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President's Line

The end is near! The end is near! The end of winter is near. Yes, I do enjoy snow and winter. I even had the opportunity to use my helmet to ride my buddy's Ski-Doo, but after going down on the ice while walking in my yard, I'm ready to move on the next season. That would be the driving season.

Pretty soon I'll be getting the Red Devil out of the barn and evicting the mice that have taken up residency in it over the winter. I'll check the car out, charge the battery, change the brake fluid, motor oil, and install some "new" parts that I've picked over the winter in anticipation of the Advanced Driving School.

This year we'll be starting the season out at Summit Point's big track with the Advanced Driving School (ADS) and the Instructor Training School (ITS), Monday and Tuesday, April 16-17. Registration is open for it and it can be done on-line through the website. Once you have your account set-up, it will only take a few minutes to register.

If you are planning on attending the ADS/ITS, I have reserved a block of rooms for our use at the Comfort Suites in Martinsburg, West Virginia. The rate is still \$65 plus tax per night. It's about the only thing that hasn't gone up in price this year. You can reach them at 304-263-8888. Don't forget to mention you are with the NJ BMW Club to get this rate.

Also in April is the Autocross School, April 22, and the first Autocross of the season, April 29. Both events will be held at the Commerce Bank Ballpark in Bridgewater. I'm sure you know by now that helmets used in Autocrossing need to be Snell 2000 or newer.

Congratulations go to Club Social Director Big Al Drugos for his efforts in organizing the Club's Annual Banquet that was held on Saturday February 10. Once again we held the party at the Grand Colonial Restaurant in Perryville. Thanks go to David Finch, Paul Ngai, and Art Busch for the seeking and gathering of the many prizes that we gave away to the Club Members in attendance.

We had many terrific prizes this year, gift certificates from Ken

Herskovitz at Alkendesign, Rogue Engineering and Zygmunt Motors, aka Bimmerparts.com. UUC Motorwerks had plenty of shift knobs on hand, and Turner Motorsports sent sweatshirts and some driving shoes. There were many items from Princeton Mini, Hunterdon BMW, JMK BMW, Open Road BMW and Morristown Mini/BMW. We gave away hats, shirts, models, coffee mugs, travel cups, key chains, and car care products. The big winners of the night were Dennis Krug's girlfriend, Liz Cozine, who won the bicycle from JMK BMW and Phil Eiseman's girlfriend, Melissa Wexler, who got the 1-day BMW driving school at Spartanburg, NC courtesy of Morristown BMW/ Mini.

The Club's February Meeting, which was held at the Deutscher Club, featured NJ Member Don Salama. Don's now residing outside of Boston so he can be closer to Will Turner's shop where they build and prepare the racecars that Turner Motorsports is racing in the Grand-Am support series, the Koni Challenge. Don spoke about what's involved to drive for a Championship winning team and attributed his success in racing from the knowledge of car control he learned while driving his car in the Club's Autocross program. Don is a 3-time winner of the Club's Championship Series and had served on the Board of Directors as the Driving Events Chairman.

For you cell phone users and or customers of Sprint, Sprint in cooperation with the BMW CCA is now offering discounts to Club Members. Sprint has a discount program that can give you \$100 bonus credit for new service and a free 1-year BMW CCA membership (new or renewal). You are also eligible for a 15% monthly discount. For more details, call 866-385-8891 or visit them at www.sprint.bz/bmwcca.

Registration is now open for the Street Survival School© for teenage drivers. The event will be held at the NJ EXPO Center in Edison, NJ on June 17th. Information can be found on the NJ website and as always if you have time to help us out for the day, please contact me.

Neil Gambony

Welcome New Members

Raja Alaparathi
John Cappuccilli
Robert Castillo
Anthony J. Cossa
Anthony Dantuono
Richard Linderman
Peter Scott Masonis
W Michael McNair
Gregory George Meritzis
Luis Morales
Willie F. Neal
James Palkoski
Charles Parmelli
Anthony Pereira
Thomas E. Pospisil
Jodi Prinzivalli
Eric Seidenberg

Andrew Shenkman
Herb Steinmann
Sheila Suerig
Cynthia Sussman
Darius Yekta
Marcia Young
Fredrick Young
Dominee Young





Philes' Forum

by Vic Lucariello

Hello Bimmerphiles! With the New Jersey Chapter 2007 driver-school season set to begin on 16 April, I'm sure everyone is busy preparing their track cars for another go at that elusive "perfect lap". This will be my 22nd season of attempting same. Note I say "attempting". For those of you who have not yet attended one of our driver schools, I think you should seriously consider doing so. Application information, as well as documents addressing the risks and responsibilities associated with driver-school participation can be found on the NJ Chapter website. Or better yet, come out to a monthly membership meeting and ask one or more of the driver-school junkies sure to be present!

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 [eg: 328i, not 3-Series].

Inveterate NJ Chapter godfather Ross Karlin sent in an emissions report for his nephew Justin's 1977 320i. Quoth Ross, "The inspectors all gathered around looking for the cat[alytic converter]. [Most cars newer than 1975 are supposed to have one.] I pointed out the large gas filler for leaded gas. This was of interest, but didn't close the deal. Finally, I remembered the "Non-Catalyst" sticker on the door post, and they moved on." Same thing happened to me around 20 years ago when I took Joanne's 1977 530i to inspection. I recall the "Non-Catalyst" sticker receiving examination as if it were somehow bogus. The more things change,.....

Anyhow, Justin's E21 posted some pretty good emissions numbers: 52 ppm HC [300 allowable] and 0.34 % CO [3.00 allowable]. Remember, this is without a catalytic converter. NOx is not tested on this year vehicle.

Thanks also to Christina Jordan for sending in a test report for hubby Ray's very nice 1989 E30 named "Seppi". Speaking of naming cars, Joanne calls her feisty 1987, 250,000+-mile Jetta "Farfy", while another NJ Chapter member, who shall remain unnamed, calls her track car "Spinner". Yes, Miniata, Farfy was on the track once, at Lime Rock Park. Do you have a name for your Mini??

Those of you who drive E34 ['89-'95 5-Series], E36 ['92-'99 3-Series], E38 ['95-'01 7-Series], and E39 ['96-'04 5-Series] Bimmers should know that their radiators seem to have the habit of failing catastrophically. What happens is the upper radiator neck breaks off [See Photo #1] and most of the coolant is quickly discharged into the engine compartment. If the situation is not caught immediately, the engine can overheat severely, with resultant damage. On models with aluminum engine blocks, a severe overheat can damage the engine block by pulling out the threads that receive the cylinder-head bolts. So you definitely don't wanna let one of these puppies overheat! Photo #1 was taken at Summit

Point Raceway at our 2006 advanced-driver school. Talk about a ruined track day!

The cause of these failures, which also afflict the plastic engine-coolant outlets on some of the motors, has been variously attributed to poor design, inferior "plastic" material, overtightened hose clamps, coolant incompatibility, et al. The "fix" consensus seems to be regular replacement of the radiator and engine-

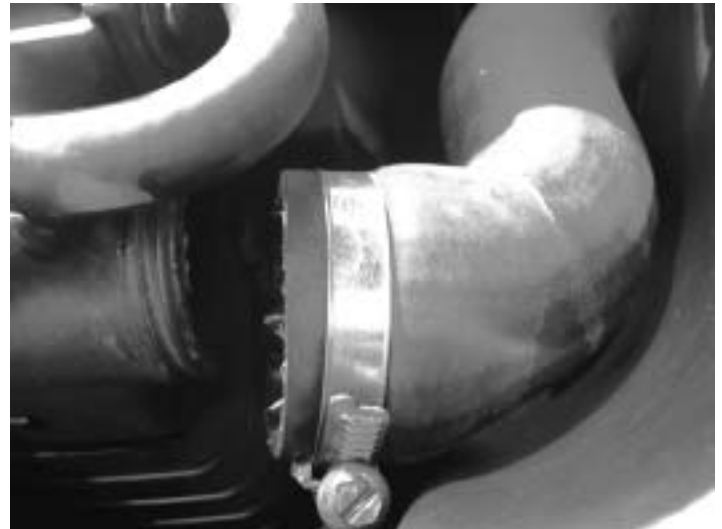


Photo #1 Broken upper radiator neck

Photo by Vic Lucariello, Sr.

coolant outlet [AKA thermostat housing]. While in there you would replace the water pump, thermostat, drive belts, radiator hoses, and coolant. On the 6-cylinder motors, once things have been sufficiently disassembled to access the thermostat housing, replacing the water pump adds maybe 10 minutes to the overall job.

Speaking of water pumps, they should probably be replaced about twice as often as the radiator! The esteemed Mike Miller, of Roundel Tech Talk and other auto-enthusiast-publication fame, recommends [and I concur] a radiator replacement approximately every 100,000 miles. Mike is also a fan of using only BMW OEM coolant. I can't say that I am convinced that coolant choice is a factor in the radiator-failure scenario. Indeed, there are those in the BMW aftermarket-service community who believe the BMW coolant may actually exacerbate the problem. I can say that whenever I work on a Bimmer cooling system that has the BMW OEM coolant, I replace it in kind.

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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Annual Banquet

By Thom Rossi

Our chapter held its annual banquet on February 10th at the Grand Colonial restaurant. The event was attended by about 150 chapter members, with many bringing their spouses or significant others along. The food was great, the company superb, and I must admit, the mixologist served a very decent martini.

Moreover, I was privileged to be sitting at the "silver tuna" table. By that I mean that our table got all of the great door prizes. First, club racer John Allen (visiting from the Delaware Valley Chapter) won the highly coveted brand new pair of size 11 driving shoes. As it turns out, that actually is his size! Al Drugos, our social director and MC for the evening, had wisely reserved this prize for an active driving event participant. Then, the joy and bliss of my evening was made complete when my wife won a gift certificate to Bloomingdale's, courtesy of Zygmunt Motors. Thanks, Ziggy! But that was only the beginning of our table's good luck.

Melissa Wechsler, attending with Phil Eiseman (another Del Val Chapter club racer) won a gift certificate for a school at the BMW performance driving center in Spartenburg, South Carolina! SWEET! It turns out that Phil has been trying to get Melissa to try a driving school for quite some time and this is the perfect way to get her started. But wait, there's more.

The great grand daddy of all the evening's door prizes was a shiny new BMW bicycle. After all the gift certificates, shifter knobs, hats, mugs, and assorted goodies were given away, two people remained in the room with door prize tickets yet to be called. The air was thick with suspense. Big Al, with his infallible sense of drama, slowly called out the number of the first runner up. It was Sue Conway, who was not fortunate enough to be at the big winning table. Moments later she returned to her seat without the bicycle but with the runner up prize (two plastic license plate brackets... go figure). Then the winning number was called and, of course, the bicycle went home with someone from our table, Liz Cozine, guest of local chapter member Dennis Krug!

The party soon broke up and we all headed home, laden with our goodies and happy to have spent an evening with friends.



Bike Winner Liz Cozine



Championship Series Winner Larry Engel and President Neil Gambony



Championship Series Runner-up James Kavaleiros and President Neil Gambony

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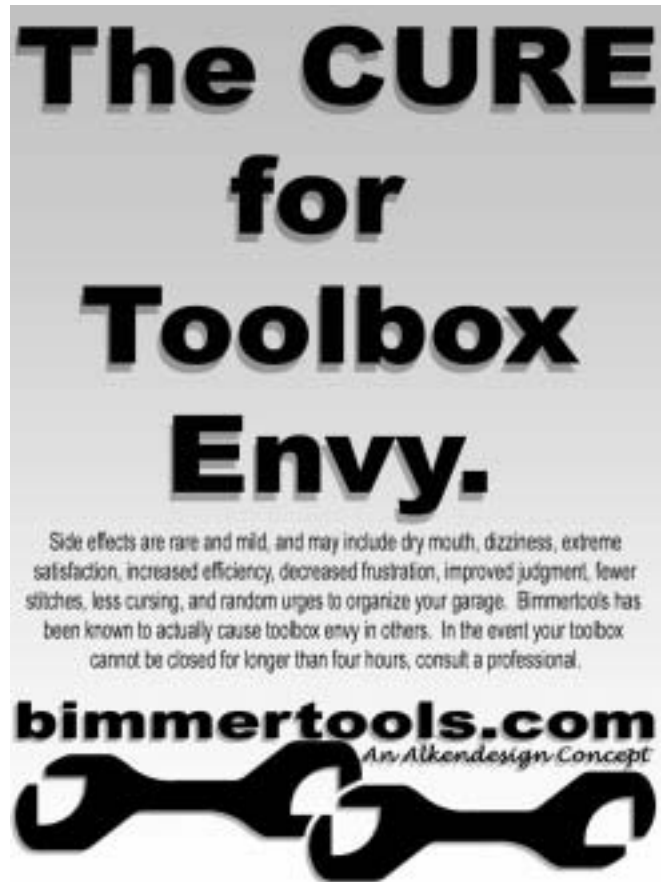
By Thom Rossi

Being an occasionally spirited driver, I sometimes find it necessary to cut it a little close as I work my way around someone who's idea of driving courtesy involves occupying the left lane for prolonged periods of time, maybe with their left blinker on for miles, and who is blissfully unaware of the traffic, including me, waiting for a chance to get by them. Although I can't actually hear the other driver during such a maneuver, communication is not completely blocked. I choose to decode their single digit hand signals as "Hey Buddy, do you think you own the road?" Once I actually heard an irate farmer shout that out through a cloud of gravel and dust as I worked the kinks out of my 911 cabriolet on a back country road. Luckily, the eddy currents in my wake ripped his cell phone out of his hand before he could phone my plate number into the local police.

But here's the cool part. I recently discovered that, yes; I do own the road, or at least a small part of it. In preparation for a construction project at my house I've had to submit our lot plan to various municipal agencies for assorted permits. In the process, I've noticed that my front property line actually extends to the double yellow line in the state road by our house. In fact, it used to extend all the way through the other side of the road and into a drainage ditch. But our builder had a legal dispute with the farmer across the street and the compromise on the property line brought us back to the yellow line. Why our farmer neighbor was so adamant about retaining ownership rights of a drainage ditch I've never figured out. Perhaps he was planning on supplementing his agricultural income by starting a mosquito farm. But I digress.

It's my road, and I officially declare myself King of the Road. As such, we are empowered to issue royal decrees on the proper use of our road. Our first order of business will be to make it a toll road. Nothing obtrusive, just a couple of high speed EasyPass readers on both ends of the property. Anticipation of the revenue to be provided by the toll has made the King desirous of expanding his kingdom. So it is with great interest that the King has read about the State of New Jersey's plan to sell the NJ Turnpike. Now that's a Kingdom worthy of our royal attention.

Our royal plans for management of the turnpike are simple, yet ingenious. The first decree is - no more cash for tolls. To use his majesty's turnpike all of our subjects must have EZPass. Think of it as the new coin of the realm. Forget those bygone days of cars lined up, wasting gas as they crawl through traffic to clear the toll both. The second decree is - no more speed limit. Instead, we will institute a "reference speed". The King has observed that most drivers average about 75 mph on the turnpike. Fine then, by popular demand that's the new reference speed. If you travel at or below the reference speed, you pay the basic toll rate. Want to go faster? OK, but the toll will be speed proportional. Say, double for every 10 mph over the reference speed. Not a terrible price to pay for those occasions when the royal subjects find they are in a hurry, but a steep enough difference to provide reliable speed control. The King would anticipate that this system will provide much more reliable speed control and traffic flow (more importantly, better cash flow to the King) than the current random traffic ticket system. The third and final decree is - the basic toll rate will vary according to traffic volume. The more cars on the road, the higher shall be the basic toll rate. The King wisely believes that this will have a mitigating effect on commuter traffic congestion, as economic incentives will encourage more drivers to hit the turnpike at "off peak hours".



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There is only one obstacle the King must overcome. The royal treasury falls depressingly short of the billion dollars or so that will be needed to purchase the turnpike. So the King hopes that one of our BMW CCA chapter members is the head of a large hedge fund. The King further hopes that this member will read this column, be impressed with the brilliance of the King's plan, and contact the King with an offer to finance the acquisition of the turnpike.

Actually there may be another obstacle. The lack of speed restriction is likely to raise the ire of traffic safety fanatics and animal rights activists across our great state. Can you imagine the outcry at the senseless slaughter of insects that will result from unrestricted turnpike traffic speeds? It may be that some of the royal tolls would have to be diverted to imperially funded programs to repopulate the state's insects by supplements to farmers, encouraging them to raise replacement swarms of mosquitoes. Now that I think about it, I guess my farmer neighbor was pretty far sighted in his quest to hold onto that drainage ditch after all!

As you can see, being King is no simple matter. But all in all, it's good to be the King.

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Summit Point Advanced School and ITS

This school has continued to gain popularity each season. Approximately 4 hours of open track are available to advance students and two hours for intermediate students. This is a combined event with our instructor candidate school. The event is earlier this year in April so it should be a lot cooler than the 95+ days we have had in the past in

June. Details for the event and registration are on the web site. The great thing about W. Va. is the rooms are reasonable and you can get a good meal for \$20.00. We plan to stage our own picnic at the track.

David Finch

Driver School Registration

Driver School Registration Now Open

Registration for each of our four 2007 Driver School events is now open via the chapter website. 2007 marks the 33rd year that the New Jersey Chapter is conducting Driver Schools and continues our reign as the chapter with the longest history of conducting Driver Schools. This year we will be going paperless for registration. Our trial run last year was a success and we found that 100% of our students and 98% of our instructors were able to register via the web. Consequently, we have decided that electronic registration is suitable for our membership.

To re-cap President Gambony's message, all our events this year are 2-day events. We begin the year with our combination Advanced Driving School - Instructor Training School at Summit Point Raceway. To participate as a student in this event, you must have previous track experience and your application will be reviewed by the Chief Instructor (Blake Smith) and the Event Chair (David Finch). Next up is our annual Driver School/Club Race at Lime Rock Park for the benefit of the Westlake School. The race this year is a Premier Event for BMW CCA Club Racing so we expect a good turnout. Our Driver School/Club Race at Summit Point Raceway will be the third event of the season and we will wrap up with a Driver School at the fun

and challenging Shenandoah Circuit at Summit Point. Dates and registration prices are shown below. We have managed to hold the line on costs for our Summit Point events and have kept the increase at Lime Rock to a minimum despite rising track rental fees.

Venue	Dates	Cost
Summit Point ADS/ITS	April 16-17	\$350
Lime Rock	June 4-5	\$550
Summit Point	July 28-29	\$400
Shenandoah	Sep 22-23	\$350

Additional details for each event and instructions for registering are on the website. For returning students, please verify that the information in your Profile is correct.

Please be certain that your e-mail address is current since all communication will be electronic. For new or interested students, we have added a "What is a Driver School?" page on the website to introduce you to our goals in conducting schools and what to expect.

We look forward to a new season and hope to see you at the track!

Teen Survival School

Registration Open for TSS

Registration is open for our Spring Street Teen Survival School. The event start at 8:30 at the Raritan Expo Center. Teens learn crash avoidance skills, panic braking, and how to save the car. This is a fun event for the entire

family to watch the kids advance in driving skills. Several notable NJ Club Chef's will stage the barbecue picnic at lunch for all the participants and guest. Don't delay to register. We are limited to 30 students. Details for registration are on the Web Site.



New Jersey Chapter of the BMW CCA
Board Meeting
January 4, 2007

Board members present: Neil Gambony, Warren Brown, Bob Conway, David Hirschhorn, Barry Stevens, David Finch, Jeff White and Deborah Kolar. Board Members absent: Al Drugos, Jerry Faber and Ross Karlin. Others present: Bob Isbitski, Blake Smith, Vic Lucariello and John Csuri. Neil Gambony called the meeting to order at 7:37 PM at Café Cucina. David Finch waived the reading of the minutes and Bob Conway seconded - motion passed.

President

Neil Gambony passed on a request from North Atlantic Vice President John Sullivan for a volunteer to create and maintain a regional event calendar for all social and driving events. The BMW CCA National Chapter Congress is April 20th through 22nd. Neil will attend and Warren may.

Neil requested that all board members inform him if they will be out of town or unavailable for an extended period in case he is trying to make contact. Requests for complimentary subscriptions to the Roundel should be emailed to Neil.

Vice President

The February 21st monthly membership meeting will be at Princeton Mini in conjunction with the introduction of the new Mini. Barry would like to have a classic mini on-site for comparison purposes. (This program was subsequently changed to racer Don Salama speaking at the Deutscher Club). Future meeting ideas included Will Turner speaking on his racing program and Steve Corells of NMA or a lawyer. John Csuri suggested that we use a dealership as a venue for a speaker or other program.

Secretary

Deborah Kolar reported the results of the 2007 Board election - Neil Gambony - President, Barry Stevens - Vice President, Al Drugos - Social Chair, Warren Brown - Treasurer, David Finch - Driving Events Chair, Bob Conway and David Hirschhorn - Members-at-Large and Deborah Kolar - Secretary.

Treasurer

Warren Brown provided the 2006 profit and loss statement. We lost approximately \$14,000 for the year. We have sufficient reserves to pay LRP and SPR deposits. We still need 2007 track costs before a budget can be put together. Blake suggested that we base the school pricing on a 90% fill rate in order to meet the goal of making \$1000 to \$2000 per day. David Hirschhorn is investigating the cost of other chapters driving schools, as well as looking into channels for advertising and promoting our schools. We may want to look at optimizing track time by putting the next group out on the track as the prior group is exiting the track (barring any towing). Thom Rossi volunteered to write a continuing column on drivers' schools for the Bulletin. As a clarification, you need to be a BMW CCA member, but not a NJ BMW CCA member to attend a NJ driving school.

It was agreed that we need to review expenses to find cost savings opportunities in 2007. Suggestions included

Printing and mailing the Bulletin four times per year, with monthly Bulletins distributed by email or on the website.

Eliminating or cutting back the June race banquet.

Neil will bring the letter from the Foundation on Street Survival to the next meeting.

Social Events

David Finch will follow up with dealers regarding door prizes for the annual banquet. The banquet registration form needs to be updated to state Saturday February 10, 2007. Bob Conway suggested a go-cart track in East Hanover as a possible social event.

Driving Events

David Finch nominated Ross Karlin and Jeff White as Members-at-Large. Barry Stevens seconded and the motion passed.

Now that the driving school dates are determined, David will set up the Street Survival schedule and locations.

Elihu is looking into obtaining a State of NJ racing license needed for the Autocross program. A question was raised regarding Snell requirements for Autocrossing. The loaner helmets are Snell 2000, so good for this year.

Neil will forward Brian Morgan's email regarding driving schools to Brian Corrigan.

Driver Schools

John Csuri obtained the 2007 drivers school dates. Jeff White will be the contact person for all driving schools. We need 2007 pricing so that we can open registration on the web. It is important that the driving school calendar be included in the Roundel.

Warren said that Jeffery Bruce has expressed interest in helping out the drivers' school program. We may want to include him on emails for the drivers' school committee which will be meeting soon to determine who will be registrar and school pricing.

Website

By the end of January the on-line registration system will include instructor and student evaluations and new search capabilities. Advanced searching requirements need to be defined. John will send Bob Conway a list of the data fields he needs available in a format that can be imported into a spreadsheet.

New Members

Bob Isbitski will write a blurb on National's new membership contest for posting on the website. November and December new member letters went out.

Old Business

David Hirschhorn will do a write-up promoting our driving schools and submit it to appropriate outlets.

The instructors' meeting is tentatively scheduled for Saturday March 3rd at the Grand Colonial from 9am to 4pm. There will be various speakers, including Barry Battle. Blake requested that Bob Conway introduce on-line student evaluations at the meeting. Bill Wade has been invited.

New Business

Warren Brown reported that BMW rented Englishtown Raceway for an X5 launch and that there may be the potential to use the track for club events. John spoke to Millville regarding use of the proposed track for our drivers' schools. While they do plan to make the track available for club events, they will not start discussions until they break ground.

The next meeting is set for Wednesday February 7th at 7:30pm at Café Cucina.

Bob Isbitski motioned to adjourn at 9:30 PM, Barry seconded.

Respectfully submitted, Deborah Kolar (Secretary)

New Jersey Chapter of the BMW CCA
Board Meeting
February 7, 2007

Board members present: Neil Gambony, Warren Brown, Al Drugos, David Hirschhorn, Barry Stevens, David Finch, Jeff White, Ross Karlin and Deborah Kolar. Board Members absent: Bob Conway, Jerry Faber. Others present: Bob Isbitski, Blake Smith, Elihu Savad, Penny Galossi, Alfredo Galossi and John Csuri.

Neil Gambony called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM at Café Cucina.

David Finch waived the reading of the minutes and Al Drugos seconded - motion passed.

President

Neil Gambony renewed our special rate of \$65 per room at the Comfort Suites for all our Summit Point driving events, as well as the Del/Val school. When calling for rooms, mention you're with the BMW Club. The ZF Award application needs to be sent in by February 17th. Ross will ask Brian Morgan to apply for the chapter.

Vice President

The January membership meeting with Dave McIntyre and Ross Karlin was very well received. The February 21st monthly membership meeting was originally scheduled to be at Princeton Mini in conjunction with the introduction of the new Mini. This is postponed until March and racer Don Salama will speak at the February meeting at the Deutscher Club. We need to inform our members of this change of topic and venue - either in the Bulletin, if it will be out before the meeting, or via postcard. It is already posted on the website. Bob Isbitski will include this change in the next set of new member letters. Barry polled the board regarding bringing in vendors as speakers. The consensus is that any one who brings value to club members is welcome. There is interest in repeating the program on alcohol-level testing.

Treasurer

Warren Brown provided the January 2007 profit and loss statement. Warren will provide the 2006 costs for the instructor training seminar and ITS to Ross, so he can follow-up with National regarding reimbursement. Warren will investigate the Street Survival donation letter.

Social Events

Al Drugos reported that over 60 people have signed up for the banquet. He promised an improved ice sculpture! Al's one concern is getting the door prizes in time. David Finch will contact Paul Ngai regarding a prize Morristown BMW would like to donate. David will give Al a list of door prizes and sponsors and Al will write a Bulletin article thanking them. We should make sure all the sponsors get copies of this Bulletin.

Driving Events

David Finch is working with two property management people to find locations for Teen Street Survival schools.

Elihu will inquire if Raritan Center has any available dates other than June 3rd, which is the day before the Lime Rock Park Drivers School and Club Race. There is also interest in a Car Control Clinic for the general membership. Elihu stated that we may be able to use a lot for Car Control

that isn't appropriate for Street Survival.

The Autocross school is April 22 with the first autocross the following weekend. The dates for five currently scheduled autocrosses are on the website. We are limiting participation to 80 drivers. Helmets will be checked to make sure they are Snell 2000+ approved. Insurance rates are the same as last year. Elihu obtained the State of NJ racing license needed for the Autocross program.

Neil will forward Brian Morgan's email regarding driving schools to Brian Corrigan.

Driver Schools

Jeff White reported that there will be a Drivers School Committee meeting following the Instructor Seminar. We now have the insurance quotes needed to determine 2007 driver school entrance fees. Jeff and Blake are meeting with Bob and Greg Conway this Friday to decide whether we will use web registration in 2007. David Finch will also attend.

Club Racing

Our June Lime Rock Park Club Race has been designated the region's premier event for 2007. John will contact the Wake Robin to confirm that we will again have the banquet there. David Finch proposed that we continue to support the Westlake School, Barry Stevens seconded. Motion carried. Ross would like to get earlier commitments and additional sponsors. It was suggested that this year we collect all sponsorship monies prior to sending a check to Westlake. The NJ Chapter is being honored April 26th by the Westlake School. Ross suggested that club members attend the event.

New Members

Bob Isbitski will write an article on National's new membership contest for the Bulletin and posting on the website. January new member letters went out and February's will go out soon. He is still trying to get a lost member list.

Old Business

David Hirschhorn will be listing all of our driving schools, including the Advanced/ITS school, with appropriate websites and magazines. All emails regarding drivers school should go to Jeff White as registrar. David Finch will be event chair for the Advanced Drivers School and Blake will ok any ITS applicants. Neil will arrange to have all our drivers school listed in the Roundel.

Blake reported that the instructors' meeting is scheduled for Saturday March 3rd (later changed to February 17th) at the Grand Colonial from 9am to 4pm. There will be various speakers, including Barry Battle.

New Business

David Finch proposed that Penny Galossi be appointed dealer liaison. Warren Brown seconded. Motion passed.

The next meeting is set for Wednesday March 14th at 7:30pm at Café Cucina.

Barry Stevens motioned to adjourn at 9:30 PM, Jeff seconded.

Respectfully submitted, Deborah Kolar (Secretary)

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1986 BMW 535i

Alpine white/burgundy leather, was originally customized with Zender package. 163,000 miles/5 speed/has rust and dings/4 snows go along for the ride. Passed NJ inspection in 9/06 but is not running now. I think it's a cold start injection problem. Lot's of fairly new parts. \$1,400 e-mail Phil at ob1@nac.net. (3/2007)

2003 BMW X5 3.0

VIN: SURXA53643LW26390

Alpine white, tan leather, cwp, rear climate pkg. 45k miles - one owner/driver - impeccable condition. Auto transmission. Always garaged - no accidents or paint work. Still under factory warranty. \$32,000 obo. Contact Bill at 201-224-0220 or e-mail bnaddeo@aol.com. (3/2007)

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2007 Autocross Schedule

The 2007 autocross schedule is taking shape, and will start with our autocross school on April 22. Students will be able to use their skills at the first autocross, which follows a week later.

Please download and read the waiver of liability, as you will be asked to sign this important document at each event.

Get out your dancing shoes, for the music is about to start!

Of the last three dates listed below, one or more may be at PNC. At this point, availability can only be confirmed at the ballpark. Make sure your helmet is no older than Snell 2000, and check the NJ chapter website for important event information, classification and points.

Elihu Savad

Schedule:

- April 22 Autocross school at Commerce Bank Ballpark, Bridgewater
 - April 29 Autocross at Commerce Bank Ballpark, Bridgewater
 - May 20 Autocross at PNC Bank Arts Center, Holmdel
 - July 1 Autocross at PNC Bank Arts Center, Holmdel
 - July 22 Autocross at Commerce Bank Ballpark, Bridgewater
 - Aug 19 Autocross at Commerce Bank Ballpark, Bridgewater
- Additional dates: Sept 9th, Oct 7th, and Oct 28th

NJ Chapter Calendar

March 2007

March 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.

April 2007

April 18th

Monthly meeting at Deutscher club - David S. Bunevich - Municipal Court Prosecutor for several communities in Hunterdon County.

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