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We want to give a HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who came out to the Polar Bear Plunge Event held on Saturday, February 12, 2005. Your editors with Club Members' contributions raised over \$400 for the Missouri Special Olympics thus earning us a jump in Longview Lake. While we didn't take first place for our costumes, we did have a great time. We started the morning with a meet and greet, followed it up with a scenic drive around Longview Lake, dined on some tasty BBQ, and ended it with Meg and Josh running like crazy into an icy lake.

See you next year???? Josh says no.

# Welcome New Members!

Richard McKinley	Lees Summit, MO 2001 330ci & 2001 R1150GS	Jeff Hekmeti	Olathe, KS 1997 318ti
Kimberly Galway	Shawnee Mission, KS 2005 X5	Kevin MacDonald	Blue Springs, MO 2001 M3
Timothy Galway	Shawnee Mission, KS	Christopher Benton	Lawrence, KS 1995 325i
Diane Whitley	Leavenworth, KS 1999 525i	Stephen Waters	Kansas City, MO 1994 740iL
Shachar Tauber	Ozark, MO 2004 M3	Scott Martin	Blue Springs, MO

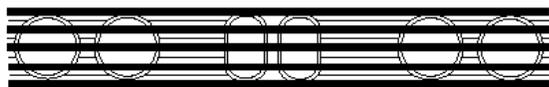
We invite all our members, new and veteran, to join us at our next meeting and event.

Don't forget to check out our chapter website at <http://www.kcbmwclub.org/> and sign up for the email list to get the latest club information and announcements!!!

**KC BMW Club meeting at 6pm:**  
**Sadler's Indoor Racing on Thursday, March 17th**  
**and**  
**KC BMW Club gathering for the 3 Across America**  
**More info on the KCBMWannouncement Group**  
**Thursday, April 21st**

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# Upcoming Events

## **CLUB MEETING!**

**Thursday, March 17, 2005, 6:00 PM**

**Kansas City BMW Club Board and Regular Meeting  
Sadler's Indoor Racing (formerly NASCAR)**

325 North Mer-Len, Olathe, KS; Tel. (913) 768-7700.

We will hold our monthly meeting and then enjoy some indoor racing. Join in on the fun and get involved with the chapter!

## **Techfest 2005**

**March 31 - April 3, 2005**

**Indianapolis, Indiana**

The BMW Club's premier national symposium on BMW's. Stay for great food, exciting speakers, and getting together with good BMW CCA friends. Details will be in upcoming issues of the *Roundel*.

## **Sharkfest 2005**

**April 15-17, 2005**

**Scottsboro, Alabama**

There will be a mountain drive, dinner, and some of the best looking BMWs ever made. To check out pictures of previous years or for more information, go to [www.bmwsharkfest.org](http://www.bmwsharkfest.org).

## **3 Across America Tour**

**Thursday, April 21, 2005**

**Kansas City/Westin**

BMW is previewing the new 3 Series in select cities across the United States and Kansas City has been chosen! A special photo opportunity and memeto is in the works for BMW CCA members, followed by a spirited drive and party in Westin. Reservations are limited so please sign up for notification of sign up at [www.3acrossamerica.com](http://www.3acrossamerica.com).

## **CLUB MEETING!**

**Thursday, April 21, 2005,**

**Kansas City BMW Club Board and Regular Meeting will be held in conjunction with the 3 Across America tour. Watch out for specific details on the club website at [www.kcbmwclub.org](http://www.kcbmwclub.org).**

## **DEADLINE**

**Friday, April 22, 2005**

**Deadline for the May/June 2005 Milepost**

email submissions to [editors@kcbmwclub.org](mailto:editors@kcbmwclub.org).

## **One Lap of America**

**April 29-May 6, 2005**

BMW Club President, Chuck Vossler and Vice President, Ned Smith are entered into this historic test of on-track skill and over-the-road endurance. Contact either one for specific details and watch out for the results in an upcoming issue of the Milepost.

## **KC BMW Teen Street Survival School**

**May 1, 2005**

**The Woodlands - Kansas City, KS**

For details contact Scott Goodwin at [proeagles@kc.rr.com](mailto:proeagles@kc.rr.com) or sign up at the website: [www.streetsurvival.org](http://www.streetsurvival.org)

## **KC Audi Club Driving School**

**May 13-15, 2005**

**Heartland Park, Topeka**

For details and sign up go to [www.audiclubna.org/chapters/kc/](http://www.audiclubna.org/chapters/kc/)

## **5th Annual Bay Area 02 Fest Swap and Show**

**May 14, 2005**

**Palo Alto, California.**

For details check out [www.bayarea02.com](http://www.bayarea02.com)

## **Susan G. Koman ULTIMATE DRIVE**

**Wednesday, August 10, 2005**

Register online starting July 10, 2005 and help BMW of North America raise One Million Dollars to help find a cure for breast cancer. For each mile driven, BMW NA will donate \$1 to the Susan G. Koman Breast Cancer Foundation.

## **KC BMW Club Driving School**

**August 19-21, 2005**

**Heartland Park, Topeka.**

Watch out for more details and registration forms in upcoming issues of the Milepost.

## **BMW CCA Oktoberfest 2005**

**September 18-23, 2005**

**Greensboro, North Carolina**

Registration information and forms will appear in future issues of the *Roundel* magazine but for event information check out [www.tarheelbmwcca.org/oktoberfest](http://www.tarheelbmwcca.org/oktoberfest).

# President's Page

A lot is going on with the club right now. First, you have your current president and vice-president furiously working, plotting planning a car nuts dream road trip -One Lap of America! This is based off of the old cannonball run and is foremost an endurance event where we will cover almost 5000 miles in my 98 M3 over 8 days. We will get to drive race tracks like Indianapolis Raceway, Virginia International Raceway, do wet/dry skid pads and some type of bracket drag race. The trips between tracks aren't timed but the track events will be. See [www.onelapofamerica.com](http://www.onelapofamerica.com) to find your KCBMW Club team located under SSGT1 Small Bore competing as "lap pups". We will be expecting "the finest meals available at gas station convenience stores" (Ned Smith). We have a great mentor for this, as he has completed two of these OneLap's, current BMW CCA president and lap dog Scott Blazey. As you can imagine it will take a fair amount of car preparation. I started this prep one fateful day last month and the One Lap car bit me. Long story short a large wrench with a fair amount of force can give way when you are scrunched up under the car and break your finger. Thankfully it was one that heals well and quickly.

Our club is also actively supporting a few local charities. Our editors are starting this year off with a freezing dip in Long View Lake for Special Olympics the two of them raising hundreds of dollars. Way to go Meg and Josh! We are planning a Saturday to help Habitat for Humanity in July. I Might just have to borrow the wife's X5 4.4 to carry my tools to that one! We are also planning on helping with the Big Brothers Big Sisters event in the fall again.

We are also looking at holding a BMW Club race in conjunction with our Driver's School in August 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>. The club is having more frequent "tech sessions" where recently we helped install a roll bar & Sparco seats in a member's M3 who is a great track driver and very active in the club. Another was, a front suspension install on a 525i with a homemade alignment. Watch the yahoo announcements as these tend to be difficult to schedule 2 months in advance to make the Milepost

The club has been very active on our email group. Too active for some. But, I think it is simply a reflection of a much more energetic club! For those who like to be current but not get so many emails you can choose the single digest which gives you all messages in bullets at the end of the day. If you have trouble with this email option contact

Josh Ramsey or myself. You can also choose to just join our announcement only group which sends messages that inform of events and is a read only.

In keeping with my desire to hold more active style meetings, next month's meeting on March 17th is at Sadlers to do Karting. See [www.sadlersinc.com](http://www.sadlersinc.com) for pricing and directions. No reservations or prepayment needed!

Finally, mark your calendars for an event showcasing the new 3 series put on by BMW North America for our meeting April 21st. For this you need to be registered at [www.3acrossamerica.com](http://www.3acrossamerica.com), and a current club member. See our article this Milepost or the website for more details. There will be a drive, photo and in the evening an event hosted at Westin Crown Center.

See you at on the road!

Chuck



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# Black & Blue

by Meg Vanderliest

by Joshua Ramsey

Ah that time of month is here...my editor's column is due and I am drawin' a blank again. As Josh and I were putting together the layout of this Milepost it dawned on the both of us that our club really gets together and does a lot of cool things. When we first started, our biggest worry was that we did not have enough content to fill the pages and we often spent a lot of time writing articles to put in so that we did not have to decrease the overall amount of pages. Now we have so much that we worry about not being able to fit it all in. In fact we even had a discussion about possibly increasing the amount of pages. We have great pictures and a lot of people are contributing in a lot of diverse areas. We want to recap everything but there is so much going on that we can't keep up with it. Just when we think we have got everything, one of us remembers a tech session or impromptu get together and off we go again.

I remember the second meeting I attended as a club member only had 4 people. We kind of just sat around and stared at each other not really sure what to do. Now Zarda's is jam packed and we have such a variety of different things to discuss and plan. Though I am not a big track junkie, our last speaker from Heartland Park even had me wishing the renovations would be completed quicker so I could get my car on the track.

I am definitely wishing for warmer days. I have had enough of old winter and can't wait to open my sunroof and turn up the music. At the last meeting, everyone was standing outside with their hands jammed in their coats or pockets, teeth chattering. Bragging rights must be taken but I bet everyone was wishing for a warm day that night. Hopefully those days aren't too far off but until then see you at the next club event...I'll be the one with her hands in her coat pockets and teeth chattering.

Winter is almost over. I know this not because some little furry creature came out and didn't see or did see his shadow. I know this because I put my top down yesterday. Perhaps I shouldn't have, it was awful cold. But nothing compares to the exhilaration of 40-degree, nighttime winds blowing by your face at speed. Of course I had the heater and butt warmers on full blast trying to stave off the cold penetrating through my coat. The facial expression of the other drivers made it all worth it. Besides, after jumping in a lake with Meg, I think my tolerance for the cold has improved dramatically.

With Spring around the corner, the club has been doing a lot of planning. Check out the Upcoming Events and the AutoX events pages. If you haven't been to a club event yet, this is will be a great opportunity to find out what that BMW CCA membership gets you. Our president and his immediate predecessor are doing One Lap of America together this year. Our club is running a teen driving school on May 1<sup>st</sup>. A couple of club picnics at local parks when the weather improves some more will give everyone an opportunity for great pictures. The new 3 series is due out soon and BMW NA is giving CCA members special opportunity to view the new car before anyone else. There will be a number of AutoX's, including the possibility of a BMW/Audi AutoX school. I hope to see all 700 of you sometime this year.



*This was one of the scenic stops along the drive to the Polar Bear Plunge. Thanks to everyone for coming out in support of this great cause.*

# BMW CCA Membership Reward Program

BMW of North America has extended the BMW CCA Membership Reward Program through 2004. BMW CCA members in good standing for at least one continuous year at the time of purchase may be eligible for a substantial allowance on the purchase or lease of a new or Certified Pre-Owned BMW through an authorized BMW center.

These are the reward amounts:

7 Series all models	\$1,500
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3 Series all models	\$500
Z4 roadster	\$500
Certified Pre-Owned Autos	\$500

Z8 and MINI are excluded from this program.

Official terms and conditions, eligibility requirements, and check request forms can be obtained by contact-

ing BMW CCA by phone (1-864-250-0022), e-mail (bmwclub@aol.com), or online (www.bmwcca.org and click on BMW CCA Services., then "Membership Reward Check Request").

This is a BMW of North America program just for BMW CCA members who have been members for at least one continuous year without any lapses. Please don't request extensions or waivers because exceptions aren't allowed.

This is one of the best reasons to make sure you renew your membership on time. You should receive a renewal notice in plenty of time. When you do, send it in right away to avoid any potential problems. In any event, check your membership expiration date (on your BMW CCA member ID card) to make sure you're not too close to missing your renewal. If you have any questions, contact the National Office at (864) 250-0022.



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# Springfield BMW CCA News

by Ron Rinke

We are trying to get some interest started up down here in the Springfield area. We would consider this region to also include outlying cities and towns (Joplin, Rolla, and areas that would more conveniently served by attending Springfield based events).

We have considered several programs for the upcoming months but the following are the more recent that we are working on:

## April 23rd, 2005

**Location – Eureka Springs, Arkansas**

### Mid America 02/Vintage BMW Fest

This is an event that has been held for about 5 years in Hermann, Missouri. The event was first started by '02 enthusiast from K.C. and has for the last 2 years included all vintage BMWs (in 2003 we also had vintage BMW motorcycles). This year we are moving it to Eureka Springs. This will make it an ideal event for our area. The show will be open to vintage BMWs (we'll work out the classes) and will be a great event for any BMW enthusiast to attend. Check the following link for updates to the event.

<http://www.midamerica02fest.com/>

## May 24th, 2005

**Location – Reliable BMW – Springfield, Missouri**

This is a co-sponsored event with Reliable BMW to see

what type of interest there are among BMWCCA members in Springfield. Either an open house showcasing newer models will be presented or a technical presentation.

Keep an eye on the below link for upcoming programs for the Springfield Sub-chapter BMWCCA.

<http://www.pcis.net/2002ta/BMWCCASpringfieldMo.htm>



## AutoX Calendar of Events

Below is the KCRRegion Autocross '05 Proposed Calendar. As always, it is subject to change as the Chiefs, Royals, and Wizards schedules fluctuate. Any deviations will be posted immediately as they become available.

March 20	SCCA #1	July 17	First Back-Up Event Date
April 3	CROWN #1	July 23-24	Solotime Divisional Championships- Kansas City
April 30	Open School	Aug 7	SCCA #6
May 1	SCCA #2	Aug 21 or 28	CROWN #6 (Whichever date the Chiefs don't use)
May 14	Women's Only School	Sept 4-5	Kansas City Championships
May 15	CROWN #2	Sept 25	SCCA #7
June 4	(Possible Sat Cobra Event)	Oct TBA	CROWN #7
June 5	SCCA & CROWN Dual Points Event #3	Oct TBA	SC Dual Points Event #8
June 12	Second Back-Up Event Date		Haloweenie/Royals Charity
June 18	(Possible Sat Subaru Event)		
June 19	SCCA & CROWN Dual Points Event #4		
July 10	SCCA & CROWN Dual Points Event #5		

# Heartland Park Renovations

Chris Bovis from Heartland Park Topeka was our guest speaker for the Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. He drove in to talk to us about all the changes that were going on at Heartland Park. The following is a summary from their website that Chris talked about: "The most expansive and most expensive renovation since Heartland Park Topeka was constructed has already commenced on the facility's 750 acres. This renovation will not only finish the original vision of the facility, but will also prepare Heartland Park Topeka to host the 2006 SCCA National Championship Runoffs®.

Construction of a new maintenance building and an expansion of the existing pit/paddock area are scheduled to be completed in the spring of 2005. Work is already underway to have the maintenance building and expanded paddock parking ready in time for the 2005 race season.

Four projects are on the schedule to be completed sometime during the summer of 2005. They include new fencing and entry points into Heartland Park Topeka, repaving the paddock and pit area, the construction of a technical inspection building in the paddock area, and a new credentials building and entrance drive through Gate D (otherwise known as the "tunnel" entrance into Heartland Park Topeka).

The fall of 2005 will include construction of new bathroom and shower facilities for competitors, and for the first

time since the facility was built in 1988 a resurfacing of the road course. The repaving will include sections of the track not used for several years due to deterioration.

2006 will begin with two projects on schedule for completion in the spring. A new concession stand/souvenir store will be constructed at the north end of the paddock, and



a garage/suite complex will be located in the lower paddock area. The summer of 2006 will see the final touches put on brand new spectator areas, which will be located on the west, south, and east berms which surround the road course."

Chris also gave a realistic perspective on how the track is run from a business side and was very effective at conveying the enthusiasm that Ray Irwin and his crew have for Heartland Park and its future success. We also saw Heartland Park pamphlets that featured our club and advertised our Drivers School! His point was that if our drivers events are successful it only helps them be more successful. It was a pleasure to have such a great speaker who was completely open to questions and input.

## Contacting the BMW CCA National Office

To submit a change of address for the Roundel, or if it's the middle of the month and you haven't received your Roundel, or if you have any other membership questions that need to go to the National Office, the address is:

BMW CCA, Inc.  
640 South Main St. Suite 200  
Greenville, SC 29601

You can also call at (864) 250-0022. The National Office can be contacted Monday thru Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Central Time.

***Sign up on the KCBMWannouncement Yahoo Group to receive the latest in club event info including upcoming speakers, tech sessions, road rallies, and other club outings.***

# 3 Across America

“BMW is teaming up with BMW Car Clubs of America to present 3 across America, an event designed to give BMW enthusiasts a sneak peek of the all-new 3 Series before the official on-sale date. This 44-day historic journey through 20 cities across the country features the all-new 3 Series and the 3 Series automobiles that preceded it, including the legendary 2002tii. You can bring your BMW to join the celebration. The event kicks off at the New York Auto Show on March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2005 and will have its finale in Los Angeles more than a month later. Along the way, the 3 Across America caravan will be making stops at unique American locations through scenic driving routes. Space for these events is limited”. (BMW North America)



This event is coming to Kansas City April 21<sup>st</sup> and we are one of only 20 cities on their tour. A big thanks goes to Baron BMW for being such a great BMW dealer to attract this venue! Visit [www.3acrossamerica.com](http://www.3acrossamerica.com) to register. Currently registration is not open yet but you can sign up for updates. Also watch our clubs yahoo email announcement group which will post a message as soon as the sign up is open.

Though the event agenda isn't set in stone, it is supposed to include a fun drive around KC and a group photo with KCBMW Club member's cars with the new 3. It should conclude with an evening party at the Crown Center Westin. Details will be released and posted as soon as we know!

## Racer's Corner

by Scott Goodwin

It has been awhile since I wrote an article for **Racer's Corner** but I am back with another tale of building a racecar and how it can all go wrong so easily. You would think that since this is my third racecar I would have it down to a science by now.

I bought a beautiful 1987 325is from Todd Hartje on January 26, 2005 and immediately sat down and ordered \$5000 worth of parts. My bank called me half way through because they thought someone had stolen my card and was going crazy with it. I was thankful the bank was so attentive. About a week later the parts started dribbling in just as I had planned. I put the car up on blocks and began the disassembly process. I chose Ground Control for the suspension and had to send my front struts off to have them modified and powdercoated. As I write this first draft, today is February 24<sup>th</sup> and there is no sign of the parts. Every time I have called about them, no one is home. I hope the rain didn't wash the shop away.

Anyway, I have had many other things to work on like gutting the car, making up gauges and wiring, modifying the front air dam for the brake kit, etc. Which brings up another good point, Bimmerworld has been on back order for the brake duct kit for 30 days now and still no

parts. No worries, I can always install the trick VAC quick disconnect for the steering wheel. Wait! No, I can't do that either because the part that bolts to the steering column doesn't have a groove in it for the quick disconnect to connect to. A quick call to VAC solves that problem with many apologies. No worries, I'll just work on the trick headers from Ireland Engineering. These babies are really beautiful. As I was bolting on the rear set first (thank God), I noticed that the down pipe pointed directly into the transmission. I thought to myself, this probably isn't right and sure enough, a quick call to Jeremy at Ireland confirmed my suspicion. As it turns out I managed to get one of two bad sets. Another project on hold.

Normally I am not a superstitious person, but there is something about this project that worries me. Not a darn thing has gone right so far. It kind of reminds me of another car I built a few years ago. It was a beautiful E30 M3 with an E36 M3 engine and I called her *Titanic* because the problems went on and on and on and on. Seems remotely familiar to me somehow with my new car.

Since there is no way that I will make the March race at Texas World Speedway at this point, I will close this edition and let you know how things turned out in another issue of the Milepost.

**Want to Make Your Teen a  
Safer, Smarter Driver?  
Give them *Street Survival* Skills!**

- What:** *Street Survival* safe teen driving program for drivers 16 to 19 years old
- Who:** Presented by the BMW Car Club of America (BMW CCA) 501c(3) public Charitable Foundation in partnership with the BMW CCA Kansas City Chapter
- Where:** The Woodlands, exit Leavenworth Road east from I-435, Kansas City, KS.
- When:** Sunday, May 1, 2005, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Cost:** \$60 includes fee and 1 year membership to the BMW car club
- To Register:** Visit [www.streetsurvival.org](http://www.streetsurvival.org) or call 1-877-BMWCC02 for more info
- Why:** According to Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), 36.4% of all teen accidents are alcohol related. *Street Survival*'s mission is to reduce the other 63.6% of teen accidents caused by driver error. *Street Survival* goes beyond driver's ed to teach teens to avoid accidents before they happen.

The instruction puts teens behind the wheel of their own car with a trained instructor on a closed, wet downed parking lot a low speed so that teens can experience emergency driving situations in a controlled environment. We teach skid control, ABS braking, and accident avoidance among many other driving skills.

### Event Schedule:

8:00-9:00 a.m.	Registration and safety check
9:00-10:00 a.m.	Classroom instruction
10:00-12:00 noon	Hands-on car control instruction on closed course
12:00-1:00 p.m.	Lunch provided
1:00-4:00 p.m.	More hands-on instruction on close course

**Space is limited. Register today at  
[www.streetsurvival.org](http://www.streetsurvival.org)**

# Brought to you by the letter S

by Ryan Stewart

When most people think about high performance BMWs the first thing to come to mind is the letter //M. The enthusiast quick learn that the heart of the //M BMW is the S engine. From the M88/S38 to the soon to be high performance version of the upcoming R6 BMW has always been known for extracting great amount of power out of small motors the natural way. One of the most common S motors in the US is the S50/52US from our E36 //M3. The US S50 is essentially the M50 engine out of the 325i/s with its displacement and specific output increased. Increased to 240hp/128lb-ft to be exact.

Now we come to my car. It is a 1985 325e. Stock a whopping 2600lbs and 121hp/170lb-ft. Of course, being a good boy, suspension was the first investment. Racing Dynamics fit the bill and with \$1200 down and 9 hours of my life gone I had replaced the entire 17 year old suspension with all new, and better, hardware. The lovely 14" bottlecap looking wheels simply had to go. Being one not to cut corners, and having an acute dislike for spacers, I opted to trade rights to my first-born for a set of Alpina Classics. With nothing more than the requisite mods I decided to see if I could drive the thing.

My first driving school was a blast. I had the pleasure, or pain, of being stuck with Satch as my instructor. I quickly learned a lot about driving my E30 and how well the suspension worked. If anyone wants to get into racing I have to suggest picking up an E30, light and cheap is the way to go. As I got more experience I was able to drive my car faster and faster but one shortcoming was becoming painfully apparent. I could hang with other members great BMWs but once we reached the long stretches it was all my little economy bimber could do just to keep them in sight. Something had to be done, now just to figure out what.

I started looking into the swap two years ago. It wasn't as popular as it is now but a few people had done it and information was quickly being available. The beauty of the swap is, like other manufacturers, BMW built their cars to be capable to sharing various parts and power plants. That meant that I could install an M50 with just a hodgepodge of various parts from the E34, E36, and E30. Over time information on forums like r3vlimited.com and bimberforums.com became more abundant. I was

just about ready to swap an M50 into my car when... bam!

Someone ran a red light and I ran into him. My car was out of commission for two months, sadly those were summer months. I used the excuse that as long as the car was in the body shop and being repainted to, once again, do it right. Bought all new bumper hardware and even managed to spring for the body kit. Oddly enough the brand new European parts ended up costing less than the new US stuff so I managed to take my E30 all the way to how you see it today with very little investment in bodywork and paint. Don't forget that this car will be old enough to buy alcohol this November. The side effects were I missed an entire summer season of track time and my E30 was going to have to suffer yet another year of being slow.



Now we reach the summer of 2004 and that is where the crazy idea of the S50 comes in. Thanks to an insider tip I got hold of one before it ever made it onto the market meaning I didn't have to be in on a bidding war.

The same rules apply since the US S50 is basically a built M50; it's all just a matter of parts. Although the swap is pretty straightforward lacking a shop and time I opted to cut a check for a mechanic to actually do the engine swap itself. I managed to save myself some money and gain a more intimate knowledge of my car by mounting and perfecting the placement of all the peripherals and wear items associated with the engine I was now unfamiliar with. The change was shocking. The E36 M3 is a capable car in its own right but when you put its engine into a car that is 600lbs lighter you end up with a car that's power-to-weight ratio bests even that of the E46 M3 at 10.3lbs/hp. The primary downside of the change is the S50 is approximately 60lbs more than the M20 I stripped from the E30. It was no matter, as I was able to lose that and more just by tossing the A/C.

It's been a long 4-year road in the Stewart family project. I call it that because my dad has been a huge help in the building of this car. After all, he drives it on the track too. I am looking forward to what will become effectively Stage II of the project and maybe even seeing a few more swapped E30's around. Let's show the Honda owners know that they don't hold a patent on the engine swap!

# Youngest Car Member of the Month

*by Ned Smith*

This month's featured car is owned by Ned Smith's son Evan. Evan acquired the BMW Baby Racer from his uncle Patrick on June 8, 2003, which also just happens to be Evan's (actual) birthday. Patrick was quoted as saying that he would buy Evan's first BMW but Daddy would have to pay for the tickets. Patrick's daughter Lauren received a similar car on her birthday from her uncle Ned. Ned told her that he would buy her first BMW but Daddy would have to buy the next one.

Evan's car remained completely stock for the first year but this past summer the car was modified from a basic baby racer to an "M" car with a badge obtained on Ebay. The modification has done wonders to the performance of the car. "I literally had to help Evan steer and push the car to

get it going last year," Ned Smith said. "Starting this past summer, about the time the car was modified, power has come from the driver and as Evan gets bigger the car gets faster and faster!" While there is concern that Evan may be associated with those individuals that attempt to BMW's into "M" cars and "poseurs" that merely re-badge cars, the increased performance over the past year of Evans car is indisputable.

The Roundels on the hood and trunk of his car has already made a deep impression on Evan. Whenever he sees a Roundel he always yells, "B!" When asked about the car Evan responded, "Vroom, Vroom!" As fellow BMW CCA members we can all understand his passion.



"Am I in reverse yet, I need to get out of this Chicago Stop Box!?!?"

**March / April 2005**

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### **March / April**

**03.17.2005 Thursday 6pm**

Club Meeting and Cruise Night

Sadler's Indoor Racing - 325 N. Mer-Len; Olathe, KS

**04.21.2005 Thursday Time: TBA**

3 Across America Tour and club meet

Meet in KC and drive to Westin to see the new 3 series.

**05.01.2005 Sunday: All day**

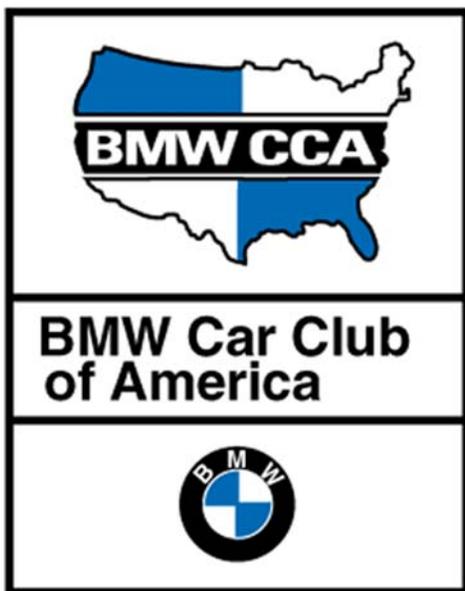
KC BMW Teen Street Survival School

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