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# New Member Picnic

Saturday, September 25th

**S**hine up your bimmer, or your whatever, and come and join us for this year's annual Hoosier Chapter New Member Picnic! It is being held at the shelter at Lily Lake in Eagle Creek Park, on Indy's northwest side. Members who joined since last October will be honored guests, but all members are invited. Long-standing members must bring a side dish or dessert. What an

opportunity to show off your cooking skills. New members just bring yourself.

The only cost is the \$5 to get into the park. Lunch will be from 11:00 to 12:30 p.m.. There will be door prizes for all the new members. Bring you family and meet some new members all while enjoying the beautiful setting at Lilly Lake.

Check out the latest event details at:  
[www.hoosierbmw.com](http://www.hoosierbmw.com)

Newsletter of the Hoosier BMW Car Club, Inc.

# HOOSIER TRACKS



## **Corners, Slaloms and Pylons**

*By Larry Clarino*

**You** pull your helmet on. Maybe slide your hands into racing gloves. Pull that seat belt a little tighter.

Your heart starts to beat a little faster. Deep breath now and you tell yourself "Don't forget to breathe." You look to the right. The starter gives you a nod. Bam, you gas it, dump the clutch, a little wheel spin, aim for the gap between the cones. You are racing in Indianapolis!

Well, okay, maybe not the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, but you are in Indianapolis. And you are on 16th Street the same street the Speedway is on and you are only a couple of miles east of the "big track."

You are at one of the Hoosier Chapter's autocross events. For all of you Walter (and Wihelmina) Mittys out there, this a great way to get a little speed fix with a hefty dose of mostly friendly competition.

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By the way, if you don't know who Walter Mitty is, Google him, along with James Thurber.

Autocrossing is a race in every sense of the word. The course is set up in a parking lot; in our case, old Bush Stadium on 16th Street, using traffic cones forming slaloms, gates, and boxes — kind of a mini road course.

The whole object is to follow the course correctly, without touching any little orange traffic cones. Sound easy? Oh yeah, did I tell you, you need to do it as fast as you possibly can?

The cool thing is you can run pretty much anything with a motor. There is a class for about everything. Today, Alec Pennington on his Go-Kart set fastest time over all, just .04 seconds ahead of Justin Gates in a 1989 325i. In third place was Scott Schafer in his E-30 M-3. Our fastest woman, beating most all the guys, is new member Jenna Gates. But the real goal is beating your own time.

Under the leadership of Chris Dunlap, the Hoosier Chapter presented three autocross events this year. It's a fun way to race that will not do permanent damage to you or your car. You'll meet some fun, friendly people, and maybe take a little ribbing as to why you went right when that pointer cone told you to go left.

*Autocross photography by Larry Clarino & Matt Hyman*

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER



**By Larry Clarino**  
*Chapter President/Hoosier BMW CCA*

**F**irst, a big thank you to Hoosier Chapter vice-president Don Andersen for his work in negotiating a discount program for BMW CCA members with Bill DeFouw BMW. The Lafayette, Indiana, BMW center is offering a ten percent discount on all

parts, and on all labor charges. All you need to do is present your BMW Club membership card to qualify for both discounts. Sales Manager Brett Decker has stated an interest in getting involved with Chapter activities. You'll see an ad for them in this issue. When you are in the Lafayette area, stop by and say hi to Brett and his staff.

While we are thanking our advertisers, a personal thanks to Rick Vaughn at Vaughn Motorwerks for bailing me out of a couple of jams. Vaughn also hosted a pre-track tech session for the club's Rites O'Spring driving school. Good guys.

The club's Tire Rack Street Survival Teen Driving Schools have been recognized by Tire Rack as near the top, nationally, for our organization, and curriculum. Sunday October 17th will see us again at North Central High School in Indianapolis. We will be expanding to forty students for this school so we will need your help. Please contact us to volunteer (we'll need both instructors and ground crew) and if you have a teen or know a teen, get them signed up! It may save their life! A huge thanks to Fifth Third Bank and Liberty Mutual for help sponsoring this school. Above all thanks to Dreyer and Reinbold BMW for their awesome help and for being "Pavement Sponsor" for this next school. Go to: [streetsurvival.org](http://streetsurvival.org).

Our one-day tours have proven to be hugely popular. In June, Don and Lynne Andersen organized a trip to Nashville, Indiana, that saw 38 members drive back roads with the added mix of shopping in the arts and crafts community. July saw a road rally headed by Matt and Karen Hyman that drew 29 Hoosiers counting streets and churches all over central Indiana. Coming in October is a reprise of the Ohio River tour that was so successful last year, lead by Mert Zorlu. This will be a pure driving event. Great roads, fun driving. Be sure to mark your calendar.

Coming on September 1st, at the regular meeting, we were planning on a visit by Randy Bernard, the new CEO of the Indy Racing League. Randy came to the IRL from

the Professional Bull Riders Association. Just as we went to press, we received word Bernard would not be able to make our meeting due to a trip to Europe. We hope to have Brian Barnhart, the IRL's vice-president of racing operations, instead. As this will be a last minute change there maybe little notice on our website.

In October, we have young driver Conor Daly on tap. Conor may well be the next American to drive an F-1 car on the world stage. He is truly a rising star in the world of motorsports. The Noblesville, Indiana, native is the son of Derek Daly, former Indy Car and F-1 driver.

Be sure to keep an eye on the club website for the latest updates on our meetings and events. We still have a few surprises up our sleeves.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

<b>BARKLEY, PERION</b> Kokomo, IN		<b>HOUSEMAN, SHELBY</b> Carmel, IN	
<b>BONINI, EMILY</b> Carmel, IN		<b>KIKENDALL, PATRICK</b> Avon, IN	73/2002tii
<b>CHULKOV, DMITRIY</b> West Lafayette, IN		<b>MOYER, NATE</b> Carmel, IN	
<b>COTTINGHAM, GENE</b> Indianapolis, IN	02/330Cic	<b>MYERS, STEVEN</b> Fishers, IN	99/28it
<b>CROSIER, KELLY</b> Avon, IN	02/Z3	<b>PHEND, JIM</b> Carmel, IN	98/740i
<b>CUMMINGS, OSCAR</b> Indianapolis, IN		<b>RADCLIFF, TREY</b> Westfield, IN	
<b>DENNIS, ALAN</b> Bloomington, IN	07/750LI	<b>RAMSEY, JOSHUA</b> Indianapolis, IN	06/M3
<b>ELICK, CAMILLE</b> Portland, IN	03/Z4	<b>ROBERTS, JOHN</b> Zionsville, IN	08/Porsche 911
<b>FORTH, NICK</b> Fortville, IN		<b>SCHROEDER, JAKE</b> Fortville, IN	02/M5
<b>GARVEY, RALPH</b> Indianapolis, IN	06/330 C1	<b>SMITH, DONALD</b> Indianapolis, IN	11/335i Xdrive
<b>GRYNA, WILL</b> Carmel, IN	06/X5	<b>SMITH, STEVEN</b> Greenfield, IN	08 528x
<b>HANSEN, CHRISTOPHER</b> Fortville, IN	10/M3	<b>WALSH, MICHAEL</b> Carmel, IN	6 Series
<b>HENNINGER, PATRICK</b> Indianapolis, IN	11/135i	<b>WHITE, HANNAH</b> Greenwood, IN	

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

### September:

- 1st** Membership meeting at Brickyard Crossing. 6:30 p.m.
- 15th** Social meet at Brockway (Carmel). 6:00 p.m.
- 25th** New Member Picnic — annual event at Eagle Creek Park (Indianapolis). 11:00 a.m. \*  
Griot's Garage open house starts at 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. for BMW club members.

### October:

- 6th** Membership meeting at Brickyard Crossing. 6:30 p.m. Speaker for this month is Conor Daly, American Race Car Driver
- 9th** Annual Ohio River driving tour.\*
- 17th** Street Survival at North Central High School.\*
- 20th** Social meet at Brockway (Carmel). 6:00 p.m.

### November

- 3rd** Membership meeting at Brickyard Crossing. 6:30 p.m.
- 17th** Social meet at Brockway (Carmel). 6:00 p.m.

### December

- 11th** Holiday Party at Country Club of Indianapolis.\*

\*Visit [www.hoosierbmw.com](http://www.hoosierbmw.com) for updates, additions and last-minute changes.

**ALLIANCE MOTORSPORTS**

# SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

**O**ur July monthly meeting took place at Alliance Motorsports' racing shop in Brownsburg, Indiana. The Firestone Indy Lights team hosted a mini race-car show. In addition to the Dallara Lights car of Alliance, Bob Sargent's gas dragster, and a couple of racing karts, Hoosier member Dick Johnson's granddaughter, 6 year old Natalie, brought her quarter midget for display. Former Indy Car drivers Tyce Carlson and Darren Manning were also in attendance. Manning had the 60-plus Hoosier members roaring with tales of what it was like to drive for legendary A J Foyt in Indy Cars.

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## TECH TIPS



### **Motorsports Colorful Environmental Initiatives**

Compiled by Tim Rolfsen from articles by Nano Technology, Tire Review and Treehugger.

**R**educing our carbon footprint and being green has expanded to the world of motorsports and it doesn't involve ethanol. In the past few years major manufactures have been developing newer, better and cleaner tires and lubrication products, not only for racing but for every-day drivers like you and me.

**Going Orange:** Engineers at Yokohama Tire have developed a tire compound that is reportedly 80% petroleum-free. The Yokohama dB Super E-spec, introduced in Japan in 2007, uses chemically

modified natural rubber and a processing oil that is derived from orange peels as well as promises to reduce dependence on petroleum and improve fuel efficiency!

During steady driving conditions, the orange oil compound works to reduce rolling resistance by about 20% over conventional treads, Mr. Guiney said; but in cornering and braking maneuvers, it quickly generates heat that softens the rubber tread to deliver better grip.

The orange oil-infused tire went on sale in the United States last year, and the same technology is used in Yokohama's Advan ENV-R1 racing slick, which is the specified tire for sports car roadracing series.

**Getting Green:** Green Earth Technologies (GET) has an environmentally friendly oil that became the official motor oil of the American Le Mans Series and International Motor Sports Association (IMSA). G-Oil is an



TIRE RACK  
YOKOHAMA  
dB Super E-Spec

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animal fat derived oil which uses no petroleum whatsoever in its production process. What emerges from their patented process is an oil that is clean, green, non-toxic, biodegradable, and will not release harmful gases into the atmosphere when burned.

Not only is this good news for street cars, but for track enthusiasts. G-1 racing oil promises to improve on-track performance. Jim Thompson, Head of Kinetic Sunbelt Engines said, "During extensive testing of G-Oil in our BMW M3 race engines at Daytona, we have concluded that the oil not only possesses the basic characteristics that we demand in an engine oil, but it in fact outperformed all synthetic oils that we currently use. The durability and heat transfer capabilities of the oil were impressive with improvements in the range of 5-10% seen on the track".

**Stay tuned and stay green.**



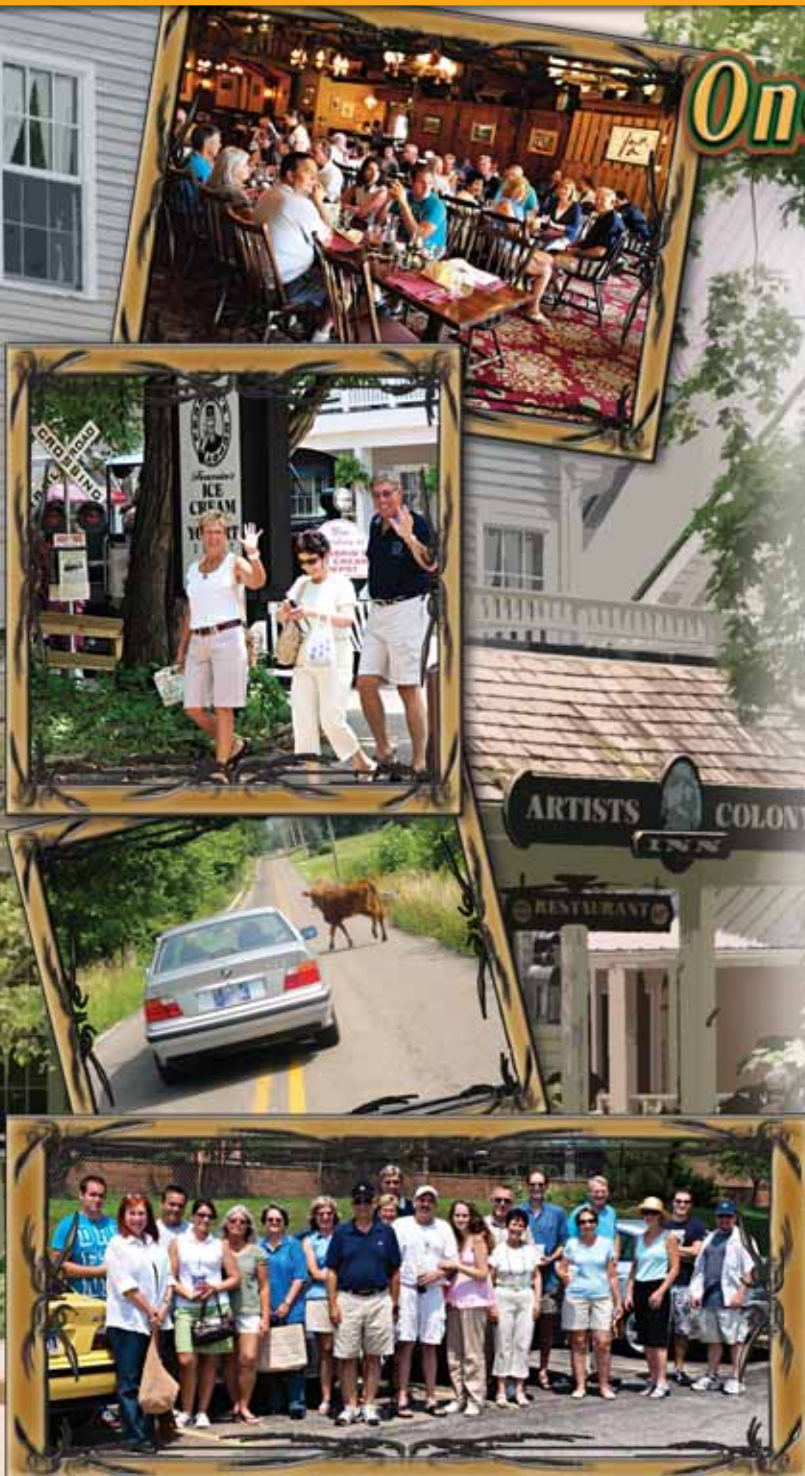
## One Lap to Nashville

*By Don Andersen*

Saturday June 26th was a beautiful but hot day for our driving tour to Nashville, IN, a nice relief from the numerous rainy days we have had recently. The turnout was outstanding with 19 cars and 38 participants, which included 16 first timers. We started the tour from Franklin, IN, and for safety, we separated into two run groups. The morning drive was about an hour and a half through twisty back roads to Nashville with a few areas that allowed us to stretch the legs of our highly polished garage queens.

We did have an interesting guest on the morning tour that decided he wanted to join the club for a little excitement. Bill Tallent named our guest the Traffic Cow; he was a young steer that, after several cars passed, decided he wanted a closer look and stepped out into the middle of the road which held up the group. He then waited on the side of the road to give equal enjoyment to our second group.

We arrived in Nashville at about noon where we had lunch at the rustic Brown County Inn which provided a BMW parking corral during our stay. Brown County Inn did a great job catering to the club's needs with good food and service. I am sure we will be back again for a future tour. After lunch it was a short walk to the famous Nashville craft stores. Almost all of us came back with a special purchase. About 3 PM we gathered again for an afternoon driver briefing and start for about a 50 mile drive on additional twisty southern Indiana roads. We ended the tour at Scores Sports Bar & Grill in Columbus, IN, where we met to exchange stories of the day, have an adult beverage and watch the end of US/Ghana World Club Soccer match, we lost the soccer match but the day was great fun. It seems like our driving tours are becoming popular events which are attracting more and more first-timers. We are always looking for new event ideas that will attract more members, so please let your club board know what would interest you and we will get it on the agenda. Thanks to all who participated I know I enjoyed the day out driving my baby.



# Annual D&R Meeting



May 5th saw the continuation of what is becoming an annual tradition. For the last several years, Dreyer & Reinbold BMW has hosted our May meetings, supplying food and soft drinks to the membership. This year, sales advisor and club member Jim Bowden told us about the training and hiring of service technicians along with some of the new advances in the 3 and 5 series cars. A big thanks to all the gang at D&R.



# Run for the Turkeys

By Matt Hyman

On Saturday, July 31st, 16 cars and 29 members gathered in a the Walmart parking lot in Westfield for the *Run for the Turkeys Fun Rally*. The fun rally is different twist on a driving event than the traditional tour. Cars were sent out in small groups with directions and rules for the competition. The basis for competition for this fun rally was to follow a route from Westfield to Turkey Run State Park and back. Along the route, competitors were to add up the numbered streets and route numbers they

drove on or crossed and count the number of houses of worship along the route. To keep things interesting, the roads had to be paved and you could only count each route once. In spite of the rain and a few wrong turns along the way, every-one made it to Turkey Run for lunch in the park restaurant.

After lunch and the obligatory group photo, cars headed back to Buffalo Wild Wings in Westfield for a beverage and exchange of stories. Was that road paved? Did we already cross 100W? After everyone tallied up their routes and submitted an entry, prizes were awarded for first, second, third and last. Congratulations to Mike, Larry, Piotr and Patrick, respectively. It was great to meet some our members from Bloomington, Lafayette and Greenfield. We also had a great variety of cars. Thanks to the Hoosier BMW Club and Griot's Garage for donating the prizes.



## LOGO WEAR



Club Logo Gear from shirts to caps to computer cases are not only available at Stitches 2 but online at our club's own store. Even kids' stuff! Just go to the Hoosier Chapter website:

[www.hoosierbmw.com](http://www.hoosierbmw.com) and click Online Store on the left side.

## E-MAIL UPDATES

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