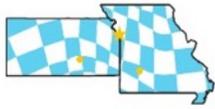


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# The President's Corner

by Angel Hall

I'm so completely excited about 2016 for multiple reasons—too many to fit into a short column, but let's go with some highlights...

In November, board nominations were submitted and forwarded to the election committee for approvals. We put each board member's name in a hat and drew a name plus for each month of the year, so each board member will plan a club activity for their given month in 2016.

This is a slightly new approach for us rather than doing things our usual, old ways. This allows board members to branch out, and it adds some variety with personal ownership of the events being planned. For instance, we might end up with a visit to a restaurant, a gathering at someone's home, or a group drive. Some months we may have a speaker or presentation, other months we may have a driving activity or tour. Whatever it may be, we're embracing the homegrown appeal. Big thanks to Joe Myers who will be kicking this off in January 2016, and the activity he has lined up will be very cool... Two words: Bacon chips! It will be worth the trip, and this is definitely one of KC's best-kept secrets.

Our second event of the year will be our Annual Dinner & Election for 2016, being held on February 6. If you haven't done so already, please plan to get registered through MotorSportReg: <http://kcbmwclub.motorsportreg.com>. Some new and exciting prizes will be available this year, with massive thanks to Tricia Nygren and Joe Myers for their generous personal donations.

In March, Greg Gelatka has a fantastic Car Detailing Workshop still being finalized, so the first quarter has some great events to look forward to. Be on the look out in April, when I'll be organizing a little road trip in conjunction with Vice President Kathy

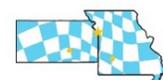
Felter and our Wichita Team.

As we roll into 2016 and close out our 45th year as a chapter of BMW CCA, I'd like to thank each and every one of you—every member—who call this chapter home. It's been an honor experiencing the joy of the marque together and the warmth of your friendship. It's my hope to continue that tradition as we have fun putting the magic back into our little BMW Family.

The absolute best way to find out about our upcoming events is by keeping up with our social media accounts on Twitter and Facebook and by subscribing to our Email Announcement List; you can sign up from the homepage of our site: <http://www.kcbmwclub.org>.

Speaking of that family, I'm actively seeking a new contact for the Springfield, MO area. If you are in Springfield, Joplin, or northern Arkansas and would like to assist us in getting that region blossoming to its full potential, I would absolutely love to speak with anyone and everyone there who is willing to help. For our new members who may not be aware, even though KC is our home base, the region actually extends north to almost the Missouri, Iowa, and Nebraska border, west to mid-Kansas, south to a little past the Arkansas border, and east to Colombia, MO. It's a big area, but that's what makes us the Heart of America, and the BMW CCA.

Celebrate the Drive!



# Upcoming Events and Activities 2016

## Calendar

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

**Jan.** 2 BMW Cars & Coffee, Panera  
21 Third Thursdays, Godfather's

**Feb.** 6 BMW Cars & Coffee, Panera  
6 Annual Dinner, Baron BMW  
18 Third Thursdays, Godfather's

**Mar.** 5 BMW Cars & Coffee, Panera  
17 Third Thursdays, Godfather's

**Apr.** 2 BMW Cars & Coffee, Panera  
21 Third Thursdays, Godfather's

**May** 7 BMW Cars & Coffee, Panera  
19 Third Thursdays, Godfather's

**Jun.** 4 BMW Cars & Coffee, Panera  
16 Third Thursdays, Godfather's

## New Friends of the KC BMW Club

October-December 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:

Clay Cundiff  
Jacob Robins  
Austin Brown  
Frank White  
Keith Maloney  
Robert Baughman  
Hannah Belfield  
Cameron Duty  
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James Dressler  
Roy Widner  
Ismael Parga  
Kim Crum  
Douglas Porter  
Nadine Crampton

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

# Annual KC BMW Club Dinner

by Tricia Volk Nygren

You're invited to the 2015 Kansas City BMW Club Annual Dinner!

**Date:** Saturday, February 6th, 2016

**Time:** 5:30 P.M. - 9:30 P.M.

**Place:** Baron BMW, 9010 Shawnee Mission Parkway, Merriam KS

**Price:** \$30 per person



We had a great year in 2015, and now it's time to celebrate! The 2015 Kansas City BMW Club Annual Dinner will once again be held at Baron BMW in Merriam. If you haven't joined us before, here's what you can look forward to:

## Social time

Starting at 5:30 P.M. in Baron's showroom, you can check out all the new cars while you mingle with the other club members, officers, and board of directors. Snacks will be available.

## Dinner

Based on all the great feedback we had from last year's event, dinner will once again be provided by Brancato's Catering.

## Club meeting

Our new 2016 Board of Directors will be announced, and a short presentation of the year's upcoming events will be provided so we can all plan our year accordingly.

## Raffle

Each year we have a raffle for the many impressive prizes thoughtfully donated by sponsors and others. Past prizes have included car detailing certificates, BimmerWorld gear, and more...

This year we'll have some of the best prizes we've ever offered, including a one week vacation in a Rocky Mountain cabin worth \$950.00. We'll post information about the other great raffle prizes soon, so please stay tuned to our newsletter, forum, and social media outlets.



## Art Cone Auction

Always a popular part of the Annual Dinner, we will once again we have members who've graciously created and donated artworks based off of standard-issue autocross cones. These Art Cones will be auctioned off to raise money for club supplies and events.

## BYOBTS

Wine connoisseurs and beer aficionados rejoice! We know what BYOB means, but that extra TS means To Share. Bring your favorite craft brews or bottles of wine to share what you love with your fellow members.

**Note:** You're welcome to bring non-alcoholic beverages to share as well. We encourage all of our members to drink responsibly, and be smart; know when to say when, and have a designated driver.

Come celebrate the great events and memories of 2015 and meet our 2016 Board of Directors who will lead us into a fun-filled and event-packed year.

**How to Register:** Registration opens December 28, 2015 at 12:00 A.M. CST. You must be registered by Friday, January 29th, 2016 at 11:59 P.M.

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

**Note:** This is an exclusive event for our KC BMW CCA members and their guests

only. Non-members who would like to attend will be required to pay an additional \$48 for a 1-year membership to BMWCCA.

We look forward to seeing you!



# Help Wanted!

by Tricia Volk Nygren

Have you ever asked yourself how you can get more involved in the KC BMW CCA in order to grow our club and have even more fun than you thought possible? Well, 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:

- Annual Dinner - Help with the set-up, raffles, auctions, social hour, registration, etc.
- Annual Picnic
- TireRack Street Survival - Setting up cones, helping with registration, etc.
- Track events - Setting up cones, displays, events, and helping with registration, etc.
- Lake Garnett Tour
- All-German Car Show

- And much more...

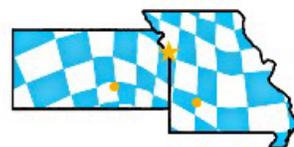
If you're interested in helping the club, whether a little or a lot, please contact Angel Hall or Tricia Volk Nygren right away. We can put you in touch with the right members or chair person(s) for each event, and we'd love to have you join our happy group of volunteers. Thank you!

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# Fender Rolling: When More Rubber Requires More Room

by Jonathan Lawson

The rear fenders of the E36 3-Series don't allow a whole lot of room compared to later generations, but even new cars sometimes require some effort for custom wheel fitments. Factory wheel offsets offer plenty of room for stock tire sizes, but when it comes to squeezing in some wider wheels and tires, rolling the rear fender lips becomes a necessity, especially if you've got a lowered ride height.



*Most BMWs will have a good amount of seam sealer that needs to be removed in order to roll the fenders.*

One of the greatest things about our KC BMW Club and its tight-knit group of avid BMW fans is that we've got some incredibly supportive club members. One of those members is Ron Butler, who also just happens to be the go-to guy for anything related to body shop needs. Ron is an all-around great guy and the owner of Butler C&D - a major supporter of the KC BMW Club.

While fender rollers are available for rent online, and people seem to have decent success using them on their own, it's not

uncommon for these jobs to go terribly wrong. This is often a job best left to the professionals.

Butler C&D has a great fender-rolling tool that's quite a bit more elegant than the old baseball bat method. It bolts right up against the brake rotor allows progressive rolling that bends the lip without much risk of accidental fender flaring, but can be used to flare as well. This simple and relatively short process bought my car plenty of room for wide track tires without so much as a hint of any work being done.



*Some BMW owners like to stuff more rubber under the car than it was designed for. Welcome the roller!*

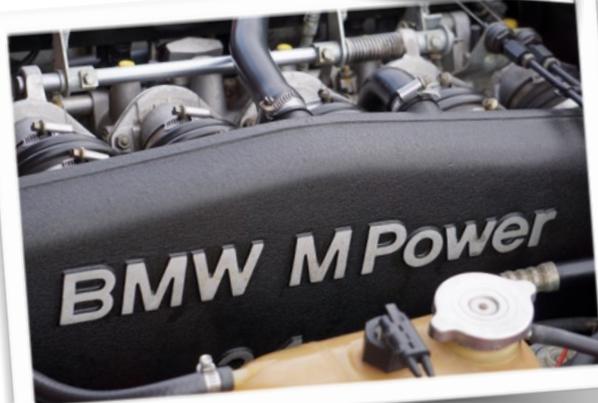


# All-German Car Show Recap

by Jonathan Lawson

We had another great All-German Concours d' Elegance in October, and it was great fun spending the day with our fellow KC BMW CCA members and all the Mercedes, Porsche, and Audi club members who showed up. Our new venue at Rosanna Square proved to be a great

location, and to top things off.. We had the most cars in attendance, so we took top honors and are now in possession of the fabled Traveling Pig trophy. Now we just need to see if we can do it again next year. Until then, here are just a few of the great BMWs that showed up.





# BMW M4 GTS

## 7-Minute, 28-Second 'Ring Lap

by Jonathan Lawson

As automotive bragging rights go, a good lap time at the fabled Nürburgring Nordschleife has become the benchmark for those who look beyond zero-to-sixty and quarter-mile times. A *great* lap time, on the other hand, can put you at the top of motorsport masses. This brings us to the new BMW M4 GTS that just cracked out a blistering 7-minute, 28-second lap time, tied with the Porsche 991 GT3 RS and McLaren MP4 12C. That's the stuff of legends.

The M4's normal 425 horsepower is capable of helping the standard car attain an impressive 7-minute, 52-second lap time, but the 493 horsepower of the GTS cuts nearly 15 seconds off that time. Mind you, the GTS also has a water injection system to keep the intake air cooler and

denser for increased boost, fully adjustable coilover suspension, less weight, aerodynamic enhancements, and Michelin Pilot Sport Cup tires, so it's got a bit more than just a massaged motor.

The Nürburgring has a little bit of everything along its 12.9-mile course, so a good lap time is testament to a car's performance potential. If you want to be one of the lucky ones to own a GTS, you'd better get in line now, although you may already be too late. With numbers in the U.S. rumored to be only 300 out of the 700 cars expected worldwide, this won't be an easy car to come by.

Want to see the blistering lap for yourself? Here's a link to the video on YouTube with commentary: <http://youtu.be/I6VrhW6J4Bs>



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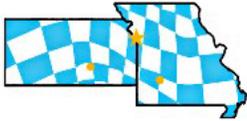
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