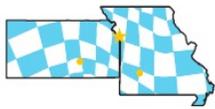


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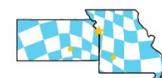
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The President's Corner

by Angel Hall

Here we are - another Autumn! We have our Street Survival school approaching rapidly, the All-German Car Show, and I hope to fit in another visit with Team Wichita before the snow begins to fall. There just aren't enough hours in a day to get it all done; however, I have to admit it's pretty wonderful. I can't tell you how nice it is to get a letter from a Street Survival student saying the skills they learned saved a life, or from a long time member who took a break and came back to an event just to say hello. And just think about the fun we're going to have trying to win back our Traveling Pig at the All-German Car show this year! Our DIY sessions have been a blessing to so many members needing a little guidance and a workspace. Celebrating Team LMR has been a lot of fun, and I highly recommend watching one of their WRL races.

What this also means is that we're evolving a little. We're growing rapidly and trying new things. Trying to keep it fresh while at the same time keeping it economically sound. A club member recently asked how membership dues are dispersed, and it's simple: Dues are divided into thirds, minus the bank processing fees. One-third goes to National BMW CCA for operational expenses, one-third to Roundel magazine, and the last third goes to your local chapter for operational expenses. That works out to \$1.21 per member per month, with the Local Chapter receiving a slightly larger portion than National or Roundel.

Everyone works hard to make that portion benefit all our members. As a volunteer group, we share our most precious gift—our time—to engage in fun activities that we can all participate in and be proud of as a chapter. Because of the thoughtful care and dedication of the board, the volunteers, and the members, we can proudly say we are the best chapter in the BMW CCA. We do all of these things in the name of our chapter and members, who inspire us and challenge us.

Are we finished yet? No way! We're launching an initiative to thank our DE instructors with a new professional look and to give them the rightful recognition they deserve

for sharing their expertise and time. It's long overdue, and I have to thank Mike Staub for his assistance with the project.

There's one more item that I hope to finish before my term is complete, and that's the Chapter Operations Manual for Officers, which is intended to make any office held easier to manage. Passing down knowledge is a very valuable thing, and we value the input and contributions from our board of directors greatly.

Nominations for 2016 elections will be announced on the club forums soon and will be submitted by the October, 15 board of directors' meeting. It is my sincerest hope that anyone who shares the love of the marque, a passion for people, and is willing to commit to one year of service please consider serving. But be forewarned that serving on the board involves event planning, attending meetings, making decisions, and a great amount laughter and fun with friends.

I'm proud to have served the chapter for the past two years, and I need to thank the Executive Board: Alan Staples, Joe Myers, Kathy Felter, Mike Staub, Keith Hui; The Dream Team: Jonathan Lawson, Kevin Deneault, Greg Lippert, Tricia Nygren; The Drive Guys: Ryan Staub and John Fickel; Members At Large: Tim Gerrity, Brad Rein, and Greg Gelatka; My Magnificent Mentors: Scott Blazey, Mike Staub and Ryan Staub. Most of all I want to thank each and every club member. Thank you for allowing my zany-crazy days, espresso-influenced emails at odd hours, and sticking together as a team. We are Family with 45 years experience. We are BMW CCA!

Celebrate the Drive - and each other in kindness!



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.

		18	All-German Car Show
Oct.	3	BMW Cars & Coffee, Panera	
	10	Picnic: Lake Garnett	
	15	Third Thursdays, Godfather's	
	17	Weston Fall Rally	
		Nov.	7
			19
		Dec.	5
			17

New Friends of the KC BMW Club

July-September 2015

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest members, as well as a few who've come back into the family recently:

Chris & Andrew Hosier
Scott Steele
Brad Bartholomew
Greg Scafe
Dustin & Crystal Keffer
Matt Armfield
Gayle Hatfield
Lenard Holsworth
Chris Smith
Mike Spear
Jason Harris
Troy Foster
Mack Thompson
Tim Carlin
Nathan Santa Cruz
Craig Young
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Ty Hedlund
Yelena Hodge
Timothy Evans
Bill Mitchell
Jim Stewart
Kelly Ouyang
Drew Truskey
Ford Drummond
DawnHargis
Stanley Ausemus

The KC BMW Club looks forward to spending time with you at future events!

Help Wanted!

by Tricia Volk Nygren

We're looking for BMW CCA members who would like to volunteer for our upcoming club events.

Have you ever asked yourself any of the following questions:

- How can I get more involved in our Kansas City chapter of the BMW CCA club?
- How can I have as much fun as the other volunteers who can't stop talking about what a great time they're having?
- How can I contribute to the club without making a huge commitment?
- How can I learn about what events the club sponsors each year and where help is needed?

We're *always* looking for club members to help with numerous events, and there's almost always room for everyone who wants to help. Here are just a few events that are coming up soon and require more volunteers:

- TireRack Street Survival - Setting up cones, helping with registration, etc.
- Track events - Setting up cones, displays, events, and helping with registration, etc.
- Annual Dinner - Help with the set-up, raffles, auctions,

social hour, registration, etc.

- Annual Picnic
- Fall Rally
- All-German Car Show
- And much more...

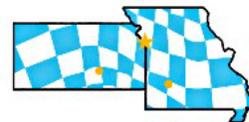
If you're interested in helping the club, whether a little or a lot, please contact Angel Hall or Tricia Volk Nygren right away. We can put you in touch with the right members or chair person(s) for each event, and we'd love to have you join our happy group of volunteers. Thank you!

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Annual All-German Concours d' Elegance

by Brad Rein

It's that time of year again. Leaves are changing, the weather is cooling down, and our cars are all in need of a nice, relaxing day together... It's time to shine up your BMW and come out to the Annual All-German Concours d' Elegance



When: Sunday, October 18th, 8:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

Where: (New venue!) Rosanna Square, 119th & Metcalf

Join your fellow Kansas City Chapter BMW CCA members, along with the Mercedes, Porsche, and Audi club members, for the annual All-German Car Show.

This is a premier, capstone event showcasing some of the area's finest German cars. Our club has always had a very strong showing, and **we need you** again this year!

This is our chance to show what a great and involved club we are, and it's simply a wonderful time to be with friends and meet some new ones while being around the cars we all love. Plus, with enough BMWs

showing up, you'll help the club take home the Traveling Pig (see more details on the registration page linked at the bottom of this page).

This year marks a change of scenery as we've moved to a new new venue at Rosanna Square on the corner of 119th and Metcalf. This new location will offer more space and much better public visibility and access, so mark your calendars, shine 'em up and show up on the 18th of October.

This event is free to all, so there's no cost to participate, but registration is required. Please go to the following link to register:

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

Every registered BMW participant will receive an event-specific dash plaque, and we will have awards presented covering a wide range of vehicle classes, unique vehicles, and owners.

Wash it, wax it, or just show up, but register soon. We look forward to seeing you there!



Bring Your Own Picnic: Lake Garnett Grand Prix Revival

by Angel Hall



Kansas City and Wichita club members are cohosting a gathering at the Lake Garnett Grand Prix Revival, and we want you to be there with us! Members from KC and Wichita are planning a Bring Your Own Picnic at Lake Garnett for their annual grand prix event on Saturday, October 10. There will be food vendors at the event, but feel free to bring a cooler with your picnic lunch and join us. Note: No alcoholic beverages are allowed in the park.

Be sure to bring your lawn chairs, picnic blankets, and other usual outdoor-fun provisions you may have. We'll check out the car show in the morning and watch the Cobra Extravaganza in the afternoon - lunch will commence around noon for those planning to picnic with us.

Let's all head out to this great motorsports extravaganza and meet up with our Wichita team, other car clubs, auto enthusiasts, and other generational gear heads to enjoy some amazing vintage automobiles at this historic track.



When: Saturday, October 10.

Location: Lake Garnett Park

500 N Lake Rd

Garnett, KS 66032

Kansas City Team Plan: Meet at the old Sadler's parking lot in Olathe at 9:00 a.m. for a tour to Garnett.

Wichita Team Plan: Meet at BMW of Wichita - time to be announced for a tour to Garnett.

If you have any questions, please reach out to either of the following contacts:

- Angel Hall (president@kcbmwclub.org)
- Kathy Felter (kfelter0707@att.net)



Product Spotlight: Michelin Pilot Sport A/S 3

by Jonathan Lawson

Back in December of 2013, when the road course was still open, I was lucky enough to go to a private testing day at Heartland Park, and it was great! Temperatures started in the mid-teens and rose to a balmy 20 degrees as the day went on.

I had just installed a new set of Michelin Pilot Sport A/S 3 tires, so there was a fair amount of tread squirm, but I was thoroughly impressed with them on track despite the sub-freezing temperatures. Even from the first warm-up lap the grip was shockingly good for the conditions. Driving levels never exceeded 60-70 percent, as this was really just a day to test revisions to the track surface, and we didn't have emergency vehicles on hand, but the tires were extremely impressive!

Even with patches of snow at the track's edge and ambient temperatures well below freezing, the PSAS3s offered substantially more grip than expected. I didn't expect tire pressures to go up much because of the ambient temps, but I was surprised to have seen an increase of 5 PSI after a few laps. No doubt the combination of tread squirm

and longer braking zones (it was 20 degrees after all) had something to do with that, but the tires were working hard. Very good stuff!

The on-track and use subsequent street mileage has been beyond impressive in even the coldest temperatures. For any real amount of snowfall, however, a set of genuine snow tires like Michelin's X-Ice 3 are the only way to deal with real winter weather. Having done previous back-to-back testing between all-season tires and dedicated winter tires in snow, I'm a huge proponent of dedicated winter tires.

There were a few snow nights last winter when I had to run some errands, and that gave the tires a good winter testing. Okay, maybe I didn't "have to," but it was an excuse to have some slip-sliding fun on the short drives. I had the choice of taking out my wife's car with a more

optimal setup which made more sense, but I'm not always sensible, so my rear-wheel drive BMW with a nicely sorted limited-slip differential was my only real choice, wasn't it?



As great as these tires perform in even the coldest temperatures, that's only when the asphalt is clear of ice and snow; they can be downright spooky in snow. Sure, they're not genuine winter tires, but it's more proof that even as far as tire technology has advanced, "all-season" really means a 3.5-season tire. These are a very good compromise, however.

Don't get me wrong; the A/S 3s can be driven in light snow when proceeding at a snail's pace; however, heavy brake testing at speeds as low as 5 MPH in snow resulted in full ABS engagement. That's not a big deal when you leave plenty of room between cars, but you can't always plan around the way others on the road drive. There were also some hilarious results from

acceleration testing... Once again, a very mellow pace was fine, but rolling tests at just 20 MPH in third gear equate to impressive wheel spin. Mind you, the smart ones among us probably keep traction control engaged, but braking on snow and ice is where the real issue is.

In the grand scheme of things, there's really nothing overly negative to be said about the A/S 3s in wintry conditions, because it's not really what they're designed for. If you're planning on driving when the ground is covered, or if you live in an area where streets aren't always cleared quickly, real snow tires are always your best bet.

For more information regarding the Michelin Pilot Sport A/S 3 go to: <http://www.MichelinMan.com>



BMW M2 CSL...

Wait, what?!

by Jonathan Lawson

Shouldn't the hotly-anticipated BMW M2 arrive in showrooms before everyone starts fantasizing about a potential lightweight CSL version? You'd think so, but that hasn't stopped the internet from jumping on the fast track to Rumorville.

Although the options list seems to have been released, the full performance specifications for the standard M2 aren't available yet. However, with the F80 M3's output of 425 hp/406 lb-ft and the the M235i's output of 320 hp/330 lb-ft of torque, it's safe to guess that the M2 will likely have somewhere near 370 hp with similar torque numbers. Based on weight comparisons between the 435i versus M4, it's likely that the M2 will weigh slightly less than the M235i, so a curb weight in the vicinity of 3,400 pounds is somewhat likely - based on complete conjecture, of course.

What does all of this mean for the rumored M2 CSL? Who knows! While internet rumors are fun to follow, the fact of the matter is that BMW won't likely do anything until they see some sales numbers, and that's if they do anything at all. The M2 itself should be a modern day version of the E46 M3 - with more everything, but hopefully less (or at least equal) weight. With the popularity and instant-legend status of the E46 M3 CSL, a lightweight and extreme version of the M2 could very likely creep in around 3,100 pounds. With no change to the power output, a 200-300 pound weight reduction alone would make it a potentially incredible track weapon, but throw even a light retuning in, and the M2 CSL could possibly be a new legend in the making.



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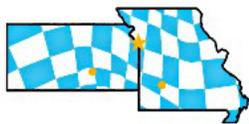
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