



Gemutlichkeit

Newsletter of the Old Hickory Chapter BMW CCA

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Presidential Address

Sadly, the Nashville Superspeedway will be closing operations on the last day of October. This is unfortunate for all of Middle Tennessee, but it hits home especially for our Club. Our devoted members had worked hard to establish an excellent working relationship with the staff at the speedway in recent times. Our Street Survival events as well as our May Driving School were successful due largely in part to the willingness and cooperative efforts of the speedway staff. I know this is disappointing to our members that had established the working relationship with speedway; knowing that we will have to basically, “start over”, at a new venue, adapt to the new location, and coordinate activities with new people.

I’m confident that we will find a new venue for our Street Survival and that this worthy program will survive and prosper, but I am concerned about how this will affect our club’s ability to conduct driving schools. Being that the May event was our first, but also due to the fact that it was successful, well managed, and well attended by our club members as well as other clubs. Our fledgling event had sprouted wings and had the potential to fly on its own. With the speedway no longer a location option, our options are limited. For that reason, it is disappointing to me that our club no longer can travel the path of the Nashville Superspeedway.

In behalf of the Old Hickory BMW CCA, I extend my most sincere thanks to the staff of the Nashville Superspeedway for their efforts to help make our club a better organization. You will be greatly missed.

Murray

Grüß Gott!!

Ron Steurer

A REAL TREAT-

I had the great opportunity to drive a 2012 650i for BMW’s “Drive for Team USA”. I jumped on the chance to drive this autobahn beast on a hot July day for a great cause – support Team USA in the 2012 Olympics. I have never driven the 4.4 liter twin turbo V8 and let me tell you that car is quite the hoss on the highway. Whether I was going 40, 60 or 90mph, you could step on the gas at any speed and it would throw you back in your seat with no hesitation at all.



It was too hot to have the top down but I still enjoyed having the cockpit sealed up with cold air blasting away and listening to the beautiful engine roar which was matted to an 8 speed sport automatic. After my 20

min drive or so I handed the keys to the staff and went inside for some for snacks and to look around. A few minutes later I went back out and they had another one available and took it for another flogging. Wow, this car has pure brute force power. It's completely overkill for American highways like a 12 gauge taking out a fly, but boy was it a total blast to feel that Bavarian 400HP direct injection at your disposal. I honestly don't know if I would ever own one (not that I could) but I guess if I could, I better have a good lawyer on my phone's speed dial as I would be calling him weekly to bail me out. It's just too hard to not go FAST in this car period. Tschüß...

*Newsletter Editor, Ron Steurer
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The BMW CCA/Street Survival School

hosted 6/18 was a huge success! The weather held, the school was sold out, and the club worked incredibly hard to pull it off. The evaluations were overwhelmingly positive. As always, the classroom instruction is everyone's least favorite part, but that's what I get for being the classroom instructor! Most memorably (at least for me) was hearing Steven Reed go thru the 18 wheeler demo ("He with the most lug nuts wins!") and the sight of Tom Christensen wearing a pink tutu demonstrating the "spinning ballerina" The ***Instructor of the Day*** award went to...SCCAs ***Tara Johns***, for connecting with her female students on both a personal and professional level. Tara, you are a true role model!



Comments on the instructors...

(Tara Johns) **"Wonderful, I love her. Awesome. I had a blast".**

(Jacky Hardy) **"Jackie was really good!"**

(Dean Howlett) **"Instructor was good and knew what he was talking about."**

(Darien Hobbs) **"Had a good instructor :)."**

(Greg Boyce) **"He was fun and knew what he was talking about."**

From the students...

"Most fun I've ever had in a car."

"I thought it was great."

"This place is very helpful to learn about your car and you have fun."

Liked best: **"Getting to go fast". "Instructor and volunteer enthusiasm".**

Liked least: **"Waiting in line." "Classroom instruction. I liked driving better!" "How early it is. Start at 9:00AM."**

And from the parents...

Liked best: **"Approachability and knowledge of staff. My son really connected with Kendall". "The way my daughter drove at the end of the course."**

Liked least: **"A lot of walking". "Pickles on everything. Yuk!"**



From the instructors...

"Even though I missed the Moon Pie Festival and had a really bad hair day, if we helped one kid avoid one accident it was a success. I'd like to nominate Patty Tomlinson as volunteer of the day. Chasing cones all day is a lot of work!"

--Jackie Hardy

"Cone Chasers, ie. Course Marshals definitely the unsung heroes !!!"

--Kendall Broadbent

"I thought the school went great, I know my students had a good time and so did I. The father of one said, "This school is so much more than I expected, I can't believe my daughter just did that". Thanks again to you and all the staff. I would especially like to thank Brian and Tara Johns for the course set up."

--Charles Phy (PCA)

"Thanks Graf and Murray, you made my day! I truly feel honored to be a part of this program. I really believe that we are teaching these kids life changing skills. I look forward to next time. Also we had such a great group of volunteers this time, you should all be proud of yourselves for taking time to do this!!!"

--Tara Johns (SCCA)

"Great job everyone! I can attest to the enthusiasm and participation of Taras' students. As an observer from the center of the skid pad, I heard more SPR, (Squeals Per Revolution) from Tara's students than any of the other students....and if I recall correctly, both were driving BMW's.....go figure!"

--Murray Crow

OK, so except for the pickles we did great!

--Graf Hilgenhurst

MURRAY'S MUSINGS-

24 YEARS-

Regardless of how you think about it, 24 years is a long, long time. Not quite half my life, but close. It pushes how long I have worked in my job. I have lived in 7 different houses, owned countless cars, cared for several pets, have had nephews and nieces become adults and have children and I have accumulated quite a bit of gray hair. I've been thinking about the past 24 years quite a lot lately because that's how long it has been since I have been involved in a car accident...until recently. Unfortunately, that lucky streak ended. Traveling

home from one of my late night events, I was traveling through the small town of White Bluff, TN. White Bluff has two traffic signals which they turn off at night at which time they become caution flashers. The primary road through town has yellow flashing lights, and the side roads connecting to the primary road have red flashing lights. I was traveling through town on the primary road approaching the intersections with due caution. As I came to the second flashing intersection, I observed a car approaching on my right side signaling a left turn. I entered the intersection, and the car decided to pull directly in my path. The vehicle I was driving, (my wife's MINI by the way), despite full anti-lock activation, performed a classic "T-bone" maneuver into the side of the offending vehicle.

First of all, no one was injured, but I was instantly anguished at myself for not being able to predict the actions of the vehicle that pulled out in front of me, so much for defensive driving. The impact was significant enough that the car I hit was spun around 90 degrees. The air bag did not go off but I was picturing fenders into the wheels, antifreeze draining out from the impact of the radiator into the engine, and wheels splayed out in different directions. As I opened the door, (yes, I was also amazed the door would even open), and walked around the vehicle, my jaw dropped to view what appeared to be minimal damage. ..a few scrapes, and a slightly cocked hood. The headlights were still intact and not broken. The MINI may be a small car, but its ability to absorb impact is unbelievable.

The other vehicle was not so fortunate. The MINI had inflicted significant damage, so much so, that the driver had to exit the passenger side because his door was inoperable from the significant dent the MINI had left in the vehicle.

Of course, we had the obligatory police officer arrive to gather information for an accident report before we could go our separate ways. While waiting, I further investigated the damage to my vehicle. The hood opens no problem, nothing draining from the radiator or engine, and everything pretty much looks OK. I was only 3-4 miles from home, so I drive it on home, dreading what wife's going to say about what I did to her vehicle. As I arrive, she is glad that I'm OK, but tells me that I better think twice before ever borrowing her vehicle again.

That gets me back to thinking about the 24 year span since my last accident. Statistically speaking, I beat the odds for 24 years then ended my streak in a flash. My caution factor is highly elevated right now and probably will be for a while. I ask that each of

you think about your last accident and raise your caution flag as well.
 By the way, I was thirty two on my last accident and if I can go another 24 years, I'll be 80, you do the math.



If you missed the movie “Senna” that was played at the Belcourt Theater with fellow chapter members and F1 fans you missed a great treat. Friday August 19th there was a “dinner and a movie” package deal planned out. About 55 people met at Savarino’s for an Italian dinner then walked over to the Belcourt to watch Senna on the big screen. Senna is a documentary on Brazilian Formula One racing driver Ayrton Senna, who won the F1 world championship three times before his death at age 34. You didn’t necessarily had to be an F1 fan to enjoy the movie as it clearly showcased Ayrton’s love for racing and his country. The film won several awards including the 2011 Sundance

Film Festival. If you missed it, you missed a great night.



Membership Update

Welcome to our new members over the past few months!

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| R. Broadbent | Nashville, TN |
| Rob Case | Franklin, TN |
| Igor Fudgum | Spring Hill, TN |
| Kenneth Graham | Murfreesboro, TN |
| Donald Joiner | Gallatin, TN |
| Denny McDonald | Gallatin, TN |
| Ashley Summers | Murfreesboro |
| Karen Kerns | Crossville, TN |
| Alan Jackson | Brentwood, TN |
| Ryan Shanahan | Clarksville, TN |
| David Widmer | Nashville, TN |
| Kent Langley | Nashville, TN |
| Bradley Skipp | Silver Point, TN |
| Frederick Cawthon | Nashville, TN |
| Al Dampier | Brentwood, TN |
| Darrell Gregory | Madisonville, TN |
| Terry Stewart | Brentwood, TN |
| Andrea Medlen | Smyrna, TN |
| Asa Belue | Murfreesboro, TN |
| Hunter Mintz | Smyrna, TN |
| Lucas Wallace | Brentwood, TN |
| Connor Yahushi | Nashville, TN |
| Leah Fassinger | Franklin, TN |
| Tiana Castillo | Brentwood, TN |
| Alan D'Alessandro | Clarksville, TN |
| Phillip Ward | Franklin, TN |
| Kelsey Turner | Smyrna, TN |
| Mariah Mitchell | Mount Juliet, TN |
| Andres Tomilnson | Franklin, TN |
| Michael Clapper | Franklin, TN |
| Patrick Comte | Smyrna, TN |
| Ally Gauder | Franklin, TN |
| Spenser Lee | Mount Juliet, TN |
| Courtney Brown | Murfreesboro, TN |
| Miller Beasley | Nashville, TN |

Need Club Info? www.OLDHICKORYBMWCCA.org

Check the website regularly for club events as well as color digital versions of the club newsletter.

Calendar of Events

Upcoming Events of Interest



- Sept 24th – Club Drive: Meet at 9:15AM at the Mapco at 301 Long Hollow Pike in Goodlettsville, a block east of I-65. We'll drive to Tully's Bistro in Hartsville for lunch then on to the summer Crest Winery. If you missed Williams's last drive, don't miss this one! A fun route!**
- Oct 10-16th - Oktoberfest in Birmingham. If you can't make it for the whole week, come for the concours (worth the trip!) on Tuesday or catch the Club Race on Saturday or Sunday- no day pass required for either- and be sure to visit the museum at Barber Motorsports Park. Check the O'Fest schedule at BMWCCA.org.**
- October 22- Join the group for a drive to Tullahoma for lunch and a tour of the Beechcraft Heritage Museum.**

Nashville's



Oktoberfest
Autoschau

What about doing a Show and Shine the weekend of October 15th in conjunction with the Germantown Oktoberfest. There is not enough room in the area of the Oktoberfest but you could set up at the end of the Bicentennial Capital Mall <http://www.tn.gov/environment/parks/Bicentennial/> Cars could be parked around the Court of 3 Stars. If anyone comes from out of town, the Double Tree Hotel downtown could be the host Hotel for Friday night. The hotel can provide a special parking area for participants. The Tennessee Tubs, who set up inside the Germantown Oktoberfest could participate as well because they cannot park but about 6 cars at the Oktoberfest.

The schedule could be;

9 - 10am cars parked in place for the Show and Shine

10 – 12 noon judging to take place

1 – 1:30 Awards and announcements

1:30 – 5pm Secured parking at site – I would suggest hiring an off duty Metro Police officer or a couple of guys

from Rock Solid to provide security while folks are at the Oktoberfest

The Nashville Oktoberfest includes;

- Authentic German Food & Beverages
- Specialty Food Items & Home Baked Treats
- Polka Dancing
- Street Performers
- Tours of Germantown's Historic Churches
- FREE FunLand for the Kids
- Arts, Crafts & Antique Specialty Booths
- 4 Stages of Entertainment featuring Live German Music by:

- Die Musik Meisters
- Music City Swing
- Steff Mahan Band
- Conductor Jack
- Ted Guillaum and more

<http://www.nashvilleoktoberfest.com/>

Participating Car Clubs could be the Porsche, BMW, Audi, VW and Mercedes Clubs to participate if you want to.

Announcing the next Meet-up for Nashville Formula 1 Racing Fans!

For those of you who have not taken the opportunity to go to a Formula One viewing party, you are missing a great time. I know not everyone enjoys watching F1. I am sure that there are even more people who do not enjoy getting up on a Sunday morning to drive across town to watch something that they can watch in the PJ's in the comfort of their bed or favorite recliner. But watching the race with a bunch of other F1 enthusiast and enjoying a great breakfast is truly hard to beat. The best part is that

the race is over by 9am and you can get home in time go to church, mow the lawn, enjoy driving your car or just going back to bed!

You can go to the Nashville Formula 1 Racing Meet up Group web site at <http://www.meetup.com/F1-Nashville/> You can find all the details there on the next event and you join the site and get the upcoming event email notices. David Gray is the organizer of these events and he needs to know for each event how many folks will be attending. That allows him to tell Nicole how many people she will need to feed. Or if you are in a pinch, you can email David directly at davidgray@comcast.net .



UPCOMING ELECTIONS!!!

Elections are upcoming for all of our elected positions; President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. If you are interested in serving the chapter in this capacity, or know someone that would be a good candidate, please contact one of our chapter officers listed on the back of the newsletter for more information.

Bayerische Motoren Werke News



The 5 Series Gran Turismo hasn't met its lofty sales targets in the U.S., so BMW is considering bringing back the 5 Series Touring—or *sport wagon*, as it's called over here.

Although nothing is firm, Autoblog reports the possibility of the wagon's return to the U.S. However, BMW has said all along that wagon sales—more accurately, a lack of them—were the reason they discontinued the model in the U.S.; and while sales of the 5 Series GT haven't been exactly robust, that crossover model has managed to outsell the previous 5 Series Touring since its arrival last year—despite a lukewarm reception and controversial appearance.

Paul Duchene/BMWCCA.ORG



Renault and former driver Nick Heidfeld have reached an amicable settlement and chosen to part company with immediate effect, it was announced on Friday. It follows the team's decision to drop Heidfeld in favour of Bruno Senna ahead of last month's Belgian Grand Prix.



Fast Formula 1 News

Renault and Heidfeld agree to separation Sept 2011

Heidfeld, who was drafted in by Renault at the start of 2011 as stand-in for the injured Robert Kubica, was sidelined after the team said he had failed to display the leadership qualities they had expected. He has now abandoned plans to contest the move in the High Court.

“Our disagreement with Nick has been the subject of much media coverage lately, and we are pleased to have reached a swift and reasonable solution,” said Eric Boullier, Renault team principal. “Our separation process was already a

painful one, and neither of us wanted to go through another legal hearing.

“We’re very grateful to Nick for the highly valuable contribution he’s made to the team. We certainly had good times together, in particular remembering our podium finish in Malaysia. He is a very strong and determined racer and we wish him every success in the future.”

Heidfeld commented: “Obviously I’m disappointed to be leaving Lotus Renault GP in the middle of the season. I thought I could still make a big contribution to the team, but I have to see things as they are and I want to turn my attention to the future.

“We have taken the right decision by choosing to end our collaboration today. I would like to wish all the friends I made at Enstone a successful end to the season. One thing is for sure - I’ll be back racing at the highest level soon.”

Senna will now retain his Renault race seat alongside Vitaly Petrov for the remainder of the 2011 season, with newly-crowned GP2 champion Romain Grosjean as the team's reserve driver.

F1: Ecclestone Confirms November Switch For Austin-

F1 chief executive Bernie Ecclestone admits the US GP won't be held next June as originally scheduled...

Bernie Ecclestone has admitted that next year's inaugural US Grand Prix will not be held in June as originally scheduled.

Ostensibly, the move to November is to avoid the hot Texas summer, but cynics have also suggested it will give race organizers more time to build the bespoke circuit in Austin.

But an unintended side-effect of the move is a clause in Texas legislation that means state funding for the event can only be released one year in advance of the event.



Bernie Ecclestone says warm weather was a concern about Austin's original June date. (Photo: LAT Photographic)

That could mean real construction cannot begin until much later this year.

"While we have heard rumors on the date change ... we really aren't going to speculate on the course of action for each possible situation," a spokesman for the comptroller said last week.

According to F1 chief executive Ecclestone, however, the new calendar doing the rounds in the Hungary paddock recently was real.

"Before that there was a draft," he told La Gazzetta dello Sport. "They (the FIA) were the ones who published it as if it was the final one.

"We have, for example, moved Austin to November because it's 40 degrees in the summer (there). We don't want to have the experience of Dallas again." The Briton was referring to the 1984 event when drivers tackled searing heat and a crumbling track surface.

2011 FIA Formula One World Championship Race Calendar Remaining events

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| 2011 FORMULA 1 SINGTEL SINGAPORE GRAND PRIX (Singapore) | 23 - 25 Sep |
| 2011 FORMULA 1 JAPANESE GRAND PRIX (Suzuka) | 07 - 09 Oct |
| 2011 FORMULA 1 KOREAN GRAND PRIX (Yeongam) | 14 - 16 Oct |
| 2011 FORMULA 1 AIRTEL GRAND PRIX OF INDIA (New Delhi) | 28 - 30 Oct |
| 2011 FORMULA 1 ETIHAD AIRWAYS ABU DHABI GRAND PRIX (Yas Marina Circuit) | 11 - 13 Nov |
| FORMULA 1 GRANDE PRÊMIO PETROBRAS DO BRASIL 2011 (Sao Paulo) | 25 - 27 Nov |

Chapter in Knoxville or the Scenic City Chapter in Chattanooga.

History of the Old Hickory Chapter -

The first local Chapter of the BMW CCA was the Cumberland Valley Chapter which was started in April of 1983 with another meeting in May. The first Newsletter (called Grease and Grits) and first formal Club meeting taking place in June 1983. On December 8, 1988, the Cumberland Valley Chapter received a letter from National saying that effective of the date of the letter, the Cumberland Valley Chapter was put on probation for failure to meet minimum standards to be a chapter. This was after the chapter had been removed from probation on June 22nd, 1988. As of January 8th, 1989, the Cumberland Valley Chapter of the BMW CCA was no longer in existence. There was a last attempt to resurrect the club on Saturday February 25th, 1989, when David Bloodworth held an open house at his home in Brentwood where the area BMW CCA rep was present. At the time David Bloodworth was the President and Jan Thaden was the Vice President. That night was the last official/unofficial function of the Cumberland Valley Chapter BMW CCA. Club members had the choice to join the Smokey Mountain

In April of 1991, a club formation meeting was held at Mr. Gatti's in Green Hills. There were 20 people in attendance. It was decided that a new Chapter of the BMW CCA would be formed and it would be called the Old Hickory Chapter for the obvious ties to our area. In May 1991, there was a second meeting where Andy Tolbird was elected as President and Bart cable was elected Vice President. June 1991 marked the first official meeting of the Old Hickory Chapter BMW CCA and that was also the first issue of the new clubs newsletter. At that time there was no name given to the newsletter. The January/February issue of the Clubs newsletter was given a name; "Bimmer Notes". In the spring of 1993, our very own Jackie Hardy was elected as Secretary for the club. She has served our club well for the last 18 years. Thank you Jackie! The Fall 1993 issue of the clubs newsletter was the first time it was called Gemutlichkeit. And now you know the rest of the story.....



1983 BMW 320i automatic.

Safari Beige. 90K original miles. 2 owners and all maintenance records from 2nd owner (since 77K mi)

Entirely rust free. Garage kept with car cover (included) by second owner. All OEM including new front seat covers at 77K mi. Exceptionally clean, well maintained and mechanically sound. Brand new battery. The car has A/C but it is uncharged and currently disconnected. Asking \$4K but price is negotiable.

It's a unique car and I'm hoping to find a buyer who is a BMW enthusiast. Nancy Allen at BMW of Nashville borrowed the car for a showroom display several years back and I've included a photo from that time.

Thanks for looking.

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