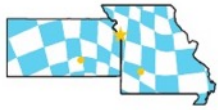


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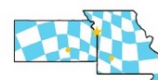
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The President's Corner

by Angel Hall

Summer is in Full Swing! It seems like it wasn't long ago when we were mounting winter tires, yet now it's time for the "Longest Day" summer driving event with the Iowa Chapter. If you haven't signed up already at MotorSportReg.com, please do so—even if you're just going to volunteer or watch. This is important, as the track, now known as Raceway Park of the Midlands, charges for entry of all persons unless you're on the guest list. So if you're planning to observe, volunteer, or otherwise just hang out with the car lovers, you *will* need to register. This event is on June 26th-28th, and if you need assistance with adding the Iowa Chapter as a club into your MSR account, I'm always happy to help: president@kcbmwclub.org.

Summertime often brings travel time for vacation getaways, so make sure your beloved BMW is ready for the task by attending our next DIY sessions—the next one is scheduled for June 6 after our First Saturday BMW Cars & Coffee. I hope to see you there!

This is also a good time to mention that we often have spontaneous events pop up. If you're not on our Announcements email list, or Twitter or Facebook pages, you might be missing out on something happening in your local

area. Please be sure to find us on Twitter: @kcbmwclub, Facebook: BMW CCA – Kansas City and BMW CCA - Wichita or sign up today on our homepage <http://www.kcbmwclub.org> for the announcements



group email blasts!

Speaking of summer, have you seen "The Hommage" yet?

Inspired by the original 3.0 CSL, this new ride pays a vivid tribute to

the champion counterpart. It's hot as the sun for design, and drink in the super cool lemonade color—this is one delicious knock out!

Celebrate the Drive!



Upcoming Events and Activities 2015

Calendar

NOTE: Many activities below are tentative.
Please visit: <http://kcbmwclub.com/forum/>
for the latest and most up-to-date information.

			Sep.	4-6	No Excuses HPDE - Hallett
				5	BMW Cars & Coffee, Panera
				17	Third Thursdays, Godfather's
Jun.	6	BMW Cars & Coffee, Panera	Oct.	3	BMW Cars & Coffee, Panera
	18	Third Thursdays, Godfather's		11	All-German Car Show
	26-28	Longest Day HPDE - RPM		15	Third Thursdays, Godfather's
				17	Weston Fall Rally
Jul.	4	BMW Cars & Coffee, Panera	Nov.	7	BMW Cars & Coffee, Panera
	16	Third Thursdays, Godfather's		19	Third Thursdays, Godfather's
Aug.	1	BMW Cars & Coffee, Panera	Dec.	5	BMW Cars & Coffee, Panera
	20	Third Thursdays, Godfather's		17	Third Thursdays, Godfather's

New Friends of the KC BMW Club

April-June 2015

The KC BMW Club is nothing without our incredible members, so we would like to extend a very warm welcome to our newest friends, as well as a few who've come back into the family recently:

Vijay Malik
W. Buford
Mark Killen
Brent Kaplan
Crystal Denson
Thomas Buchanan
Scott Packard
John Villegas
Allen Beck
Jamie Kennedy
Kent Longenecker
Nader Eldika

Frida Lindburg
John Young
Courtney Monique Thomas Downes
Ahad Ishtiaq
Suliman Alhamidi
Van Hoang
Douglas Patterson
Tiffany Fisher
Troy Lawson
Alisa Brown
Eddy Myers
Bugra Durukan
Kent Comfort
Plamen Petkov
John Anderson

Thank you for joining the KC BMW Club,
and we look forward to spending time with
you at future events!

The Longest Day Driving School

June 26-28, 2015

It's here, and it's near! Iowa, Great Plains and Kansas City Chapters of the BMW CCA have come together to present the Longest Day Driving School at Raceway Park of the Midlands (RPM). Formerly known as MAM, RPM is less than three hours from Kansas City, so it's practically our new home track for the time being.

Join us and drive your car at speed on a real race track!

This event marks the 14th year for the Iowa Chapter's premier driving event. This is *the* driving event in the Midwest, and the Iowa Chapter has graciously invited Kansas City and Great Plains chapters to be equal partners in this spectacular event! How could we say no?

The Longest Day Driving School (LDDS) features a one-day novice registration, young-driver discount registration, and two-day student and three-day advance-approval student registration. **Also, as a reward for registering and paying prior to the May 18 deadline, you will receive a very cool event memento.**

Your registration includes the Friday reception and a great Saturday dinner at the track – no extra charge! After you've stuffed yourself with a great dinner, come on out and burn it off during the guided track walk/ride, which is a super way to find and learn nuances of the track that you

can't see at speed. It's a great educational tool as well as just being all-around good fun.

Our location at Raceway Park of the Midlands is ideal for these events. It's a challenging course where you can build your high-performance driving skills in a safe environment. Our great group of highly-qualified driving instructors is strongly committed to seeing all participants learn and have fun with an end goal of you bringing everything home exactly as it was when you left.

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

Registration is now open at:
www.motorsportreg.com



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2015 No Excuses HPDE: 8th Edition

by Greg Lippert



Have you ever wondered how your BMW would perform in a safe and controlled environment where limits can be reached safely? This is the perfect opportunity to find out what makes your BMW so special.

September 4-6 marks the latest rendition of our now famous No Excuses High-Performance Driver Education event at Hallett Motor Racing Circuit—co-hosted by the Sunbelt and Kansas City BMW Club chapters. As with previous years, both the Great Plains and the Lone Star chapters are joining in as well.

Few words can truly describe the experience of driving your own car on a track. With its numerous elevation changes and many challenging corners, Hallett is the perfect place to understand why.

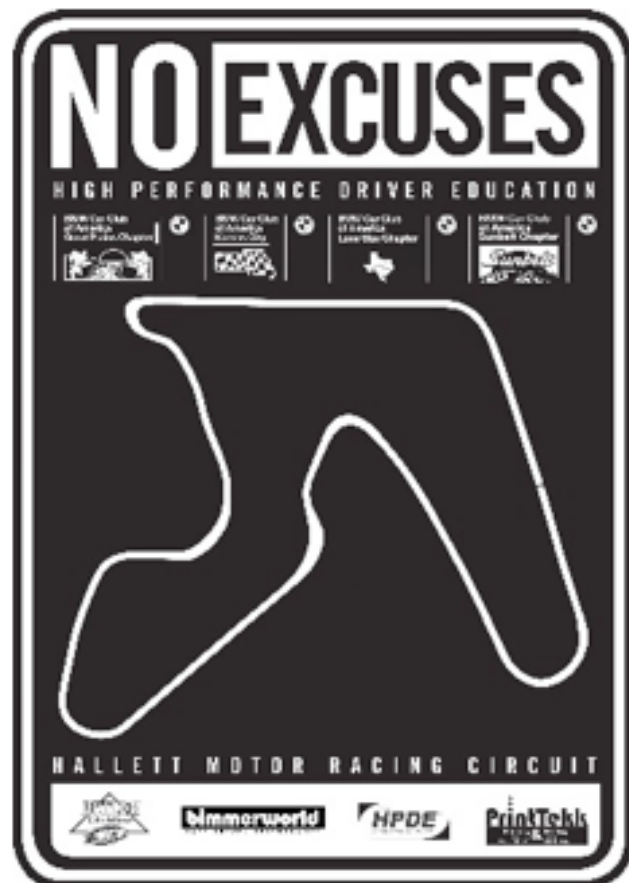
All drivers will have multiple classroom sessions, but the real fun happens on track, where we have highly qualified in-car instruction provided by trained instructors. The schedule includes two full days of track driving for everyone who wants to join us, but instructors and approved advanced students can also join us on Friday, making

for three full days of fun in the sun at Hallett Motor Racing Circuit.

This event attracts drivers from all over the Midwest and from as far as both coasts. Hallett is located just west of Tulsa and is an easy drive from the KC metro area.

Please join us for this fantastic driving event and all the camaraderie that comes with it. We'll make sure we have a spot for you!

**For more information, go to:
[http://
www.noexcusesdrivingschool.com](http://www.noexcusesdrivingschool.com)**



KC BMW Club's Team LMR Takes the Win!

by Jonathan Lawson

What happens when a track-addicted group of local KC BMW Club members get together and form a race team? Aside from a lot of silly antics, apparently they can come up with a recipe for success.

KC BMW Club's Ryan Staub, Tim Fortin, Ron

Lockton, Paulo Dominguez, Matt Sweeney and yours truly decided late last year that a team effort in the World Racing League endurance racing series was somehow a good idea. Mike Staub jumped in as the team's main source of transportation, as well as one of the biggest supporters and the key reason the race weekends have gone so smoothly thus far.

Once the team's 325i was acquired it was just a matter of coming up with a name. Since this is a spare-time adventure, and everyone had a pretty good idea of what the collective schedules were like, the name came easy, and Last-Minute Racing was born.

Team LMR is living up to the Last-Minute name when it comes to preparation, but that doesn't reflect on the outcome. The team's first 8-hour race at Brainerd International Raceway resulted in a surprising third-place finish in the GP2 class. With a solid start, that first weekend



ended on a high note, but was peppered with disappointment as there was a transmission failure that resulted in the team pulling out at the 2.5-hour mark on Sunday's race.

With several weeks until the next race, Team LMR obviously waited until the final 2 weeks to

be sure the car was ready to take on its next challenge: a 12-hour endurance race at High Plains Raceway in Colorado. Despite the last-minute finish in preparing the car, the team managed to have the first car that was fully set up and ready to go at the track.

High Plains Raceway is an exciting track, with plenty of elevation changes and challenging corners, and on the practice day before the race, not a single drive felt much confidence in the layout. It was also evident that most of the cars in the paddock were owned by locals who knew the track well.

With a wide array of cars and lap times in the GP2 class, Team LMR knew a solid pit strategy would be the key to success, let alone putting a rush into figuring the optimum way around the track. And that's exactly what happened!

Within a few laps of each driver's stint, the lap times fell into exactly what would be needed. By the six-hour mark, the team



was showing solid pace, but with endurance racing, you just never know...

That pace continued, however, and the plan was maintained. With a few hours remaining, Team LMR was running first in class by several laps, and race-pace cruise control was set in order to preserve the car and maintain position.

Through threatening weather, mosquito attacks, psychotic hotel shower cycles and random broken parts, Last-Minute Racing came out on top with a first-place finish. It

was probably the former KC BMW Club members who popped in to visit that lead to the victory, or maybe the luxurious accommodations in Limon, Colorado. Regardless, it's just a few weeks until the next race, so that means it's just a few weeks until preparation begins again.



Member Spotlight

Ryan Neis

Current BMWs: 1999 M3, 2003 540i Touring M Sport.

How your BMW passion started: I've been a car guy since a young age. I had the requisite Lamborghini Countach and Porsche 959 posters on my wall as a teenager in the late 80s, and I had a subscription to Motor Trend magazine before I had a driver's license. BMW styling always attracted me, and, being renowned for their precision handling, I just knew a BMW was the car for me. I even sported a BMW sweatshirt in one of my high school senior pictures. Cory Haim may have also played a part in stoking my passion—his character in the movie



License to Drive desperately wanted a BMW as his first car, and I could relate to that at the time. Being the practical person that I am, I drove boring Toyotas, Hondas and Subarus instead, and my car passion went into a long hibernation.

Fast forward 25 years to when my father was living next door to the father of a Kansas City BMW CCA club member in Topeka. For a few years he had been relating stories about his neighbor's son, who lived in KC, was in the BMW club, owned an M3 that he took to race tracks, and worked on his car with the help of club members. Between that information and playing Gran Turismo IV on PlayStation, my car passion had been re-ignited and I could finally see a feasible path to getting a car I could really enjoy, and have the help and resources to maintain it.

I didn't take long to determine that an E36 M3 was the car for me. Not too

complicated to work on, reasonably priced, and well mannered on the street yet competent at the track. So I began my search, and a few months later I picked up my first BMW, a well-maintained low-mileage E36 M3 from south of the rust belt. While searching, the aforementioned club member patiently helped me out by answering my many questions about E36s. So in a way, the club is what helped re-start and fulfill my passion

Favorite club event: Flat Out Classic, and I also enjoy the First Saturday breakfasts. Before joining the club I met very few people who knew who Lewis Hamilton was and knew it wasn't "Formula 1 cars out at Kanas Speedway" when Indy Car came to town. Now I can go waste several hours talking about cars with a great group of people that share the same passions.



Favorite new or old BMW: This one is really tough, but I have to go with the E24 M6. I've never driven one, but I've always loved the look. I'd like an E30 convertible, too, and would love an E39 M5.

Favorite driving slogan: "Lotta people go through life doing things badly. Racing's important to men who do it well. When you're racing, it's life. Anything that happens before or after is just waiting."

—Michael Delaney (Steve McQueen), Le Mans, 1971

Anything else you'd like to share: The M3 is the fun car, and my wife and I were carpooling to work so we only needed one daily driver, which was a 2008 Toyota RAV4. Well, after a couple of years of owning the M3, I was having trouble enjoying the four-cylinder RAV4 when I had to drive it. Now and then I would ponder how I could turn the family hauler into something we would enjoy as much as the M3 while comfortably hauling kids and groceries. Meanwhile I was scanning Craig's List almost daily, looking for parts for my M3. I sent links of BMW wagons to my wife once in a while, thinking maybe a wagon could be a suitable replacement for the RAV4, but the response was pretty tepid. She just wasn't convinced that she wanted to drive around in a station wagon. Then one day last August it came up: a 2003 540i Sport Wagon that had just been posted.



The moment I saw the pictures I knew that this was not your average wagon. It looked mean and had Motorsport door sills. The rear end especially caught my eye. I knew nothing about the E39 5-series, but I learned that 2003 was the last year of the



E39 and the only year that the 540i M-Sport package came with the same aerodynamic body work and suspension as an E39 M5, and only 182 '03 M-Sport wagons were imported into the US. This thing was über rare, and I realized I was looking at the closest thing there was to an E39 M5 station wagon!

With my wife on board and giving an enthusiastic "Oh, I like that one!" I contacted the owner and took the whole family to check it out. Imagine my delight when I popped the hood to find a Dinan strut brace and cold air intake, neither of which had been mentioned in the ad. It had documented service history and seemed well maintained, so I test drove it and bought it the next day. Baron BMW informed me that it had Dinan Stage-2 engine software and auto-transmission software that had been installed by a dealership when the car was new. Score!

The family is enjoying the wagon immensely, and I'm pretty sure that we'll only have BMWs in the garage from now on. I've decided that life is just too short to drive boring cars!

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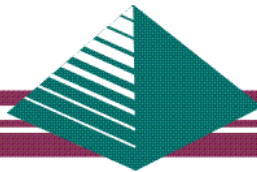


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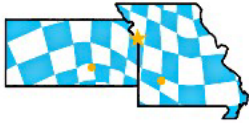
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