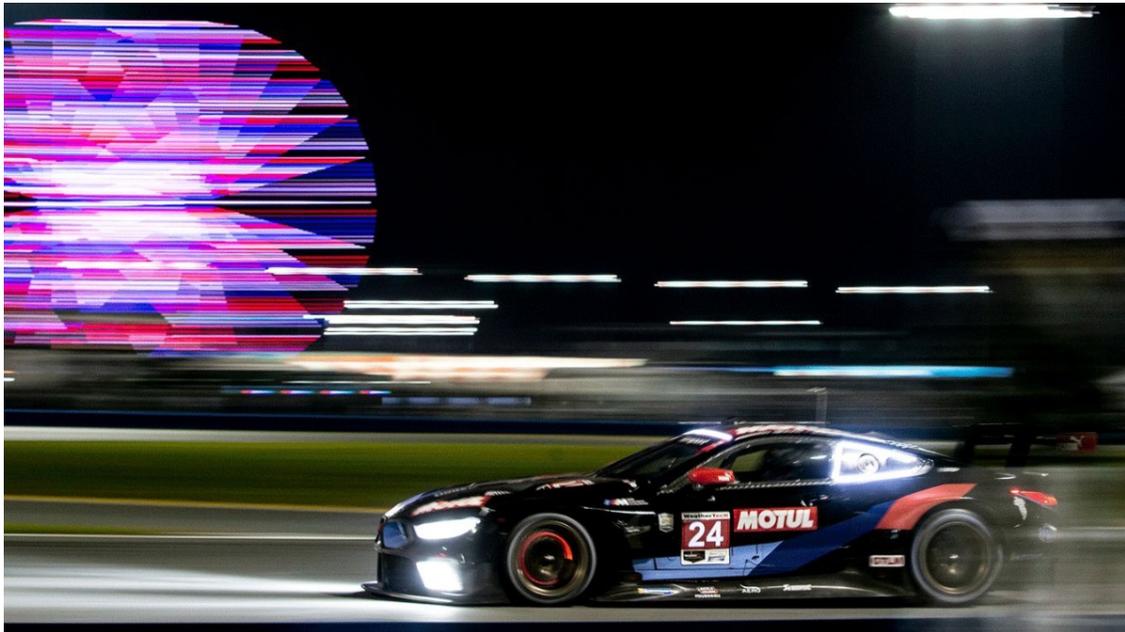


# NORTH STAR BAVARIAN DIGITAL



*Victory for BMW Team RLL at 24 Hours of Daytona, January 27, 2020.*

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## Upcoming Events



### **Tire Rack Street Survival**

Saturday, March 14, 2020

Dakota County Technical College, Rosemount, MN

**Tire Rack Street Survival®** is a "hands-on" driving experience in real-world situations! We use your own car to teach you about its handling limits and how you can control them. The students will become more observant of the traffic situation they find themselves in. They will learn to look far enough ahead to anticipate unwise actions of other drivers. As the students master the application of physics to drive their cars, they will make fewer unwise driving actions themselves. It's about more than driving - it's about LIVING!

[Learn More](#)

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## Motorwerks BMW Tech Session

Saturday, April 4, 2020

Motorwerks BMW, Bloomington, MN

Join us at Motorwerks BMW for our annual Motorwerks BMW Tech Session. This year we're changing things up and going from the sales to the shop floor for some new technical insights and even views of new and older BMWs.

[Learn More](#)



## Car Control Clinic

Saturday, May 9, 2020

Dakota County Technical College, Rosemount, MN

We have the track at Dakota County Technical College reserved for Saturday, May 9th! Come join us to learn all about vehicle dynamics, hone your skills or just have some fun! Be prepared for a full day of both technical education and lots of time behind the wheel with one of our awesome instructors. No previous experience is needed, the only thing we ask is that the car be in good repair and you be ready to have a fun!

[Learn More](#)



### Sommer Schnell

June 5–7, 2020

Brainerd International Raceway

**Registration opens this week!** Join fellow North Star Chapter members at Brainerd International Raceway (BIR) for a fun filled weekend you will not want to miss.

If you are new to High Performance Driving Education (HPDE) and want to learn more, feel free to [reach out to our Drivers Education Committee with any questions](#). We love talking about all things driving, especially in the winter!

[Learn More](#)

## Announcements

### **We're Growing - Get Involved!**

We're looking for enthusiastic members to help grow our team.

Learn more at the link below.

[Volunteer Opportunities](#)



#### **Driving Events Coordinator**

As we usher in 2020, we say goodbye and thank you to a very devoted club member and volunteer, Tim Oudin.

We have some big shoes to fill for the 2020 driving season. If you are interested in volunteering as the Driving Events coordinator, please follow the link below for position details and how to apply online!

[Position Details](#)

## Feature Article

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## **Epic BMW Adventure, Part II**

Petit Le Mans, O'Fest & Tail of the Dragon

*By Kim Crumb*

After the splendid Motul Petit Le Mans race, our epic BMW adventure continues at the 50th Annual BMW CCA O'Fest in Greenville. On Tuesday, I register for my ninth O'Fest and continue to work on Concours preparation. It's a beautiful day, but the weather forecast is for rain tomorrow. Chris picks up son Carson from the airport, making a total of five guys in a rented house for the week. We attend the Shell Welcome Dinner that evening with its delightful menu of Caesar salad, Kona-rubbed sirloin steak, veggies, and a chocolate peanut butter pie with crème caramel for dessert.

The 50th Anniversary brings out the biggest O'Fest turnout ever with the most registrants and event participation. There is so much to do; Vendor Hall and Tech Talks at the Hyatt, and driving programs at the BMW Performance Center. We have every time slot triple-booked at times. We'll never lack for things to do!

On Wednesday, to kick off the first full day of O'Fest, BMW CCA reserved a portion of the park-like Main Street stretching from the host hotel, Hyatt Regency, down towards McBee Ave for a Cars & Coffee and Concours. The event is reminiscent of the old Michelin on Main event that took place each year before Petit Le Mans. My E46 Dinan 3 is lined up and ready to be displayed with BMWs from all eras along one of the Southeast's most picturesque downtowns.

As forecasted, it is raining and I hope that it passes by early or that they delay the event until 10:00 when it looks to be clearing. Unfortunately, the city permit can't be extended to allow for more time at the end. Instead, a decision was

made to change the judging criteria, eliminating both exterior and chassis cleanliness. My heart sinks. I was registered for the "Tuner Concours" class competition with a point split of 60% Concours (exterior, interior, engine, & undercarriage cleanliness) and 40% modifications (innovativeness/originality, quality, theme and extensiveness of build). I was counting on this original judging mix and to suddenly have the Concours severely diminish and the scoring scale slide to those with the most modifications is a setback. My emphasis is on the impeccable and detailed preparation versus huge fender flares and superchargers on those cars surrounding us. Still, I manage to pull out a 3rd place podium finish.

There are lots of rallies to do today, both TSD (time, speed and distance) and Fun. One Fun rally is the gymkhana scavenger hunt around Greenville following clues to hunt down nine "Mice on Main". Other points of interest are the Dinan beer garden and the ZF Transmissions Gray Court Facility Tour. Chris and Carson decide to go on the Schell Fall Leaves Driving Tour.

*(continued below)*



Thursday is Tire Rack Autocross day held at Michelin Laurens Proving Grounds. This site has great memories for me. I drove competitively for Michelin for five years, now two decades ago. We finished product evaluation and the final development of their legendary Pilot Sport Cup tire, conducting many days of testing on their “Black Lake” of asphalt for low-speed testing. Later we conducted hi-speed testing on their FIA approved racetrack. I was the only person not directly employed by Michelin to be fully-authorized for that track. Security is tight and you don’t have to wonder if you’re “on camera,” you are.

The Black Lake area is so large that they can have Autocross on one part and Car Control Clinic on another part, both at the same time. There are 9 classes for Autocross; each one aimed at grouping vehicles with similar performance capabilities. I’m assigned to “Tuner 3” class with my modest modifications: a nice street car with different springs, shocks, and sway bars. My competition in the same class can have more extreme modifications: unlimited internal engine,

unlimited wheel and tire width, gearing changes and brake modifications; potentially a dedicated all-out competition car. Even after being more than a little over-matched in this class, I won 2nd place. I can add this win to two wins in Minnesota for Street Prepared Class D (DSP) Championships with Minnesota Autosports and Minnesota Council of Car Clubs. Chris is a winner too with 5th place in a very large class

Friday, we have 12:45 tickets for the BMW Spartanburg Factory Tour. What an amazing place! It is the largest BMW plant in the world, nearly 7 million square feet, making 1,400 BMW "X" SUV vehicles PER DAY. One hundred semi-trailers arrive with parts EVERY HOUR. They've already produced more than 4.75 million vehicles with 3 million being exports! That makes BMW the largest USA automotive global exporter, creating 11,000 American jobs.

We visited the BMW Zentrum museum exhibiting the first car produced there, a 318i, signed by all the original workers. Afterward, I take a photo of us, the 3 Amigos, in the polished wheel of our BMW tour bus. And then for the Pièce de résistance, the highlight of our day, two North Star Chapter member cars displayed flanking the main entrance to the BMW Zentrum. Management recognized me for earning podium finishes in both Concours and Autocross, the only car to do that, and said "We encourage you to display your car here, at our main entrance." I did, of course, negotiate for Chris to display his car too.

Then it was off to the Festival, Exhibitions, and Demonstrations at the BMW performance Center, followed by a BMW Foundation Head Quarters tour.

Davis and I are the only two left on Saturday, the final day. We enjoyed the BMW CCA Headquarters Grand Opening, the Hagerty Panel: "5 BMW's to Watch", a BBQ lunch and the evening finale, BMW 50th Anniversary Celebration Dinner, held under huge tents at CCA HQ.

Sunday, it's time to head home via US-129 and Tennessee's famous Tail of the Dragon, the third and last leg of our Epic BMW Adventure.

*Look for Tail of the Dragon leg of our BMW adventure in the next issue of the North Star Bavarian.*



### About Kim John Crumb

Kim John Crumb is a professional race car driver and founding board member of Operation Wheels of Freedom Foundation (OWOF), a non-profit whose mission is to honor US Military personnel with an educational and entertaining hands-on driving program aimed at reducing motor vehicle accidents.

Kim began racing with Nord Stern Porsche club and won his first championship, the National Porsche Parade in 1984. At age 32, he sold an audio store he owned at the time and became a full-time racer. Early on, he won championships with local clubs; Land O Lakes Sports Car Club of America, Corvettes of Minnesota, and more with Nord Stern. During his career, he's had all the major tire manufacturers, from Michelin to Pirelli as sponsors and became one of the winningest drivers and virtually unstoppable in all races he entered, PCA, SCCA, Hillclimb's, and sprint karting. From 1995 to 2000, his minimum annual championship number was five. National titles include wins in BMWs, Mercedes-Benz, and Porsche series. Among the records he still holds is the fastest lap at Brainerd International Raceway for a street-legal car on street tires (1:46.67).

He held 58 road racing championships in 2008 when he took a break from racing to focus on family and other interests. Taking the loving advice from his late wife Betty, he is once again pursuing one of his three passions, racing cars (other two being music and education). Since 2016, he added 8 more championships bringing his total to 66. His new goal is "70 by 70"; which he has two more years to achieve. Go KJC!

*Photos by Kim Crumb and Chris Tadevich*

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## Member Corner



### Member Spotlight

Love your ride? Starting a new project? Share it with the rest of our members by featuring it in one of our member spotlights on social media. Send requests to [membership@northstarbmw.org](mailto:membership@northstarbmw.org) with photos of your car and a brief description.

[Submit Request](#)



### Tech Advisor

The great part about being a member of the North Star Chapter is access to the vast technical knowledge of our club members. If you find yourself with car troubles and need free advice, send your technical questions to [techadvisor@northstarbmw.org](mailto:techadvisor@northstarbmw.org) or click the link below.

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