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**Johnny K** is a professional driver with over 20 years of competitive driving experience. Kanavas' racing experience ranges from go-karts to Touring Cars to professional drifting and 24-hour endurance racing. Johnny K is a professional driver and instructor working, representing, and driving for several auto racing teams, racing schools, auto manufacturers, hot-lap programs, performance driving clinics, defensive driving programs, stunt/precision & performance driving for film/TV/video/demonstrations & exhibitions. Johnny has performed stunt and precision driving on-camera for Ford, Fiat, Toyota, Hyundai, EA Sports, Fox, NASCAR, The Jimmy Kimmel Show, Marlboro, and Continental Tire to name a few. Through his career, Johnny has logged thousands of hours at many U.S. & International racing circuits and maintains a strong passion for his craft. Kanavas has held positions in nearly every aspect of motor racing, including mechanic/fabricator, crew chief, motorsports marketing, driver coach, logistics management, team manager, spokesperson, and of course, driver. As owner of eprodius – a media design & marketing company that caters to motorsports, Kanavas understands the importance of effective brand representation in the highly-competitive world of motorsports & automotive marketing and combines his years of professional experience into every aspect of his career.

## 2016:

- > BMW Performance Driving Center - West at the Thermal Club: Driving Instructor
- > Toyota Pro/Celebrity Race | Long Beach Grand Prix | Fastlane Racing School: Driving Instructor/Coach
- > RKI Group - Advanced, Evasive, Tactical Driving Training for military and executive groups: Driving Instructor
- > Private driver/racing coach: amateur and professional

## 2015:

- > Ford Performance Racing School – Miller Motorsports Park: Lead Driving Instructor
- > Yard Racing \_ SVRA/VSCDA Vintage/Historic Racing Team: Driver/Coach - Chevron B-36, Lola 9720 Indy Lights, Brabham BT29
- > Professional driver, facilitator, trainer for various auto manufacturers, promotional events, etc.
- > The Driving Connection: Precision Driver for various auto manufacturers, film & TV, commercials
- > Private driver/racing coach: amateur and professional

## 2014:

- > Rebel Rock Racing \_ IMSA Continental Tire Sports Car Challenge - ST class | Porsche Cayman: Team Driver
- > Skullcandy Team Nissan \_ IMSA Continental Tire Sports Car Challenge - ST class | Nissan Altima: Team Driver
- > The Racers Group (TRG) North America \_ Aston Martin GT4 Challenge Series: Series Driver Coach
- > Yard Racing \_ SVRA/VSCDA Vintage/Historic Racing Team: Driver/Coach – Chevron B-36, Lola 9720 Indy Lights, Brabham BT29
- > Ford Racing School – Miller Motorsports Park: Driving Instructor/Coach
- > Triple Canopy - Advanced Tactical Driver Training for military and executive groups: Driving Instructor
- > MVP Collaborative: Professional Driver & Brand Ambassador – Audi Representation
- > Professional driver, facilitator, trainer for various auto manufacturers, promotional events, etc.
- > Private driver/racing coach: amateur and professional



2013:

- > Mitchum Motorsports \_ GRAND AM Continental Tire Sports Car Challenge Team – BMW 128i: Team Driver
- > Yard Racing \_ SVRA/VSCDA Vintage/Historic Racing Team: Driver/Coach – Chevron B-36
- > Chryst Motorsports \_ Playboy Mazda MX-5 Cup Team: Driver Coach/Engineer
- > Sick Sideways – Playboy Mazda MX-5 Cup Team: Race Director/Team Manager
- > Ford Racing School – Miller Motorsports Park: Driving Instructor/Coach
- > RKI Group - Advanced, Evasive, Tactical Driving Training for military and executive groups: Driving Instructor
- > MVP Collaborative: Professional Driver & Brand Ambassador – Audi Representation
- > Professional driver, facilitator, trainer for various auto manufacturers, promotional events, etc.
- > Professional driver coach: private testing/race coaching - pro, club, amateur

2012:

- > Mitchum Motorsports \_ GRAND AM Continental Tire Sports Car Challenge Team - BMW 128i: Team Driver
- > Sick Sideways - Playboy Mazda MX-5 Cup Team: Race Director/Team Manager
- > 13-Hours of VIR \_ Mitchum Motorsports – BMW 328i: Team Driver
- > Rimicci Corse \_ Fiat 500 Abarth Race Team – 25-Hours of Thunderhill/World Challenge: Team Driver/Test Driver
- > Ford Racing School – Miller Motorsports Park: Driving Instructor/Coach
- > RKI Group - Advanced, Evasive, Tactical Driving Training for military and executive groups: Driving Instructor
- > BMW North America: 2012 3-Series Reveal and Launch: Professional Driver/ Representative
- > Orange County Race Craft (OCRC) - Performance Driving Instructor
- > Stunt/ Precision/Performance Driving for Photo and Film/Video/TV/Photo: Ford, Hyundai, BMW
- > Professional driver, facilitator, trainer for various auto manufacturers, promotional events, etc.
- > Professional driver coach: private testing/race coaching

2011:

- > RJ Racing - 25-Hours of Thunderhill \_ E3 Champions: Team Driver
- > Autosport Promotions \_ GRAND AM Continental Tire Sports Car Challenge Team - BMW 330i: Team Driver
- > Grip Racing - Touring Car/GRAND AM/NASA Lexus Team: Team Driver
- > Ford Racing School – Miller Motorsports Park: Driving Instructor/Coach
- > Ford *Boss Track Attack* Driving Program - Miller Motorsports Park: Driving Instructor
- > RKI Group - Advanced, Evasive, Tactical Driving Training for military and executive groups: Driving Instructor
- > Orange County Race Craft (OCRC) - Performance Driving Instructor
- > Fiat USA: Professional Stunt Driver, Facilitator, & Spokesperson
- > Fox Sports/NASCAR - Daytona 500/Superbowl commercial spots: Stunt Driver
- > Verizon/Penske Racing Experience: Driver/Instructor
- > Automotive Events - Automotive Marketing, Testing, Motorsports Events: Professional Driver
- > NOS Energy Drink - Drift Academy: Driver
- > Lexus North America - LFA & F-sport driving program: Driver/Instructor
- > General Motors - Main Street in Motion National Tour: Driver/Instructor
- > Go Green Auto Rally - American Le Mans Series Initiative: Instructor/Facilitator
- > Defensive Driving Academy - Driving Instructor> Teen Road To Safety - Driving Instructor
- > BRAKES Defensive Driving Course - Driving Instructor
- > The Driving Connection: Precision Driver for various auto manufacturers, film & TV, commercials
- > Fastlane Racing School: Driving Instructor

- > Kanavas Kompetition private performance/race driving coaching
- > Team Media Barons - 2011 Petit Mochismo Kart Endurance Race: Team Driver

2010:

- > Marlboro-Penske NASCAR/IRL Drift Program: Professional Driver
- > Grip Racing/Wilson Motorsports - 25 Hours of Thunderhill: Team Driver
- > Kyle Mohan Racing: Team Drift Driver – Formula Drift Pro-Am Series, Xtreme Drift Circuit, D1GP
- > Mazdatrix/KMR: Team Driver/Driving Coach – Redline Time Attack Series
- > Ultimate Lamborghini Experience: Staff Driver / Instructor
- > TraKorp - Corporate Track Events - Owner/Operator/Instructor
- > Fastlane Racing School: Driving Instructor
- > Go Green Auto Rally - American Le Mans Series Initiative: Instructor/Facilitator
- > Defensive Driving Academy - Driving Instructor
- > Teen Road To Safety - Driving Instructor
- > BRAKES Defensive Driving Course - Driving Instructor
- > The Driving Connection: Precision Driver for various auto manufacturers, film & TV, commercials
- > Orange County Race Craft (OCRC) - Performance Driving Instructor
- > TraKnights 24 Hours of Lemons/ Chumpcar World Series Team: Team Owner / Driver
- > eprodius**port** - Endurance Racing Team: Team Principal / Team Driver
- > Stunt/ Precision/Performance Driving for Photo and Film/Video/TV/Photo  
 ^ - on-camera history available upon request
- > Professional driver, facilitator, trainer for various auto manufacturers, promotional events, etc.
- > Professional driver coach: private testing/race coaching

2006 -2009:

- > SIRIUS Satellite Radio Mazda MX-5 Cup Presented by Hankook | Facotry Mazda Team
- > 6-hours of Buttonwillow Presented by AEM: Mazda
- > 25 Hours of Thunderhill 2007: TC Motorsports BMW
- > 25 Hours of Thunderhill 2006 - Hoover Motorsports/Mazda MX-5
- > Grand Am Koni Challenge: Mazda MX-5 (ST class)
- > Fastlane Racing School: Driving Instructor
- > Marlboro Hot Laps Motorsports Program: Professional Driver / Instructor
- > Marlboro-Penske Drift Program: Professional Driver
- > Marlboro Off Road Experience | Hummer H1 : Professional Driver / Instructor
- > Kyle Mohan Racing: Team Driver - Formula Drift Pro-Am Series
- > National/Regional SCCA/NASA club racing competition
- > Professional driver, facilitator, trainer for various auto manufacturers
- > Team International Allstars Mazda MX-5 Drift Team: Team Driver
- > Long Beach Grand Prix: Formula Drift | Team Drift Competition
- > Mazda Grand Prix of Portland: Formula Drift | Team Drift Competition
- > ESX Motorsports/Aston Martin Driving Program: Professional Driver / Instructor
- > Executive-Drive Corporate Driving Programs: Professional Driver / Instructor
- > Speed Gallery Driving Schools/Track Days: Professional Driving Instructor
- > Fastlane Racing School: Driving Instructor
- > Defensive Driving Academy - Driving Instructor
- > 360 Performance Driving Academy – Performance Driving Instructor
- > Orange County Race Craft (OCRC) - Performance Driving Instructor



- > Professional driver coach: private testing/race coaching
- > Stunt/ Precision/Performance Driving for Photo and Film/Video/TV/Photo

2003 - 2005:

- > Marlboro Hot Laps Motorsports Program: Professional Driver / Instructor
- > '05 25 Hours of Thunderhill: Team Driver: Mazda Factory Team
- > SPEED World Challenge Touring Car Series: Team Tindol Motorsports: #95 Mazda Protege
- > Pacific Nights Endurance Series: 2004 Champion
- > Mazdaspeed Miata Cup Presented by Hankook Tires
- > Team Driver: SDAR Racing - Mazdaspeed Miata Cup/Spec Miata
- > Team Driver ('03/'04/'05): Circuit City/Protomotive Mazdaspeed Miata Cup/Endurance/Spec Miata
- > 25 Hours of Thunderhill: Team Circuit City/Protomotive ('03/'04)
- > Driving Instructor: California Sports Car Club
- > Stunt/ Precision/Performance Driving for Photo and Film/Video/TV/Photo

1999 - 2002:

- > Spec RX-7 (Mazda RX-7), Points leader in 2002 (So. Cal & Las Vegas Regions) - 30 podium finishes, 12 wins, 2 track records
- > Spec Miata competition: 2 poles/2 wins (in 2 races entered)
- > Pacific Nights Endurance Series: 7 podiums/5 wins
- > Mazdaspeed Cup: Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca
- > Spec Miata Challenge Pro Series

1995-1998:

- > YARD Racing - vintage auto racing team: Team Driver / Car Chief
- > SVRA Vintage Road Racing: B-Production Corvette, B-production Shelby Mustang GT-350, Lola T-70, Porsche 911, Brabham BT-23 Formula 2
- > Driving Instructor: Porsche Club of America
- > Touring Car Club Road Racing Association (TCCRRA): BMW 318i (4 poles, 5 wins)
- > Attended the Jim Russel Racing School at Infineon Raceway Sears Point
- > SCCA Solo competition: 15 wins
- > Team member: Saleen Allen Speedlab Racing: SCCA Pro - World Challenge Series

1986 - 1991:

- > 4-cycle go-karts

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Owner of erodius inc. \_ media design/development company - [www.erodius.com](http://www.erodius.com)

Professional Marketing & Management skills/experience

Musician \_ drummer of 23 years

Cycling \_ Road & Mountain biking

Snow Skier

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**References Furnished Upon Request**