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Pferdestärke



Holiday Party

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So Schön ist Deutschland

PEERING OUT MY WINDOW on this typical, fall day in Frankfort, Kentucky, I watch the rain accumulating on the windshield of my 325i. It was not but a short time ago that I was some place sunny and warm, leaning against a barrier with a friend watching a camouflaged, new Z4 M coupe leading a pack of BMW prototypes pass us every eight-minutes or so. That place was the Nürburgring, and the reason for my visit to Germany was the European Delivery of my mother's new 530xiT.

Do yourself a favor, folks. The next new BMW you acquire, select the European Delivery program. If you can, plan to arrive in September for several reasons. First, Germany's weather in September can be very nice. Second, Oktoberfest happens in Munich in September (trivia: it's always in September and only in Munich). And third, there is no better place to experience your new car (short of the track) than Germany. Trust me. As an added bonus, every two years the largest car show in the world is held in Frankfurt during this time.

If you've read a *Roundel* in the past few years, you've likely read about European Delivery and members' experiences with the program, thus I won't bore you with repetition; rather I will list the highlights of my trip:

- Travel with a friend in the Service. I was joined on this trip by fellow Bimmerphile Bryan Hoffmann from Cincinnati, who is a reservist in the Navy. As a serviceman, he is able to utilize hotels on military bases situated throughout the world, thus we ended up seeking an Army base near Schweinfurt at 11:30 PM. After several wrong turns we saw the blinking, blue beacon atop an MP's Ford Explorer and asked for directions to the Bradley Inn. "You guys are really close. We're heading there right now. If you want, you can follow our armored convoy," he said as he pointed behind him, "but, it may take us 30 minutes." Sure enough, I had placed mom's new car directly in front of a 67-ton M1A1 Abrams – no wait, that would be *ten* M1A1 Abrams tanks! And follow we did ...

- Visiting the Frankfurt Auto Show is best done on a weekday in the afternoon. We were able to get fairly close to the stunning new Z4 Coupe, as well as Porsche models who, deep-down, are really BMW-fans.

- While you will not be able to drive your new BMW on the Nürburgring, you should definitely make this a destination. During the week, car companies use the Ring for testing, and you will no doubt see many prototypes. We saw everything from the aforementioned Z4 M coupe to the new X5 and the new 3 Series coupe and convertible, in addition to new Porsches, Lamborghinis, Mercedes, and even a new Jeep, which broke-down right in front of us. Check out bluegrassbimmers.org for pictures.

- The best roads in Germany are not the *Autobahnen*, rather the smaller highways. We spent the better part of a day driving Germany's back-roads from Nürburg to Gehrden, a beautiful village near Paderborn. It's on these roads where Germany's beauty, charm, and charisma can be found, as well as where you can get in touch with your new car.

- Thank your mom for letting you pick up her new car. *Ganz schönen Dank Mom!*

Gute weiss-blaue Fahrt,
John "Hans" Ackerman
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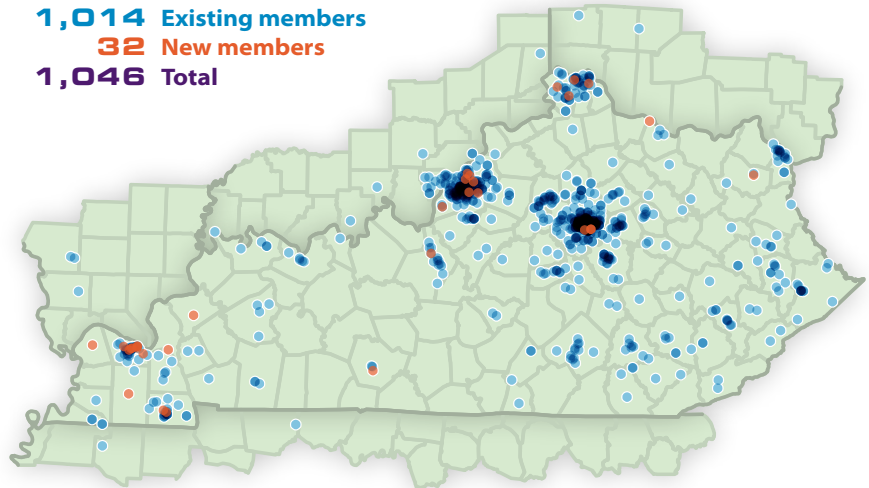
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HAVE SOME ARTISTIC TALENT? Tired of our current chapter logo? Then submit your idea for a new logo in the first-ever Bluegrass Bimmers Logo Contest, and you could win weeks of fame and prestige, followed by months of fascination and interest, and ending in years of indifference and obscurity! Hey, the limelight is fun while it lasts!

Submit your design by email to logo@bluegrassbimmers.org or by snail-mail to Logo Contest, Bluegrass Bimmers, PO Box 4575, Louisville, Kentucky, 40204. Entries must be received by January 31, 2005.

So grab your crayons, mouse, or Wacom tablet, and get cracking! Full details are available at bluegrassbimmers.org.

1,014 Existing members
32 New members
1,046 Total



“Drive” for the Cabbage Patch

BLUEGRASS BIMMERS has long supported The Cabbage Patch in Louisville as one of its official charities. “The Patch” is a local charity that seeks to break the cycle of poverty for deserving at-risk inner-city youth through its Educational Opportunities scholarship program. They believe that education is a cornerstone to building a productive, successful life. And you can help,

and have fun showing your BMW colors with a unique wristband. We have a supply of “DRIVE” bracelets that are being sold by the chapter to raise funds for this worthy cause. Three for \$10 postage paid, or \$3 each at club meetings and events. While supplies last. Send check for \$10 payable to Bluegrass Bimmers, PO Box 4575, Louisville, Kentucky, 40204.



Pferdestärke welcomes submissions! Send your story, photograph, or comments to editor@bluegrassbimmers.org.

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Name _____ Member Number _____

2006 Elections

The 2005 Nominating Committee met at our annual planning meeting in November, 2005, and nominated the slate of officers at left. Please indicate your choices, and return your ballot to Bluegrass Bimmers, PO Box 4575, Louisville, Kentucky, 40204 by **December 27, 2005.**

Sharkfest '06

It's that time of year again. Time to start thinking about Sharkfest '06. The dates are May 12-14, 2006. This year it's going to be in Spartanburg, SC. This will be the fourth year for this event, and although it is an event primarily for the 6 Series cars, we encourage all Bimmers and owners to attend and join in all the fun. The website is www.bmwsharkfest.org. Check it out for more details. Hope to see ya there!

—Stephen Wingate

BMW Back in ALMS

BMW is expanding its very successful North American M3 racing program. Begun in 1995, BMW M3s have raced to more than 53 wins in 108 races entered, primarily as a result of the efforts of BMW NA-supported BMW Team PTG.

In 2006, two BMW Team PTG M3s will compete in the American Le Mans Series GT2 class, under the new S2 rules. BMW Team PTG competed in the American Le Mans Series from 1999 through 2001, as well as the 2003 Petit Le Mans. In BMW's last full season of ALMS competition in 2001, BMW Team PTG won the Grand Prix of Portland and the Petit Le Mans as they combined with BMW Motorsport to dominate the GT class and sweep the Manufacturer, Team, and Drivers titles.

All five of the BMW Team PTG M3s that combined to win 17 of 25 Grand American Rolex Sports Car Series GT class races in the last two seasons, including the 2004 Manufacturer, Team and Driver Championships, have been sold to two private teams that will continue to race in that series. BMW Team PTG will provide technical support and BMW will enhance its privateer contingency program to support this effort. In 2005, more than \$70,000 was awarded to privately entered BMW racers in the Rolex and Grand-Am Cup Series.

The 2006 American Le Mans Series starts at the 12 Hours of Sebring on March 18.

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With all the stress that comes with the holidays, don't you deserve a break and a night out on the town? And wouldn't it be great if you could incorporate your love of Bimmers with a night out, and share that love with others who feel the same way? We have the solution! It's time once again to put on your holiday fineries, perhaps pull on your lederhosen, and gather together with your fellow Bavarian aficionados for an evening of fun, friends, and elegant dining at the 2005 Bluegrass Bimmers Holiday Party! Following last year's tremendous party in Louisville hosted by the Heumanns, this year is Lexington's turn to show its hospitality. You are cordially invited to the annual party and a delicious dinner at Dudley's Restaurant in Lexington!

The 2005 party will take place on Saturday, December 17. Drinks and appetizers will be served beginning at 6:30 PM, and the dinner will begin at 7:30 PM. We will be served a four-course dinner, and you may choose your main entrée from the following:

- Grilled or sautéed chicken breast
- Pork tenderloin
- Penne pasta with tomato cream sauce and shrimp

Dudley's was named after the Dudley School, which opened in November, 1852, in a four-room house on the restaurant's site. The existing building was erected in 1881, and four additional rooms were added in 1886. The school remained in use until the early '30s. Renovation on what is now Dudley Square started in 1979. Two of the original classrooms were converted into a dining room and bar, and Dudley's Restaurant opened in 1981. A cocktail atmosphere is set by the 100-year-old antique bar.

Fantastic door prizes will be given to several lucky winners – but you must attend to win! And if last year's prizes are any indication, you won't want to miss it!

We are requesting a minimum donation at the door of \$10 per person, which will go directly to our local charity, the Cabbage Patch Settlement House. Where else can you enjoy such a lovely evening for so little, and benefit our charity at the same time?

Please RSVP with your entrée choice by December 10th to Dave Arnold at dave-a@bluegrassbimmers.org. We look forward to seeing you there, lederhosen or not.

Happy Holidays!



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2005 HOLIDAY PARTY

- WHEN** Saturday, December 17, 2005
Doors open at 6:30 pm
Dinner begins at 7:30 pm
- WHERE** Dudley's Restaurant
380 South Mill Street
Lexington, Kentucky
859 / 252 1010
- COST** \$10 minimum donation requested per person
- RSVP** Dave Arnold at dave-a@bluegrassbimmers.org. Remember to indicate your entrée choice!

Bluegrass Bimmers Host a National First

First Street Survival School for Teens in a Rural Area

by TOM CHRISTENSEN



The 2005 Four Rivers Teen Street Survival School on June 2 in Murray, Kentucky, brought this effective car control event to teens that drive in an area of rural Kentucky with teen driver accident rates three times what they are in metropolitan areas. Driving on a majority of rural, two-lane roads exposes teens in rural small city areas to drive on roads without shoulders and only a four-inch strip of paint in the middle of the road separating on-coming traffic.

Twenty teens from the Four Rivers area, including participants from Illinois, Indiana, Tennessee, and Kentucky, came ready to be aggressive in the classroom and on the course. A collective effort by coaches from the Bluegrass Bimmers and Memphis chapters of the BMW CCA pooled talent to offer these teens the highlight of their summer.

Bluegrass Bimmers was honored by the BMW CCA Foundation to be chosen to offer this event to a rural small city area. The event was supported by Teen Champion-sponsor Bluegrass BMW of Paducah and Site Community-sponsor Murray State University. MSU's football stadium parking lot was a quilt of traffic cones and a blur of cars all day long as the coaches put the students through their paces, focusing on al-

lowing the students to repeat specific car control actions so as to make these life saving responses habitual to their driving style.

School-dean Bill Wade (can't have an event without Bill?), who also serves as the regional Street Survival School coordinator for the BMW CCA Foundation, was the chief instructor for the event to offer expert classroom instruction before the teens took to the course. The instructor staff included:

- John Ackerman, Frankfort
- Bill Heumann, Louisville
- Sean Heumann, Louisville
- Dave Wise, Louisville
- Tom Alves, Louisville/Henderson
- Jerry Rhodes, Memphis, TN
- Bill Salmonsens, Memphis, TN
- Chris Cunningham, Paducah

These instructors sacrificed most of their first summer weekend to offer these teens a new lease on their driving lives. Their dedication to helping these young drivers react in the right way in those crucial tenths of a second car-control situations will most likely save lives by their volunteer efforts.

A parent who attended with her son from Illinois realized just how soon the Street Survival skills might pay off with higher car-control skills for her son.

"Our son drove us back to Illinois on the



“Oh yeah, I learned how to maneuver out of dangerous situations. This course will surely save my life some day, and the lives of the kids riding with me.”

interstate from the Street Survival School in a heavy rain storm with lots of trucks on the road. Neither he nor his father and I would have felt confident for him to do this safely without his new car control skills acquired at the school.”

The support of community leaders, parents, teen advocates, and Bluegrass Bimmers members in the Four Rivers area was tremendous. A team of these individuals came together to serve as 2005 Four Rivers Street Survival School Coordinators with a common goal to create this first, successful event to establish the school as a regular offering to area teens. The event coordinators included:

- Darren Samborski and Brian Beisel, course stewards
- Kathryn Harper, communications and marketing
- Jack Butler, sponsorship coordinator (Bluegrass member)
- Chris and Haley Cunningham, hospitality coordinators (Bluegrass members)
- Wayne Harper, Murray State liaison
- Van Johnson, Teen Champion sponsor liaison (Bluegrass BMW of Paducah, Bluegrass member)
- Tom Christensen, Four Rivers TSS coordinator (Bluegrass member)

The Four Rivers School Team learned many lessons for this inaugural event:

- 1 Do not schedule the event on the National ACT Testing Day for high school teens (rookie mistake).
- 2 Our fellow BMW CCA members in

other chapters are eager to help Bluegrass Bimmers with a Street Survival event in western Kentucky.

- 3 The teens and parents of the Four Rivers area are emphatic about wanting a Street Survival School next year! (June 3 is on the calendar for the MSU site – not the ACT Saturday.)

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Tuesday, March 14 7 pm
Lexington Meeting
 TGI Friday's, Pavillon Way, I-75 & Man O War

Saturday & Sunday, May 13–14
Bluegrass Bimmers Driving School
 Putnam Park Road Course, Mt Meridian, IN

Events are added, deleted, or changed with reckless abandon – sometimes just hours before they're scheduled to occur. If you really want to know what's going on, check the event calendar at bluegrassbimmers.org and join the Bluegrass Bimmers Yahoo! Groups (see page 3).

CLASSIFIEDS

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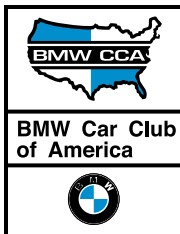
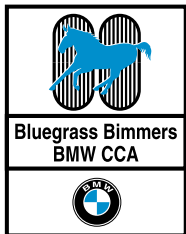


We made it! Stymied by, um, "directions," the group nevertheless managed to find its way to the Cumberland Falls State Resort Park, the endpoint of September's Backroads to Cumberland journey.



ON THE COVER

Dave Arnold leads a seemingly endless convoy (two cars) to Lexington during the first leg of the Backroads to Cumberland drive in September. Photo by Christy Brewer.



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