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The President's Corner

by Mike Staub

Happy 2013! Where did 2012 go? It all seems like a 125 MPH blur in the rearview mirror.

The chapter got off to a fast start this year with three events having already taken place: The Annual Dinner, Annual Board of Directors Planning Meeting and an event at Sadler's Karting track.

The Annual Dinner

Hats off to Anita and Ned Smith for once again organizing a great event at Nara. Those who couldn't make it to this event missed the most fun we've had in a long time!

Our emcee, Brad Rein, ran the program portion of the evening flawlessly and Angel Hall's concept, *Project Art Cone*, was a rousing success which netted almost \$400 towards the purchase of new cones or a cone trailer. Auctioneer Alan Staples had us in stitches as he does anytime there's a microphone in his hand, or not. Nascar Ned even made an appearance. Words can't express the fun that ensued.

We also said goodbye to Brad Rein as our VP but hello to him as a Board Member at Large. Thank you, Brad, for your service to the Chapter. It's been a pleasure serving with you. We also said goodbye to our Chapter Secretary, Hugo Becker. He's taking a little time off to do the work thing, but we hope he returns to a club leadership position soon. Thank you, Hugo.

We also welcomed Angel Hall as the new VP, Keith Hui as Secretary, and Tim Gerrity and Jonathan Lawson, our new *MilePost* editor, as new Members at Large.

The Annual Dinner is where we give out our two chapter awards: the Ron Greene Award honoring many years of service to the chapter, and the President's Award for exceptional contributions to the chapter.

John Fickel received the Ron Greene award and I can't think of anyone more deserving. He's been on the BOD for many years and his passion for running our Street Survival program so meticulously is inspirational. John is also a DE Instructor and is always there to lend a hand for the chapter whenever needed. Thank you, John. Unfortunately, John was home with the flu and couldn't accept the award so Ned Smith accepted on his behalf.

Ryan Staub received the President's Award as he has helped build our driving program to a level rarely seen by chapters of our size. He was recently chosen by BMW CCA as the member to represent our entire

region in a focus group to plan the club's future path. Thank you, Ryan.

Annual Planning Meeting

Our Board of Directors volunteered a half day of their time the weekend following our Annual Dinner to plan many exciting activities for 2013.

Here are some of the events, but watch our website for more details:

Regional Chapter Congress: April 5-7, 2013. Several of our BOD members are taking a weekend away from their families to help form the future of BMW CCA and our Region. Attendees will be in Dallas, TX, and we're thankful for their service and sacrifice for the club.

Flat Out Classic: April 26-28, 2013. See the ad and article in this issue. Sign ups are already well beyond any year in recent history. Flat Out offers something for everyone, on and off track. Sign up now!

GRAND-AM at Kansas Speedway: August 16-18, 2013. You read that right. Chapter sponsor Bimmerworld will be racing in our own back yard! Details are still being finalized by Ryan Staub and our committee, but we'll have activities planned at the track and with the Bimmerworld team.

No Excuses 6: September 6-8, 2013. It seems like just yesterday when we had our first No Excuses High-Performance Driving School at Hallett Motor Racing Circuit. Join us this year to drive one of the most exciting race tracks in this part of the country.

Street Survival at Kansas Speedway: September 21, 2013. This will be held at Kansas Speedway thanks to the efforts of John Fickel, Ryan Staub and Ned Smith. We will be teaching teen students car control and collision avoidance techniques on the road course. Also, a *huge* thank you to Pat Warren and his staff at Kansas Speedway. Pat and crew are a class act.

I'll close with the word "volunteerism." Yes, I like to use that word. Many of us volunteer a lot of time to the club. I can't speak for everyone, but it's very rewarding to me personally. As our activities grow, we need more volunteers. Don't be shy! Contact any BOD member and tell them what type of activity you'd like to volunteer for. You'll be glad you did.

Keep the shiny side up!



Upcoming Events and Activities

Saturday, April 6

Do It Yourself and Save Big Money!

DIY Spring Tech Session Event

Join us at DIY Auto Repair to finish your winter project or prepare your car for the upcoming driving events and warm weather.

We'll host from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., but you're welcome to stay later for bigger projects— **please see the ad on page 2** for the address, hours and fees.

For the latest info, and to post what jobs you'll be doing, please visit the current DIY thread in the events forum at:

<http://kcbmwclub.com/forum/>

Don't miss this opportunity to have access to a lift, tools and our semi-qualified help at the great DIY Auto Repair garage.

Saturday, June 1

KC BMW Club Picnic

Come join us for what promises to be the best picnic in our club's history at our fantastic new family-friendly location— Black Hoof Park at Lake Lenexa.

We'll have awards, games, and fun 'n food for all. Bring your appetite and bring your whole family!

More info will be posted at KCBMWClub.com and in the events section at:

<http://kcbmwclub.com/forum/>



Some activities below are tentative, so please visit:

<http://kcbmwclub.com/forum/>

for the latest and most up-to-date information about all upcoming events.

Mar	9	Wichita Museum Tour
	21	Third Thursdays, Zarda
Apr	6	First Saturdays, Panera
	6	Tech Session at DIY
	26-28	Flat Out Classic II, HPT
May	4	First Saturdays, Panera
	16	Third Thursdays, Zarda
Jun	1	KC BMW Club Picnic
	7-9	Longest Day DE, MAM
	20	Third Thursdays, Zarda
Jul	6	First Saturdays, Panera
	18	Third Thursdays, Zarda
Aug	3	First Saturdays, Panera
	16-18	GRAND-AM, KS SPDWY
	15	Third Thursdays, Zarda
Sep	6-8	No Excuses 6, Hallett
	19	Third Thursdays, Zarda
	21	Street Survival, KS SPD
Oct	5	First Saturdays, Panera
	17	Third Thursdays, Zarda
Nov	2	First Saturdays, Panera
	21	Third Thursdays, Zarda
Dec	7	First Saturdays, Panera
	19	Third Thursdays, Zarda

Flat Out Classic 2—Be There!

by Greg Lippert

What: 2nd Annual “Flat Out” Classic

When: April 26-28, 2013.

Where: Heartland Park, Topeka.

Who: YOU!

Why: You like fun, right?

This year’s Flat Out Classic at Heartland Park Topeka will be in the cool weather of spring rather than the blistering heat of summer. The dates are April 26 through 28 to be exact.

This event has something for everyone and activities include a car show, a high-performance driving school, autocross school, and, of course, a BBQ dinner. If you’re thinking you’re not too sure about a *full* weekend at a track, consider joining us to spectate for a day or volunteer—no experience necessary... We have none ourselves. You can even just sign up for the “Taste of The Track Experience” where we’ll put you in class along with our students and make sure you get a ride on track with one of our instructors.

What is “Flat Out?” Let’s revisit last year’s event and review. The Kansas City chapter has been hosting driving events at both Heartland Park and Hallett for many years. The idea came up, as all grand ideas do, over late night discussions with our partner chapters in the Midwest. The question was posited, “Instead of each chapter holding a separate event, what if we all joined together for some wild festival that might combine all of the fun in one place over one weekend?” It was from there that the joy of the Flat Out Classic was born.

With months of planning, the organizers from Great Plains, Sunbelt, St. Louis and Kansas City chapters put together a

weekend that included a range of events, with over 150 participants and volunteers. Let’s make sure you join us this year!

Have no fear, the snow will clear. The sun will be out and the Royals will seek relevance. Come April, any excuse to leave the house will be considered a great idea.

Come join your BMW friends out at “Flat Out” and see all the different ways to be involved and have fun at this event. Show off that freshly detailed bimmer and bring your beemer, too! Sign up for the high-performance driving school and receive instruction from one of our highly qualified instructors on a championship-caliber track.

Wait, there’s more! Join in on the autocross, too! There’s both a school and a competitive event. Instruction comes from top notch autocrossers, many of whom are national competitors.

Don’t forget that spectating and volunteering are free. We haven’t left our KC roots behind on our way to Topeka either, so we’ll also have a delicious BBQ dinner on Saturday night.

There is a catch, though. Space is limited for all the events, so you have to register. Registration is easy and it’s open now.

Please visit register.flatoutclassic.com or check out www.flatoutclassic.com for more details.



June 7-9, 2013



**Iowa Chapter BMW CCA's "Longest Day Driving School"
at MidAmerica Motorplex
Back again on our traditional 2nd weekend in June!**

This will be the 12th year for our premier driving event - THE driving event in the Midwest. We feature things like a one-day Novice registration, young driver discount registration, and 3-day advanced student registration. Also, we have door prize drawings, inter-event fun of all kinds, and a very cool event memento.

Your registration even includes our Friday reception and a great Saturday dinner at the track – no extra charge! While you're working off that dinner, come on out for the guided track walk/ride – a super way to find nuances of the track that you can't see at speed.

Our location at Mid-America Motorplex is ideal for these events – a challenging course where you can build your performance driving skills with little impact from exceeding the limits. Our great group of driving instructors is strongly committed to seeing all participants both learn and have fun.

So, whether you are an experienced driver or just want to significantly improve your on-road driving skills, whether you have a fully track-modified BMW, another brand of sports car, or a normal everyday economy car, we welcome all driving enthusiasts!

Watch for registration opening in mid-March on www.motorsportreg.com!



Wichita Happenings

by Joel DeHaven

Greetings from your Wichita area VP. Although I sent out a few club emails last year with local event information, I've been negligent in getting updates together for *MilePost*. My apologies and I plan to contribute more to the newsletter this year.

As I write this, many of our Bimmers have been garage queens for the last couple of weeks as the snow piled up. Even my xDrive 328ix needed a snow plow option to make it useful on our side streets. Hopefully winter is done with us and we can look forward to the spring events.

Our group of Wichita members and enthusiasts is ever growing. We've continued our tradition of meeting every second Saturday at Meads Corner for coffee, breakfast, BMW talk, snapping photos of new-to-us cars and meeting new friends. The February event saw several new faces. We meet in the back room from 9:00 a.m. through 11:00 a.m. It's not formal and you can come and go as needed, or even just stop in and say hello.

Other events in the works include a private tour of a car museum on March 9th, an evening barbeque dinner and get-together, a tech session in preparation for Flat Out Classic and maybe even a leisurely drive to the Flint Hills for lunch once the weather gets nice. If you are not on my e-mail list and would like to be included, please feel free to e-mail me here: joelfromoz@cox.net. You can also find us on Facebook (BMW CCA – Wichita) or on our club website: www.wichitabmw.com.

If there is an event that you would like to see in the Wichita area, car-related or not, don't hesitate to contact me. In December we had a charity event and gathered donations for Wichita Children's Home. That event was very well received by our group and by WCH. We hope to do similar events in the coming year.

Everyone be safe. I hope to see you all at the Flat Out Classic or a local Wichita event soon.



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2013 Annual Dinner: Another Smashing Success

by Angel Hall

A delightful night was had by all at our 2013 Annual Dinner event, held at the Event Space at Nara nestled in a spectacular setting and mixed with our fun BMW crowd. Chairpersons Ned and Anita Smith once again provided an enchanted evening that we're sure to remember for a long time to come (photos on page 11 and on the cover).

Traditionally, this also marks the inauguration of the new Club Chapter Board Officers for 2013:

President - Mike Staub
Vice-President, Wichita - Joel DeHaven
Vice-President, KC - Angel Hall
Treasurer - Justin Rutherford
Secretary - Keith Hui
Driving Events Coordinator - Ryan Staub
Web Master - Greg Lippert
Social Media Chairman - Kevin Denault
Member At Large - Brad Rein
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It was night filled with great door prizes from our gracious sponsors and we'd like to whole-heartedly thank the following companies for their kind generosity:

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The Annual Dinner also gives us an opportunity to recognize members who have gone above and beyond the call of duty for the chapter. We recognize these members with two distinguished awards. The President's Award is for Active Participation with the club and its events, and the Ron Greene Award is for Long-Time Achievement within the Club. This year's recipients were Ryan Staub for the President's Award and John Fickel for the Ron Greene Award.

We also experienced something very different this year with *Project Art Cone*. The chapter has conducted several Street Survivals, Driving Events and we've given "Cone Loans" to others as needed. This is all great except for the fact that we're running out of good cones.

I personally asked four members to embark on this project with the goal being to make a work of art with a cone. We'd then auction it off with proceeds going toward the purchase of new cones, and eventually a Club trailer to store equipment.

Brad Rein, John Fickel, Kevin Denault and Mike Mulcahy accepted the challenge and embraced their inner creativeness to stun us all with their one-of-a-kind, signed works of art. The results were outstanding and entertaining banter with our awesome auctioneer Alan Staples was better than TV comedy.

With our spirited bidders, we raised \$370 towards the purchase of new cones. Our "artists" not only contributed their time and effort, but they also selected the next four for 2014. Don't miss our next Annual

Dinner for wild fun with the Project Art Cone Auction.

Congratulations to the high bidders: Debbie Staub for Mike Mulcahy's "BMW License Plate Cone Lamp," Paulo Dominguez for Brad Rein's "BMW Lava Lamp," Dale Irwin for Kevin Denault's "BMW Shattered Cone," and Anthony Peck for John Fickel's "Performance Art Cone—VIR Raceway."

We also want to thank "NASCAR Ned" for a rousing performance on stage as a bonus.

The night was full of "Spirited Driving" by way of the dinner table. It was crazy! It was hilarious! Above all, it was probably the most fun we've had as a group in quite some time. We "Celebrated the Drive" together as only our club family can, and we send heartfelt thanks to all of our members who attended.



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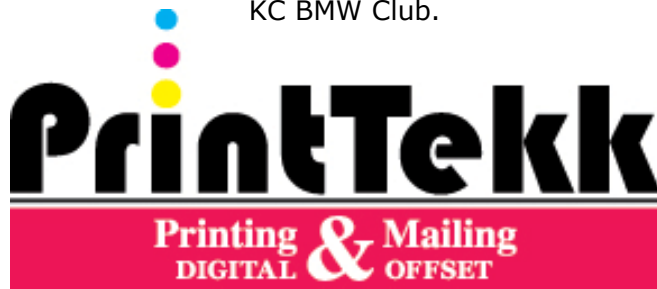


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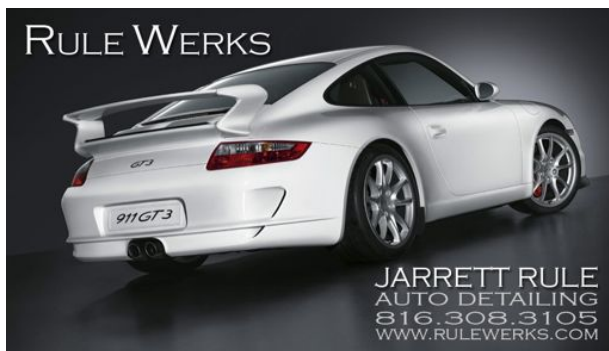
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