

**New Jersey Chapter of BMW CCA Board Meeting
April 11, 2012**

Board members present: Larry Engel, Jeff White, Ron Gemeinhardt, Ross Karlin, Jerry Faber, Doug Feigel, Paul Ngai, Al Drugos, Neil Gambony, Dave Allaway. Board members absent: Colin Vozeh. Others present: Vic Lucariello, Elihu Savad, Ron Acher.

President

Larry Engel called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM at Alfonso's in Somerville. Neil Gambony moved to accept the March minutes as distributed and Al Drugos seconded (carried unanimously). Larry reported on the TireRack Street Survival (TSS) school scheduled for Sunday 6/10 at Campgaw Reservation. Registration opened yesterday. We do not have a signed contract with Bergen County yet. A 9/30 TSS school is also scheduled. Larry noted that no action has been taken on the proposed NJ Chapter store. Larry reported that NJ Chapter membership is starting to climb again, up to more than 2,700, and he would like to focus on that in 2012.

Vice-President

Paul Ngai thanked Flemington BMW for sponsoring the BMW Vehicle Distribution Center tour. The feedback received was all positive. The next monthly meeting will be Wednesday 4/18 at the Park Avenue BMW aftersales facility in South Hackensack, with guest speaker Richard Hart, Aftersales Regional Manager for BMW NA. RSVP is via e-mail to Park Avenue BMW. The May meeting will be Movie Night at Unique Photo on Wednesday 5/23. The Biergarten and Car Show at Deutscher Club of Clark (DCC) will be Friday 6/8. The June BMW NA meeting is not yet finalized, with Friday 6/1 the only available date. Ross will extend invitations to the NJMP Thunderbolt race/school to the National Board Members. A July meeting at Prestige BMW is tentative, with DCC on Thursday 7/19 as an alternate. There will be no meeting in August. The September meeting will be at JMK BMW on Thursday 9/27, topic to be determined.

Treasurer

Ron Gemeinhardt distributed the year-to-date financial reports (income & expense and balance sheet). Ron noted the purchase of additional cones for Woodbridge, and new helmets, with a question on categorization. The NJ Chapter financial report was submitted to National on time. Ron is working on the tax returns for 5/15.

Social Events

Al Drugos asked for membership distribution by county, in preparation for the 2013 banquet. Al will ask TD Ballpark to save us a row for a Ballpark Night. Jerry Faber suggested a possible wine-tasting venue for August.

Newsletter

Jerry distributed sample copies of the April newsletter which should be showing up in mailboxes soon. Jerry asked about adding four pages for next month, and this remained undecided. This month's deadline is the 20th. We are still awaiting a response from High Point Insurance (Plymouth Rock) regarding a newsletter insert. There was a discussion on accepting editorial content from non-sponsoring businesses. Our policy has been to omit any business names.

Website

No report. It was noted that the website has been stable.

Business Manager

Doug Feigel reported that All In The Details in Morristown has been added as a sponsor. Doug is working on two major renewals.

Driving Events

Jeff reported that the upcoming school at NJMP Lightning is full with a waiting list, with 16 ITS candidates and 52 students. Shirts have been ordered. The event should be profitable by \$1,200 to \$1,500. We have no signed contract for Summit Point Raceway yet.

Autocross

Elihu Savad reported that the membership requirement for our first autocross on 4/22 has been well publicized. Our first Woodbridge event will be on 8/19. We do not have a signed contract with Woodbridge yet, but Elihu will meet with them on 4/13. It was noted that NJSP will probably be observing our first event of the season. Ross Karlin brought a sample of the newly-purchased helmets, prewired for communicators. Ross noted that we have purchased new batteries and antennas for the portable radios.

New Business

Ross displayed a thank-you poster created by students at the Westlake School. The next Board meeting was set for Wednesday 5/9 at Alfonso's. Jeff moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 PM and Al seconded (carried unanimously).

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Allaway, Secretary