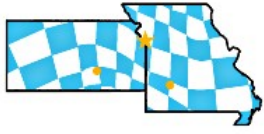


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The Presidents Corner

By: Angel Hall



As we said good-bye to 2016 - there is already an excitement buzzing for 2017! February brought a wonderful Annual Dinner at Boulevard Brewery- one of the finest places in Kansas City to host an event! We don't get an opportunity to have it there very often, but when we do - it is a sell-out event! Special thanks to Tricia Nygren, Joe Myers, Greg Gelatka and Greg Lippert for their efforts in making the event absolutely exceptional!

Our Vice-President, Joe Myers did a fantastic job of heading up the meeting, and if it seemed like we rushed through the Chapter Business section... yes, we did. Why? Because we know that these banquets are an excellent opportunity to meet other members and get to visit with friends that we only see but once a year. I thank the Annual Dinner team for making it a super-short program on purpose, to give the meaning back to what being a member is all about: The People! :)

This is certainly not a one or two person show, it takes a lot of dedicated and hard-working members to design these events to the finest detail. None of this would have been possible if it weren't for the Board of Directors, to whom I'm incredibly grateful for their contributions to the chapter. BOD members - you are fantastic. There is no denying that you go above and beyond because you Care - and it is appreciated, and it is wonderful. Thank you for your greatest contribution of your time for all of us to enjoy.

In 2016, we did something very new - we drew board member names from a hat for each month of the year, and that was "Board Member event choice" for that month. This gave us the fun variety of events we experienced, and the creative ideas that stemmed from it. The response was so significant, we've decided to do it again for 2017. Some events are already being lined up, so prepare for some really cool things again in 2017!

For starters, on March 18, KC BMW Club was the featured Club / Marque at the Cars & Coffee event in Wichita, KS! We had strong showing for the event - held at the Warren Theatre East parking lot, 11613 E. 13th Street, Wichita - at 7am. It was a great event, there were other marques there of course, but it was a great opportunity to warmly welcome new members in the Wichita area.

You may be thinking, "But how do I know about these events?" Lots of ways! Twitter: @kcbmwclub Facebook: BMW CCA - Kansas City - or our Email Announcements Blasts - sign up at: <http://www.kcbmwclub.com> .

Oh! Before I forget- at the end of the Annual Dinner, I shared a video montage from many of the events in 2016. Several of you asked me for the link, so here it is: <https://youtu.be/AlmMTDsvnAs> . Thank you for making the KC BMW Club the best chapter in all of BMW CCA. It really is all about the People! I *loved* every minute experiencing these events with you throughout the year!

Celebrate the Drive!

z4ngel Hall

Chapter President

Ozark Enthusiast

By Skip Motsenbocker, Springfield-Ozarks VP

It's finally spring in the Ozarks and that means it's time to get out and start enjoying the outdoors. And by outdoors, we're all referring to the sweet smell of gas, wax and brake dust, of course.

This year is a little different because we're working on getting the excitement rolling with fun club activities. Ever since I can remember cars have

been my thing, and passion for the BMW brand was ingrained by my mother. I will always remember her identifying the BMW brand as "class speaks for itself".

As I've matured and have been so fortunate to enjoy the driving experience in a variety of brands, it's clear that BMW has done a remarkable job refining the ultimate driving machine. And while new cars are faster, quieter and "almost" self-driving, I still enjoy the visceral feeling of dancing with the machine and truly getting the most out of the driving experience, hence my continued love of BMW's and music from the 70s and 80s.

I know it's funny stuff, but here's what I've found—I'm not alone. There are so many people who don't just enjoy the car and the drive, but also the camaraderie that goes along with doing something that you love, especially with others who have the exact same passion. It's true in so much of our lives and this rolls over all the time into cars—whether it's the commute, the race, or the show—if you're a gearhead, you know it.

So, with that in mind, we embark on some new experiences in 2017, learning new things and making new friends – that's the southwest enthusiast mantra. With this comes the chance to see great cars from club members and is helped by our friends at Reliable BMW, hosting monthly meetings on the first Saturdays through November. These next few monthly meetings will feature a wheel repair clinic, a presentation by the BMW Genius and some auto detailing tips and tricks.



In addition, we've coordinated with 417 Coffee & Cars to not only parade from our BMW CCA meeting to the event, but also assist with coordinating some great drives around the Ozarks. We lead off with the first event of the year on April 1 – no fools. For those interested in classic 2002s (you know who you are), the annual Mid America Festival is being held in Eureka Springs at the end of April. Reach out if you'd like more details because even if you're not driving an '02 but are interested in this BMW heritage, you should come down to enjoy the great roads

in northwest Arkansas and visit with a bunch of old school enthusiasts.

And just as a heads up: for this year's BMW CCA Oktoberfest in New Orleans, there's a group caravan being planned to include some exciting driving through the boot hill of Missouri, an overnight stay in downtown Memphis, and a lunch in Jackson, Mississippi. If you're interested, register soon so you'll be able to reserve your room at the Hyatt Regency and join the festivities at this year's host hotel.

On a personal note, I want to thank everyone on staff with BMW CCA, especially the Kansas City crew who makes all of these great things possible. You'd never know it was a volunteer organization based on what gets accomplished. Just remember: there's no "i" in BMW—unless, of course, you're driving one of them new electric hybrid thangs.



Life is short, enjoy the ultimate drive!

New Friends of KC BMW Club!

Upcoming Events

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

Jeffrey Alderman
Lonnie Awtrey
Howard Cohen
Stephen Cool
David Dewhurst
Steven Dietz
Matt Henley
Jason Ittel
Sreenivasa Jonnalagadda
Erika Maldeney
Justin Mason
Edward Ohmer
Bryan Rich
Eddie Robertson
David Williams
Nolen Yapp

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

KC Cars & Coffee

First Saturday, Every Month, 9am-?

Next up May 6th

Panera Bread

10606 Shawnee Mission Pkwy, Shawnee, KS

Springfield Cars & Coffee

First Saturday, Every Month, 8:30am-10

Next up May 6th

Reliable BMW

3500 E Sunshine St, Springfield, MO

Wichita Cars & Coffee

Second Saturday, Every Month, 9am-?

Next up May 13th

Panera Bread

3333 E Central Ave, Wichita, KS

Flat Out Classic

High Performance Driving School

June 9th-11th

Heartland Park

Topeka, KS

"No Excuses" 10

High Performance Driving School

October 13th-15th

Hallett Motor Racing Circuit

Jennings, OK

2017 Annual Dinner Recap

by: Tricia Volk Nygren

We had a terrific Kansas City BMW Club Annual Dinner on February 4, 2017. Our venue of choice this year was the Muehlebach Suite at Boulevard Brewery in Kansas City Missouri. This was a spectacular setting with wonderful views of downtown KC, all the excellent beer and wine we could drink, and a beautiful souvenir Boulevard and BMW etched pint glass.

A tasty dinner was served to all our guests catered again this year by Brancato's Catering. Their team performed extremely professionally and took great care of all our guests.



The venue allowed us to have two screens for projecting both our meeting slides and a great, historical photo montage provided by Greg Gelatka.

Joe Myers, Vice President KC "warmed" up the crowd by finding out who had the most BMW's in their lifetime, who traveled the furthest to attend, who our oldest and newest members were, and he presented them all with a Starbucks gift card.

Angel Hall and Mike Staub presided over the Annual Meeting which was short, concise, informative, and entertaining. Chuck Vossler announced the new 2017 Officers and Board of Directors.

The Blazey President's Award was presented to our wonderful Wichita Vice President, Kathy Felter.

Our goal this year was to minimize the meeting portion and increase the social time. We accomplished this as we had over two hours of time to catch up with all our friends and BMW family.

This year we did not hold a large raffle, instead giving



away just a few door prizes, courtesy of Guitar Pick Wear and Kathy Felter.

Greg Gelatka, as our auctioneer, presented the three Art Cones for bids. The Blue "storage" Art cone created by Jessica Echevarria was sold to Jessica Staub for \$50.00. The "exploding" Art Cone created by Kevin Deneault went to Skip Motsenbocker for \$100.00. Last but not least was the cone designed by Brad Rein. A stunning i8 lighted, rotating car. This Art Cone was purchased by Angel Hall for \$300.00. Thanks to all our artists and bidders. Our final auction for the evening was a great week's vacation to Sedona, Arizona, staying in a Casita donated by Joe and Christine Myers. The winners of this auction were the members of our World Racing League (WRL) team, Last Minute Racing (LMR). The LMR drivers donated the Casita vacation to their crew and mechanics at 515 Motorsports.

My personal thanks go out to Joe Myers; Co-chair, Greg Gelatka; photographer and auctioneer, Christine Myers for managing the door prize tickets, and Greg Lippert for making sure everyone was checked-in. They did a great job.

We look forward to seeing all of you next year. If you enjoyed yourself, spread the word so next year's event will be bigger and better.



Team LMR at Circuit of the Americas

By Mike Staub

The following is club Treasurer Mike Staub's account of Team Last Minute Racing (LMR) race weekend at COTA in Austin, Texas this past December. Team LMR includes several members from the Kansas City BMW CCA chapter, driving race prepared BMW 3 series in the World Racing League (WRL).

Episode 1. Thursday Travel.

We met early Thursday morning to start the journey to the championship race. The team was excited to leave cold Kansas City, head South, and enjoy some nice weather in Austin.

As we drove South, everyone was looking at the weather forecast- basically rain all weekend. The guys came to a consensus that, while Michelin Pilot Super Sports aren't as good of a dry endurance tire as the Dunlop Direzzas we usually run, they are a better rain tire.

So the search began for 8 SS's in our size in Dallas. We should hit North Dallas about 4:30PM. The plan was to find a place with the tires that could dismount, mount and balance while we had dinner. We found a shop on the right side of Dallas that could get the tires in from other sister stores by our arrival. Upon arrival at that store, we detached trailers, went to dinner and got fuel, and the tires were ready for us when we got back to the store.

After battling traffic through Ft Worth and filling about 18 5-gallon fuel jugs, it was on to our hotel, about 80 minutes outside Austin. We arrived at the hotel around 9:30pm.

Episode 2. Friday Practice.

We awoke not terribly early and headed to the track, about 1hr 15mins away. Ross Bentley was already at the track, having flown in Thursday, as was Tyler Clary, an Olympic gold medal swimmer. Tyler and Caroline, his significant other, were already in town as he had some swim clinic commitments. The plan was for him to practice early Friday, off to a swim commitment, then another swim

commitment Saturday, then he would drive the 105 car (an E36 3 series) on Sunday. One of the other racers was scheduled to do double duty Saturday with a stint in each car.

Practice Friday was to begin at 10:00AM and we were in, unloaded into our garage and ready to go by 10:00AM. Joe Myers (club vice-president) and another driver flew in Friday morning and showed up at the track late morning.

Practice went well for the 80 car. Tyler proved himself in the 105 car and laid down great laps having never turned a lap on this track before. Later, we learned he has a 4 screen simulator at home with steering, braking, accelerator feedback and had done countless COTA practice laps on it.

By the third or fourth session in the 105 car, it started leaking oil. A quick diagnosis revealed a cracked valve cover. We don't carry one, no other teams had one, and getting one from Worldpac would be mid-morning Sat. Then I thought of legendary BMW club racer Terry Sayther, who has his shop in Austin! I believe Terry is mostly retired, and his son runs the shop. I called them about 12:30PM, and while not in stock "we can have it by 4:00PM TODAY"!!!!

I guess I should mention now, it started raining mid-day Friday and didn't end for more than ~50 hours!

I took off from the track to be there early as the guys were getting the car ready for a swap. Ryan Staub (chief driving instructor for the club) specifically told me to take off early as I would need time to take pics. Hmmm. He was right! Hard to describe, pics are self-explanatory. Very active BMW repair shop with NO WALLS.....newer and OLD BMWs.... 02s, 1600's, Isetta, VERY valuable CSL, black M1 on jack



stands.....did I say NO WALLS? Texans must be very honest!

I got back to the track with the valve cover and the techs finished installing it as we went to the drivers' meeting. Tyler was back from his swimming gig and joined us for the

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drivers' meeting and dinner.

Episode 3. Saturday.....never ends!

We arrived Saturday morning in the rain, of course, for a 9:00AM start to an 8 hour race.

For this weekend Ross Bentley, premier driver coach and winner of Rolex 24 Hours at Daytona was joining us again. Ross currently coaches Team Patron among many others. And we had Olympic gold medal winner Tyler Clary who wants to race Indycar or NASCAR in the future, and in fact it was announced that Tyler would be racing with Bimmerworld for the 24 Hours of Daytona!

Ross was by far not the only "Pro" in the field this weekend. There are many pros now racing WRL, especially in the championship. One team brought 2 current IMSA winning pros in to drive a GP1 car. They went with a 2 driver strategy for the race, each driver doing 4 hour stints, greatly minimizing driver changes in the pits. Did I say it was miserable and raining?

The race began! Ross was starting in the 80 car (E90 3 series and former Bimmerworld racecar now campaigned by Team LMR), and Joe Myers in the 105 E36 .

Now I should mention the windshield in the 80 car has defroster lines in it. We have raced in rain before, but nothing like this! With only a few laps in, and fairly heavy rain, the 105 windshield was fogging badly. The 80 was OK at that time, but got worse during the day. We brought the 105 car in early and tried to clear the windows and get a coat of outside RainX on. That helped a little, but not for long. So we improvised. A little pvc, duct tape, hose and funnel and voila! A makeshift defogger.

This definitely helped and got Joe through a longer than normal 2.5 hour stint and got our second driver in. Unfortunately, about 45 minutes into the 2nd stint, we lost a cylinder in the 105 car. The car was out for the weekend, unless we could find an engine some-

where.



Ross turned the 80 car over to our second stint driver in great shape – 2nd overall and 1st in class! Tim and Matt did a great job in the 2nd and 3rd stints, and Ryan Staub got in to bring it home. We finished Saturday's race 2nd in class and 5th overall.

So with the 105 car out by mid Saturday, primary interest was to make the 80 car pit stops as efficient as possible and get the car home. When we had extra time we were scouring the paddock for any team with a spare engine. We carry a spare engine for the 80, but not for the 105. By race end we had located 2 engines, but neither team would agree to sell one until their team discussed it, but after the race.

The techs had already started a list of ancillary parts required to drop an engine in the 105 car, plus a second list of stuff to minimize fogging (12 volt fan, inside RainX, hair dryer, etc). Some of the other guys had already located an engine hoist another team had in the box, never assembled. First rule: if you take it, you won't need it!

About 6:30PM on Saturday night, one team agreed to sell their engine! As the guys started to assemble the hoist and disassemble the car, Joe Myers and I took off on a trip that included three stops at auto parts stores, one stop at a drug store, and a stop for ample pizzas to take back for the long night ahead.

Joe and I arrived back at the garage at 10:00PM with most of our scavenger list complete....12 volt fans yeah! But of course, the pizza was the biggest immediate hit, and after a short break, everyone was back at it.

Ross was supposed to start the race in 80 and Tyler in 105, so they were given marching orders to go get sleep. Ross left a little

after 11:00 and I had to kick Tyler out at 12:45AM to get a couple hours of sleep! What a guy!

Ryan was under the 80 finishing adjusting rear toe, as apparently it was jarred out of spec when another car gave us a high speed tap. A little after 1:00AM, Ryan who was to race 2nd stint in 80, Joe who was to race 4th stint in 105 and I headed to the hotel. We told Joe to sleep in and that I'd pick him up mid-morning.

At the track we left the two techs and Tim Fortin, one



of our racers for the 80 car. Tim was driving 4th stint in 80, so he could sleep in. As usual with Tim, he couldn't sleep in as he would miss some of the action!

Episode 4. Sunday

When Ryan and I woke up at Oh Dark Thirty, Ryan had a text from Tim, time stamped 5:30AM - "Engine in at 3:00AM and started turning over. Couldn't get con-

upon arrival Ryan Staub (chief driving instructor for the club) and Ross immediately went into a private meeting.

Enter the other coolest thing of the weekend. Ross was slated to start in 80, but he YIELDED his seat time to young Tyler! What a truly special guy Ross is!

Immediately, Ross and Ryan began preparing Tyler to start in a car he had never turned a lap in. These are details most would never think of: egress from the car in the event of a fire, knowing exactly where the fire suppression is, kill switch, harnesses, connectors, etc. And then we make sure you not only know where the stuff is, you practice it, including with eyes closed egress (replicating smoke in the car). Did I mention, we were to begin the race in minutes? Whew!

Tyler ran a great first stint, starting 18th overall and bringing her in P4. The first 30-45 minutes were fairly dry and Tyler laid down some very respectable laps. Ross was always on the radio with Tyler and it was awesome listening to him coach this young prodigy. With Tim staying at the track until 5:30AM and needing rest, Ryan juggled the driver schedule so Tim would drive last stint. Ryan took 2nd stint.

Pit stops with driver changes are hairy. Not only does the driver need to get out of the car quickly, but harnesses, radio connections, steering wheel, and water all need to be transferred quickly for a speedy driver change. This is tough to do for anyone experienced, let alone a guy who

has only been in the car once. Tyler did very well getting out and getting Ryan in. One of the ways we win and podium is the efficiency/speed of our pit stops.

Ryan went out with heavy rain again and had a 2 hour rain drive. He did some spectacular passing and kept the car out of trouble. Midway through Matt's stint, driver 3, it stopped raining and dried up a little. Tim, Driver 4, had an almost dry stint with some slickness in some places. Tim laid down some solid laps and brought the car home in 3rd place overall.

One car broken. One car double podium championship weekend. But..... THE TEAM is what it's all about!!



sistent power....probable timing issue.....gave up at 5:30AM!"

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One of the 105 drivers only got 45 mins Saturday, one got no time, and Tyler was only racing Sunday in the 105 car!

All that scrambling and work with no results left a bad feeling in the gut, especially thinking of the guys who hadn't turned a wheel racing this weekend, including young Tyler, who had a lot on the line. After all, Bimmerworld was watching his performance with us that weekend.

We had a race to run, so we sucked it up and headed to the track. Ross had beaten us to the track, and





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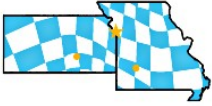
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