

BLUEGRASS BIMMERS FALL 2009 Pferdestärke



2009 HOLIDAY PARTY

A Night at the Museum

IT'S TIME ONCE AGAIN for the annual Bluegrass Bimmers Holiday Party!

Come enjoy an evening of holiday festivities, great food, great friends, and – as always – door prizes! This year is sure to be a real treat as the venue is the world-renowned **Speed Art Museum!** We will have exclusive access to the entire museum for the evening, making this a unique opportunity for a visit! The food is guaranteed to be fantastic with catering by Louisville's **Bristol Bar & Grille!**

Space is limited, so don't delay; register today!

WHEN	Sat, December 5, 2009 6:30 pm (cash bar) 7:00 pm (dinner)
WHERE	The Speed Art Museum 2035 South Third Street Louisville, KY 40208 502 / 634 2700 speedmuseum.org
COST	\$38/person in advance \$50/person at the door (limited availability)
REGISTER	See link at bluegrassbimmers.org

KARTING

Battle of Lawrenceburg VI

COME OUT and defend your chapter's honor at the annual Bluegrass vs Buckeye Karting Challenge on Saturday, February 27 at Competition Racing in Lawrenceburg, Indiana. Cost is only \$25 per person.

WHEN	Sat, February 27, 2010
WHERE	Competition Racing 890 Rudolph Way Lawrenceburg, IN 47025 812 / 539 4949 competitionracing.net
COST	\$25/person
REGISTER	See link at bluegrassbimmers.org

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KEITH'S GARAGE by KEITH WILLIAMS

AS WE COME to the close of the third quarter, the majority of this year's activities are behind us. This has been a great year for many of our functions. Below are just some of the highlights!

Our **karting event** with the Buckeye Chapter had the best attendance and largest number of participants to date, and yes, we won. (Apologies to the Buckeyes that may be reciprocating members and thus reading this – and yes, we are gloating). Thanks to Kurt Resener and all the others that made this a great event!

The **Concours at Keeneland** was great! We did not have record attendance, but we had record great weather for July! Temperatures were in the 70s, and the BMWs have never looked better! Thanks to Jeff Meade, Lee Wagner, and all the other organizers and attendees for making this a great event. We have discussed a little show of our own for next year, possibly tied to a trip to Equus Run Vineyards. I learned at the Concours this year that several of our Lexington Brethren are judges for such events; very impressive!

The **high-performance driving school** (HPDE) turned out to be a fantastic event. Weather was picture perfect at Putnam Park, and the enhancements of ered at this year's school made it very special. Thanks to Kurt again, Bill Wade, and all the others who pitched in and participated. Our dinner, sponsored by Sam Swope (many thanks!), included what most of us believe to be several *Guinness Book of Records*–size pizza pies! We continued the tradition of Bill's Bodacious Barbeque, named after Bill Wade for years, by naming this one Bill's Bodacious Bourbon Balls. John and Regan Ackerman supplied delicious homemade bourbon balls for the event.

The **Street Survival Program** began with some challenges. Bill Wade was out

of town managing another Street Survival program, and our team had never executed the entire program for two days without him. Both days went of without a single problem, as Bill met with us ahead of time and ensured we had everything we needed to be successful. Many people were instrumental in ensuring the success of the weekend. I would like to mention and especially thank the following:

- Steve Cullen came at 6:00 am the first morning to help set everything up.
- Ric Stofer came both days (from Lexington, no less) and instructed and helped run the program.
- Dave Nalley also instructed both days.
- Charles Wiechers came from Lexington for day one and drove straight back to help care for an ill family member.
- John Wilson handled set up, registration, and lots of other tasks.
- Sam and Matt Smith of Koetter and Smith, Inc., supplied our classroom trailer at no cost!

The students and their parents were outstanding! We had many, many positive responses! Again, thanks to all the volunteers and instructors!

VOTE 2010

THE POLLS are now open for next year's chapter of cers. The nominees are Dave Arnold for president, Ric Stofer for vice president, Bill Wade for secretary, Steve Brewer for treasurer, and John Ackerman, Mike Burch, Ian Crawford, and Chip Singleton for members at large. Write-ins are welcome if your favorite candidate wasn't nominated. Time is running out, and the polls are about to close, so visit the website soon to cast your ballot: www.bluegrassbimmers.org/voting/.

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AT OUR AUGUST board meeting, Chip and Jake Singleton arrived, each with M3 in hand. I met Jake at the Keeneland Concours this summer and asked if I could talk to them and photograph their cars at our August meeting.

Jake's M3 is a 1998 E36 sedan in Helrot Red with Magma interior. The E36 began as Chip's car when he found it in Long Island and drove it home to Lexington.

Chip's M3 is a 2006 E46 coupe in Imola Red with black interior and the Competition Package. Chip drove the E46 back from Norwalk, Connecticut.

I spoke to Chip and Jake about their respective rides. Jake said the qualities he liked best in his M3 were, "It's somewhat practical – I get 28 miles per gallon and great performance." I was impressed that a new high-school graduate was that mature and even thought about gas mileage! Chip likes the chassis, wide stance, and additional rubber you get with his M3. "It really feels planted in hard cornering."

Both have been to track events and would like to do more. Jake's claim to fame is that he tracked a Ford Ranger Splash truck and did a fine job of it! Chip has already purchased his first set of track tires and wheels. Jake is also a Street Survival Alumni.

Two things that I am sure of: both of these cars are kept clean and look great, and it was a pleasure talking shop with both of these guys – keeping the M3s in the family, if you will. —Keith Williams

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