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Interview with Rich Brekus

The *NJ Bulletin* is pleased to have an exclusive interview with Richard Brekus, Manager, Product Planning and Strategy for BMW NA. We thank him for his time, his insight, and his support.

Bulletin: Rich, you're a NJ Chapter member. Does that give you a special view of BMW enthusiasts, such as you find at our events?

Brekus: Of course. You know I feel a real bond, a closeness, a common purpose with my fellow chapter members. And that's Mr. Brekus, to you. And don't sit so close to me. Back off.

Bulletin: What can you tell us about the new BMW models we'll be seeing?

Brekus: It is BMW's policy not to discuss future product development plans.

Bulletin: The racing program seems to be going forward, but there certainly have been some bumps in the road, with equipment failures and breakdowns.

Brekus: The equipment has been fine. The engineering has been flawless. The only problems experienced have been caused by alien intervention and sunspot activity, so you really can't fault BMW for that.

Bulletin: Well, we'll continue to show total support and blind faith in BMW's products and racing activities. What else can you tell our readers?

Brekus: It is BMW's policy not to discuss future product development plans.

(Read the important note on page 4.)

President Farber Sleeps Through First Term

The *Bulletin* has learned that NJ Chapter President Hank Farber remained asleep for the majority of his first term. Chapter officers, when asked for their opinions, unanimously stated that there was an amazing lack of controversy at meetings. See picture on page 4.

When finally awakened, a groggy Farber seemed surprised to learn that during this time, the chapter enjoyed many successful events, three of his cars had been wrecked by his sons, and his brother, Fred, had moved to Maine.

Warren Brown Vacationing in Rio de Janeiro

Chapter Treasurer Warren Brown recently sent some vacation photos from Brazil to President Hank Farber. These were in response to a letter Farber sent (forwarded to Brown), in which he asked about the overdue financial reports and notices of unpaid bills that were piling up during Brown's extended absence. Attached to the photos was this poem:

The weather's hot, the girls are great
I just took delivery of a new Z8.
I'm learning all about local traditions,
And where I'm at, there's no extradition.

(Read the important note on page 4.)

NJ Chapter Sues BMW CCA - Threatens to Secede

The New Jersey Chapter of the BMW CCA has notified the national club administration of pending legal action over plans recently uncovered by a *NJ Bulletin* investigation.

As the clubs national office staff in Cambridge, Massachusetts packed boxes and files in preparation for their well-publicized move, our reporters learned of what is already in place for the new office in Spartanburg, South Carolina.

Secret plans were uncovered that revealed a new logo for the club that will be required by every chapter in the country. This logo, it was discovered, incorporates a large replica of the Confederate flag above the BMW CCA national design. Club Executive Director Wynne Smith defended the plan, saying "Y'all know that we're in South Carolina now. We're just trying to be friendly down here. Down right hospitable, you know." NJ Chapter President Hank Farber, now wide awake [see related story], was beside himself with disgust. "It seems that the whole states' rights issue has reared its ugly head," he said. "We in New Jersey know that anything south of the Mason-Dixon Line is not statistically significant. We're now exploring options for independence - watch for a declaration on July 4."

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The New Jersey Chapter's monthly membership meetings begin at 8pm and are usually held on the third Wednesday of the month at the Deutscher Club of Clark. However, special topics often force a different date; please check the calendar of upcoming events (or the website) carefully.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

All membership applications, renewals and address changes should be sent to:

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The *Bulletin* eagerly accepts contributions from its subscribers. Please send your articles, photos, artwork and ideas to:

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or email your contribution to the Editor at mcintyre@race-stuff.com.

Upcoming Monthly Meetings & Other Events

Sunday, April 8 at Fort Monmouth

First Autocross of the Year!

We happily announce the first autocross event of the year at Fort Monmouth (directions below). You need to be at the parking lot at 9am. Call anyone on the autocross committee for any information.

Autocrosses are the way many club members get involved in driving activities. It is a low-risk, high-fun way to start to learn how to drive your car (or prove you really know how to drive already)!

Wednesday, April 18 at the Deutscher Club of Clark

Stephen Carrellas of the National Motorists Association

The New Jersey Chapter presents Stephen Carrellas of the NMA. Steve will talk about the various issues which the NMA lobbys. The NMA has been partially responsible for the removal of HOV lanes, the increase in the speed limits, and they will teach you how to fight speeding tickets. This is a great organization, fighting for your rights as a motorist. Everyone else is against you, but these guys are on your side. Steve doesn't shy away from tough issues, and he'll tell you the real reasons behind policy decisions which affect your life!

This meeting will start at 8pm. Directions to the DCC directly below. Do we have to say it? New members are always greeted enthusiastically (or you can just attend quietly and stand in the back; it's ok...). Free German food is always provided.

Directions to the Deutscher Club

787 Featherbed Lane, Clark, NJ 732-574-8600

Take the Garden State Parkway to exit 135. Take Central Avenue towards Westfield. Turn left at first light onto Raritan Road. Turn right at the second light onto Westfield Ave. Follow the "L" shape of this road (do not turn off to the right). After 300 yards turn left at the big yellow "DC" sign.

Directions to Fort Monmouth Autocross Site

From the Garden State Parkway, take exit 105. Proceed to the first light. Take jughandle left onto Hope Road. Take Hope Road about 1 mile, make a right onto Tinton Avenue. Go to traffic light at Route 35. Cross intersection into Fort Monmouth. Proceed about 1/2 mile. Site is left next to theater. See map on website.

As on all military bases, please be advised that posted speed limits are strictly enforced with 0 tolerance. Noise limits will be strictly enforced. Street muffling will be required, and excess backfiring will be frowned upon.

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Chapter to Try Advanced Driving Days

I have been asked to organize the NJ Chapter's first ever advanced drivers days. We are very excited about this new type of event and are currently soliciting applications.

The event is being run in conjunction with instructor training on Monday and Tuesday July 24th and 25th at Summit Point Raceway (note: if you are interested in instructor training, contact Blake Smith at cbsmith@ptd.net).

There will be four 1.25 hour lapping sessions for advanced drivers only for a total of five hours of driving per day. The rest of the track time will be devoted to instructor instruction. There will be no instruction available for participants of the advanced driving portion of the event.

The cost for the two days is \$275 or \$150 for a single day. There will be one of Mr. B's famous bbqs on Monday night. Applications are available at the calendar section of the web site (www.njbmwcca.org). You will need to have Adobe Acrobat reader to download the web version. You can request a fax or snail mail version from me (see the contact information below) but please do this only if you REALLY need to.

This event is only open to drivers that have a documented history of advanced driving at Summit Point. Applicants' driving histories will be screened by the organizers of the event and their decision will be final.

Some of the salient rules for participation include:

- 1) Drivers only, no passengers allowed.
- 2) Two drivers may share one car but they will have to pay

-Fred Farber

a second entrance fee.

3) Participants are responsible for teching their own cars, no track side inspection will be provided. A signed and completed tech form is required to receive numbers.

This is going to be a great chance to hone your driving skills and have a great time to boot. Come on out.

For more information, contact:

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207-781-0972 (eves & weekend)

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IMPORTANT NOTE

The stories on page 1 are all fake. They are April Fools jokes. Please do not believe any of them, especially the interview with Rich Brekus, which is even more fake than the rest of the fake stories. Sorry, Mr. Brekus.

These stories were written by our yearly secret April Fools story writer, whose name is kept private. This person is not on the *Bulletin* Staff.

Finally, the story about Hank Farber sleeping through his presidency is true.

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Philes' Forum

...Vic Lucariello

Hello, Bimmerphiles! This month I have Warren Brown's account of an easy fix for a steering column clunk, and an item about John Csuri's clunking drive shaft with a surprisingly similar fix.

I still wish to receive copies of your DMV inspection reports. You can either mail a photocopy of your report printout, or simply e-mail the test data. If you choose the latter, please include both the test results and the pass/fail criteria for each pollutant along with your year, transmission type, and mileage. [Include your name, too!] If you know at what mileage your Oxygen sensor was last replaced, include that as well. Please indicate what, if any, modifications have been made to your motor [aftermarket chip, intake, exhaust, etc.] and your exact model number [egg: 328i, not 3-Series]. Some folks have sent in results from non-Bimmers, and this is fine. Most folks have been passing the so-called enhanced, or dynamometer, test with no problems. Most of the failures for Oxides of Nitrogen [NOx] have required new catalytic converters.

I have recently received inspection data from Bimmerphiles John Csuri, Steve Barrett, Bill Beam, Bob Butchko, Mark Derienzo [2], Kelly Huang, Tim Ivins, Warren Pushaw, Walt Selva, Keith Silverman, Jim Schwartz, Ricardo Venegas, and George Washburn. When I reported that the emissions inspection topic was the most popular in the history of Philes' Forum, I was not kidding!!

Bill Beam included his inspection results data in a nice letter. Quoth Bill:

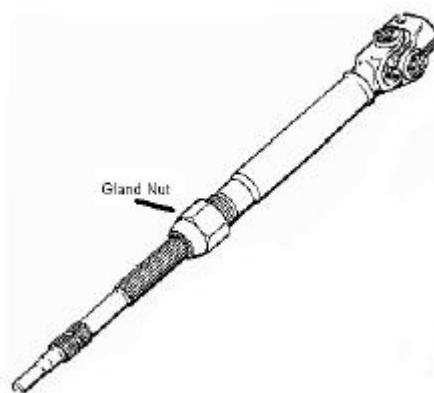
Just one other quick note of thanks to you for your presentation at the tech workshop [at Hunterdon BMW] on brakes. It made the job a lot less intimidating and so I tackled pads, rotors, and bleeding....and it all went smoothly! I used the Brake Bleeder from Motive Products, and it worked just fine. I still can't find a small suction gun like you were using [to remove the old brake fluid from the master cylinder] and welcome suggestions on a source for one.

Thanks for your kind words, Bill! The suction gun we used is a MityVac, and you can get one from that boutique of Byzantine bargains, J.C. Whitney and Co., right on the Internet.

Chapter Treasurer, driver school instructor, driver school tech worker, and Driver School Committee member [Whew! Did I also mention he is a fine gentleman?] Warren Brown has sent in the following tech tip, which should be of interest to owners of later E30s [The E30s are the '84-'91 3-Series and '92 325iC cars.] with driver-side air bags. My comments are in brackets.

I have a 1991 E30 3 series with an airbag. Since the car was new, every once in a while on rough roads I'd get a rattling sound in the steering wheel/column like it was loose. It exhibited no obvious play. By the time I got to the 100K mark, I was getting a clunk in the steering when wiggling the steering wheel back and forth with the engine off, this sound emanated from inside the car. After inspection I ruled out the steering rack, tie rod ends and ball joints. I was suspicious of the swivel joint assembly between the steering rack and the lower end of the steering column (under the hood). I could grab the lower end of the steering column and wiggle it side-to-side or top to bottom by 3/32". With as much flexible stuff in this assembly, it isn't clear what really prevents this kind of motion. In discussion with Jenny Morgan, a club technical advisor [and Roundel Columnist], she suggested that I check the gland nut that clamps down on a splined section of the steering column shaft (inside the car, above the brake/clutch pedals). This is some kind of expansion/compression joint. [I believe it provides a means for

the column to collapse and protect the driver in the event of a major frontal impact.] The nut should be tightened such that it takes about 10 lb. to compress or extend the shaft. I tightened mine such that I could still compress or extend the shaft by hand. From the engine compartment I can still wiggle the steering column the same 3/32". However I have silenced the clunk when wiggling the steering wheel. I never get the rattling in the steering column on rough roads. This fix works in cars with an airbag, non-airbag cars have a completely different steering column.



Thanks, Warren! Warren has promised to regale us in an upcoming Philes' Forum with his story of changing the oxygen sensor on his 5-Series. This will explain how he got to be known as 'Oxygen Sensor Brown'!

Those of you familiar with BMW drive shafts will see the similarity between them and Warren's foregoing figure depicting the steering shaft slip joint. Late-style BMW drive shafts also have a slip joint with adjustable 'gland nut'. Warren's story reminded me of a recent e-mail exchange I had with Driver School Chairman John Csuri [another fine gentleman].

John had replaced the flexible coupling, or 'guibo', on his E28 535i. [The E28s are the second-generation 5-Series cars, '82-'88.] The guibo connects the front of the drive shaft to the transmission output flange, and all the torque to drive the car passes through the guibo. Guibos usually last maybe 75 kmi with the E30 M3s requiring replacements at maybe 50 kmi. [I just looked at a 70 kmi E36 325i and the guibo was just beginning to exhibit cracks.]

Anyhow, John e-mailed me to ask why his Fiver was clunking at low speeds, with the clunk seeming to emanate from the floor pan between the front seats. I told John that this is the classic symptom of a failed center bearing in the two-piece drive shaft. The failed bearing [or its rubber carrier] allows the shaft to whip and strike the floor pan, with the symptom most pronounced while accelerating at low speed in first gear. I also told John to check the slip joint, which, if loose, can cause shaft whip as well. John reported that tightening up the 'gland nut' on the slip joint solved his problem. You will find the slip joint on the front section of the two-piece drive shaft, approximately half way between the guibo and the center support bearing.

Anyone wishing to contribute to Philes' Forum should contact me via the info on the masthead. I'm interested in tech tips, repair /maintenance questions and/or tips, dealer horror stories, product evaluations, etc. Please call before 8 PM, and if you leave a message, PLEASE INCLUDE A PHONE NUMBER WHERE I CAN REACH YOU ON WEEKDAYS DURING THE DAY. Also, please be patient, I try to return every phone call, but it sometimes takes a while. If you don't hear back from me within a few days, please call again. Alas, lately I haven't been able to respond to all of you. The best way to contact me is via e-mail at vic.sr@njbmwc-ca.org.

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egroup Announced

The New Jersey Chapter announces an exciting new way for members to share and receive information about chapter activities.

A **Yahoo Group** named "**njbmwcca**" has been created. The Yahoo Groups webpage can be found at: <http://groups.yahoo.com>.

You must create a Yahoo account for yourself, but this is free and mostly painless. The webpage above will take you through the process. Once you have created a

Yahoo account, request membership in the njbmwcca group. Membership must be approved by the moderator, and will only be open to NJ Chapter members. Chapter membership will be confirmed against the national membership roles.

We'll focus on NJ Chapter topics. Hopefully, this egroup will join the website and the hotline as valuable information conduits for our membership.

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March Board Meeting Minutes

-Brian Morgan

Minutes of the New Jersey Chapter Board Meeting: March 9, 2000

Members Present: Brown, Coker, Csuri, Drugos, Farber, Karlin, Mason, McIntyre, Morgan

Members Absent: Lee, Lucariello

Others Present: F. Cracker, D. Finch, T. Mason, E. Savad, B. Smith

The Meeting was called to order at 8:20 PM at the home of Stephanie and Todd Mason in Spring Lake Heights.

Reading of the minutes of the February meeting was waived.

Reports From Officers:

Vice President: Vice President Al Drugos reported on forthcoming monthly meetings, including March 21 at 7:00 PM at Hunterdon BMW, and April 18 with Steve Carrelas (National Motorists Association) at the Deutscher Club. Brian Morgan will follow up with BMW NA to arrange a meeting date at their facility.

Treasurer: Treasurer Warren Brown submitted a profit-loss statement. The Chapter is still experiencing early-year losses, but a turnaround is anticipated as soon as driving school revenues are realized. It was noted that the loss on the banquet was greater this year than last, but that this was not a concern. It was also noted that the Chapter spent \$4,000 on the recent Instructor training seminar. Ross Karlin will pursue reimbursement from National. Warren Brown will file the Chapter's taxes and do a financial statement.

Driving Events: Lime Rock Chairperson John Csuri reported that the March Lime Rock school was filled and that all arrangements for the school were in place. He indicated that the Interlaken will begin charging \$150 per event for use of their shed for tech. While no contract has been received from Summit Point, the April school is set and has been filled.

Chief Instructor Blake Smith noted that there were 85 attendees from seven states and ten chapters at the recent instructor's school. The event was regarded as a success.

Blake also discussed preliminary planning for the open track days and instructor training sessions at Summit Point on July 23-24. Blake will set up a committee to coordinate the event, decide on qualifications for the open track sessions, and set the price. Hank Farber will work with Blake to get a co-chair for the event.

Autocross Chairperson Elihu Savad indicated that there were now seven dates at Fort Monmouth, that we are being charged \$150 per event, and that the Chapter could not run a car control clinic at the Fort. We will try to run a car control clinic at another facility. Savad indicated that Ed Walters would buy a trailer for the use of the autocross series from Performance Trailers in Flanders. The price to the Chapter is \$1600, and the trailer should be delivered in late March.

He also indicated that there were 51 signups to date for the 2001 M3 SIGFest.

There was no news on the spring rally.

Ross Karlin indicated that the process for securing sponsors for the Chapter's Club Races had begun.

Social: Hank Farber noted that the banquet was a success, and

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the Board congratulated Director of Social Events Stephanie Mason for her work on the event. The Board discussed a proposed picnic at Dave Finch's new farm. It was agreed that Stephanie Mason and Dave Finch would work together on a plan. The target date for the event is June 17, and it was decided that the spring rally would be coordinated with the picnic.

Newsletter and Web Site: Dave McIntyre indicated that he had produced a pdf version of the March newsletter and placed it on the Chapter's web site. He circulated copies of the Chapter's logo produced from the encapsulated postscript version that he has purchased. The electronic version of the logo is now posted on the web site. He also indicated that March 23 would be the absolute deadline for the April newsletter.

The Board revisited Vic Lucariello's request for a digital camera to be used to produce photos for his NJ Bulletin column. Dave McIntyre and Nafi Coker indicated that they could get a suitable camera for \$300. The Board voted to approve the purchase by a vote of six for, one against, and one abstention.

Old Business: Al Drugos will get applications to enroll Stephanie Mason and Trip Lee as members of the Deutscher Club of Clark.

Nafi Coker discussed Chapter paraphernalia. The Board asked that Nafi register the Chapter logo with Lands End. The Chapter discussed the possibility of an event T-shirts, but agreed not to produce one at this point.

Future Board Meetings: The next Board Meeting will be held on Friday, April 6 at the home of Brian Corrigan. The board will meet May 18 at the home of Dave and Margaret McIntyre and on June 15 at the home of Dave and Peggy Finch.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 PM.

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- Joe Murray

Once upon a time a long, long time ago the New Jersey Chapter held it's first ever canoe trip down the Housatonic River in Connecticut. This fabulous trip followed a driving school at Lime Rock Park. Well, guess what? We are about to do it again!

This year the chapter will again sponsor a canoe trip down the same river, but this time it will precede the driving school in June. On Sunday, June 3rd, a few lucky couples will be transported from the boat rental store in West Cornwall, CT upriver to begin a 3 hour journey down one of the most scenic rivers in New England. The trip will end at the Housatonic Meadows State Park, approximately 10 miles from the start. The skill level required is low, but first time canoeists will have an exciting time. Those who have had any experience will be pleased to find a good mix of flat water and mild white water. The real excitement is paddling under the covered bridge in West Cornwell, the closest thing to rapids on this section of the river.

Canoes hold two people and cost \$50 per day. Life vests and paddles are included with the rental, but participants should bring old sneakers or water shoes, sun tan lotion and hat, and possibly a sweat shirt. At the conclusion of the trip a van will pick us up at the Park and return us to the rental store, where the seasoned river runners will have a towel and dry shirt in their car.

Since canoes must be reserved in advance, and since there are a limited number available, only the first 12 people who send in their full payment of \$50 will have a space on this once (OK, second) in a lifetime trip. In the event of rain, no refunds will be given. However, the trip will be rescheduled to another day, most likely in conjunction with another Lime Rock Drivers School.

Send you name, phone number, and a check made payable to BMWCCA/NJ to Joe Murray, PO Box 35, Rockaway, NJ 07866. You will be contacted when your space is confirmed.

The Air Bag Hypocrisy

Last night I was watching the national news and there was NHTSA chief, Ricardo Martinez pontificating on school bus safety standards. He had the gall to say that his agency would not approve any new safety standards to prevent injuries and fatalities if there was any chance that they might cause injuries and fatalities under other circumstances. Where was all this concern when his agency stuffed airbags down the collective throats of 280 million people?

Why is it OK to injure tens of thousands of people and kill hundreds for the hypothetical benefits of airbags? I say hypothetical because all the claims on the wonders of airbags are largely the fabrications of the regulators and auto manufacturers that mandate and sell these explosive devices. However, the injuries and deaths are documented to the hilt. The proponents of mandated airbags like to imply that airbag injuries are really the result of the actual collision. But, what if there isn't any collision and the airbags go off, inadvertently, and there are still injuries?

General Motors is currently recalling over half a million vehicles because these models contain airbags that deploy for reasons known only to the airbags themselves. There were recorded 61 "accidental" deployments where airbags exploded without the benefit of a preceding crash. Despite the absence of a crash, 62 % of the airbag explosions resulted in personal injuries to the car occupants! No crash, nothing hit, no rollover, and 62 % of the time someone was injured. And Mr. Martinez says his agency doesn't want to do anything that might result in injuries or fatalities? Give me a break! The whole airbag campaign looks more like a government/industry conspiracy to reduce the population, particularly old people, small women, and children.

If the federal government is so worried about my welfare (and let us not forget the "children") how about letting me decide whether or not I want an airbag in my car, along with the ones I have to put up with in Washington, DC.

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What Was That?

That editorial was a "Steal This Editorial" contribution from the NMA's great website: www.motorists.org.

Over the next few months we'll be running a few of these on topics near and dear to my heart, like DRL's, airbags, BAC lowering, etc.

The NMA has been lobbying for motorists rights in NJ and throughout the US, and is partially responsible for removing the HOV lanes on 287, and raising the speed limits on NJ highways.

Join us on April 18th when Steve Carrellas, NJ State Coordinator for the NMA will talk with us about these issues and many more.

February Board Meeting Minutes

-Brian Morgan

Minutes of the New Jersey Chapter Board Meeting: February 9, 2000

Members Present: Brown, Coker, Csuri, Drugos, Farber, Karlin, Lee, Lucariello, Mason, McIntyre, Morgan

Others Present: T. Mason, M. McIntyre, E. Savad, B. Smith

The Meeting was called to order at 8:20 PM at the home of Dave and Margaret McIntyre in Scotch Plains.

Reading of the minutes of the January meeting was waived.

Reports From Officers:

Vice President: Vice President Al Drugos reported on forthcoming monthly meetings, including February 21 with Eric Lipinski at the Deutscher Club and March 21 at Hunterdon BMW. Brian Morgan agreed to call BMW NA to arrange a meeting date at their facility.

Treasurer: Treasurer Warren Brown submitted a profit-loss statement. As always, there is negative early-year cash flow because of banquet costs and deposits for driving schools, but no problems are anticipated.

Social: Stephanie Mason led a discussion of banquet arrangements and door prizes.

Driving Events: A discussion of issues raised at the recent Drivers School committee meeting was discussed. The group decided to stay with Snell 90 helmets for now, to tighten up its cancellation policy, to require comparable seating for drivers and passengers, and to prohibit "purpose built race cars" in student

groups. The board agreed with the committee's intentions, but asked it to clarify the meaning of "purpose built."

Lime Rock Chairperson John Csuri reported that the March Lime Rock school was filled. It was noted that applications were coming in for the April Summit Point school.

Autocross Chairperson Elihu Savad announced that nine dates were set, and that the May 20 date at Fort Monmouth would be a car control clinic.

Driving Events Director Trip Lee noted that a spring rally was being planned, although no date had been set. Lee also sought and received board approval for champ series trophies and for a replacement for the champ series cup.

Newsletter and Web Site: Dave McIntyre noted that he had purchased Quark Xpress, and had updated the web site. McIntyre also indicated that he had started an e-group for sharing information about chapter activities.

Vic Lucariello requested that the Chapter purchase a digital camera for his use in preparing his newsletter column. The board approved the purchase subject to a review of pricing.

New Business: The Board voted to enroll Stephanie Mason and Trip Lee as members of the Deutscher Club of Clark.

Dave McIntyre was authorized to purchase an electronic copy of the Chapter logo.

Future Board Meetings: The next Board Meeting will be held on Friday, March 9 at the home of Stephanie and Todd Mason.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:03 PM.

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Friday, September 7

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NJ member registration opens 7/9

Non-NJ registration opens 7/10

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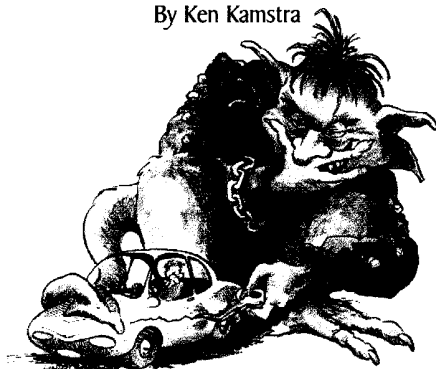
Submit a separate application for each school, postmarked no earlier than the opening date (above), using regular first-class mail. No metered mail, express mail, registered mail, FedEx, etc. Cancellations must be made at least one week prior to the event, and are subject to a \$25 charge. Thank you.

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Autocross Information Center

First Autocross April 8

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- Elihu Savad

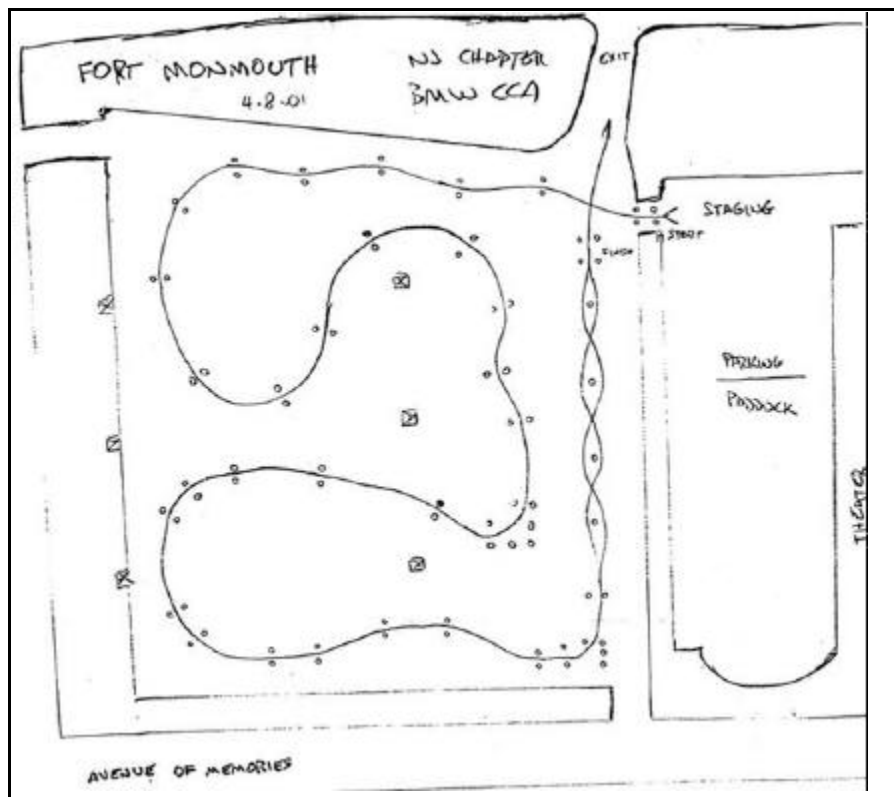


Diagram of the April 8 autocross course. Cars enter at the "staging" area to the upper right, pass through the cones (dots on the map), pick either direction through the slalom, and exit at top right. This is a lot of fun!

Autocross Schedule

These are the current event dates for the coming season. For those who have never tried it, an autocross is a competition event held in a parking lot. Cars are run, one at a time, through a course marked by cones. The emphasis is on handling ability of the car and the driver, and the event usually is run in 2nd gear. It is some of the greatest, and safest, adrenaline rushes you can get in a car. All events will be held at Fort Monmouth, except 6/24, which will be at Brookdale Community College in Lincroft.

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As on all military bases, please be advised that posted speed limits are strictly enforced with 0 tolerance. Noise limits will be strictly enforced. Street muffling will be required, and excess backfiring will be frowned upon.

4/8	4/29	6/24	7/15
7/29	8/26	9/16	10/7

-Elihu Savad



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Parts For Sale

1984 325e Parts for sale, OBC to upgrade E30 - \$300; cruise control kit - \$300; and miscellaneous parts - call with needs. Gene Ritacco 860-274-7770 - no answering machine. (4/01)

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1985 Porsche 911 Carrera Targa, Prussian Blue, 57k miles. Pampered car with \$30K+ in professional mods. Intercooled Paxton supercharger, Tri-Flo headers, 964 cams, aluminum sport clutch, Quaife, Charlie bars, much more. Excellent condition. Needs nothing, no track, asking \$30,000. Rich Feldheim, 973-660-5028 (d) feldher@ahp.com. (5/01)

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NJ Chapter Calendar

April

Friday, April 6

NJ Chapter Executive Board Meeting. All members encouraged to attend, but RSVP to any board member.

Sunday, April 8

First autocross of the year! Join us at Fort Monmouth for this fun way to test the limits of your car with a minimum of risk and a maximum of fun. Be there by 9am, directions on page 3!

Monday, April 9

Application period for the June Lime Rock school opens. Note that you must have attended LR schools before to attend this one.

Wednesday, April 18

Monthly meeting at the Deutscher Club of Clark. Meeting topic: Steven Carrellas of the NMA. Free German food, adult beverages for sale, lots of parts for sale, etc. New members are always warmly greeted.

Sat-Mon, April 21-23

Three day driving school at Summit Point. Sat and Sun on the great Jefferson Circuit, and Mon on the big track. This school is now sold out.

Sunday, April 29

Second autocross of the year at Fort Monmouth. Same details as 4/8.

May

Wednesday, May 16

Monthly meeting at the Deutscher Club of Clark. Meeting topic TBA, but guaranteed there will be fun, free German food, adult beverages for sale, lots of parts for sale, etc. New members are always warmly greeted.

Friday, May 18

NJ Chapter Executive Board Meeting. All members are invited to attend, but please RSVP to any board member.

Sunday, May 20

This autocross has been cancelled, due to Fort Monmouth's command use of the autocross field.

June

Sunday, June 3

Canoe Trip in Connecticut. Read the article inside and send your RSVP to Joe Murray. Limited attendance.

Friday, June 15

NJ Chapter pre-picnic Executive Board Meeting. All members are encouraged to attend; please RSVP to any board member for location and directions.

Sunday, June 17

GIANT PICNIC AND RALLY Father's Day special events. Fun auto rally in the morning, ending the giant, superspecial afternoon picnic at the Finch's Farm in Asbury, NJ. Yes, they are back in NJ and are going to have us out to the farm again! More than 300 members attended the last picnic in Asbury, and you don't want to miss this one!

Friday, June 29

Monthly Membership Meeting at **BMW NA!** Yes, the dudes at BMW NA are going to open up their offices to us once again and host a wonderful night of access to the bigwigs that make the decisions you care about! See new models, ask tough questions, get unspecific answers! BMW NA will provide snacks and fun! More information in the May *Bulletin*.

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