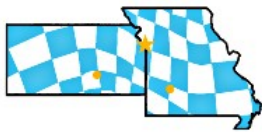


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# The Presidents Corner

By: Angel Hall

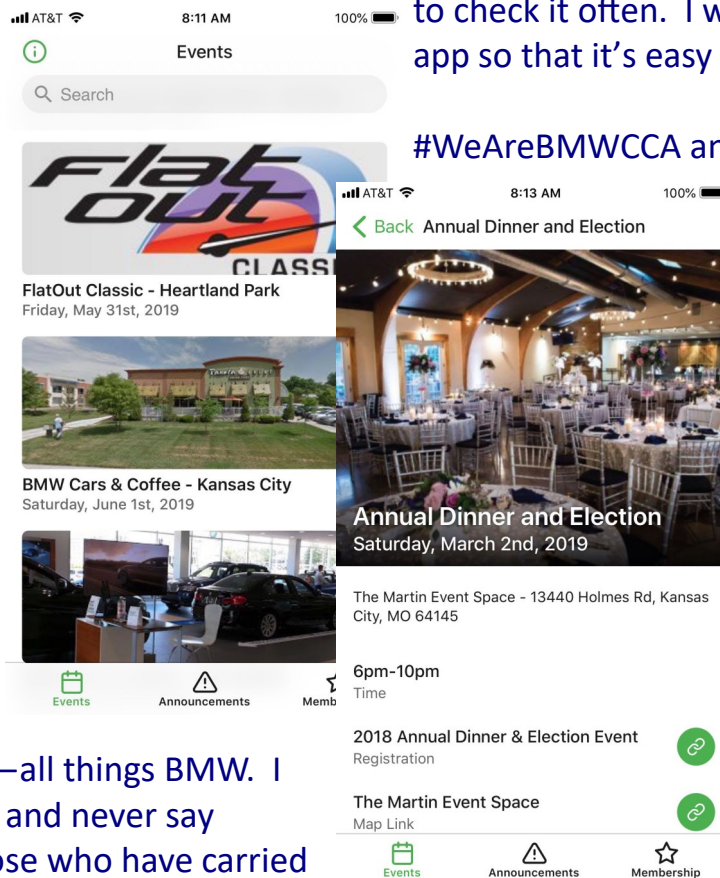


Hard to believe, but this is my tenth year in BMW CCA—and half of them have been spent at President! ALL of them have been spent in some form of Board of Director position, starting with Milepost Editor, then VP under Mike Staub, then President. I was the 2nd female President in our chapter's 50 year history—and loved every minute of it.

There is truly something remarkable about our chapter, our roots, and our future as an organization. We have endured together, cheered together, and sometimes cried together. We always celebrated the drive—all things BMW. I could go on for years and never say enough thanks to those who have carried this chapter through 50 years of awesomeness. I thank our founders, past Presidents, past Members, Board of Directors, and current members. Because of you—celebrating the drive is more than a phrase. It is who we are. It is what we DO. It is a lifestyle all its own. Ownership of the Ultimate Driving Machine is what brings us together and we stay because we're family.

To show you how much I love you—I made everyone a little present! It's a phone app with ALL of the chapter events! It has links to maps or registration in MSR —right from your phone! It updates when you open it, so try to check it often. I wanted to create a simple app so that it's easy to navigate and install.

#WeAreBMWCCA and proud of it. Next year, I'll still be around—so it's not Goodbye...it's See ya later!



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## Team LMR Double Podium at World Racing League Championship

By Mike Staub

It was a year of rebuilding for Team LMR. The #13 GP1 class car went under the knife early in the season. Thanks to parts delays and a motor builder who apparently took on more business than they could handle, #13 wasn't finished until June. 515 Motorsport deserves a medal for their patience with the motor builder.

The September Yokohama Gran Prix World Racing League race at Mid Ohio Sports Car Course was another "challenging" weekend for LMR. Forty minutes into the Saturday race, as Ryan Staub was lapping two cars for the second time, one of those cars pulled into Ryan's line and forced him off track at about 100mph. Even though no contact was made with the other car (that driver was pulled out by WRL for the race) the rough ground off track tore up the front of #13, damaging the splitter, front fascia, oil cooler, and punching in the radiator.

LMR scrambled for parts in a 90 minute radius from the track, and got the car back on track for the last hour of the race! A small victory. After being out of the race for almost 40 minutes of the 9 hour Sunday race due to 3 broken lug studs, LMR still finished 4<sup>th</sup> place. That indeed was a victory.

In early December, Team LMR headed for the World Racing League (WRL) US Endurance Championship at Circuit of the Americas, the Formula One track in Austin.

Team LMR took both the GP1 #13 and the GP2 #105 cars to the championship. Eight-hour race Saturday followed by eight-hour race Sunday. In addition to Ryan Staub, the driver line up for #13 was Tim Fortin, Matt Sweeney, Brad Gaebler and some guy you may have heard of before. Ross Bentley, winner of 24 Hours at Daytona, top driver/racer coach in the US and author of the Speed Secrets series of books! Talk about a strong line up! But that was needed, as there were

many other Pros in the paddock. Tyler Cooke, straight off a victory at the Petit Le Mans weekend at Road Atlanta in the BIM-MERWORLD #80 GT4 car, was in one of the other GP1 cars with another Pro as his co driver.

The GP2 #105 car was driven by Mike Smith, an Instructor from St Louis who often instructs at KC DEs, along with Justin Mason and Paul McCracken, owners of 515 Motorsport, making their

WRL debut on the other side of the wrench, as racers! Tim Fortin and Brad Gaebler also did stints in the #105 over the weekend.

Friday practice was what we should call our new "normal". #13 had braking issues which sent me, the "gas runner, tow driver and parts runner" chasing down a master cylinder. We never fear for parts in Austin. Terry Sayther Automotive, a third-party BMW repair shop, race shop and parts retailer has helped us many times. They didn't have the mas-

ter cylinder but "could have it in 60-90 minutes"! I showed up early as part of the fun going to their shop is all the unusual cars, 2002s, E21, race cars, etc.

A few hours back in the garage at the track, and Justin Mason, Paul McCracken, B Rad (also from 515 Motorsport) and Ryan Dunham, (Justin and Paul's friend who is a Bell Helicopter design engineer) had us ready to race! After designing helicopters, surely the 13 and 105 were child's play for Ryan! Ryan and B Rad also did a great job over the weekend running the pit to car radio, helping with pit stops, etc.. Tim Fortin's "Uncle Bob", a regular crew member who used to crew NASCAR trucks, is always a valued member of the crew. Rounding out the crew was John Fickel, KC BMW Driving Events Coordinator, who came down to crew for the weekend, and Alex, Justin Mason's significant other. Despite battling a bad cold, she kept us all in line, a tough job.

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## New Friends of KC BMW Club!

## Upcoming Events

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

### KC Cars & Coffee

#### First Saturday, Every Month, 9am-?

Next up October 6th, November 3rd, December 1st

Panera Bread

10606 Shawnee Mission Pkwy, Shawnee, KS

### Springfield Cars & Coffee

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Next up October 6th, November 3rd, December 1st

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3500 E Sunshine St, Springfield, MO

### Wichita Cars & Coffee

#### Second Saturday, Every Month, 10am-?

Next up October 13th, November 10th, December 8th

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### Annual Dinner

#### Saturday, January 19th

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Latest 'Car Guys and Gals' funny graphic from our friends at Blipshift:





## No Excuses HPDE—Hallett Motor Racing Circuit by Greg Lippert

The annual “No Excuses” driving school and inaugural race, sponsored by Bimmerworld and Butler C&D, took place October 12-14 at Hallett Motor Racing circuit outside of Tulsa, Oklahoma. Despite a wet and sometimes chilly weekend, we had another great event with students, instructors, and racers from throughout the Midwest and representing five BMW CCA chapters! A wide portion of the Midwest was well represented at this regional event – including Iowa, Colorado, Nebraska, Missouri, Tennessee, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas.

This year’s event featured some new partners and a new addition to the weekend – a club race! Racers participated in five races over the weekend and put on a show in sometimes challenging wet conditions.

As mentioned previously – this is a regional event – and truly shows this by having BMW CCA chapters from a wide area providing support. Kansas City, Sunbelt, Great Plains, St. Louis, and Lone Star CCA chapters all joined forces to make this year’s event possible. Planning has already begun on next year’s event – scheduled for November 8-10 at Hallett Motor Racing circuit. Please be sure and join us!



## Club Racing Returns to KC BMW CLUB—Team LMR Finishes Strong!

by: Mike Staub

It's been 12 years since the chapter hosted its first Club Race (CR). Let's just say the first was a flop. Not enough attendance. Not enough CCA Club Racers in our part of the Country.

Bruce Heersink, South Central Region Driving Events Coordinator and Club Race Steward kept encouraging us to try a CR at Hallett. Its location is closer to the southern CR community from Texas through Florida.

The No Excuses organizers group decided to give it a try, with a bail out date in mind. If there wasn't a sufficient quantity of sign ups by September 1, the CR portion of the driving school weekend would be canceled. The number of registrants exceeded the minimum number and we were "on"!

Two of the racers slated were our very own Scott Blazey, and NASA club racer and past KC BMW Club HPDE student Andy Sundeen. Could our Chief Driving Instructor Ryan Staub, leader of Team LMR sit out of a Club Race hosted by our chapter? Well.....no!



The Team LMR World Racing League GP1 #13 car was built for endurance racing (7-24 hours), not sprint racing (35-45 minutes). In WRL street tires must be run. But, the first Club Race hosted by the KC BMW Club in 12 years couldn't be missed! So, Ryan bought some slicks and entered the Club Race, albeit 20-30HP down from other cars in his class. The thing he didn't buy was Hoosier rain tires!



Unfortunately, a couple days before the race, Scott Blazey came down with a double whammy! A flu bug and a tooth

problem, so Scott had to cancel. Another racer from Florida was unable to make the trip due to the hurricane.

Chapter member Andy Sundeen debuted in his first club race in #546 car, and had a great weekend with a couple in class seconds and a class win on Sunday!



Back to Team LMR and Ryan Staub. Did I say he didn't buy Hoosier rains? For those who have never driven/raced on Hoosier rain tires, they are unbelievable. Almost every race car at Hallett had rains, except LMR!

Unfortunately, it rained most of the weekend! Despite the wetness, Ryan had several podium finishes! Quick hands and solid driving. When it dried off in qualifying for the Sunday race, Ryan set the fastest lap of the entire field for the weekend. Yes, including the fastest class cars. He started the Sunday race on pole!

Unfortunately, the precipitation that was absent during qualifying resumed with a light drizzle about the time the race began. A faster class car got by Ryan early, and another in class car got by for only two turns before Ryan recaptured P1 in class! Ryan ran a great race despite having less HP and tires, won his class and took second place overall! 515 Motorsport built another winning car, a sprint race car this time!

Despite a relatively small field, the quality of racers was superb. Many great racers from CCA and NASA club racing made the trip. Professional racer Chandler Hull, who in 2019 is driving one of the BIMMERWORLD M240iRs in World Challenge was in attendance, racing a BIMMERWORLD built E46 in #13's class!

Well done Ryan Staub and Andy Sundeen! You made the chapter proud!





## New Discount Pricing & Toys For Tots at Baron BMW!

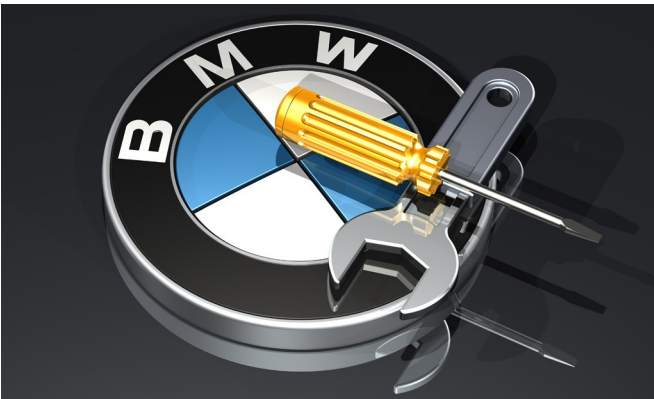
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Many thanks to Clay Shafer, Zach Ryder, Joseph Lawhead, Rob Ramsey and Chapter Dealer Liaison Mike Staub for making magic happen!



The New Showroom is underway! If you haven't already seen the Baron BMW / MINI showrooms, the old building is getting a facelift and remodel at this time. We look forward to seeing the new building once it's completed.

### TOYS FOR TOTS!! KIDS WIN AGAIN!!

As customary, it's that exciting time to make a child's holiday extra special. We have teamed up with MINI Club in a friendly competition to fill a BMW i8 and a MINI Convertible with toys for the Toys For Tots program!



Thank you Baron BMW / MINI, MINI Club, and everyone who participated in this fun event!





## CoTA WRL Challenge (Continued from page 4)

The 105 team had a great race on Saturday. They finished a strong 5<sup>th</sup> in class! Considering this was the debut race for two of the drivers and the competition was very stiff, that was an incredible feat!

The 13 car was running great, up front all race! The drivers were hitting 130+ mph on the back straight going into the heavy braking zone for low speed turn 12. Which of course is precisely where a passenger side control arm stud sheared, sending the car off track. With 3 hours left in the race, leading the GP1 class by two laps, Tim Fortin did a great job controlling the car to a safe stop. The tow brought Tim into the paddock and dropped the car off at our garage. We had to use a jack under the passenger front to encourage the car into the garage. Of course, we had an extra driver side control arm. Somehow the passenger side was left behind. As I had Terry Sayther's son on the phone, willing to go in and meet me at his closed shop, we found a control arm that would work from another team. We all help each other out, competitor or not! The car was ready to race Sunday.

Sunday, fun day! Ross Bentley poured over data with the drivers Saturday during the race and Saturday night at dinner. The 105 GP2 drivers were quick studies! 105 had a spectacular race. They ran strong all day and had flawless pitstops. Pitstops are a great part of LMR's success. Forty five seconds faster per stop, three to four stops per race, equals as much as three minutes. Three minutes may be one to two laps depending on the track! The 105 finished the race in second place in class!

Tim Fortin started the race Sunday in the GP1 #13. Tim was running great, when about 40 minutes into the race,

a driver who ran out of talent hit him square in the driver's rear wheel. Fortunately, thanks to BMW engineering there couldn't be a stronger place to be hit. Tim made a quick pitstop for the fender to be pried out and was back on track in record time! He brought the car in to Ryan, who drove a great stint and turned the car over to Ross Bentley. After turning the car over to Ross, Ryan headed for the airport to go home to take care of a sick wife and son. Unfortunately, a large part of Ross' stint was under yellow and he got very little good racing time. But while he was racing, he did great. He is Ross! Shortly after getting out of the car Ross headed to the airport as well, per previous plans.

Midafternoon, after Paul's stint in the 105, he and B Rad headed driving back to KC. Someone had to open the 515 shop Monday morning!

The LMR team was leaving with a lot of race to go! You could term it "great confidence in your team mates". They all realize they couldn't do what they do without support from their families, and that you have to work to play!

Brad Gaebler took the 13 wheel from Ross and ran a very solid race, bringing the car to the pits for Sweeney to bring home the hardware (car and trophy). And that he did, Sweeney drove a great race that ended with a race win!

This was a first! The first time we ended a race with both cars on podium! A great end of the 2018 race season. We all felt bad that Ryan Staub wasn't there to see the great accomplishment of the team he formed and Paul wasn't there to receive a trophy in his first WRL race. But we know they were with us in spirit!

Looking forward to 2019!





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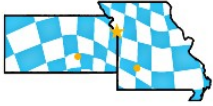
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