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**July 15, 2006
Annual Picnic
Caribbean Theme**

Easter Lake Recreation Area-Shelter
#3, Des Moines – starts at 4:00 pm

An event you don't want to miss!
Awesome food, prepared by club
member Don VanLengen,
beverages, an ice cream churning
competition, and great
conversation! NO COST to
members or their guest.

RSVP by July 10 to Don at
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Street Survival™ Teen Driving School

It's almost that time of year again – time to sign up the younger drivers to work on some driving skill enhancements in our second Street Survival school!

Street Survival is part of a BMW CCA Foundation national program on driving safety, with the goal of improving upon the very basic skills that are typically required in the U.S. to get a driver's license. We have to learn enough to pass the written test, and enough mechanical skills to pilot the car in reasonable traffic situations in pretty good weather conditions. After that, we're off to learn everything else on our own – through the occasional experiences that luckily most of us manage to survive, or perhaps through some very bad episode that occurs to a friend or family member. Street Survival is designed to give younger drivers the opportunity to experience some of those situations where a car is on the edge or out of control – but in an environment where it's a positive learning experience rather than a major hit to their health or wallet.

What does this really mean? It's a full day of classroom and in-car training, using the student's own car. Students can bring pretty much any vehicle that has four wheels and is street-legal, as long as it's reasonably safe – and we'll check that over upon arrival also. The point is to work on driving skills in the vehicle that the student is using most of the time. A wet-down parking lot, with the occasional bit of dish soap to make it a little more slippery, lots of very pliable plastic cones, and well-qualified instructors complete

the picture. The closed parking lot and wet surface allow for abnormal car behavior and recovery at slow speeds, so car control issues can be safely experienced. An 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, and panic braking.

Street Survival is open to licensed drivers ages 16-21. A change this year also allows students of that age with learner's permits, if the student has had the permit for at least half of the minimum time period that the issuing state requires before licensing.

Location: Southeast Polk High School, 8325 NE University Avenue (3 miles east of the Des Moines beltway)

Date/ Time: October 1, 2006. Sign-in at 8:15 a.m. to get the car tech inspected and pick up student manual; school 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Students must sign up in advance. Registration will end September 10 or when full.

Register at: www.streetsurvival.org. All registrations for Street Survival must be completed via this Web site. Registration includes student manual, instruction, lunch and membership in BMW CCA.

Any questions? Event chair is Fred Bell, 515-457-7849 or streetsurvival@bmwia.org.

Calendar of Events > May - August 2006

Events, club activities and all happenings BMW

July 10, 2006

Informal Social Event at the Royal Mile, Downtown Des Moines – 6:30 pm

July 15, 2006

Annual Picnic – Caribbean Theme

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July 23-28, 2006

Oktoberfest

Amway Grand Hotel

The "Ultimate" BMW event. Something for everyone, so bring the whole family. Register today at www.bmwcca.org. Be sure to contact Scott Smed, the Iowa Chapter O'Fest Chairman, if you are planning on attending. Scott can be reached at joyceandscott@mchsi.com

August 5, 2006

The Ultimate Drive will be at Kimberly Imports in Davenport. Be sure to attend, drive the new BMWs, and support the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. Watch for e-mail updates and check the Web site for late breaking news on all three Ultimate Drives!

August 6, 2006

Iowa Cubs vs. Portland Beavers Baseball Game

Principal Park, Sec Taylor Stadium in Des Moines – game time is 1:05 p.m.

The Club will have a private skybox and only 25 tickets are available. The cost is \$10 per person, which will cover your game ticket and food. Because of the limited seating, you must purchase and pay for your tickets prior to August 1. To register and pay for your tickets, send a check along with your mailing address and phone number to: IA Chapter BMW CCA, Cubs Game, PO Box 42113, Urbandale, IA 50323. Your tickets will be mailed to you.

We will also have BMW cars on display prior to and during the game. If you are interested in showing your car, please contact David Trachtenberg or include a note with your payment.

For more information, contact Event Chairman, David Trachtenberg at secretary@bmwia.org

August 7, 2006

The Ultimate Drive will be at Dan Kruse BMW in Dubuque.

August 12, 2006

The Ultimate Drive will be at EuropeanMotorcars in Des Moines.

October 1, 2006

Street Survival Teen Driving School

More information and registration information located on page 4.

October 1, 2006

Car Control Clinic

More information and registration form located on page 10.

October 21 and 22, 2006

Fall Color Tour & Dinner Aboard the Boone & Scenic Valley Railroad

More information and registration form located on page 5.

Updated information will be posted on our Web site as it becomes available. Be sure to visit www.bmwia.org. If you would like to receive event reminders via e-mail please send your e-mail address to: newsletter@bmwia.org.

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2006 Clean Car Concours

By Mike Bengé, Event Chairman

The weather was perfect for the Chapter Clean Car Concours, we finally hit it exactly right. There were a number of newbies there and the wide variety of cars was impressive. The oldest was Jack Kramer's M6. A 2006 M5 and a 2006 330xi were the "newest" vehicles, both of which are amazing representatives of the breed. Overall, a crowd of 65-70 people enjoyed a wonderful afternoon admiring some amazing cars.

Some very new and interesting cars arrived at the Concours including Scott and Joyce Smed in HER new (less than 24 hours old) Purple Haze Mini Cooper, a brand new M5, a convertible Mini Cooper and even a Ferrari! Our hosts for this year's Concours were Jack and Janelle Kramer, of J & J Motorsport and they put on a really nice lunch for the entire group. Jack has a very nice shop and he was proud to show it off. Many thanks to both of them!

A special thank you to our Judges, Dave Kinzel of Ultimate Detail and Doug Wittkowski from EuroWerkz, LC. Hey it's a tough job, but somebody has to look at all these BMWs and try to pick the best of the best.

Oktoberfest 2006 – Grand Rapids, Michigan

The BMW club national annual gathering, always called Oktoberfest despite a July date this round, is just about in our backyards this year. If you haven't been following the buildup in *Roundel* magazine, it's July 23-28. With only a one-day drive over to Grand Rapids, we're expecting a strong turnout of Iowa Chapter folks. It's not too late to sign up – although by the time you read this, it'll be getting close!

O'fest is a great time – a week of celebration of things BMW, plus just a lot of good social events and scenic touring. Other events include an autocross, a driving school at GingerMan Raceway, a just-for-fun gymkhana, a BIG concours for the waxoholics and car admirers, several road rallies, and more. This club is really all about the people, and O'fest is where you get to meet or see again many friends from other chapters. Registration details are in the last few issues of *Roundel*, or by visiting the national Web site, www.bmwcca.org.

We'll most likely have a caravan going over to Grand Rapids. Tentative plans are to depart from the Bosselman's truck stop on Adventureland Drive in Des Moines around 8:00 on that Sunday morning, meet up with Iowa City/Cedar Rapids area participants about 10:00 at Coral Ridge Mall, collect any additional participants from eastern Iowa in the Quad Cities around 11 (meeting spot TBA), and steam on into Grand Rapids in time to check in and hit the opening evening reception. Stay tuned to the chapter's Yahoo discussion board, IABMW@yahoo.com, as we work out the caravan logistics.

If you're signed up and looking to join the caravan, or just want more info about Oktoberfest, call Fred Bell, 515-224-4179 or fourbells1@mchsi.com.

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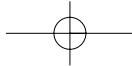
The Des Moines 20/30 Society Road Rally

Central Iowa is about to experience a Road Rally unlike any other. The Des Moines 20/30 society is currently planning its first annual Road Rally this year, and is looking for automotive enthusiasts of all kinds to participate in this unique event. Typically, the majority of auto shows that you see in the Midwest embrace classic cars. For our rally, we want to expand our appreciation of the automobile to include an even more diverse array of exotics. "We want this to be a spectacle," said Ryan Surber, President of the 20/30 Society. And a spectacle it is turning out to be. Currently the organization is negotiating partnership agreements with corporate sponsors and solidifying participation with automotive clubs throughout the Midwest. At this time, the organization has touched over 600 auto owners.

Participants will formulate teams and will enter one or several vehicles into the Rally. There are several categories that participants can register their class of vehicle within. Classes include, exotics, classics, street modified, SUVs, and motorcycle / choppers. Once registered, teams receive official packets and leave the starting line in search of their first checkpoint. Course checkpoints will be distributed to each team prior to leaving the starting line, and teams will not know what route to take until they reach each checkpoint in sequence. This will become increasingly challenging as each team's goal will be to match an unpublished target check time for each leg of the rally. While teams are scrambling across the state, they will be viewing some of Iowa's most pristine countryside, parks, and local points of interest. Furthermore, each checkpoint will host rally participants with entertainment, food, and stories from the open road before ending up at the finish line celebration which promises to have a concert featuring local Iowa artists.

In places like Dubai or London, it's not unusual to see a Diablo rolling down the street. While Des Moines isn't giving Monte Carlo a run for its prestige anytime soon, this event certainly is going to make a day in the life of this city more interesting. Moreover, it's probably going to prove that you don't have to live in Los Angeles or New York to have first-rate entertainment. If interested in participating, please contact Rico Starling at (515) 360-7777 or Mike Macri at (515) 229-2313.

For additional information on the 20/30 society, visit www.dm2030society.org.



Fall Color Tour & Dinner Aboard the Boone & Scenic Valley Railroad

The Fall Color Tour will begin on Saturday, October 21 and while the route has not been finalized, we have reserved an entire "car" aboard the Boone and Scenic Valley Railroad for dinner.

The dinner "car" capacity is 32 and you must register and pay in advance. Reservation and payment is due by July 15th. The cost per person is \$50, however the club is paying the first \$20, so your cost is \$30 per person for dinner and the train ride. We will be arriving at the train station at 5:00 pm and begin boarding at 5:15 pm. The train leaves promptly at 5:30 pm.

The menu for the evening includes Tiger Shrimp Cocktail, Caesar Salad, Seasonal Vegetables and your choice of entrée: Prime Rib served with Baked Potato, Roast Pork Loin with Bordelaise Sauce, served with Baked Potato, Chicken Marsala, served with Rice Pilaf, or Marinated Salmon Steak, served with Rice Pilaf and the chef's choice for dessert. All meals are served with rolls and your choice of soda, milk, coffee or tea.

A hotel room block is available at Amerihost Inn, Boone IA 515-432-8168

The rates are \$79.00 for king or doubles and suites are \$99.00.

The block of rooms will be released September 21st. Please make your hotel reservation by calling the hotel directly.

Can't attend the Fall Color Tour, but would like to come and enjoy the dinner and train ride? No problem, register just for dinner!

Remember, only 32 spaces are available so register early! First come, first served.

For more information, contact Event Chair, Don VanLengen at dvanlengen@mchsi.com

Iowa Chapter BMW CCA
Fall Color Tour & Dinner Aboard the Boone & Scenic Valley Railroad
October 21, 2006
Only 32 seats available

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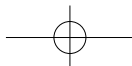
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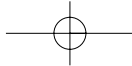
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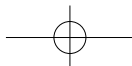
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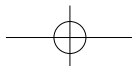
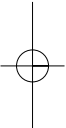
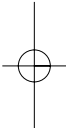
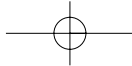




CCA Iowa Chapter "Longest Day Driving School"

June 9-11th 2006 • Mid-America Motorplex





Car Control Clinic

October 1, 2006

Why should the teenagers get all the fun at Street Survival? Here's an event that the rest of us somewhat more 'mature' drivers can enter. For those of you who don't feel quite comfortable when the car starts going someplace you didn't direct it to, this is your program. We'll take you out for a day's practice in your car, working around the cones on a nice big (and slippery!) parking lot. An instructor will show you why the car's going where it's going (as opposed to where you aimed it), and what to do about it to gain control. We'll also talk about a few typical behaviors in both human and vehicle dynamics, such as cars tending to go wherever the driver's eyes are focused. For example, guess where the vehicle's likely to drift, when you look over to see where that dropped cell phone went? Or how it is that you're very likely to hit the object in the road that you're afraid of hitting? Also, some basic physics, sans boring professor, about which corners the traction and braking capabilities really move to as you turn, slow, enter a freeway cloverleaf, etc.

Our Car Control Clinic will be held at the same time as the Teen Street Survival, on October 1. For this one, you must register directly with the chapter by completing the registration form and mailing it with your check. Cost is only \$30, and participants get the school and associated goodies – probably even a good door prize or 2. It's a good day of learning and fun, and you'll be amazed how much better your skills will be. See you there! **A registration form can be found on page 10 of this newsletter.**

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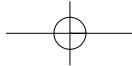
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(If not a member, please contact the National office at www.bmwcca.org to sign up for regular or associate membership).

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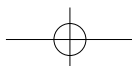
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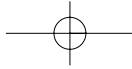
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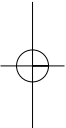
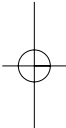
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