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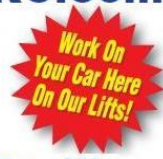
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# The President's Corner

By: Mike Staub



Greetings fellow BMW enthusiasts, Would someone please tell me what happened to 2012? It seems a blur!

First, thanks to all who attended one or more events in 2012. Event organizers work very hard to put events together. Your attendance is the only incentive they need to continue organizing events!

Next, thank you to all those event organizers. We had a year packed with activities. Take a bow.

Thanks also to the BOD for all their hard work and commitment in 2012. Shortly following this issue of Milepost will be the 2013 BOD and Officers Ballot. Most of our Officers and BOD are planning on returning again! Thanks to the nomination / election committee of Ned Smith, Ryan Staub and Chuck Vossler.

Mark your 2013 calendar for Saturday Feb 9 for the Annual Dinner at Nara / 1617 Event Space. We had such a great time there last year it was a no brainer about returning. If you missed the dinner last year, you are in for a treat. Thanks to Anita Smith (and Ned!) for organizing the event again.

Also mark your 2013 calendars for the dates of April 26-28. FLAT OUT Classic returns with a DE and many off track activities as well!

Many of you know that Kansas Speedway finished construction this fall on a road course. Many club members were there for Grand Am testing a few weeks ago. Grand Am? At KS Speedway? You read that right. Grand Am will be racing August 16-18 at KS Speedway. And under the lights! Our very own friends and club

sponsor Bimmerworld will be racing in Kansas City! Many of you have met James Clay, owner of Bimmerworld and also one of their racers. Bimmerworld has given our chapter thousands of dollars of cash and prizes over the year. We plan to show our appreciation and support in force at Kansas Speedway! Kansas Speedway President Pat Warren has already hosted us with a personal tour and we scouted spots for a Corral location to give us the best vantage point of the races! Look for details in the next Milepost and on our website. If we do this BIG we will need a lot of volunteer help, so please step up to help! It will be a lot of fun and probably the first of many Corral at Kansas Speedway!

I look forward to seeing all of you at the Annual Dinner in February and events throughout 2013.

Happy and safe holidays to all!  
Keep the shiny side up!

///Mike



# Upcoming Events and Activities

## DECEMBER 22nd

### DIY & And Save Big Money!

DIY Winterizing Tech Session event:

**Saturday, December 22nd**

Get your car ready for the winter season!



It's that time of year again– time to winterize the prize! Join us at the DIY Garage on Strangline Road to get your car in top shape for the coming winter months.

Sessions start at 9am–Fees and Address are listed in their Ad on Page 2 of this issue

Please be sure to post your jobs on the forums:

<http://www.kcbmwclub.com/forum/viewtopic.php?f=5&t=2874>

If you miss this one, your next opportunity will be tentatively March 23rd at 9:00am



## February 9th—Annual Dinner

**REGISTER EARLY for the Annual Dinner at The Event Space at Nara!**

**Saturday, February 9th— 6:00-9:00 PM**

**The Event Space at Nara**

**1617 Main Street**

**KCMO 64108**

**816-221-0362**

*If you were with us last year– you already know what an enchanting evening it was! The KC Skyline sets the stage for a very lovely dinner experience with your fellow KC BMW Club Members!*

*It is highly recommended that you register early for this event– this year's party is very likely to fill up FAST!*

**Registration is NOW OPEN at:**

**<http://www.kcbmwclub.MotorsportReg.com>**

**Tickets are \$40 per person**

*You must be a club member or a guest of a club member to attend this event.*

**DO NOT DELAY—Registration Closes On January 28th**



## Hallet Motor Racing Circuit—Recap

by Angel Hall



Morning dances on the dew in the Mike Stephens Winner Circle like a galaxy of stars. The light peeks through the trees as birds sing in the country air. Soon, the first trucks and trailers will arrive for one

of the most anticipated events of the year— The No Excuses Driving Event at Hallett Motor Racing Circuit in Oklahoma.

The day begins with warm greetings and coffee in the Finish Line Café, followed with friends catching up until the Event Masters and Chief Instructor kick off the day. No Driver's Meeting would be complete without the famous "Flag Demonstration" performed by the one and only Sami. ("This passing flag means there's a Race going on— and you ain't in it...")

Many new faces joined us for the 5th Anniversary of the No Excuses DE, some who had never been involved in a car club before, and some who were long-standing veterans that were there for the very first one. Various makes and models of cars, but also a variety of skills on this very magical road course. As Registrar, I don't really experience the track the same way the driver's do. I get to watch them prove if it was having the desired effect— which is to say, are they getting better with each passing turn and straight.

There is classroom time, which lays very important foundations of why they come in the first place. No Excuses prides itself on having top-notch instructors and classroom sessions even for Advanced Students, so there is a little something for everyone at every stage of driving.

But in every driver, there is a story: How they got started, what they like and don't like to drive, when their first event was, and why they keep coming back for more. Sure the Saturday dinner is a treat, along with various best-friend antics in the pits— but there is something unique about Hallett. These moments are treasured keepsakes among friends who make this DE so special. The right mix of fun, friends, and drivers who are in love with DRIVING— for it's own sake.

The loudspeaker announces the first call to grid for the day, and cars are eager to break the peaceful breezes with the sounds of newly-tweaked engines and other modifications. Shiny paint and fresh vinyl numbers blur by the windows where I am, and I smile. I am home— Just as they are.

With every pass by the tower, it is like the moment after blowing out the birthday candles... wishing each one of them safety and confidence for the next lap—all weekend long! All of them have excellent instructors beside them to help see it through, so I'm not sure why I worry so much. :)



They have a support team inside the track and outside, too. Connie Stephens, and her son, Scott run one of the best operations in the business. They demand excellence, which I've come to admire about everyone at Hallett. It's comfortable to be there— and they do a fantastic job of making us always feel safe and welcome.

Between sessions, I catch conversations of technical talk, favorite laps, and friendships born and rekindled. People come and go grabbing a snack or two, then headed out

for the next go around, striving for performance perfection. They give it their all with open hearts and minds, and ready to try something different this time. Just a little more here and there. A little less in this turn. I love to hear them. This is like playing cars again— only bigger, much faster, and definitely cooler!

By mid-day, on Saturday, there is a group photo-shoot, of everyone's car that was in attendance. It was kind of funny from my perspective. I thought, "I'll have to ask Blaine McNutt if this is what a California highway looks like." I totally forgot to ask, but you can judge for yourself:



Hallett Group Photo Shoot

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# Thank you!

Your KC BMW Club Board would like to thank our members for making a positive difference in the community through your participation in our events hosted each year!

Please tell a friend, or bring a fellow BMW owner to one of our 1st Saturday meetings- the more, the merrier!

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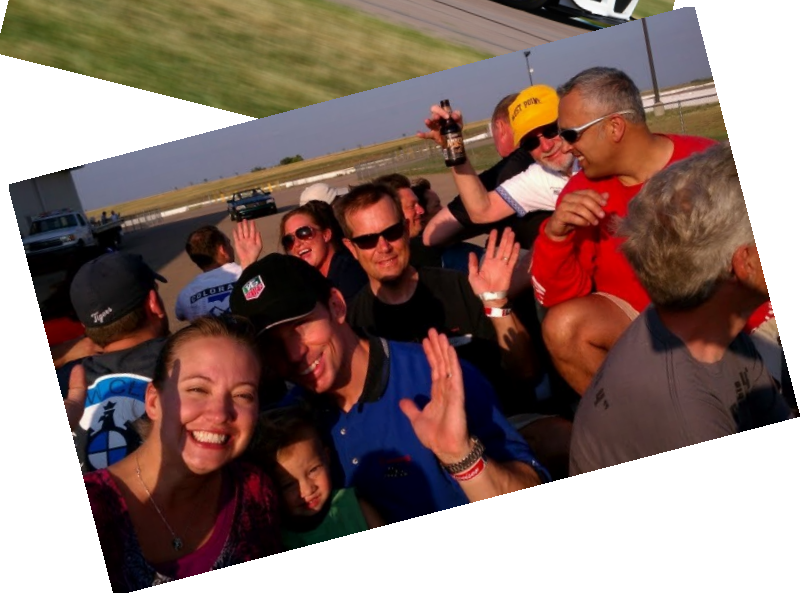
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our friends from:  
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St. Louis Chapter***

**DO NOT MISS** this most-anticipated event of the YEAR! Think we're kidding? Show up— and you'll see for yourself the JOY in celebrating the drive!

Many more details (and surprises) to come— so plan to be there at Heartland Park, Topeka in 2013!



And now, for something you'll REALLY ENJOY...

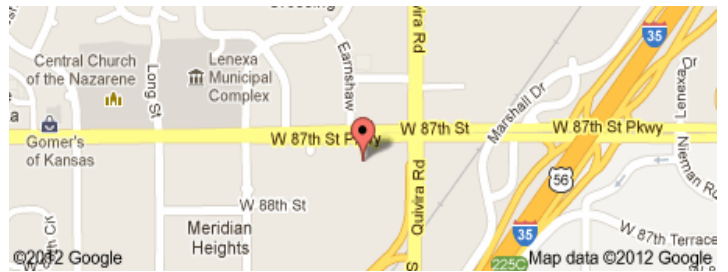
# 1st Saturdays & 3rd Thursdays Original Locations!

**First Saturdays** are BACK at our original location of Shawnee Mission Parkway!

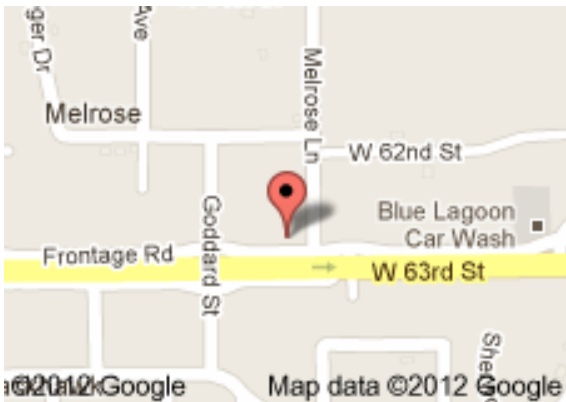
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Ok, so we tried a new location, and we appreciated everyone giving it a fair shake. We're OK with admitting that sometimes we shouldn't mess with a good thing....

**Our 3rd Thursdays** are at **Zarda BBQ!**  
Please join us in the front dining area at Zarda BBQ—87th and Quivira!



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On Sunday, we had parade laps that were a lot of fun! Even those who aren't into the 'spirited' performance driving can still say they experienced Hallett for the Parade Laps! Even those with convertibles can enjoy the wide open blue skies for this part of the event.

Evenings with dinner party gatherings, late night antics with some of the usual culprits only bring me to the conclusion that these guys are more than just drivers. Deep down, they're brothers and sisters. Many are just really big kids, but there's no harm in that. They drive hard, they play hard. It's all part of the appeal of the trip. Memories are shared and replayed in thoughts and subsequent stories, but everyone has their own versions. I can't wait to hear how they see this year's event— Next year.

All of those who attended have my deepest thanks and respect, so I set out to thank each and every one of them: in writing. I could thank everyone in a post, a tweet, an email—and those are nice... but not for these ladies and gentlemen. They deserved something a little more refined and sincere. I know they could have spent their weekend doing other things— but I was thankful they came out. The House of Hallett wouldn't have been the same without them.

The trip home even has adventures of it's own. Beautiful twilight skies across the prairie, open fields for miles in golden splendor. Then the peace is broken in giggles when I think about Greg Lippert wearing the 'Cone Hat', and Jeff Goman being silly for the camera. The Road. The Track. The Friends. In a word- Hallett. One of the best events of the year, and one I wouldn't miss for the world. I hope for anyone who missed it that we'll see you there next year. We've saved a spot at the table for you!



## An Attendee's Perspective... Email sent in from Devin Cox

“Angel,

I just wanted to let you know that I had an absolute blast! This was by far the best track day I have ever had on four wheels...

I wanted to note that Xavier was an excellent instructor and far exceeded my expectations. He was calm and precise and said only what needed to be said, so I was not overwhelmed by what was going on. He also provided positive feedback when I got it right, which really underscored what I did to get things “right” and helped me reproduce those conditions on the following laps.

The classroom instruction was great as well, and handled in a very efficient manner. I learned some things, which I already knew, but they were presented in a different light and this helped me refine those techniques when on track.

You of course were a pleasure to deal with and I appreciate your time/help in getting me situated and accommodating my last second changes. It was very important to me to have that day, as it was the last plans me and my best friend made before he so very abruptly departed this earth.

All in all, this was the safest, best HST/HPDE event I've ever been to, and I look forward to #6.

Best Regards,  
Devin Cox”

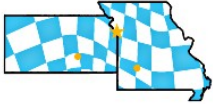
*Devin— I can't thank you enough for letting me share your email. From all of us on the team, we extend our sincerest condolences for your loss, and were delighted that you came to celebrate your friendship by attending the event with him in spirit. We're honored to have even been some small part of that with you. - Angel*



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