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## INAUGURAL EXPLORE THE VALLEY POKER RUN

**Sunday, August 16, 2015 – 9:15 a.m.**

Meet: Panera Bread, 3895 Medina Road (Rt. 18), Montrose (Akron), OH 44333, at 9:15 a.m.

**Drive starts promptly at 9:45 a.m.**

Finish: PubBricco, 1841 Merriman Road, Akron, Ohio 44313

A first-time event for the Chapter will be the Explore the Valley Poker Run sponsored by Dave Walter BMW of Akron.



Reminiscent of the "Discover the Valley Rally" days, this drive will take you down many winding and picturesque roads through the stunning Cuyahoga Valley National Park. As participants make their way at their own pace from one historic site to another, they will stop at a series of checkpoints to draw playing cards to create their poker hand. At the end of the rally, the best poker hand wins!

The day will begin at the Montrose (West Market) Panera Bread where participants will fortify themselves and start registration at 9:15 a.m. until the drivers' meeting at 9:45 a.m. The drive will be at the entrants' own pace; the last checkpoint will close at 2:30 p.m. Lunch and awards will be at Pub Bricco where participants are responsible for their meals from the menu.

**Cost of the event is \$10 per hand, payable the day of the event in cash or by check made out to Northern Ohio Chapter BMW Car Club of America.** A fifty percent (50%) portion of the proceeds will benefit Make-a-Wish.

**To reserve your space contact Jon Stupar via email or at 330.701.3399 before Thursday, August 13.** Please give your name, your membership number, a contact phone number for the day of the event, the number in your party, and their names. You will receive a confirming e-mail or call that your reservation has been received.



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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Aug 9**     **Third-Quarter Board Meeting**  
**All members welcome.**  
 Nervous Dog Café, 4161 Steel Pointe Drive, Stow  
 10 a.m.
- Aug 13**     **RSVP Due for Explore the Valley Poker Run**  
 Jon Stupar jdstupar@gmail.com or 330.701.3399
- Aug 16**     **Explore the Valley Poker Run**  
 Please see front cover for full details.  
 Updates: nohiobmwcca.org
- Aug 29**     **Classified Print Ads for Summer 2015 issue due**  
 Print ads in the Bimmer Pilot are FREE to members.  
 Email photos & details to editor@nohiobmwcca.org
- Aug 29**     **Ultimate Machine Submissions**  
 Attention members... have your Bimmer featured in the  
 next issue of the *Pilot*! Send a photo and your favorite  
 BMW memory including any special mods  
 or upgrades to editor@nohiobmwcca.org
- Aug 29**     **Content Submissions**  
 Tech Tips, Ultimate Machine and article submissions  
 due. Send information to editor@nohiobmwcca.org
- Sept 13**     **Cleveland German Auto Show**  
 8:30 am - 3:00 pm  
 Huntington Reservation - Cleveland Metroparks  
 Details: nohiobmwcca.org
- Sept TBA**     **Brewery Tour**  
 Details: www.nohiobmwcca.org
- Oct 8**     **Visit to Corsa Performance Exhausts**  
 Details TBA
- Nov TBA**     **Fourth-Quarter Board Meeting**  
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## GRANDSTAND

C. L. Harrison, NOC BMWCCA President

*MUCH MORE IN STORE AS WE MOVE INTO AUTUMN*

Summer has already made its debut, as have some of our 2015 events. And, there's more in the works!

We started off May with a visit to Westlake BMW's new facility. Approximately twenty members braved the severe thunderstorms and rivers of water to spend an evening talking BMWs with refreshments provided by the dealership. Many thanks to their Marketing and Advertising Manager Brent McKenzie for coordinating the visit.

Memorial Day Weekend we celebrated 26 years of drivers' schools and 20 years of Club Racing at Mid-Ohio. The turnout and support of Club Racers was amazing. I especially want to thank member Bob Perritt for his significant donation which paid for the additional required corner workers to cover the weekend's races. The Driver Education (DE) side of the event contained an entire group of novices who got a picture-perfect weekend at one of the country's premier tracks. Unfortunately, we were a bit light on attendance for students and instructors, so, our next Board meeting will have members of our Driving Events Committee presenting a review and assessment of the program.

Due to a surprise highlight on National's Facebook page, our early June driving tour had an overabundance of participants hailing from Michigan to Mansfield and beyond. Fortunately, Maize Valley Winery handled the forty-six attendees in stride and we made quite an impressive parade through southern Portage and northern Stark counties with our twenty-five Bimmers.

We finished off the month of June with our experience at the weekly Gervasi Vineyard's Cruise-In which saw members come out in droves to enjoy a perfect evening on the grounds and benefit from Cain BMW's display of new cars, door prizes, and members-only party. Check the web site under Media>Photos for pictures.

We traditionally leave July open for those who want to take the relatively short drive to Pittsburgh to attend BMW-related events at the Vintage Grand Prix. However, this year, I worked with new member John Guenther to coordinate a drive/lunch/visit to the Wooster area in late July. This short drive brought members back to the Pine Tree Barn's Granary for a delicious lunch and with time to browse the store. We regrouped and went on to The Village Network's residential headquarters for at-risk youth where a small, dedicated number presented a People's Choice Car Show for the kids as part of the facility's engagement program using various interests to draw the children out and into social interaction. The weekend donation of the use of an i3 by Cain BMW was greatly appreciated, as it was a focal point for many young guys in the group.

This involvement continues a long-standing Northern Ohio tradition of charitable efforts focused on children. Every Z-Bimmer drive collects monies which, along with any NIAIS Detroit Auto Show bus trip profits, are donated annually to Make-a-Wish. And, for many years, one registration on the DE side of our Mid-Ohio school has been provided as a fundraiser donation to the Cleveland-based Youth Challenge—Sports and Recreation for Children with Physical Disabilities. So, when we have a charitable event, please consider attending or supporting the activity.





**Keep checking the web site and opening those email blasts for updates on events and activities, then plan to attend. I'll be looking for you!**

Our dance card is full in August with back-to-back weekends of a board meeting and then a never-before-attempted event—a Poker Run. Vice President Jon Stupar has finalized routes and checkpoints for this Cuyahoga Valley National Park-centered event. See the front page of this *Bimmer Pilot* and the web site for full details and registration.

On September 13 make certain your vehicle is polished and prepped, as the Cleveland German Auto Show will take place in the Huntington Reservation of the Cleveland Metroparks. Northern Ohio Region of PCA is coordinating the event again, which is co-hosted by Western Reserve Section of Mercedes-Benz, Valley Chapter of the Audi Club, and Northern Ohio Chapter BMWCCA. Please show your support by bringing out your finest or volunteering with car placement or judging. We need participants!

There just weren't enough weekends in September for all the potential events in addition to the Car Show. So, we've had to place a few opportunities into 2016. One of them is the Lincoln Highway-Ceramics-Fiesta drive: They keep fixing roads and replacing bridges in the area! One of our two planned visits to after-market suppliers also will be postponed until 2016.

I am finalizing the annual beer tour and focusing on the weekend of September 26-27. Planned activities continue into October with a weekday evening visit to Corsa Performance Exhaust's facility in Berea on Thursday, October 8. Check the web site and look for email blasts for final times and details.

November will see our last board meeting of the year and the revised date for our officer elections. I'm tossing around something for early December as well, but I'll hold those details for next time.

The results of our newsletter changeover indicate that a small group of people still want print. We are working on budgeting for this and in detailing the logistics of the electronic delivery. Please bear with us as we continue the transition and know that delivery methodology is an ongoing exploration at this point. That translates into us working with getting you your information in a usable format now, while we still explore alternatives which will be more user-friendly and satisfactory and still meet our financial needs.

As well, I have reviewed the votes on the proposed By-Laws and Code of Regulations and shall update the web site with the revisions in the near future.

Keep the shiny side up!

C. L. Harrison, NOCBMWCCA President



## EVENTS ON THE HORIZON

### Visit to Corsa Performance Exhausts



## TECH TIPS

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### BMW and MINI – Long Term Vehicle Storage How To Guidelines, Winter



Otto receives a load of vehicle storage questions from BMW and MINI owners as we head into the fall and winter months. Additionally, we see these questions in the spring when "snow birds" are storing their southern vehicles and heading north for the summer. Whatever the cause for the extended vehicle storage, if we follow a few simple steps our BMWs and MINIs will be well taken care of and be ready to go when it's time to wake them from their sleep.

In prepping your BMW/MINI for extended storage, we would suggest the following steps. You can choose to perform all steps or just the most imperative.

1) In dealing with our current ethanol laced fuel, it is more important than ever to pay attention to prepping the fuel system. If the vehicle has been running regularly and the fuel is fairly fresh, add the appropriate amount of fuel storage stabilizer (for a full tank) and add fuel to fill the tank. Run the engine for a few minutes to distribute the fuel through the system (driving home from the gas station is plenty). If the vehicle is not driven regularly and the fuel in the tank is fairly old, it would be best to run the fuel down to near-empty and then proceed as noted above. This is not imperative, but in light of the corrosive and moisture attracting properties of the ethanol laced fuel available today, we would recommend that you consider this step. Fuel stabilizer is typically available at auto parts stores, marine supply stores, etc.

2) With the engine warm, change the engine oil and filter. Run the engine for a couple minutes to fully distribute the fresh oil.

3) Get the vehicle into the storage location (if not in place already). Remove the wheels/tires, if you wish, to prevent flat spotting of the tires. Note that with most of today's tires, this is not really a major issue if the vehicle is only being stored for a few months. If the wheels are left on the vehicle, be sure to apply some Liqui-Moly Copper Anti-Seize to the hub flange to prevent the aluminum wheels from sticking to the steel hub, due to corrosion.

4) You can either remove the battery for maintenance charging or leave it in the car with a storage/maintenance charger connected. Do not skip this step. Your battery will suffer if left for months without maintenance charging. We recommend the CTEK pulse technology charger for in-car or out-of-car battery maintenance.

5) Apply a generous application of the Gummi-Pflege rubber care product to all door, hood, trunk and convertible-top rubber seals. This will keep the gaskets and seals pliable, keep them from sticking to the windows, doors, etc. and extend their life overall.

### Should I Start The Engine Periodically?

We do not recommend periodically starting the engine. There is no need for this if the actions that are noted above are followed. In fact, starting the engine and only running it for 15 to 30 minutes is more harmful than beneficial. In this amount of time, the engine and exhaust will not have built enough heat and run for long enough to burn off the condensation and acids that form in the systems. What this WILL do, however, is generate additional condensation once the systems cool back down. This condensation will build acids and potential corrosion in the engine and additional corrosion in the exhaust.



In reference to the above notes, we should also address the questions about oil draining off of various engine parts ... and the potential need to periodically start the engine in order to keep the parts oiled (or some variation of this theme). Any oil drainage that happens in the engine, has already happened after a few hours of the engine sitting idle. In reference to this point, there is no need to periodically start the engine. 🏆

## PIT BOARD

By Cynthia Harrison, Club Secretary 8 February 2015

The meeting was called to order Sunday, 26 April, 2015, at the Nervous Dog Café by President **Cynthia Harrison**.

The Secretary's Report was accepted.

### Treasurer's Report

- A current balance report of \$21,063.58 on 23 April 2015 was reported. Due to the proximity of tax season there were no reports.

### Board Member Reports

Membership: Chair Dave Fisher reported 828 total members, of which 98 were associates.

Newsletter: Cynthia reported Dennis Hall assumed editorship for 2015 and completed the past print issue. Planning continues for electronic conversion.

Web Site: Cynthia had nothing to report.

Facebook: Adam Harrison has assumed timely administration of the site.

### Old Business

- By-Laws: Voting is on-going.



### New Business

- National Conference 2015—March 13-15: Jon Stupar reported on membership retention suggestions.
- Westlake BMW Open-House—11 May: Cynthia is finalizing numbers
- Mid-Ohio HPDE and Club Race—22-24 May 2015: Enrollment looks comparable to 2014 at this date.
- Gervasi Winery Cruise-In—24 June: Rich Loney is coordinating this event with sponsorship from Cain BMW.
- Wooster Drive and The Village Network People's Choice Car Show—26 July: Cynthia is working with the organization on details.
- Winery Drive—6 June: Cynthia is creating the route to Maize Valley Winery.
- Poker Run—16 August: Jon will need 4 volunteers. Prizes will be from Dave Walter BMW.
- Rescheduled Lincoln Highway Liverpool Pottery Drive—September: Cynthia is working on details.
- Beer Drive—Early October: Cynthia will be finalizing details later.

The next Board meeting will be Sunday, 9 August 2015, 10 a.m., at Nervous Dog Café, 4161 Steels Pointe Drive, Stow, Ohio.

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