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One-Day September Drive

The 2009 One-Day Drive will begin in Cedar Rapids on **September 20** and end back at the Brucemore Mansion in Cedar Rapids. The Mansion is on the National Trust for Historic Preservation – you can check it out at www.brucemore.com.

The drive will begin at **9:30 am** from the Wal-Mart (5491 Business Hwy 51), parking lot in Marion. Progressing north from Cedar Rapids, the drive will wind into Stone City for lunch at The Old Country Store. We will continue east from there, eventually ending up at the Brucemore Mansion about 2:45 pm for a 3:00 pm tour.

If you wish to be part of the Mansion Tour, admission for adults will be \$7 and \$3 for students. If we have more than 15 persons in the tour group, the admission will drop to \$6/\$2.

For more information, contact David Obst at dobst1@excite.com or (319) 363-7175.

Street Survival School 2009

Practice and experience car control skills in a safe environment

Fall Colors Tour

Join us as we explore southern Iowa and enjoy the fall colors

Annual Picnic Recap

It was a wonderful day to drive and visit with friends

Oktoberfest 2009 – Sept. 28-Oct. 3

It's not too late to join us in Atlanta! Go to bmwcca.org to register now.

Michelin will sponsor the Gymkhana at the Performance Center in Spartanburg. BMW will be furnishing X5s for Club members to romp through the course utilizing BMWs motorcycle-training area in the rear of the facility. The topography is hilly, curvy, and bumpy; it undulates to the left and right, and should significantly challenge your driving skills. The **Sandlapper Chapter** will be your host for this fun-filled event.



A reminder: Our dedicated Oktoberfest website — <http://www.bmwccaofest.org> — is the best and fastest way to learn everything about this outstanding event. Official O'Fest 2009 merchandise is now available on-line for purchase. Sign up today! Come and experience Fall in the South as we celebrate our 40th anniversary. Y'all be glad you did—we guarantee it!

O'Fest 2009 Souvenir Program Ad Space

Would you like to place an ad in the O'Fest Souvenir Journal? Now you can! Take out an ad to wish someone well on their first driving event at Road Atlanta. Congratulate your chapter officers for the great job they've done. Acknowledge the meaningful friendships you have developed through BMW CCA. Remember that special BMW CCA friend who may or may not be with us anymore.

If you or someone you know would like to participate in this exciting opportunity, please call Linda Axelson at (864)250-0022 or e-mail lindaa@bmwcca.org.



Calendar of Events: September-December 2009

Events, club activities, and all happenings BMW

Monday, September 14, 2009

Informal Social

El Bait Shop, 200 SW 2nd Street, Des Moines

Sunday, September 20, 2009

One-Day September Drive

Cedar Rapids – 9:30 am
See article on front page

September 28-October 3, 2009

Oktoberfest

Road Atlanta, Atlanta, Georgia
See article on front page

Sunday, October 11, 2009

Street Survival

Southeast Polk HS parking lot, Altoona
See article on page 3

Monday, October 12, 2009

Informal Social

Hessen Haus, 101 4th Street, Des Moines

Saturday, October 17, 2009

Fall Colors Tour

Pella Square – 9:30 am
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Tuesday, November 17, 2009

Informal Social

Old Chicago, 2732 SE Delaware Avenue #100, Ankeny

December 2009

Holiday Party

More information to follow

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Street Survival School 2009

Sunday, October 11 will mark the 5th Annual Street Survival School held at S.E. Polk High School. It has been a very successful event due to the strong support of the Iowa Chapter BMWCCA membership in conjunction with the local Des Moines Valley Region (DMVR), SCCA. It takes 60+ volunteers to make this school happen for thirty teenage driving students.

For those readers who may not be familiar with this nationwide program supported by Tire Rack, and the BMWCCA and SCCA Foundations, there's a tremendous amount of information available about the program on the national Street Survival web site: <http://www.streetsurvival.org>. Student registration and payment is done completely on-line at this web site. In essence, while driver's education programs teach students the "rules of the road" and provide basics of driving; Street Survival School lets students practice and experience car control skills in a safe environment so that they learn potentially life saving car control skills for the remainder of their driving lives. Threshold braking, emergency lane change and skid pad exercises are some of the teaching exercises students are exposed to in their cars with their in-car instructors, in order to experience what real car control is all about. Repetition is used to allow students to build their confidence in better understanding their car's vehicle dynamics.

For a feel what our local event "looks like," here's a link to a short video that our local television station Channel 13 took of our 2007 event: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Psup0Se0dXA>

Again this year, DMVR is spearheading the organization but is hoping for our club's participation to ensure another successful event for 30 teenage drivers. The Iowa Chapter has fulfilled key roles in the morning tech inspection, on-course support and contributed a significant number of in-car instructors. The event chair this year is Harlan Donaldson; Chief Instructor, Bob Maurer and Registrar is Rick Talbot. Those interested in helping conduct this year's event should contact Event Chair Harlan Donaldson at hdonald234@hotmail.com or 515-263-4922.

Please help spread the word about this school...while we have a max capacity of 30 students, we definitely want to include as many teen drivers as possible. Registration is open now. It's the best \$60 investment a concerned parent can make towards improving their teenager's driving awareness and car control skills. My youngest daughter attended and I encourage all parents with 16-21 year old licensed drivers to give it serious consideration.

Rick Talbot, Registrar, DMVR and Iowa Chapter Member

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Rusk	Thomas	Des Moines	325xit	2004		
Janes	Mark	Dubuque	x5 35D	2009		
Champion	David	Des Moines	Acura Integra GS-R	2000		
Coffman	Dan	Bettendorf	530i	2003	325xit	2003
Billesbach	Paul	Council Bluffs	Z4	2004		
Forney	Stephen	West Des Moines	740il	2001		
Griffith	Doug	Ankney				
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Fall Colors Tour by Dave Dolmage

Once again it is time to enjoy the beautiful Iowa countryside in our beautiful BMWs. This year we will start on the square in Pella on **Saturday, Oct. 17** at 9:30am. After a fun rally through southeast Iowa, we will have dinner at the Honey Creek Resort State Park on Lake Rathbun. If you wish to join us for dinner, you must make your reservation and PAY for your reservation no later than Oct 1. The cost for dinner and the rally is \$40 per person. Entree choices include stuffed pork chop, steak de burgo, grilled salmon, and

grilled veggie stack. Please check our website for details on the dinner. You may also reserve a room for the night at the Honey Creek Resort, www.honeycreekresort.com or by calling 641-724-9100 or 877-677-3344 and state that you are with the Iowa BMW Fall Color Tour. They are only able to hold the rooms until Sept 1. Please join us as we explore southern Iowa and enjoy the fall colors. Again, check our website as details become available.

Annual Picnic Recap

Is it hot enough fer ya? That was the question of the day at the annual summer picnic. Loosely 50 people gathered at Palisades State Park just outside of Mount Vernon on June 27 to enjoy the scenery, the cars and each other's company as they watched Kolin Brighton fry burgers and chicken on the sidewalk. Fortunately the storm missed the park, which led to a wonderful day for a summer picnic in Iowa.

Okay Kolin did use the grill, but it sure seemed hot enough to use the sidewalk. His work on the grill was a perfect complement to the gathering of cars parked in the historic setting. The assemblage of cars ranged from a techno-violet cabriolet to an antique Chevrolet.

Lunch consisted of a range of salads with meat grabbed fresh from the aforementioned grill. Drawings for door prizes along with roundel cookies and delicious brownies made the experience complete.

All in all, it was a wonderful day to drive, complain about the heat (alright the heat wasn't all that bad), and most of all, visit with friends. After all, the best part of the Iowa Chapter is the people you meet, and there's no better way to get reacquainted than a picnic in the park. Don't miss out on next summer's picnic or any of the other events that bring the club together. Remember, you get to drive your bimmer to get there...



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