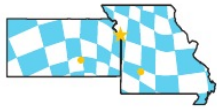


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The President's Corner

by Angel Hall

The race is on! "What race," you ask? The race for memberships. For every referral member you get signed up to the chapter, BMW CCA will give you \$5.00 in BMW CCA Bucks. Your Bucks can be used towards dues, merchandise at the BMW CCA Store, or towards attendance at national events. The bucks are redeemable by mail only, but think of it as a really nice coupon just for referring a friend. We will have membership forms available at our monthly meetings at First Saturdays and Third Thursday events, and forms are also available at the parts counters at Baron BMW and BMW of Wichita. Get them signed up soon, because the deadline to use your BMW CCA Bucks is December 31, 2015.

I also want to thank each and every one of you who have opted for digital issues of *Milepost*. You're helping the chapter tremendously, and we have been able to offer more benefits to the members with the purchase of club tools, road cones, storage facilities, and more. Part of our savings from going digital has allowed us as a chapter to

also make a donation to the BMW CCA Foundation.

We pledged a total of \$3600

over three years to honor Scott Blazey for his gift of service to BMW CCA, both locally and nationally. Thank you, Scott!

Just what is the Foundation doing these days? Quite a bit... The goal is to raise \$7,000,000 for a museum/library/archive facility and to support more Street Survival programs. At the time of this publication, they are at a little over \$2,000,000, or 29 percent, of the way toward their goal. Our donation is working hard along with the Barrett Jackson "30 Jahre M5" auction that raised \$700,000 and the incredibly generous gift of \$75,000 from Classic BMW in Plano, Texas. The South Central Region contributed a total of \$10,845 towards the goal, much of which will be earmarked specifically for Street Survival.



Speaking of Street Survival, SCCA has posted their dates for the Spring Session at MCC Blue River Campus in Independence, MO. The date is Saturday, May 30th, so if you know a teen who is driving please direct them to <http://www.streetsurvival.org> to sign up today. We feel very strongly about the positive impact this has on a new driver's life, and we highly encourage anyone who wishes to volunteer to please come join us. To quote John Fickel, "It is quite possibly the most important thing we do as a Club." I couldn't agree more. We will be hosting one of our own later in the year, but we like to use this important cause to extend friendship and support to our other car clubs who often support our Street Survival events in return.

I also wanted to tell everyone "Happy Birthday!" Yes, everyone... If you're a member, you have much to celebrate. 2015

marks the 45th Anniversary of the KC BMW Car Club, who joined into the founding Boston Chapter to form the BMW CCA in 1970. To honor this milestone year, Kelsey Nygren designed this fantastic graphic to help us celebrate in style. Thank you, Kelsey!

Celebrate The Drive!



Here's to a stunningly wonderful 2015. 45-years old never looked so good!

Upcoming Events and Activities

Calendar

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

Mar. 19 Third Thursdays, Godfather's

Apr. 4 BMW Cars & Coffee, Panera
16 Third Thursdays, Godfather's
18 Detailing Clinic (see [forum](#))

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

Jun. 6 BMW Cars & Coffee, Panera
18 Third Thursdays, Godfather's
26-28 HPDE - RPM (see next page)

Jul. 4 BMW Cars & Coffee, Panera

16 Third Thursdays, Godfather's

Jul. 1 BMW Cars & Coffee, Panera
20 Third Thursdays, Godfather's

Aug. 1 BMW Cars & Coffee, Panera
20 Third Thursdays, Godfather's

Sep. 4-6 HPDE - Hallett
5 BMW Cars & Coffee, Panera
17 Third Thursdays, Godfather's

Oct. 3 BMW Cars & Coffee, Panera
11 All-German Car Show
15 Third Thursdays, Godfather's
17 Weston Fall Rally

The Longest Day Driving School

June 26-28, 2015

The 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 in our own backyard.

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

This event marks the 13th year for the Iowa Chapter's premier driving event - This is *the* driving event in the Midwest. This year, 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, 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 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, 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 performance-driving skills with little penalty or exceeding the limits, though we don't encourage testing those boundaries. Our great group of qualified driving instructors is strongly committed to seeing all participants learn and have fun while 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, and 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:
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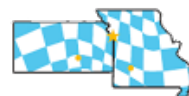
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2014 Annual Dinner Recap

by Tricia Volk Nygren

The Kansas City BMW Club enjoyed another successful and enjoyable Annual Dinner at Baron BMW on February 7th, 2015. We are thankful to Baron BMW for hosting us and donating a terrific BMW bike and several car care products. The tasty dinner was catered by Brancato's Catering, and All Seasons rentals provided the tables and chairs.

Approximately the same number of guests joined us this year as for the 2013 dinner, and we thank you all for making it an enjoyable evening. Before dinner we were able to check out the new 2015 cars in the showroom and spend some time with our fellow BMW enthusiasts and friends.

Angel and the club officers held an informative club meeting, introducing the 2015 board and officers. She introduced past presidents and celebrated the club's 45th birthday with a somewhat surprising cake. To quote our current president: "M-Colored disco unicorn explosion complete with rainbow-colored glitter... wow!"



We auctioned one Art Cone this year, graciously crafted by Brad Rein, who spent many hours creating another beautiful art piece. The winning bidder of this year's cone was Brody Simpson from our club sponsor Butler C&D. Congratulations Brody!

We had another wonderful raffle which was held in a slightly different manner than past years. We had many Pick-A-Prize bags generously donated by BimmerWorld, Baron BMW, club members, and the KC BMW Club. Pick-A-Prize winning numbers were drawn randomly and posted, and the winners chose their prize once they saw their numbers. We had a variety of over 30 prizes! Congrats to all the lucky winners.

The sponsors raffle was next, which included gift certificates from Butler C&D, Scott Myers, two autographed racing wheels courtesy of James Clay (BimmerWorld), a Vintage BMW puzzle donated by Terry Doolittle and a gift basket from Tiffany Town Hallmark donated by Bob Harsh.

We finished the evening by pulling the winning ticket for the BMW bike, and the winner was (drum roll, please) Kevin Deneault!

I would like to finish with a big heartfelt thank you to all the volunteers who helped make this event a success. The dinner takes many hours of preparation and could not be accomplished without selfless volunteers. If you enjoyed yourself, spread the word so next year's event can be ever bigger and better.

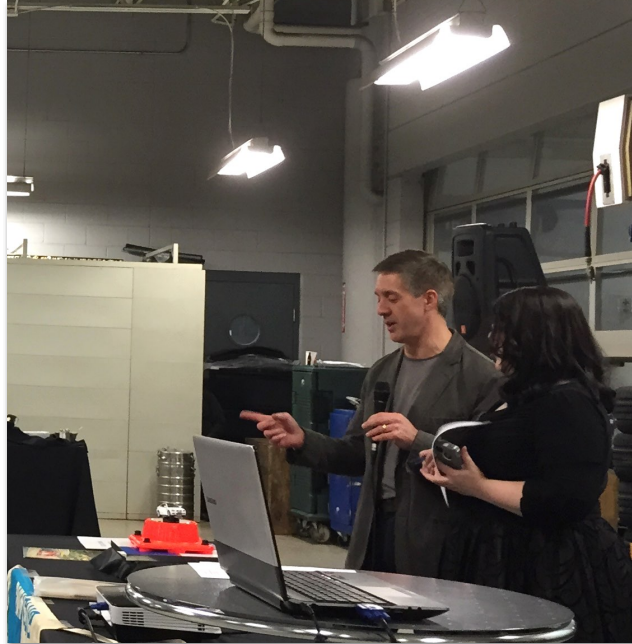
Thank You, and we hope to see you all next year.

2014 Art Cone Auction

by Angel Hall

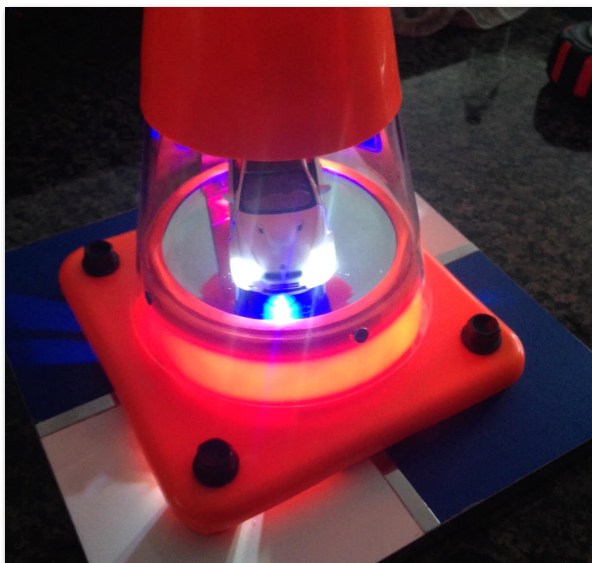
It's a most unusual conversation piece, and yields a cool factor that only Apple could dream of, and it's auctioned off every year at our Annual Dinner event. If you haven't seen one of these one-of-a-kind creations from Brad Rein, you are truly missing out!

Each of these stunning creations is created from a standard road cone and a miniature diecast BMW. At this year's Annual Dinner, the Art Cone wasn't quite ready at the time of showing, but that didn't stop the bidding war. Brody Simpson was the eventual high bidder, and he and his daughter Haley attended the Annual Dinner representing Ron Butler's C&D, our club sponsor, who recently acquired Burdolski Auto Werks. Brad was kind enough to send



some sneak peek shots of this finished Art Cone, and it looks amazing. Congratulations, Brody, and thanks for your generous contribution which will help us purchase new cones for our Teen Street Survival program.

And a very special thank you to Brad Rein, who graciously created the cone for this year's Auction.



Project Warmth

by Angel Hall

In our 45 years as a Chapter, we have seen many changes in body styles, features and designs of BMW's and even creative paint schemes or modifications from time to time. We may even make a minor alteration by adding our BMW CCA grille badges as a means to stand out.

Part of how we stand out as an organization is how we give back to our community through charitable campaigns. We have assisted at Harvester's, donated funds to BMW Foundation, hosted several Street Survival events for teens, driven vehicles for the Komen Foundation, and we have hosted our first DIY specifically geared for ladies.

The Ladies Auxiliary is asking for your support for Project Warmth this year, to conclude in August. If you have new or gently used coats, gloves, hats or other winter wear

items for kids or adults, we will be collecting these items for Project Warmth. We ask that the items be clean and "closure functional," and please be sure to check all pockets before donating.

We will be happy to collect your items on any First Saturday or Third Thursday meeting with the final collection date on the Third Thursday Meeting in August. We want to thank Debbie Staub for her nomination of this excellent charitable program. The KC BMW Club will be happy to participate this year!



New Friends of the KC BMW Club

January & February 2015

The KC BMW Club would like to extend a warm welcome to our new and reunited friends:

Cliff Allen

Mike Armentrout

Conner Beese

Faruk Capan

Brendon Delpert

Dan DePardo

Jeff Dodds

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Jason Heading

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David Koch

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John O'Connell

Devak Patel

Jerry Poteet

James Sealey

Ann Shadburn

Frank Shoffner

Robert Wayman

Karl Wilen

Thank you for joining the KC BMW Club!

Member Spotlight

Alan Staples

Current/past BMWs:

My current ride is a 1999 Alpine White E36 M3 Coupe, purchased in 2003 from Baron BMW with 40,000 miles. Twelve years later, including ten years as a DE instructor car, it has over 207,000 miles and is still going strong. With the exception of some minor enhancements, including HID headlights, it remains mostly stock.

My first BMW was a 1997 Jet Black E39 540i with the somewhat rare 6-speed manual gear box, purchased from Baron BMW in 1999.

For a lot of reasons, that 540 was special; you could say it made a meaningful impression on my family as well as on me. My wife was soon driving a new 2001 E39 525, and each of my first three kids found themselves driving used E36 328 sedans. My third son moved up to and still drives a 2001 Siennarot Metalik E46 330 sedan after his 328 was totaled.

That's a lot of BMWs in a short time, and I had become a familiar face at Baron. A late-evening visit to the showroom in 2001 brought me face to face with a new but already sold Z8. In a word, it was stunning. Sadly, Baron's allotment of four Z8s had long-ago been sold. Yet, weeks later, they called with news they had access to another dealer's build slot and wondered if I would be interested.

So it came to be that I completed the order sheet and dropped a hefty deposit on a really expensive car without ever driving or even sitting in one. Four long months later that 2002 Hellrot ("Arrest Me Red") Z8



was parked in Baron's delivery bay. It was foolishness on a grand scale. I'd do it again in a heart-beat.

How your BMW passion started: Prior to buying the 540i I had been traveling so frequently for so long that owning a car was not practical. During those travels a client mentioned he owned a BMW, belonged to the Club, and attended schools at race tracks where he drove it really fast. His stories seemed fantastic but indelible, eventually serving as catalyst for a visit to Baron BMW. The PPO E39 540 wasn't what I had in mind (that used 840 was screaming) but it was comfortable, fun to drive and fast. It had a 6-speed manual transmission. Yeehaw! What a wonderful way to return to car ownership. Those race track stories hadn't dimmed, so it wasn't too long before registering for my first Driver Education (DE) event. I was stunned by what the car could do, and discovered a community of really nice people that were incredibly generous with their knowledge as well as a lot of fun.

Best BMW CCA memory: There are so many great stories, but attending the 2004 US Grand Prix with my second son is the Best. Formula 1 racing had progressively become a severe addiction after I discovered it in 2000. Sometime in 2003, BMW had an advertisement in Roundel about how Club members, for a fee, could enjoy *US GP Experience*, so we were off to Indianapolis. BMW's hospitality was abundant and well organized. In the days prior to the F1 race, we were provided meaningful time with Performance Center instructors, hammering E46 M3s on the near-by Indianapolis Raceway Park, drag-racing the just-released new 6 Series (I beat him best 2 of 3), and driving 328 sedans in an auto-cross competition (he beat me... only just). The picture of my son stepping out of the M3 after thrashing it on track at speed remains one of my very favorites. We also attended BMW's US launch of Formula BMW, including a lavish dinner on the private grounds of the Irsay family, learning about Formula BMW, and getting to meet and ask questions of Dr. Mario Thiesen, BMW's Managing Director for F1 racing. Back at the Motor Speedway, BMW made the Hulman executive suite – directly above Turn 1 - our base of operation for the entire event. It was an epic father-son weekend, made possible by CCA membership.



Favorite club event: Serving as an in-car instructor at our driver education and Street Survival events is a rewarding experience in so many ways. That said, time spent with Club friends getting ready for, participating in, and traveling to and from those events is just good fun. Not always

clean, but almost always fun. We have some great people in our club and they let me hang out with them.

Sometimes. If I stay quiet and make sure nobody can see me with them.

Favorite new or old BMW: M1 Procar and the 3.0CSL Batmobile.

Favorite driving slogan: As an instructor, my goals are to help students gain self-confidence while they learn certain car control skills at (usually) high speeds. It turns out most students have a strong streak of self-preservation, as evidenced by their tendency to brake too hard, too soon. Being a passenger in their speeding car, I appreciate their desire to continue living. At the same time, they'll go faster if they shorten their braking zone. To do that, students must learn to commit to applying a smooth but "aggressively progressive" firm brake. So, it turns out my favorite slogan is really two separate words: "Patience" and "Commit!"



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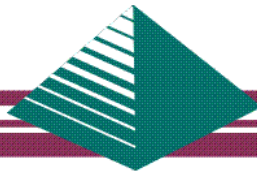


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