the same old, but new car, the 3 SERIES BMW. They will sell many of these great cars and I, for one, cannot wait for the upcoming coupe, sport wagon, M3, and other derivatives.

Bring um on!





The 2005 Edition of the Longest Day Driving School is now just a "great" memory for the 100+ instructors, students and volunteers that participated at the event.

Despite a little damp weather on Sunday morning, when all was said and done it was a great event! The advanced students had loads of track time and classroom instruction. The large number of novice students had a great time and learned the finer points of high speed driving while learning their limits and their cars limits! Another safe and successful driving school!

Thank You to the Committee, Doug Wittkowski, Chairman; Fred Bell, Mike Bengel, John Meek, Dana Schrader, Scott Smed, Sheridan White, Tony Wiles, Martha Wittkowski, for putting on a truly first class driving school.

A special Thank You to the volunteers and instructors for making sure the weekend was both educational and fun for the students.

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