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Northern Illinois Food Bank, 273 Dearborn Ct, Geneva, IL 60134 **solvehungertoday.org**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2025
JANUARY.....
11 Annual Dinner, Two Brothers, Aurora
MAY.....
16-18 HPDE Autobahn Country Club, Joliet
JUNE
7 & 8 The Yokohama Experience by Tire Rack South Bend, IN
AUGUST.....
15 Speed Event at Blackhawk Farms
2026
JANUARY.....
10 Annual Dinner, Double Clutch Brewing

PLAN AHEAD!

THE STEERING WHEEL

I hope you all enjoyed Thanksgiving and have dug the winter tires out of storage. Winter is coming and we've already had our first snow storm. It lasted all of 6 hours and then turned to rain and melted away, but it was enough to highlight the benefits of snow tires in the Chicago area. Be safe out there!

This winter we do have a few activities that have happened or will happen. There has been talk of simracing and other indoor activities, so keep an eye out for future opportunities if you missed the last one. We do not currently have any karting setup for the winter, but if someone feels passionate about organizing it we can certainly help out with what we have done in the past and advise how to set it up.

We are actively pursuing event dates for our **Yokohama Autocross** program and will keep you posted when those are secured. Our driving events committee has already started securing dates for **Autobahn Country Club** and **Blackhawk Farms**, so keep your eyes on the website for that. Our 2024 Annual Dinner is coming up. Make sure to sign up! This will be the last year at the Round House as our 2025 Annual Dinner will move to Evanston to Double Clutch Brewing.

As we move into the holiday season, whether you celebrate a religious holiday or just respect the changes of the season be sure to spread good cheer. It costs you nothing and could make someone's day just that much better. Goodwill is under rated and it shouldn't just be during the cold months of winter when we think about our fellow humans.

And that brings me to the topic of *volunteerism*. I know I write about this nearly every month, but **volunteers** run this chapter. At the BMW CCA national level we do have paid employees, but everything at the chapter level is 100% **volunteers**. But why would you want to volunteer you ask? It's a valid question and I suggest you consider not that you are **volunteering** your time for some altruistic feelings of socializing. Perhaps if you were **volunteering** at the Northern Illinois Food Bank, GiGi's Playhouse, or a local animal shelter or other non-for profit organization those philanthropic feelings would be valid – helping those that need extra help. But a social organization needs **volunteers** to operate as well. So what's in it for me you may ask? First, **volunteers** meet people and have the opportunity to socialize with like-minded people. Socializing is paramount in preservation of the human mind. The preponderance of medical studies showing the benefits of socializing and associating with people, especially for the elderly, is too clearly convincing to doubt. Longevity, avoiding or reducing

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Application in this Breeze and on the website

WINDY CITY BMW 2025
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Please put membership number on ballot and mail to:
Windy City BMW, PO Box 133, Glenview, IL 60025
Must receive by January 3rd, 2025
Membership #: _____

We will be voting for the new board at the Annual Dinner.
So come to the dinner or at least vote by mail with this Ballot.

MAKING FRIENDS

Membership 1484	Referral
Jessica Ackerman	Harry Brennan
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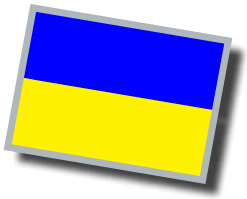

NEWS FROM THE BMW CCA FOUNDATION

As we approach Giving Tuesday, we reflect on the impact and progress made possible by your generosity and support. Our Street Survival school and The Ultimate Driving Museum have thrived, offering in valuable education and preserving the rich history of BMW. However, to continue this mission into the new year, we need your help. Our driving school relies on updated resources and equipment to provide comprehensive training to students, ensuring their safety and success on the road. Meanwhile, our Museum and Archives are pivotal in safeguarding historical documents and memorabilia, enabling future generations to learn from the past. Your donation, no matter the size, will directly support these vital programs, helping us maintain excellence in education and preservation. Join us in driving progress and honoring history by making a donation today. Thank you for your continued support and belief in our mission of Saving Lives, Saving History. Wishing you a joyful holiday season and a prosperous new year.
https://bmwccafoundation.org/support-the-foundation/donate-page/

Giving Tuesday is December 3, 2024!

Save the Date ! - O'FEST at Road America !

There will be an O'Fest at Road America on October 9-12, 2025. New spin on the national event. Lots of events at the track. The **Osthoff Resort** will be our host hotel and host the concours on the back lawn. This event is hosted by the Badger Bimmers Chapter. Saturday night will be the closing banquet. Put it on your calendar!

ANNUAL DINNER !

Our Annual Dinner is set for January 11th, 2024 at 5:30pm at Two Brothers Roundhouse, located next to the Fox River at 205 N Broadway, Aurora, IL 60505. We will start by arriving at 5:30 PM for drinks and hor d'Oeuvres. Dinner will start promptly at 7PM and we have to leave the room by 10:00. Please full out the application and send to Barbara Adams before January 2, 2024.

This is a Windy City BMW member event. Each member can bring one family member or friend.

APPLICATION-(in our hands)DEADLINE IS JANUARY 2, 2024

Name _____

Guest_____

Kids _____

Membership Number(s)_____

Email Address _____

Contact Phone _____

DINNER CHOICES:

Chicken _____ X $45_____

If paying by paypal $ 46.60_____

Beef _____ X $55_____

If paying by paypal $57.99_____

Vegan Lasagna_____ X $40 _____

If paying by paypal $41.50_____

Kids Meal _____ X $15 _____

If paying by paypal $ 15.55_____

GRAND TOTAL $ _____

Make check payable to Windy City BMW and mail to Barbara or pay on PayPal at payments@Windycitybmw.com and send all application information to adams2002@aol.com

Application and payment must be received on or before January 2, 2024.

Please mail to: Barbara Adams, Annual Dinner Stuff, 607 Elmdale Road, Glenview Il. 60025

If paypal payment email ALL application information to adams2002@aol.com

Dress is business casual.

GET YOUR OFFICIAL NAME TAG HERE

It has a magnetic back and you can have "YOUR NAME" (or whatever) on your own tag.

Don't YOU need one?

Send in your order with your annual dinner stuff and you will get it at the dinner. **(Deadline is 12/31/24)**

If you are not attending the dinner, we will mail it to you

NAME/S:_____

_____

Cost is $10.00 and add $2.00 if we are mailing it to you.

Send your check along with your dinner stuff.

Make check to Windy City BMW & Mail to:

Barbara Adams, 607 Elmdale Road, Glenview, IL 60025

There's a Bar in the same complex, for after the Dinner !

OUR CHARITIES

GIGI'S PLAYHOUSE

GiGi's Playhouse is a Down Syndrome awareness center that offers activities, resources, educational programs, and support for individuals with Down Syndrome and their families. They celebrate the lives and showcase the talents and potential of individuals with Down Syndrome. It is a model center that has inspired other communities throughout the United States. With our help, GiGi's Playhouse can serve a greater number of people, and eventually open more centers in the Chicago area. Please help this place of love and hope that is based on a series of miracles that continue to happen to this day. http://gigisplayhouse.org/

BMW CCA FOUNDATION

The vision is to be a living repository of BMW information and benefit the motoring community. Hence, the Foundation has established three ambitious initiatives:
Street Survival Teen Driving Safety Program, Library, Archives and Museum Program and the Conservation and Preservation Program. https://bmwccafoundation.org

NORTHERN ILLINOIS FOOD BANK

Our vision is to create a hunger-free northern Illinois.
Our mission is to provide nutritious food to all those in need through our own efforts and those of our non-profit partners.
Serves 13 counties covering nearly 7,000 square miles.
http://solvehungertoday.org/

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PRESIDENTS COLUMN CONTINUES

dementia-related illnesses, and avoiding depression are all results of healthy and happy social engagement.

Second, **volunteers** learn how to plan and organize events. Until you have organized an event at a track, autocross, or even a local car show it's difficult to appreciate the work that goes into event planning. None of our events are as complicated as a wedding (though the annual dinner is easily half a wedding!), but working with a crew (rarely are any of our events solo planning affairs) to organize and run a successful event is not only immensely satisfying, but a learned skill – and a valuable one.

Third, **volunteers** learn valuable personal relationship skills including leadership, management, and human relations. Just knowing that everyone there is a **volunteer** changes the management dynamic of an event, but critical leadership skills are learned through **volunteering** and planning/managing events. These skills can be used to plan your next birthday party or be used at work to move up the corporate ladder. I learned management and leadership skills with Windy City BMW that would have taken me another ten years to learn at work – if I ever had the opportunity to learn them at all.

Finally, **volunteers** make friends. Sharing the workload and depending on others is both scary and rewarding. You all fail together and succeed together. It really is a team effort and should not feel like one person has to "do it all". We want **volunteerism** to be a rich and rewarding experience. Reach out to help, ask questions, and don't be afraid to try something new. We will do our best to provide a safety net and mentoring along the way to make your volunteering experience as successful as possible.

I want to thank all of you who make this club such a joy to be a part of, I really appreciate everything the club and its members have done for me. I have given a lot of my time over the years, but what I have received in return is more valuable – by a wide margin – than what I've given.

Happy Motoring **GRAIG NEVILLE**

VOLUNTEER in 2025 !

Tell our advertisers that you saw their ad in the Windy City BMW Breeze.

Just think, if every one of our 1,500 members donated just $10.00 each to the BMW CCA Foundation

!WOW!

Show your Colors!

Lands' End has our Windy City BMW logo that can go on any item that you order. The additional cost for the logo will be $6.95 per item. We now have an E-Store set up so buying at Lands' End couldn't be easier. Go to the website WindyCityBMW.org and click on "show your colors".

Windy City BMW

YOKOHAMA AUTOCROSS 2024

Season Standings for the 2024 Yokohama Season

Class AA

1st	Robin Blair
2nd	Clint Whiteway
3rd	Jeff Kumler

Class A

1st	Leo Kneip
2nd	Vincent Helou
3rd	Joe Kneip

Class B

1st	Alexander Kahl
2nd	Stephen Gerber
3rd	Ilya Povod

Class C

1st	Tim McCants

Class E

1st	Carl Thoemmes
2nd	Brian Wright
3rd	Tim Head

Class I

1st	Bill Luxon
2nd	Jay Steinberg
3rd	Jason Diamond

Class L

1st	Lisa Dagley
2nd	Perry Fioretto
3rd	Vanya Petrova

FTD: SURPRISE
ROOKIE: SURPRISE

ATTENTION AUTOCROSSERS

We have a Yokohama Tire certificate to be given away at the Annual Dinner. If you attended 4 or more autocrosses this season your name will be in the drawing.

YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN!

Here is the list of people in the drawing.

Kyle Ashpole
Robin Blair
Holli Carlson
Ashley Chin
Lisa Dagley
Dimitre Dimitrov
Rob Dufault
Bradley Elliott
Matt Farnsworth
Peggy Fioretto
Stephen Gerber
Kevin Ginsberg
Phillip Gullett
Christian Hamielec
Ziggy Hamielec
Tim Head
Vincent Helou
Alexander Kahl
Joe Kneip
Leo Kneip
Jeff Kumler
Bill Luxon
Tim McCants
John Mendola
Jim Michener
Ilia Panov
Teodor Petrov
Vanya Petrova
Damian Pipala
Ilya Povod
Ben Rogut
John Schwarz
Andre Sneed
Jay Steinberg
Carl Thoemmes
Nick Trnka
Clint Whiteway
Chris Won
Brian Wright
Jeff Zhu

AUTOCROSS BROUGHT TO YOU BY:
Chairpeople
The Experience: John Schwarz, Ed Graff, Clint Whiteway, Carl Thoemmes, Pam Imholz & Tom Imholz
Autocross 2: John Schwarz, Clint Whiteway, Carl Thoemmes, Phil Gullett
Autocross 3: Robin Blair, Phil Gullett and Vanya Petrova
Autocross 4: Graig Neville, Ziggy Hamielec, Christian Hamielec
Autocross 5: John Schwarz, Bill Luxon and Pete Maloy
Autocross 6: Holli Carlson, Phil Gullett and Robin Blair

NEW HELMET INFO:
Northstar Motorsports

We've received several inquiries and would like to clarify some important details regarding the release of SA2025 helmets.

Release Date:

SA2025 helmets from all manufacturers will not be available for purchase until October 1, 2025.

Helmet Usage Guidelines:

SA2020 Helmets: These will remain valid until the SA2030 helmets are released on October 1, 2030.

SA2015 Helmets: These helmets cannot be used after October 1, 2025. If you currently have an SA2015 or SA2010 helmet, we strongly recommend replacing it as soon as possible to stay in compliance with safety standards.

Read more Click here:
https://smf.org/standards/sa/2025/SA2025_cover_Final_04012024.pdf

ANNUAL DINNER !

2024 BROUGHT TO YOU BY:

2024 Event Year was brought to you by"
Autocross Chairpeople
The Experience: John Schwarz, Ed Graff, Clint Whiteway, Carl Thoemmes, Pam Imholz & Tom Imholz
Autocross 2: John Schwarz, Clint Whiteway, Carl Thoemmes, Phil Gullett
Autocross 3: Robin Blair, Phil Gullett and Vanya Petrova
Autocross 4: Graig Neville, Ziggy Hamielec, Christian Hamielec
Autocross 5: John Schwarz, Bill Luxon and Pete Maloy
Autocross 6: Holli Carlson, Phil Gullett and Robin Blair
Car Show events - Kyle Ashpole
Movie event - Kyle Ashpole
VinFest - Kyle Ashpole
Cruises - Kyle Ashpole
HPDE- Randy Everson, David Farnsworth, Jim Waldman, John Roeslmeier and Tom Schultz
Fall Tour- Pam Imholz & Tom Imholz
Westmont Crusin' Night - Pete Hanson
IMSA - Barbara Adams
Annual Dinner- Graig Neville
Northstar Motorsports Meeting- David Augustine
Euroquipe Tech Session- Kyle Ashpole
Bimmerbrews - Graig Neville & Kyle Ashpole
Smarty Pants Meeting- David Augustine
We had 27 events plus 6 autocrosses in 2024.
F1 Party - Brad Elliott ELA
Sim Racing - Kyle Ashpole
Board of Directors see the Masthead

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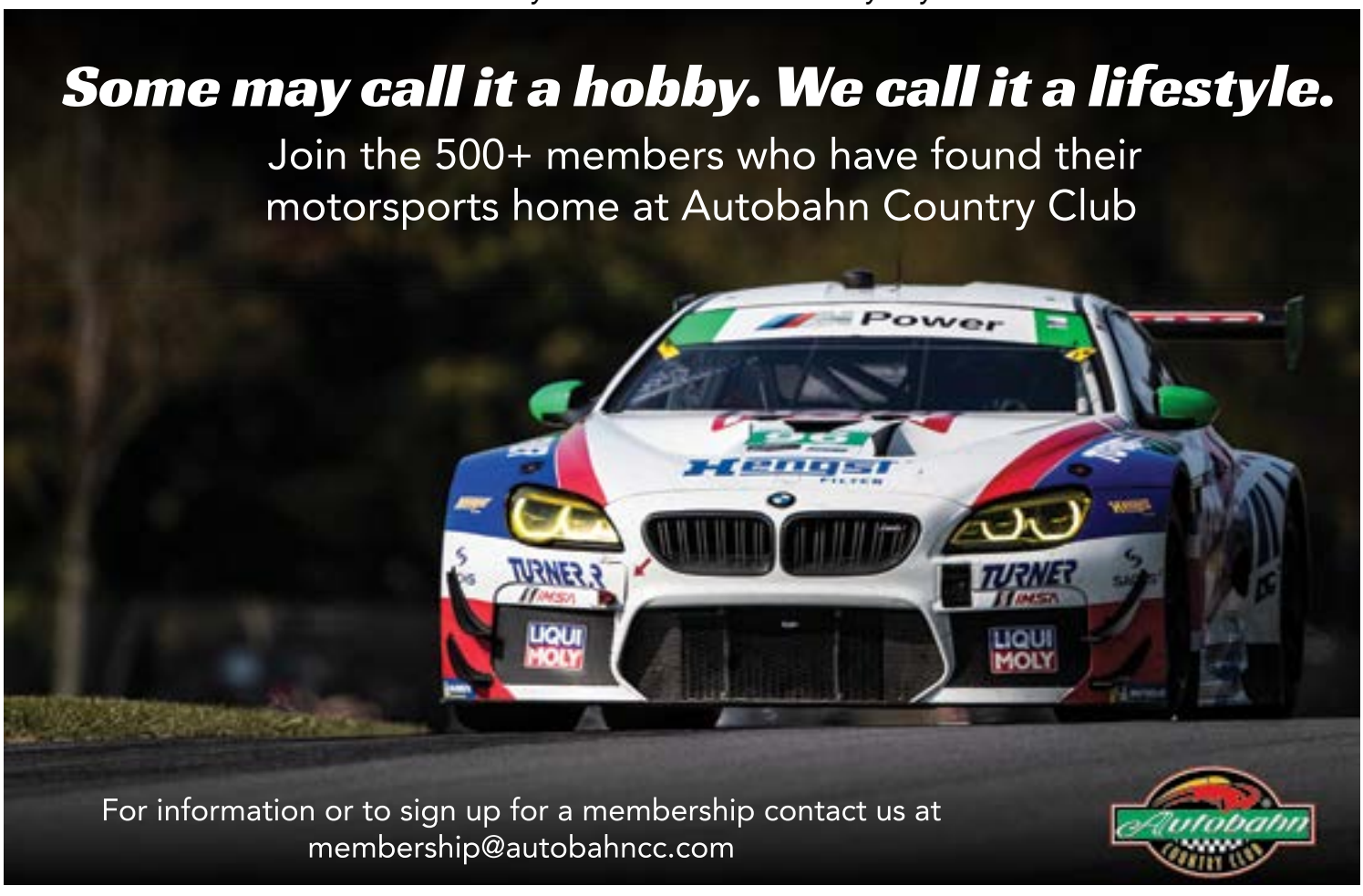

FALL COLOR CRUISE

Who would have thought October 19th could be such a nice day? In Illinois, it very well could have snowed this late in October! But luckily, it was 70 degrees and very sunny for our Fall Colors Cruise, a re-run of our Summer Cruise we did in August. 20 BMWs and the whole group of members in them met up in Downtown Barrington at 9:30am and took a nice leisurely cruise to Downtown Woodstock. The roads were twisty and went up and down (hey, they're not too shabby for Northern Illinois!) and were draped in fall colors! The whole event went pretty well, but what would a BMW gathering amount to unless at least one of them loses all their coolant? It only happens to the best of us, and we all know the pain. I hope you made it home safely, Greg, and that your E30 is up and running again in no time! (They did get home safe and sound.)

As the rest of us all arrived in Woodstock Town Square (filming site of the movie Groundhog Day and Planes, Trains, and Automobiles) we gathered at Ethereal Confections for some coffee and to have a chat. Some went to the Farmer's Market, and others elsewhere. Woodstock has a lot of shops to see, and we didn't dictate what to do once the drive was over! But at the end, about 14 members went to lunch at Antigua Mexican Grill and created some further dialogue amongst the BMW fans. Hope everyone had fun!

KYLE ASHPOLE

For the PhotoStory by Larry Schettel:

https://www.flickr.com/photos/windycitybmw/albums/72177720321331460/

2025 HPDE's - SAVE THE DATES !

We have two HPDEs scheduled for 2025. As in years past we are planning three days on the Autobahn Country Club south circuit – May 16, 17 & 18 plus one day at the Blackhawk Farms Raceway on August 15. Our past sponsors, BMW of Schererville, Clearwater Capital Partners and Euroquipe, are returning to join us so why don't you mark your calendar to arrange for some nearby track time with your Windy City BMW friends? Yes, of course your friends without BMWs can come – virtually any make is welcome. We expect to have registration live on MotorsportsReg.com in early January. Save the May and August dates now. We'll see you then.

The Windy City BMW HPDE Committee

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Christmas - Hanukkah - Kwanza & Festivus

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of America
Windy City

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PET PHoTozS NEEDED !

Send 3 cute photos of your pet-dog cat or whatever.
With the new digital format
we can devote a little more fun space for the pictures.
Send pictures with pets name in the email to
adams2002@aol.com

It's time 4 Winter Tires from Tire Rack

Windy City BMW Marketplace

Windy City BMW has a Facebook page that is for sales of stuff. It is now separate from our Windy City BMW page. The name is:
Windy City BMW Marketplace
So type that in at Facebook and ask to join.
Then you can look at all the stuff for sale
and put what you want to sell up there too.
You should really join both groups
and keep up on what's going on.

ACHTUNG!!! iCONTACT!

If you have unsubscribed to iContact and if you can find one of the last iContacts, you can click Unsubscribe at the bottom and that will get you to a screen where you can manage your user profile and add yourself back to the list. If you can't find an iContact email, you can send an email from the affected email address to **deliverability@icontact.com** and ask to be added back to Windy City BMW's list. We can also do it for you by sending a note to denmother@windycitybmw.com

@windycitybmw

Windy City BMW

SPEED BOX !

2025

Windy City BMW- ACC May 16-18
Blackhawk Farms, Friday, August 15
Badger June 3 Blackhawk
Lone Star May 25 Motor Sport Ranch
NorthStar, May 30-June 1 Brainard Intnl
Buckeye, August 3 & 4, Mid Ohio
Badger, Aug 19, Blackhawk Farms
Motor City, Sept 14-15, Grattan
Badger, O'fest Oct 9-12 Road America