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# President's Line

Welcome to the New Year. Did you make any resolutions for 2007? Maybe one for attending a Club Meeting, Autocross or Driver School? How about a resolution for getting a new member into the Club? I made a resolution which I'm going to reveal later in my column.

We had many great events in 2006; the Banquet, picnic, rallies, autocrosses, driving schools, Club Races and of course the Club Meetings that Vice-President Brian Morgan had arranged for us. 2007 promises to more of the same. This will be my 2nd term as President, it seems like the 1st year went by quickly. It was a steep learning curve for me last year, I hope I can learn from my mistakes to better serve you this year.

From the elections that were held in December we have some changes to the Board of Directors for 2007. First is the addition of Barry Stevens as Vice-President. Barry has been a NJ member since 1990 and is currently involved in the Driving School Program as an Instructor.

David Finch, who has been on the Board in various offices through out the years including a few as President, was elected to be the Driving Events Chairman. One of David's main objectives will be holding several Street Survival Schools© for teenage drivers. More members ask me about this program than any other event the Club organizes. I don't think we will have any difficulty finding participants for them.

The latest club member to take on the Member-at-Large (MAL) position is David Hirshhorn. David is a young guy with some great ideas. He will be providing that infusion of new blood to the board that we say we are always looking for. David's background is in marketing, which we will take advantage of in the promoting of our driving schools.

Returning board members are Warren Brown as Treasurer, Deborah Kolar as Secretary, Al Drugos as Social Director, and Ross Karlin as MAL serving as Club Race Chairman.

Thanks go to outgoing Board Members, Brian Morgan-Vice President, Mark Derienzo-MAL, Bob Isbistki- Driving Events Chairman, and John Csuri- MAL Driving School Chairman.

The BMW CCA National organization has decided to run another membership contest similar to the one they held last year. As a Grand Prize, there is a tour of the Spartanburg Complex with several other prizes being offered for 2nd and 3rd place. You can also receive a one-month extension of your membership with each new member you sign up, the amount is unlimited. More specific rules regarding the Membership Contest are posted on the NJ website under "Announcements".

As for my resolution for the New Year, I resolve to add a piece of equipment to my car that I hope I never ever have to use- a Fire Extinguisher. I recently had an experience on my way to work several weeks ago that required the use of one. Fortunately for me I didn't need it for my own vehicle; it was needed to extinguish a fire from a SUV that had been involved in a collision with another SUV.

Other motorists were already assisting the victims from the vehicles but were pretty much helpless as the fire began to grow in intensity. We, being my brother and I, used the extinguisher from our business van to help the officer arriving at the scene in putting the fire out.

We had thought enough to carry one in our work truck but seemed to have overlooked carrying one in our own personal vehicles. I certainly will be adding one to vehicle I use to tow my car to our driving schools. By the time you need one and you don't have it, it will be too late.

It's January, it's cold out, and the Red Devil (my 325 IS) is in the barn. It means it's time to get ready for the upcoming season by taking in the 24 Hours of Daytona. Once again about dozen or so members will be making the journey to Florida the last weekend of January to watch the twice around the clock event. This year will be different without the BMW backed PTG (Prototype Technology Group) cars there, but it should be a great event any way. Former BMW F1 ace Juan Pablo Montoya will be co-driving a Daytona Prototype for his new boss Chip Ganassi. One of Chip's cars won the race last year.

2007 marks the 20th anniversary of the first race I attended there in 1987, the same model year as the Red Devil. Coincidence?

Neil Gambony

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## Welcome New Members

Andrew Benti  
Gina Bilangi  
Michael Boudway  
Mike Cacciaguida  
Paul Chesloff  
Michael Civiello  
Robert Clark  
Nathaniel Clayton  
Jeff Curci  
Paul Drago  
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Ravi Panchal  
Philip Passalacqua  
Diane Rose  
Paul Rosenbaum  
Dave Rozzelle  
Brian Salles  
Billy Shalom  
Yan Shen  
Eric Wai







# Philes' Forum

by Vic Lucariello

Hello Bimmerphiles! Happy New Year! This column commemorates the 20th anniversary of Philes' Forum!

I still wish to receive copies of your NJMVC emissions-inspection reports. You can either mail a photocopy of your report [preferred], or simply e-mail the test data. [Include your name, too, if you want to be famous and be mentioned in Philes' Forum!] If you e-mail, please include both the test results and the pass/fail criterion for each pollutant along with your model and year, transmission type, and mileage. If you know at what mileages your oxygen sensor and spark plugs were 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 [e.g., 328i, not 3-Series].

Recent submitters of emissions-test data are erstwhile member-at-large Mark Derienzo, Dave Oldham, and Jim Schwartz. Jim relocated to Pennsylvania in 2004, but continues to read Philes' Forum. Thanks, guys!

A couple years ago, I ran a photo on the absolute-worst oil-drain-plug seal ring I had ever seen in 40+ years of doing oil changes. Well, I am sorry to report that the dubious honor has passed to another Bimmer, this one an E36 318i. See Photo #1.



Photo #1 Oil Drain-Seal Plug Photo by Vic Lucariello, Sr.

The car displayed a sticker indicating the previous oil change had been done by a so-called quick-lube place [I won't say which one]. Given the condition of the seal ring, I was quite surprised that the oil-pan plug was not

leaking. Given how tightly the plug had been installed, I was also surprised that the threads in the aluminum oil pan had not been stripped out.

All OEM-quality, canister-type [replaceable element] oil filters come with a new seal ring. If your Bimmer has the spin-on-type filter, the seal ring must be sourced separately. Most Bimmers with a spin-on filter and aluminum oil pan use seal ring 07 11 9 963 151, as do most later-model 6-cylinders, which have a canister-type filter.

Regardless of who is changing your oil, the seal ring should be replaced at every oil change. Moreover, the oil-drain plug should be tightened with a torque wrench. The value for the -151 seal ring drain plugs with a 12 mm drain plug is about 25 newton-meters [about 18 lb.-ft.]. If you patronize a quick-lube establishment, insist that they change the seal ring. Heck, I would keep a few in my glovebox and insist that they install a new one and give me back the old one!

Speaking of filters, I'm sure you know that your Bimmer has, in addition to the oil filter, an air filter and a fuel filter. However, did you know that it also has a power-steering filter? Yes Miniata [Who? Ed.], on most Bimmers this filter is located in the bottom of the power-steering-fluid reservoir, and unfortunately, unless your Bimmer is 20+ years old, the filter is not replaceable without changing the reservoir.



Photo #2 Power-Steering Reservoir Photo by Vic Lucariello, Sr.

Photo #2 depicts power-steering reservoir #32 41 1 097 164 found on many Bimmers from model year 1982 right up to 2006. Photo #3 shows a reservoir cut in half to reveal the internal filter. I think it a good idea to change the reservoir/filter whenever you do maintenance on the power-steering system such as changing the hoses, pump, or steering box. While you're at it [actually, before you install any new parts], it's also a good idea to flush out the system.

The easiest way to do this is with an assistant. First, disconnect and plug the return hose to the reservoir at the steering box. The



Photo #3 Internal Filter Photo by Vic Lucariello, Sr.

return hose is the smaller of the two hoses on the reservoir. Then connect a temporary hose from the steering box to a drain pan. Then, after topping up the reservoir, have your assistant start and idle the motor while slowly cycling the steering wheel from lock to lock as you continuously top up the reservoir.

If you can't keep up with the level or need to grab another container of fluid [I use about 2 quarts to do a flush.], have

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# Board Meeting Minutes

New Jersey Chapter of the BMW CCA  
Board Meeting - November 30, 2006

Board members present: Neil Gambony, Al Drugos, Ross Karlin, Brian Morgan, Warren Brown, John Csuri, Bob Isbitski and Deborah Kolar. Board Members absent: Jerry Faber, Mark Derienzo, Bob Conway. Others present: Blake Smith, Jeff White, David Finch, Barry Stevens, Brian Corrigan and David Hirschhorn.

Neil Gambony called the meeting to order at 7:38 PM at Café Cucina. Al Drugos waived the reading of the minutes and Bob Isbitski seconded - motion passed.

## Vice President

The 2007 Board elections and the Pinewood Derby will be held at the combined November-December membership meeting Tuesday, December 5th.

The January meeting will feature Targa Newfoundland class winners, Dave McIntyre and Ross Karlin. Brian has reconfirmed with Klaus that we have the first floor of the Deutscher Club for a 7:30pm start.

Princeton Mini may want to host a membership meeting in conjunction with the introduction of the new Mini.

## Secretary

Deborah Kolar will coordinate the 2007 Board elections. Declared candidates are Neil Gambony for President, Barry Stevens for Vice President, Al Drugos for Social Chair, Warren Brown for Treasurer, David Finch for Driving Events Chair, Bob Conway, David Hirschhorn and Dennis Krug for Members-at-Large and Deborah Kolar for Secretary.

## Treasurer

Warren Brown provided the profit and loss statement. We are \$10,000 to \$12,000 negative for the year. The approximately \$1000 deficit in the autocross program is due to investing in new equipment. The Whack Your Turkey Rally netted \$347, with expenses of \$173.

## Newsletter

December 2 is the deadline for Bulletin articles. Ross will provide pictures of the Targa Newfoundland rally car.

## Social Events

Al Drugos requested that the February 10th banquet be promoted by featuring a picture of the restaurant on the cover of the Bulletin. He will provide a banquet sign-up form for the Bulletin and website.

## Driving Events

New member letters have gone out. Bob Isbitski will send a letter to members who did not renew.

## Driver Schools

John Csuri is currently obtaining dates for the 2007 driving schools. The developer of VIR is making progress on a new track in Millville, New Jersey. John will try to contact them regarding future spring and fall driving schools.

## Club Racing

Thursday April 26th the Union County Educational Services Commission will be recognizing our chapter for 10 years of support for the Westlake School.

## Website

Questions were raised regarding commercial establishments posting to the forum and banner ads versus links as part of the race sponsorship package. The members-at-large will write the needed policies. In the meantime, Neil will ask Bob Conway to delete any commercial posts.

It was also suggested that we consider tuning the website layout to ensure that it optimally promotes club events. We should review other chapter's websites for best practices.

## Dealer Liaison

David Finch reported that Penny Galossi will take over as dealer liaison in 2007. David's goal is to have both spring and fall Teen Street Survival Schools in 2007 and he will pursue sponsorship money to support this.

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## New Business

- The BMW CCA National Chapter Congress is April 20th to 22nd in Valley Forge.
- The instructors' meeting is tentatively scheduled for the last Saturday in February. It was suggested that Bill Wade be invited.

## Old Business

David Hirschhorn met with the marketing group. They will research event dates across chapters to avoid conflicts.

## Announcements

Thanks to Thom Rossi for a great rally.

The next meeting is set for Thursday, January 4th at 7:30pm at Café Cucina.

Bob Isbitski motioned to adjourn at 8:48 PM, Warren seconded. Respectfully submitted, Deborah Kolar (Secretary)

**(Philes' Forum - Continued from Page 4)** your assistant stop the motor and restart as required. Don't let the reservoir run dry.

All done? Reconnect the return hose, replenish the level, start 'er up and check for leaks. Do a final level check after the motor is off and things have cooled down. Most Bimmers use Dexron ATF in the PS reservoir, but be sure to check your owner's manual for the correct fluid for your particular model.

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

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

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# Note to Self: Avoid Speeding Tickets in 2007

By Thom Rossi

It's time for that great annual tradition of setting our New Year's Resolutions, even though we do so in the full knowledge that we will likely break those resolutions within two weeks of January 1st. But this year, hidden among my "nice to haves" like: lose weight, discover a cure for cancer, win a Nobel Prize, reduce my lap times; there is one gem that I have to do my best to stick with. No more speeding tickets.

Hi, my name is Thom, and I'm a speed-a-holic. If the first step of recovery is screwing up to begin with, I'm on my way.

Normally, a ticket every now and then doesn't bother me, as long as they're paced with enough time in between them so that the points on my license don't accumulate too much. I view it as a road-use tax, not a sign of my wrongdoing. It's just another way the state of New Jersey manages to squeeze a little more revenue out of me. As if they needed the excuse.

But starting in the spring of 2004, at which time my license was briefly un-besmirched by points, the tickets began piling up. First there was the time I got off a red-eye flight from San Francisco and was headed home on 202 S with only a couple of hours of sleep under my belt. It was during commuting hours and it felt good to be whizzing along in the South bound lanes unimpeded by the heavy flow of traffic clogging the North bound side. I was in my own serene world, slicing harmlessly through the gray dawn to return to my home. Hidden amidst the opposing flow of commuters, Officer Doppler-effect had other plans for me. Soon I was staring at an array of pretty lights in my mirror and not long after that, four points made their way onto my license. Ouch.

Better late than never, I figured I'd best get some protection against having to pay my road-use tax again in the near future and purchased my V1 radar detector. By the time I packed up my 540 with track gear and headed down to Summit Point a few weeks later I was "protected". Does anybody remember when 81S was under construction for miles at a stretch a couple of years ago around Carlisle? I hit that stretch late at night on my way to the track, about 3 hours into my drive. I was behind 30 or so tractor trailer trucks that couldn't seem to break 50 MPH in a long area of the highway that had been restricted to one lane. Finally, the highway opened up and I pulled into the left lane with the intention of passing every dang one of those trucks before the highway closed down to one lane again. Some joker pulls right up on my bumper. The headlights filling my rearview mirror are high and wide, and one is dimmer than the other, indicating a truck in poor repair. In my mind's eye, I'm picturing a dinged up old pick up truck, with wobbly wheels, rusted brake lines and weighed down with old mattresses, bed frames and discharged fire extinguishers,

possibly headed for the local salvage yard. So I goose the throttle on my car just to open up some space between us. The guy stays tethered to my bumper like he's attached with bungee cords. Turns out that Officer Bump-draft just wanted to see how fast I was going to go. No radar, no warning on the V1. OUCH again!

Eventually, those Pennsylvania points swim across the Delaware River to join their NJ cousins on my license. Now I start paying another road-use tax in the form of an annual bill received from my state for excessive points on my license. This is getting downright annoying!

Fast-forward by about 10 months. No more problems with the law and I'm starting to envision a few points melting off my license. Not so fast! Late one night I'm returning home from a Devil's game. I'm on 202 S again, this time in Flemington heading through the circle and onto Route 12. The speed limit drops quickly coming off the highway and as I make my way out of the circle and onto Route 12 two things happen at once. Some joker pulls out of Rt. 31 and gets right on my bumper (sound familiar?) and the V1 lights up like a Christmas tree. Aha! I can't be fooled twice. I check my speedometer: 40 MPH. I approach the next circle and drop to the yellow caution sign speed limit of 25 MPH. I pull out of the circle and s-l-o-w-l-y accelerate back up to 40 MPH. That's when I get to see all those pretty lights again in my rearview mirror! Now what, officer? "Do you know how fast you were going back there, sir?" I'm ready for this one and recite the answer with the confidence of the innocent: 40, then 25, then 40, just like the sign says. "Sir, the speed limit in that first (100 foot) stretch of Route 12 is 30 MPH, not 40 MPH. It's clearly marked." Uh huh. OK. This can't be a big deal. No traffic. I'm stone cold sober. Good weather. I'm 10 MPH off. "Well sir, do you have any points on your license?" Awww geez! "Aha, so you're a habitual speeder!" crows Officer I'm-gonna-teach-this-scofflaw-a-lesson as he does the victory strut back to his car before returning with my next road-use tax bill. Ouch, Ouch, OUCH!!! This is now past annoying and bordering on the ridiculous. Not only have I lost the chance to ditch some of my old points, but they now have a couple of new pals on the way to join the party! No way am I going to just lie down on this one. I hire a lawyer, go to court, and bargain my way out of the points by pleading "Reckless Driving". This little charade sets me back \$1250 in lawyer's fees, court fees, and fines. Guess what? While I'm waiting there to argue my case, a woman, speaking to the judge through an interpreter, pleads guilty to speeding and driving without a license or insurance. Fine: \$250. What???? I'd be better off without a license to accumulate those points!

The fun didn't stop there. I was rejected for disability insurance by one company and had to live with certain exclusions in the policy I finally secured at great expense from another company just because of my driving record in combination with my "dangerous" **(Continued on Page 11)**

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# Annual Chapter Banquet February 10th 2007

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**Where: The Grand Colonial Restaurant**  
**83 Route 173 West, Exit 12 I-78**  
**Date: February 10, 2007 (Saturday)**  
**Cocktail Hour: 7:00-8:00 PM**  
**Dinner & Social: 8:00-12:00**  
**Cost: \$55.00 per person (\$60 at the door)**  
**Live Entertainment**

To register: Fill out the registration form on the web site or below, and mail the form, along with your check, to Al Drugos, PO Box 6754, Bridgewater, NJ 08807.

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From the East:


Travel West on I-78 towards Penn. Exit off I-78 at Exit 12. Make a left in front of the truck stop. Go thru the light past the Exxon and Liquor Store. The Grand Colonial is on the right ¼ mile from the light (173 West Service Road to I-78).

From the West:

Travel East on I-78. Take Exit 12. Make a quick left at the end of the ramp and another left at the light. Pass over I-78 and make a left at the next light by the Exxon. Follow the directions above.

**Note: We have a limit of 100 persons, so sign up to reserve your place.**

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	<h2>NJ Chapter BMW CCA 2007 Banquet</h2> <p>February 10, 2007 (Saturday) Cocktail Hour: 7:00-8:00 PM Dinner &amp; Social: 8:00-12:00</p> <p>The Grand Colonial 86 Highway 173 West Perryville, NJ 08827</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Number in Party: _____</p> <p style="text-align: right;">@ \$55.00 per person</p> <p>Total amount enclosed: _____</p> <p>Mail with check to: Al Drugos, PO Box 6754, Bridgewater, NJ 08807</p>
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# January Meeting

## Targa Newfoundland

The December Roundel had a great article on the Targa Newfoundland by Dave McIntyre and Ross Karlin. At our January 17th meeting, Dave and Ross will present their adventure in glorious multi-media.

Besides hearing first-hand about their adventures, there will be photos and videos of the event. Dave and Ross may even try to recreate some of visceral sounds and aromas that are part of Targa Newfoundland.

See you at the Deutscher club, January 17th 2007. As always, good company will be there and good food will be served.



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## 2006 CLUB CHAMP DECIDED AT PINWOOD

The Club Series Champion was decided, 2006 being no different than previous years, at the last event of the championship series, the Pinewood Derby. It was an exciting series to follow this year. James Kavaleiros, 2005 champion and Larry Engel, winner in 2004, were battling it out all year long. Jim and Larry had gone into the Pinewood Derby tied for 1st with 67 points each.

James' 5th place finish had given him 9 points to Larry's 8 points from his 6th place finish. Since James and Larry had competed in all of the championship events held this year, the rules state that one event's scoring must be dropped. The points that were dropped are from their lowest scoring events of the year. The math for James works like this:  $67 + 9 - 6 = 70$ . The math on Larry is  $67 + 8 - 4 = 71$  and giving Larry a 1 point advantage over James.

There were several members who were eligible to finish third in the series: TJ Pierson, Jon Trudel, and Mark Mallory. However it was Brent Jerolimic's 10th place finish in the Pinewood that enabled him to secure the 3rd place finish in the Champ Series with a total of 62 points.

Congratulations go to Larry, James, and Brent on their placing in the Champ Series. The Championship Awards will be presented at the Banquet on February 10th at the Grand Colonial Restaurant. Thanks go to all the Club members who had participated in the Series this year. The top 10 finishers for 2006 are:

1	Larry Engel	71
2	James Kavaleiros	70
3	Brent Jerolimic	62
4	TJ Pierson	60
5	Jon Trudel	59
6	Mark Mallory	50
7	Elihu Savad	46
8	Dave Ngo	40
8	Michael Marvuglio	40
10	Ken Herskovitz	35

A complete listing of the Championship Series can be found on our website under Event Results.

Neil Gambony

## 2007 DRIVER SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Start making your plans for 2007 Driver Schools:

April 16-17	Mon-Tues	Summit Point	Adv School/ITS
June 4-5	Mon-Tues	Lime Rock Park	Club Race/Driver School
July 28-29	Sat-Sun	Summit Point	Club Race/Driver School
Sept 22-23	Sat-Sun	Shenandoah	Driver School



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4 Dunlop Wintersport M3 (205/55-16) mounted on four Sport Edition five spoke wheels, 16 x 7, from my old E46 325Ci. The tires were used for two winters and have approximately 15,000 miles on them; roughly half the tread depth is left. Wheels are perfect - no scratches or dents. \$250 takes the set, but the buyer must pick up as I will not ship. Call Kurt at 973-208-1065, or e-mail at kernst@optonline.net. (2/2007)

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hobby of racing! Also, you don't want to know how much I'm paying in auto insurance. The financial consequences are now piling up well beyond the petty nuisance of a few dollars in fines.

The next step to recovery is admitting that you screwed up. I finally had to acknowledge to myself that, the third ticket not withstanding, I do tend to drive too fast. Not friend-and-fellow-club-member-Bob fast (why doesn't he have any tickets???) He doesn't drive as much as hurtle his car down the road! He literally refers to his Suburban as a "momentum car".) but fast enough to deserve a ticket here and there. Never mind that the speed limit laws are not rational. Why should the speed limit be the same whether you are in heavy or light traffic, in a dump truck or an M3, in good weather or bad? Officer Revenue-generator doesn't seem to care and I can't afford to argue with the system for another couple of years. Moreover, I'm generally pro law

enforcement, and I hate developing a knee-jerk negative reaction to seeing a police car on the road.

So now I am reduced to driving at the speed limit. And like an addict, I find I pretty much have to strictly adhere to the speed limit if I am to avoid flagrantly violating the traffic laws. If I speed a little, I want to speed more than a little. I know you can drive "with traffic" or 10MPH above the limit pretty safely, but what's the point? If you can't drive at what feels like a natural speed (forget about a fun speed), it all feels like a crawl anyway, so I just stick to the limit most of the time. This year, if you see a 300 HP BMW idling down the highway in the right hand lane, barely breaking 1200 RPM at "highway speeds" it's probably not some little old lady on her way to church. No. It's me. The driver riding 6 inches off my back bumper, shaking a fist-clad cell phone at me in frustration: that would be the old lady.

# NJ Chapter Calendar

## January 2007

January 17th

New Jersey Chapter members Dave McIntyre and Ross Karlin won their class in the 2006 Targa Newfoundland rally. Come hear their story on Wednesday, January 17 at the Deutscher club.

## February 2007

February 10th

Annual Club Banquet at the Grand Colonial in Perryville, NJ. See detail on page 8. Reserve the date.

February 21st

Monthly meeting at Princeton Mini, 3466 Route 1, Princeton, NJ. (Rt. 1 North between Quakerbridge Road and Meadow Road). Meeting starts at 7:00pm.

## March 2007

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Despite the raging blizzard, club members venture out for meeting at the Deutscher club.

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