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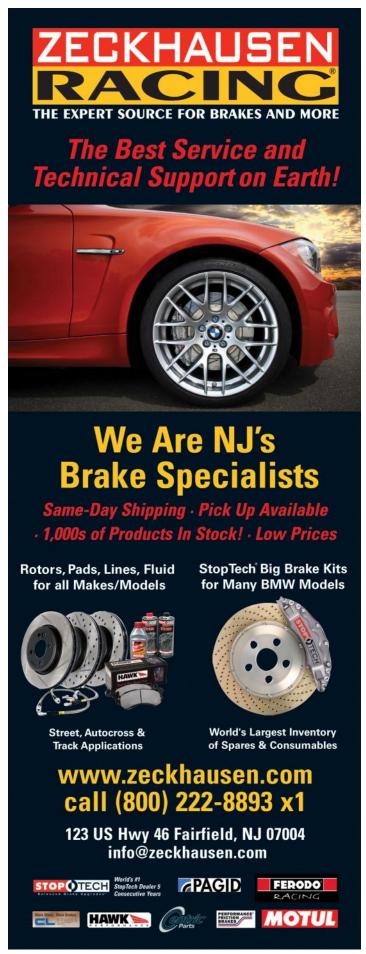
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President's Column By Jeff Caldwell

You're going to do what?

Hi everyone, hope you all had a wonderful summer and enjoyed some time off with family and friends. Undoubtedly, many of you took to the roads in your BMWs, whether it be heading to the shore, rushing to the airport to catch a flight for vacation, or simply going for a cruise with the top down. By the time this news bulletin reaches you, Labor Day will be in the rearview and we'll all be starting to focus on the new school year, cooler temps and the oh so ubiquitous pumpkin latte at Starbucks. You know, the hot and savory coffee drink you love to consume while on the way to work. There it sits, safely ensconced in the cup holder of your precious BMW, just waiting to be enjoyed. You can almost taste it right now. But wait, will you be able to indulge in this treat or one like it for much longer?

I was driving home the other day and listening to a call-in show on the radio. The host was talking about a new "Dunkin Donuts law" whereby the police in NJ could pull you over for drinking coffee while driving. Resulting fines of up to \$800 could be imposed for multiple offenses. Of course this seems far-fetched, but as law enforcement focuses more and more on revenue generation, it's really not terribly outside reality. In fact, there is a NJ lawmaker who has proposed a bill on distracted driving that includes "anything which takes your focus from the road or operating the vehicle safely". That's a pretty big brush to paint with. The aforementioned "Dunkin Donuts law" seeks to give police the authority to stop anyone they feel is distracted from the road. This could be drinking coffee, changing the radio station, reaching for your sunglasses, or any number of things you do while driving. Despite many of the callers into the radio show screaming that this proposed law is an invasion of their rights, it does bring up an interesting topic. What is distracted driving and how can we curtail it?

Like many of the angry callers to the radio show, I find the coffee law preposterous. I don't think any rational person believes we should ban coffee or changing the radio station in a car. However, there are things we can change. The NJ Division of Highway Safety states "distracted driving is a dangerous epidemic on New Jersey's roadways. Driver inattention has been a major contributing factor in nearly 800,000 motor vehicle crashes in the state from 2010 to 2014 and nationwide, 3,179 were killed in distracted driving crashes in 2014 alone." Think about that for a moment. If the numbers are correct, they are staggering. 800,000 crashes in NJ over a five year period due to distracted driving.

If I were to guess on the major cause of distraction it would be cell phone use. I am continually amazed at how many people are texting, reading email or posting on social media while driving. Recently I made it a point to pay attention as I drove to and from work on how many people I saw either talking on the phone without a hands-free device (illegal in NJ) or looking down at their phones. I did not include those I saw texting or posting while sitting at a light. I am referring to the blatant use of a phone while the vehicle is underway. It was astounding. Without hard numbers I would say half

or more of the people I saw were using their handheld devices while driving. HALF. That's crazy. We have to find a way as drivers to put the phones down and concentrate on the road. Despite what you may think, even glancing down for a second can put your life or the life of those around you in danger. Be honest. How many of you have been rolling along, glanced down for a second, only to look up and see the car in front of you is braking and you have to "panic stop"? Seriously, be honest. I know you have done it at least once. I have. We all have. Maybe you've even rear-ended someone. Perhaps it was worse. Do you still look at your phone? It shouldn't take an accident or near accident for us to realize this is dangerous behavior and it needs to stop.

Let me give you an example. As many of you know the NJ Chapter puts on Teen Street Survival driving schools for young drivers. As part of the exercises, we set up a slalom course of traffic cones. We first have the teens weave through the cones with no distractions. After they have done the course several times we ask them to take out their phones and text someone while negotiation the cone slalom. Without fail they hit most of the cones, drive erratically and don't have complete control of the vehicle. Remember this is low speed, maybe 25-30 mph and they are hitting cones. Those could be kids in your neighborhood. Imagine as well how much speed magnifies the danger. If you are doing 80 mph on the Parkway at rush hour and texting your spouse about dinner when the car in front of you checks up on the brakes you will be in their trunk before you know what happened. It's not worth it!

So, what can you do to curtail distracted driving and make the roads safer? First thing is get a hands-free device or enable the Bluetooth in your BMW. Second thing is to put the phone in your glovebox, purse or bag. Taking away the temptation to check Instagram one more time or text your buddy about the Yankee game is paramount. If you can't reach it you won't use it. Also important is setting a good example for your kids. They look up to you and emulate what you do. If you talk on the phone and text while driving, they will think it's ok and do the same. Simply telling them not to do it is not enough. Teens and young drivers are probably the most important group for us to reach as they are most tied to their devices. Good behavior starts early and it starts with you. Please put the phone down. I'm not asking you to give up your latte or Wawa coffee. What I am asking is for you to be cognizant of distractions while driving and to do your best to minimize them. We all know BMWs are very safe cars. Don't test those safety systems because you had to "LOL" at something on Facebook. Save that for home and put that beautiful bimmer back in the garage without a scratch. Put you at home without a scratch. That's much more important than the cat meme you just shared. Trust me.

Have a wonderful fall, enjoy the season change and have a great time driving!

Bimmers & Brauts

On brilliantly sunny and extra warm Sunday, June 12th, BMW of Bridgewater sponsored a "Bimmers and Brauts" event at the dealership. Matt Kimple, Service Manager and a long-time Chapter member, and Dionne Baksh, Manager of Customer Retention were key to organize this gathering of BMW enthusiasts.

BMWs of all shapes, sizes and vintages were on display, much to the delight of attendees. Cars included Isettas, 2002s (ranging from Rich Kiceniuk's multi-color race car to a 2002 Turbo), '70's coupes, E30 M3s, the latest M3s, 1-, 2- and 8-series, Z4s and even extending to an impeccable Porsche 356 convertible. The crowd included longtime club members, new members and customers of Bridgewater BMW, as well as dealership staff.

We thank BMW of Bridgewater for this great event; it was both entertaining and educational.





Philes' Forum By Vic Lucariello, Sr.

Hello, bimmerphiles! I hope you are enjoying the hot NJ Summer. I be required. However, in many cases, the following procedure has write this at our new place in Colorado. This time out I talk about a been proven to reduce or eliminate the problem, especially if the problem that I have seen on many OBD II [1996 and newer] Bimmers. The problem presents itself as a misfire, on one or more cylinders, shortly after a cold start. The "Check Engine" indication [Official OBD II Name: Malfunction Indicator Lamp, or MIL] comes on and sometimes flashes. If the engine is shut off and restarted, the misfire is gone and the engine runs seemingly perfectly until the next cold start, or maybe the following cold start. The MIL goes off. Sound familiar?

In some cases, the problem begins with an occasional misfire or rough running after a cold start, with or without the MIL. As the engine warms up, things smooth out. The problem becomes more frequent and severe over time, finally getting to the point where you need to stop and restart the engine in order to clear the misfire and get the MIL to go off.

What the heck is OBD II, you may ask? Well, OBD II stands for On Board Diagnostics, Level II, and it has been federally mandated for about twenty years now. OBD II vehicles have sophisticated software that monitors a large number of parameters that can affect exhaust and/or evaporative emissions. Examples of things that are monitored are:

- The vapor integrity of the fuel tank, lines and gas cap
- The signal quality of sensors such as the crankshaft-position sensor
- How efficient the catalytic converter[s] is
- The response of the oxygen and/or fuel/air-ratio sensors
- Whether the engine is running rich or lean
- Whether the VANOS is properly positioning the camshafts
- How smoothly the engine is running

In monitoring how smoothly the engine is running [This is called the Misfire Monitor, and BMW calls it the "Smooth Running" monitor.] the engine-control computer [DME in BMW-Speak] looks at minute changes in crankshaft rotational speed and acceleration every time a cylinder fires. The DME can detect if a cylinder is not contributing as much as it should, and if the contribution is below a threshold, the MIL comes on. If the contribution is below another threshold, the fuel injector for that cylinder is deactivated in order to protect the catalytic converter from being damaged by unburned fuel. The cylinder will remain deactivated until the engine is stopped and restarted. If the cylinder is still misfiring, its injector is again deactivated and the MIL stays on. If the cylinder contribution is acceptable, the MIL goes off and the cylinder remains in service.

If you have read this far, you are seeing how OBD II monitoring can be involved in the problem we are discussing. But what can cause a cold-start-only misfire on an otherwise perfectly running Bavarian Work of Engine Art?

A lot of things can, but most if not all of them will also affect the warm running of the engine. You may not perceive a problem with the warm running, but examination of the running data [another OBD II feature] in the DME will usually contain a clue. But that is a topic for a future Philes' Forum.

A common cause of a cold-start misfire, cylinder deactivation and MIL illumination is a sticking valve or sticking hydraulic lifter. What happens is that an intake or exhaust valve fails to close fully, thereby reducing the compression pressure in that cylinder below what is necessary for ignition. Believe me, a lot of parts have been thrown at this problem, both by individuals and shops. Moreover, the problem is difficult to diagnose because the symptom is sometimes so fleeting.

Depending on the severity of the problem, engine disassembly may

symptom has recently presented itself:

- Put some Marvel Mystery Oil, CRC Valvekleen, or the snake oil of your choice in your crankcase. Some techs use ATF, but I like the CRC stuff. While you are at it, check your oil level. On Bimmers without a dipstick, this is done via the instrument panel. See your owner manual.
- Warm the engine up by driving slowly and at low RPM.
- Get on the highway where you can maintain a steady speed for, say, a half-hour. This may be difficult and you may have to do this at night or on a Sunday morning.
- Select your transmission gear such that the engine is running at about 4000 RPM or so and you are not exceeding the speed
- After running like this for a half-hour, change the oil and filter while everything is still hot. The idea is not to let the oil cool off.

How to prevent the problem in the first place? I'm glad you asked. Use a high-quality "synthetic" oil of the correct viscosity and change it more frequently than suggested by your on-board maintenance reminder. In selecting your oil, consider using oil right from your BMW dealer. Use an OE-quality oil filter. While used-oil analyses are the only real way to determine the optimal oil-change interval for your particular oil and driving, sometimes it is better simply to put the oil-analysis cost towards an oil change. For some time now, I have been recommending an oil-change interval of, at most, about half of what your maintenance reminder suggests. If you do a lot of short-trip driving, a third of the maintenance-reminder interval may be better.

I hesitate to recommend a particular oil, because seemingly everyone has one that they just know to be the best. But I can tell you that I have had great success for many years with BMW oil, Mobil 1, Lubro-Moly [now Liqui-Moly], and Redline.

That's all for now, bimmerphiles. See you next time.

Anyone wishing to contribute to Philes' Forum can contact me at I'm interested in tech tips, repair / vic.sr@njbmwcca.org. maintenance questions, repair horror stories, emissions-inspection sagas, product evaluations, etc.

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New Jersey BMW CCA Board Meeting Minutes

July 27, 2016

Board members present: Jeff Caldwell, Jeff White, Bob Isbitski, Jerry Faber, Dave Allaway, Neil Gambony, Colin Vozeh, Vic Lucariello, Jr. Board members absent: Ron Gemeinhardt, Ross Karlin, John Gyorfy, Marc Goeller. Others present: Elihu Savad, Stan Mayer, Brian Morgan, Warren Brown, Paul Ngai, Larry Engel.

President

Jeff Caldwell called the meeting to order at 7:27 PM at Alfonso's in Somerville. Jeff motioned to accept the June minutes as distributed and Jeff White seconded (carried unanimously). Jeff noted that the Summit Point school/race was a success, although hot, and that the Deutscher Club of Clark (DCC) Biergarten had a good turnout despite wet weather. The Show & Shine at DCC will be August 18th (to be confirmed). Jeff will get an e-mail blast out on this, and on the August 21st autocross. There was a discussion on placing all sponsor logos at the bottom of the website home page. As an agreed alternative, Colin will have larger rotating sponsor logos at a different location on the page.

Vice President

Jeff Caldwell noted that Marc is in Europe and has no report. It was noted that there will be an event at Circle BMW on October 8th with a show & shine, German food truck, German band, etc. (not our event).

Driving Events

Neil Gambony has Rally Masters for the Whack Your Turkey Rally (Dave Allaway and Deb Kolar). This will be a charity event for a local food bank. Jeff White reported that the Summit Point race/school was full, including 33 racers. It was a clean event and should be well in the black. Thanks were given to VAC Motorsports for the event shirts. We are still seeking sponsors, at all levels, for the September NJMP advanced driver school. It was decided that, due to one-time track restrictions, we would have no formal on-site tech for this school. It was noted that Ross Karlin is attending an Instructor Training School in Iowa, as an observer/mentor.

Autocross

Elihu Savad reported that our July court date at Holmdel Township has been postponed by the township to August 29th, to allow them additional time to review our request for dismissal. We have an autocross scheduled for August 21st at the NJ Expo Center, which unfortunately competes with other organizations? autocrosses on that day. Our July 17th autocross had 36 participants. We would like to do one more autocross in September or October, but no dates are currently available.

Treasure

Jeff Caldwell distributed the current financials from Ron Gemeinhardt. Bob Isbitski has purchased two good quality pop-up canopies with our logo.

Business Manager

Jeff Caldwell reported, on Matt Baratz's behalf, that our ad revenue is \$5,200 for the first half of the year. It was noted that Neil Gambony's business is a new sponsor. Bergen Smile Confidence has renewed. At their request, Matt did the layout for the BMW of Bridgewater full back-page ad.

Newsletter Editor

Jerry Faber is going ahead with four additional color pages for the next quarterly Bulletin. Jeff White will provide a Driver School recap with photos. Colin will supply photos from the BMW of Bridgewater event. We have a great photo from NJMP Lightning with the Westlake School students and sponsor logo, which we must publish. Marc Goeller was assigned to provide the DCC Biergarten and BMW of Bridgewater write-ups. John Gyorfy will provide the Hopewell Valley Vineyards write-up. Pul is doing the Lime Rock (Northeast Grand Prix) write-up. Jerry has promotional material from the BMW Foundation which we can publish as a non-cash donation. Jeff Caldwell is doing an article on car safety systems. Larry will provide text on the Tire Rack Street Survival schools and Jerry has Dom Millano's photos. The Whack Your Turkey Rally will also be publicized.

Website

Colin Vozeh has added a photo gallery, as required by National.

Members-at-Large

Bob Isbitski reported that BimmerFest East is coming up this weekend (July 30th-31st). Bob has eight volunteers across both days. We receive six event tickets with our booth and he will purchase two more. Approximately \$200 in incidental expenses are anticipated. The new pop-up canopies will be delivered tomorrow.

Old Business

At Jeff White's request, the car scales will be separated from the chapter toolbox and will no longer be loaned out. There was discussion on placing the scales, autocross and other event equipment in a storage locker. Jamie Kavalieros will follow up on this.

New Business

Larry Engel noted that registration will open on Friday (July 29th) for the next Tire Rack Street Survival School, with capacity for 32 students. The next board meeting was set for 7:30 PM on Wednesday, August 31st at Alfonso's. Jeff White motioned to adjourn at 8:40 PM and Neil Gambony seconded (carried unanimously).

Respectfully submitted, Dave Allaway, Secretary

NEW JERSEY CHAPTER BMW CCA BYLAWS

ARTICLE I—PURPOSES

Section 1. The purposes of this corporation are, to the extent permitted by law, to promote interest in the BMW automobile and in driving activities to encourage safe and skilled driving and to conduct classes, publish literature, and organize activities related to driving.

Section 2. The activities of this corporation shall not be conducted for pecuniary profit. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of any person having a personal or private interest in the activities of the corporation.

ARTICLE II-AFFILIATION

Section 1. This corporation is a subsidiary organization of the BMW Car Club of America Inc., a Massachusetts corporation, and subscribes generally to the purposes and activities of that corporation. Section 2. Notwithstanding the above, this corporation shall have complete freedom and discretion to carry on its activities as it sees fit, except as limited by its Certificate of Incorporation, its Bylaws, and by law.

ARTICLE III-MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. All persons owning BMW automobiles and all persons having an active interest in BMW automobiles are eligible for membership. Prospective members must make an application to the National Office.

ARTICLE IV-ELECTIONS

Section 1. All members in good standing are eligible to hold office, to nominate candidates for office, and to vote for candidates for office.

Written notice of candidacy must be provided to the secretary by the date of the Chapter Executive Board Meeting preceding the election. The date will be announced in a chapter newsletter to be delivered to the membership at least one week prior to the board meeting.

Should no nomination for a given position be received by the deadline, the Board's secretary wil accept nominations until one week prior to the election. After that date, if no candidate has beer identified, the board may appoint an eligible member to the position.

Section 2. The election of officers shall be by secret written ballot of the members at the December general meeting. Officers elected will be installed as of January 1st following the election.

Section 3. If a vacancy occurs between election dates, the vacancy will be filled by a member appointed by a majority vote of the Executive Board.

Article V-OFFICERS

Section 1. There will be eight elected officers, including a President, Vice President, Director of Driving Events, Director of Social Events, Secretary, Treasurer, and two Members-at-Large.

Section 2. The Executive Board shall be comprised of the elected officers of the Corporation, the Chapter Newsletter Editor, the Chapter Webmaster, and two Members-at-Large appointed by the elected officers.

Section 3. All Executive Board members shall hold office for a period of one year.

Section 4. The officers shall have the following duties:

A. President. The President shall be the chief executive officer of the corporation and he/she shall preside at all meetings of the Executive Board and of the members. He/she may sign, in the name of the corporation, contracts or other instruments authorized either generally or specifically by the Executive Board, and he/she shall have general supervision of the affairs of the corporation.

B. The Vice President shall, in the absence of the President, officiate at all meetings. He/she is responsible for arranging, Scheduling, and coordinating programs for general membership meetings. He/she shall perform these and such other duties, and have such authority as from time to time shall be delegated to him/her by the

President or the Executive board. In the absence of the President or in the event of his/her death, disability, or refusal to act, the Vice President shall perform the duties and be vested with the authority of the President.

C. Director of Driving Events. The Director of Driving Events, with the guidance of the Executive Board, is responsible for organizing, scheduling, and coordinating all Chapter driving events, including autocrosses, driving schools, rallies, and other events designated by the Executive Board. He/she is responsible for keeping a record of points accumulated by members in the Chapter's Championship Series.

D. Director of Social Events. The Director of Social Events, with the guidance of the Executive Board, is responsible for organizing and coordinating social activities of the Chapter, including banquets, picnics, and/or other activities agreed upon by the Executive Board.

E. Secretary. The Secretary shall cause notices of all meetings to be served as prescribed in these Bylaws and shall keep Minutes of all Executive Board meetings. He/she shall have charge of the corporate records of the corporation. He/she may attest to the execution of contracts or other instruments signed in the name of the corporation which are authorized and proper in the conduct of its business.

- F. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall have the custody of the funds and securities of the corporation and shall keep or cause to be kept regular books of account for the corporation. He/she shall account to the President whenever he/she may require, concerning his/her transactions as Treasurer and concerning the financial condition of the corporation.
- ${\sf G.}$ Members-at-Large. Members-at-Large will perform such duties as may be assigned them by the Executive Board.
- H. Chapter Newsletter Editor. The Chapter Newsletter Editor will edit the chapter's newsletter and will administer production and distribution of the newsletter. The Editor will be appointed by the board at its first meeting following the election.
- I. Chapter Webmaster. The Chapter Webmaster will update and maintain the chapter's web site. The Webmaster will be appointed by the board at its first meeting following the election.

Section 5. An officer may be removed with or without cause by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a special meeting of the corporation, provided that notice of the proposed vote shall be given to all members in the manner provided by these Bylaws.

ARTICLE VI-MEETINGS

Section 1. Meetings of the corporation shall be called by the President or Executive board whenever necessary or suitable to the activities of the corporation.

Section 2. The Executive Board shall meet at such times as they may by majority vote determine, or at the call of the President.

Section 3. The Secretary, or his/her appointee, shall notify all members of every meeting of the corporation by written notice, mailed postpaid to each member at least five days before the date of the meeting.

Section 4. Sixty members of record shall constitute a quorum at a general membership meeting of the corporation, and one-half of the Executive Board members shall constitute a quorum at a meeting of the Executive Board.

Section 5. Robert's Rules of Order (Revised) shall be the parliamentary authority of the corporation.

Section 6. The annual meeting of the members for the election of officers and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting shall be held in December of each year, as determined by the Executive Board. Notice of the time, place and purpose of such meeting shall be given as provided in Section 3, preceding.

ARTICLE VII-CORPORATE POWERS

Section 1. Except as otherwise provided herein, the Executive Board shall exercise all powers of management of the corporation.

Section 2. The Executive Board may appoint committees as it sees fit, and may delegate to the President the power to appoint committees.

Section 3. It shall be the policy of the Executive Board to consult the members on any matters concerning the general welfare and conduct of the corporation, but failure to do so shall not affect any action taken by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VIII—PERSONAL LIABILITY

Section 1. All persons or corporations extending credit to, contracting with, or having any claim against the corporation shall look only to the funds and property of the corporation for the payment of any debt, damages, or judgment, or decree, or any other money that may become due and payable to them from the corporation, so that neither members of the Chapter nor its Executive board shall be personally liable therefor.

board shall be personally liable therefor.

Section 2. The Corporation shall indemnify any and all persons who may serve or who have served at any time as directors or officers, Newsletter Editor, Webmaster, Driver School Chairperson, and/or non-officers who serve as officials at Chapter events or functions and their respective heirs, administrators, successors, and assigns, against any and all expenses, including amounts paid upon judgments, counsel fees and amounts paid in settlement (before or after suit is commenced), actually and necessarily incurred by such person in connection with the defense or settlement of any claim, action suit, or proceeding in which they are a party, or which may be asserted against them or any of them, by reason of being or having been directors or officers of the Corporation, except in relation to matters as to which any such director of officer or former director or officer shall be adjudged in any action, suit, or proceedings to be liable for own negligence or misconduct in the performance of his/her duty. Such indemnification shall be in addition to any rights to which those indemnified may be entitled under any law, bylaw, agreement, vote of stockholders, or otherwise.

ARTICLE IX-AMENDMENTS

Section 1. These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a general membership meeting. Notice of said meetings shall contain the subject matter of the proposed changes. The Executive Board or any ten members may cause the Secretary to include such information in the notice to members.

NJ BMW CCA Championship Rules

- Autocross points are awarded by finish within class according to a set autocross point structure, regardless of the number of entries in a particular class.
- Points for all other types of competition events are awarded by a set point structure according upon the total number of official events in the event.
- One event from the entire calendar of events must be dropped from the point total for each participant. For example, if a particular year's schedule of events includes 10 events, a maximum of 9 events would be counted in the final tabulation.
- Points are awarded per event regardless of an entrant's BMW CCA membership, but an individual must be a NJ Chapter BMW CCA member to place in the final point standings. Non-members may join at any point during the season.
- When a tiebreaker must be applied, the rule of application shall be a comparison of the number of top finishes. For example, the participant with the highest total number of first place finishes shall win the tie. If the number of first place finishes is equal, then the highest total number of second place finishes shall win the tie, and so on until the tie is broken.
- Both driver and navigator score equal points in rally events.
- A rallymaster and co-rallymaster score points equal to a third place finish in a rally event for organizing and planning the rally event.
- A rally team need not complete a rally route to gain minimum points for entering the rally.
- Motorcycles may participate in rally events, but neither for official finish placement, nor for Championship Series points.
- If a car with more than two adults enters a rally, those adults shall receive equal points for their rally placement if and only if the rally has a special class for such entries. If the rally does not have such a class then the adults in the car will not receive any Championship Series points for their finish.

Points for autocrosses are awarded using the Autocross point schedule according to finish for each class, regardless of the number of entries in the autocross or any particular class.

Autocross Events Point Schedule

1≥ place	10 points
2 nd place	8 points
3rd place	6 points
4th place	5 points
5th place	4 points
6th place	3 points

Non-Autocross Events Point Schedule (10 entrants or less)

1st place	10 points
2nd place	8 points
3rd place	6 points
4th place	5 points
5th place	4 points
6th place	3 points

Non-Autocross Events Point Schedule (11 entrants or more)

1st place	20 points
2nd place	15 points
3rd place	12 points
4th place	10 points
5th place	9 points
6th place	8 points
7th place	7 points
8th place	6 points
9th place	5 points
10th place	4 point
All others	3 point



The Rahal Story By Dom Miliano

You would think that a rainy Saturday afternoon at a cold Mario, Pennsylvania race track would be a recipe for, at best, a head cold contort and damp shoes. However, add a cub reporter, a receding hairline, on the thick glasses and a gap-toothed smile and you have the makings for Andret the Best Bobby Rahal Story I know.

Paraphrasing Dickens in A Christmas Carol, this story only makes sense if you know that every word is true...

I was sitting in the Marlboro tent at now-defunct Nazareth Speedway during a lengthy practice-session rain delay. As I sipped steamy sponsor coffee, wearing a jaunty Goodyear cap, a young man sat down next to me and introduced himself - let's call him Ralph. "So what do you think of this track?" he asked. As a PCA instructor, I had actually driven the track once so I said it was smooth, easy to learn but hard to master. I didn't notice at first that he scribbled down what I had just said. He then asked, who I thought was going to win the race on Sunday. I said that since Michael Andretti owned the track along with Danny Sullivan, they probably had an edge on the field, but you can never count out Emerson Fittipaldi. I think I added, that he's probably the best driver in the field. That's when I noticed he was furiously writing verbatim what I had just said. Still oblivious, he asked what my plans were for Sunday. I know the weather forecast was not good so, I said that I probably would sleep in and not even bother coming to the track. Now his pencil was scratching double time as he bent over his small journalist notebook. With furrowed brow, the light went on so I asked, sir, exactly who do you think you're talking to? "Well, EVERYBODY knows who you are, Mister Rahal..." was his astonished reply.

The bad cherub on one shoulder whispered in my ear that I should say, "Hey, kid, if you really want a story, let me tell you about

Mario, the three strippers and the double-jointed side-show contortionist at the Holiday Inn at Indy in '88. Then the good angel on the other shoulder dope slapped me and said if I did that, the Andretti clan could have me sleeping with the fishes. They have friends!

Reluctantly, I set the kid straight and he slinked away in total embarrassment - notebook and pencil securely tucked away. On the way home, I decided that to effectively tell the story, I would need a picture of me with Bobby Rahal. The next day, a photographer friend and I hung around after the race by the Rahal pits, camera at the ready, hoping to get the "money shot". Just as the light was failing, Rahal came out from his enclave and we begged for a posed picture. Smiling, Rahal looked at me, looked at the camera, back at me and said, "I get it, look alikes!"

And that's the best Bobby Rahal story I know, but if you have a few minutes, did I ever tell you the one about Mario in 1988? Definitely, NSFW...



Monthly Meeting at the Biergarten By Marc Goeller

For the second year in a row, our Biergarten social event held rest...). In the end, more than 100 votes were cast and quite jointly with our friends from the Deutscher Club started under the predictably, the car that gathered the most votes was Bill Dahn's rain. A lot of rain! As a result, I hit some heavy traffic on my way to Clark and arrived later than I had planned. I was nevertheless extremely happy to see that all the cars that had entered our People's choice concours were neatly parked on the grounds! My thank you and gratitude go to our friend, Heinz Ricken, who took the lead to organize the flow of collector cars as well as the two beautiful rides that BMW of Springfield decided to bring to the party: a new 650i xDrive along with a M235i Convertible (or Cabrio as they say in München....).

Fortunately for all of us, the DC is equipped with an amazing hall that is covered and that protected everybody until the rain eventually tamed. All were able to enjoy the amazing German food and beer that was on tap (not mentioning the delicious and gigantic salty pretzels!!) while listening to some traditional Bavarian music. I used this opportunity to distribute the ballots to the participants so that they could vote for their favorite BMW. As usual, three categories were listed: Vintage class (cars 25 years and older), Motorsport class (including all M models) and Modern class (the

Pumpkin: a lovely 1973 2002 tii model in a stunning Inca Orange livery!!

Another iconic model, one of the pristine first-generation M3 (also known by its E30 code) that was entered by Bob Krieger, won the Motorsport class. For the little back story, our very own Ross Karlin, club racing chair on our board of directors tied Bob in this class with yet another beautiful E30 M3, but was gracious enough to forego the laurels. Thanks Ross!

Biergarten participants confirmed that they are true connoisseurs of the marque, as they lastly selected the car of William (Bill) Dahn in the Modern Class.

All three class winners received a prize donated by our long-time friends from BMW of Springfield. All of us were really the ultimate winners as we enjoyed yet another wonderful night in the great company of fellow BMW enthusiasts. Looking forward to next year's



Photos by Paul Ngai

Hopewell Valley Vineyards, BMW Artwork By John Gyorfy

Presentation by Thom Montanari

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The weather was perfect, the vineyard estate was gorgeous and Thom's presentation very inspiring.

Thom, carefully gave all NJ BMW CCA attendees a full review of his work with BMW and beyond. He also displayed many of his important works of art and gave us a peek into the future of applying his talents. We all had the chance not only to hear and discuss Automobile artwork in detail but also to sample some of the fine wine at this estate.

As a bio summary, the focus of

Thom Montanari's work on automotive subject matter evolved naturally - it is his life-long passion for cars and racing that drives his creativity. His passion got an early start while attending the local antique car show in his Dad's Model B pickup as a young boy. His



Photo by John Gyorfy

many art commissions by many notable clients drives his passion for creativity and art technology application.



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Bimmers & Brauts at BMW of Bridgewater



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2016 IMSA Weathertech Sportscar Championship Northeast Grand Prix BMW CCA Day By Paul Ngai

This year, it was BMW CCA Day at Lime Rock Park for the Northeast Larry and I walked along the paddock area and bumped into Erik Grand Prix. Discount tickets were available to BMW CCA members for the entire race weekend. Over 240 BMW CCA members enjoyed the hospitality tent provided by BMW North America and New Country BMW. It was a hot day so the tent was a nice place to relax and watch the race.

Our new regional VP Lou Ann Shirk was there greeting members as they walked into the tent. Other chapter volunteers were handing out ice cold water all day. (Did I mention It was hot that day?) It was great seeing Larry Engel, our past NJ Chapter President and a few other local chapter members there.

Wensberg and Larry Koch. (Both Erik and Larry were former M Brand Managers for BMW NA.) It was great to catch up with them. We got a chance to look at a lot of nice race cars close up. We even got autographs from the Turner and Weathertech promoters! Lunch, beer and wine were all included. Other than the race, where both of our cars were hit by the Porsche cars, I had a great time. Hope to see you next year.



Autocross



Street Survival

Ex Chief John Keene procured the tanker truck that came to our Street Survival programs in order to spray water to create the skid pad. This tanker truck is due to be retired from service soon.

As a final tribute to his son who passed away recently, Wayne Keene and his family came to our event so he could help man the hose and flow water from this special piece of fire apparatus.

Larry presented our donation check in the son's name - Chief John Keene Memorial Fund.

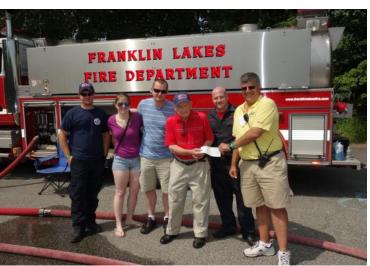


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Street Survival



2016 Driver School Events By Jeff White

Driver Schools and Club Races at NJMP and Summit Point

In June the chapter held its annual Driver School and Club Race to benefit the Westlake School. This year we welcomed Flemington BMW as our primary event sponsor. This year's event was held on Lightning Raceway and was well supported by both driver school and club racer participants. Sixty-eight driver school students and 42 instructors were spread among three student run groups so that everyone had plenty of open track. Thirty-three club racers took the track on Monday for the first race with the second qualifying race on Tuesday morning followed by the feature race on Tuesday afternoon. Thanks to Flemington BMW for providing the i8 pace car for both days as well as plenty of water to keep everyone hydrated.

On Monday evening we held our banquet and charity auction in the Officer's Club at Thunderbolt. Close to \$3,000 was raised through silent auctions with prizes including an i8 RC car (Bridgewater BMW), Watkins Glen race tickets (DelVal chapter) and team shirts (Turner Motorsport) and regular auctions, led by master auctioneer Mo Karamat, of items including "slightly used" race car body work (from Jerry Kaufman's Daytona car and from Turner Motorsports), an entry to a future Jeffapalooza event including coaching from James Clay, a child's bike (Morristown BMW) and an adult bicycle (Flemington BMW). Door prizes for participants included watches, shirts, umbrellas, hats, car care products and gift certificates. We want to thank all our sponsors: Flemington BMW, Bridgewater BMW, Morristown BMW, Circle BMW, VAC Motorsports, Turner Motorsport, Bimmer-World and TireRack.

On Tuesday, we marked the highlight of the event when the students and staff of Westlake School visited. On their arrival, everyone was presented with a shirt and gift bag from Flemington BMW. Students and staff were treated to parade laps on the track in a colorful and multi-marque set of participant cars and then the students enjoyed watching the spirited feature race. See Brian Morgan's article in the Roundel for a full race report. The students then helped out with the trophy presentations before heading back home.

Thanks to everyone who came out to make this a great event and thanks also to our race stewards (Barry Kaplan, Bruce Smith and Larry Fletcher), Tech workers and pit out workers. Without our volunteers none of this would be possible.

In July we held the 3rd Annual Geoff Atkinson Memorial Driver School and Club at Summit Point Motorsports Park on the Main Circuit. For those of you who may not have known Geoff, he was an instructor, ITS mentor, club racer and all-around great guy who contributed much to the NJ chapter and we take this event as a way to celebrate all he brought to us. This was a sold-out event with 69 driver school students, 40 instructors and 32 club racers. All participants and volunteers were challenged by the heat and humidity of the weekend. In fact, driver school students were asked to run their A/C during their track time to help keep both students and instructors cooled down! Despite the challenges, all the school sessions and all 3 races

were incident-free. Our race stewards (Bruce Lummis, Todd Massagee and Larry Fletcher) made sure the racers were well looked after. Once again, look for a full race report from Brian Morgan in the Roundel.

On Saturday evening we held our traditional track-side BBQ buffet including a very nice Kolsch beer from a local brewery (Escutcheon in Winchester, VA). Thanks to on-site payments from a number of BBQ guests we were able to raise an additional \$300 for Westlake. Special thanks also go to VAC Motorsports for their sponsorship of the event.

As this issue of the Bulletin hits your mailbox we will be very close to our special event at NJMP Thunderbolt. On Friday and Saturday Sep. 16-17, the NJ Chapter will be the host of a special advanced driver school and Club Race in support of the NASCAR K&N Pro Series East race. This is the first time NASCR has come to NJMP and they asked us to participate! The driver school is open to solo advanced driver school students and instructors only. There will be 3 hours of track time on Friday and an additional hour on Saturday. The registration price also includes a VIP ticket that provides a special viewing area and BBQ buffet during the day on Saturday. The club racing portion will feature a warm-up, qualifying and a single sprint race on Friday afternoon and then warm-up, a qualifying race on Saturday morning and then the feature race in the afternoon just before the NASCAR race. This is a tremendous opportunity for Club Racing: two days of racing at a professional race series event. This is the chance to showcase Club Racing to an audience that may not be familiar with what we do: sports car racing that has cars in different classes on the track. For other fans, this is a chance to see where current racers such as Will Turner, Bill Auberlen, James Clay, Jeff Segal and our own Jerry Kaufman started. For our participants, we get to see the up and coming NASCAR racers of the future, and maybe teach them a thing or two about road course racing. We are also planning a special car corral for club member spectators - be sure to watch for announcements on the website and in chapter email blasts. This will be a unique event.

We wrap-up the season on Oct. 8-9 on the Shenandoah Circuit at Summit Point. Shenandoah is a small and fun event. A great time of year to be in West Virginia, small run groups, a paddock where everyone is close, skid pad for two days, a track walk and, most importantly, a chance to practice virtually every type of turn you will ever encounter on a race track. Driving Shenandoah will make you a better driver on every other track you visit. Come on down.

Registration for both the Thunderbolt event and Shenandoah is open on Motorsportreg.com, just click on the logo on the chapter website home page.

We'll see you at the track.

Jeff White

Autocross and More By Elihu Savad

11 runs. The timing system with its new cordless sensors allows sometimes hard to recognize the bloodlines under the bulging course layouts with more flexibility some pretty fast lines. This was a great learning experience for drivers and we usually give you more a much-modified E30 M3; I can safely say that it is "not original". "seat time" than at larger venues.

The BMW participants are entered in our annual Championship Series, which give points for each event, and the year's winner gets their name on our perpetual cup. The current standings, which show a tight race among the top five, can be seen on our website under "Driving Events - Results".

There are only 3 autocrosses listed and there is still time for points from the Whack Your Turkey rally and Pinewood Derby to completely change things. See Page 6 for Championship Rules and Points. See Page 10 for photos.

Our autocross event on July 17th had 30 cars participating; each got There were some pretty "wild things" at Bimmerfest. It was



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Balance Sheet

Assets	
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Inventory	0.00
Equipment	0.00
Accounts Receivable	0.00
Prepaid Expenses/Deposits	1500.00

Total Assets

Liabilities & Equity Accounts Payable Other 0.00 Equity/Retained Farnings 100642.88 Total Liabilities & Equity 100642 88

Income Statement

Membership Dues Rebates from National Advertising Revenue Driving School Fees 11870.00 126071.00 Autocross Fees Other Event Fees 2665.00 4620.35 80.00 17.08 Merchandise Sales Interest Misc./Other Total Income 204067.01

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Misc./Other Income

Cash donations to charity	6516.90
Street Survival Rebates/CCC	2014.81
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Total:	8531.71

Misc./Other Expenses

Street Survival/CCC	2209.61
Instructors seminar	825.94
Charitable donations	8535.00
Income tax	679.65
New member expenses	1478.50
Web site & electronic media	304.49
Oktoberfest 2015	4713.23
Bank fees & Other	639.28
Total:	19385.7

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NJ CHAPTER CALENDAR

September 2016
Friday/Saturday, 16th/17th
Special advanced driver school to be run
in conjunction with the CCA Club Race.
This Club Race is part of the support
race series for the NASCAR K&N Pro Series East race.

Thursday, 22th 6:30PM Show n' Shine and Swap meeting at the Deutscher Club in Clark, NJ.

October 2016 Saturday, 8th at 10AM-3PM Oktoberfest Show & Shine at Circle BMW. See website for details.

November 2016Sunday, 20th
Whack Your Turkey Rally. See website for details as we get closer to date.

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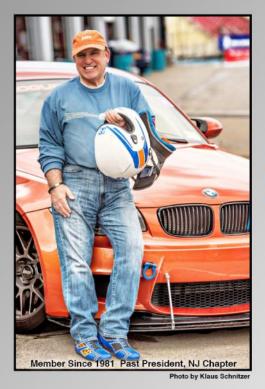
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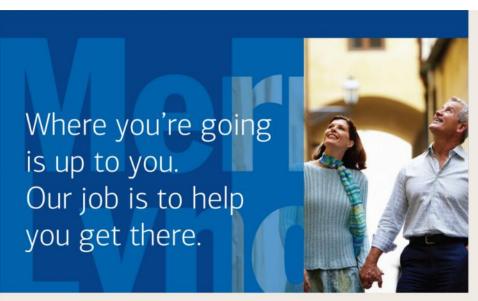






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