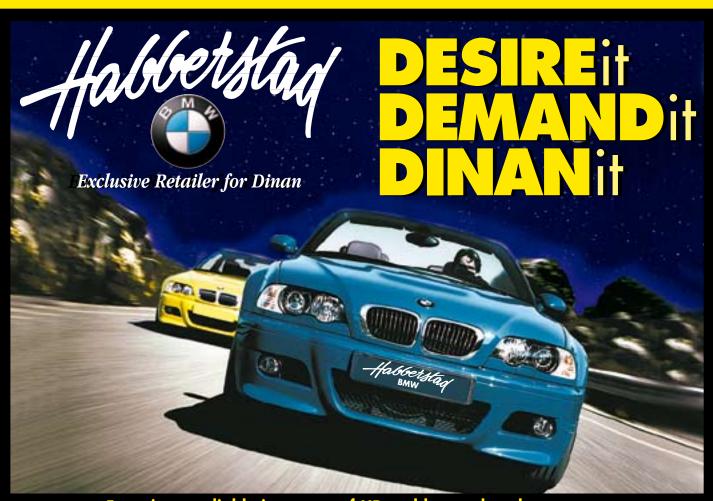




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## December

3rd Annual Holiday Party & President's Dinner



On The Cover Andre Noel's Autocross Racer.

Photo by Victor Yim.

The New York Chapter is looking for members to contribute articles and photos to Die ZugSpitze Contact: Phil Danza editor@nybmwcca.org



# From the Chapter President

Anthony Howell



I would like to start this month's column by thanking Phil Danza for giving the New York Chapter's Newsletter a classy new look. GREAT JOB to Phil and all of the other volunteers that have pitched in to help create a quality publication.

Motorsports Day 2005 was held on May 29th at Life Quality BMW located in Brooklyn. The event was held to promote their launch of Dinan Motorsports products. We were happy to see such a large turnout for the first dealership event in Brooklyn. We are looking forward to continuing our relationship with Life Quality and we would like to thank the staff that took time from their day off to open

up their doors to our members.

On Sunday June 19th (Father's Day) a group of Bimmerheads met at Bayside Marina off the Cross Island Parkway to caravan to Watkins Glen for the NY/Patroon Drivers' School. Each of us took turns leading the pack. At exit 56, I took the lead into the town of Elmira. There was a posted speed limit of 40 MPH in a construction zone, which we were clearly obeying. From past experience, we are fully aware that the speed limits are strictly enforced in this area. I was again reminded of this when 2 patrol cars passed us on the opposite side of the highway and the second one was dragging his brakes. At that point, we knew we were going to have an unscheduled meeting with them.

The officers pulled over all 9 cars and this is where it got very interesting. The officer walked up to my car (lead) first, and I asked him what was the problem, officer. He replied that we were speeding, and asked for our license and registration, please. I told him we were not speeding and I asked where was his radar detector. His reply was, "well someone called it in and said you guys were speeding". When he realized that he could not get us with speeding, he decided to call in the NY State Troopers that have the radar guns. Upon their arrival one of the Troopers told us they got us on radar and I told him this was not possible. The Trooper was pulled aside by his partner and moments later he returned and recanted his statement.

We were then advised that the summons was going to be changed to "disobeying a sign". At that point, I became the spokesperson for the group, and reminded them not to do me any favors – if I am accused of speeding, then give me a speeding ticket. He said it was not my decision and I requested for a superior officer to be called onto the scene. I was told he was 40 miles away and I asked that he call him on the phone. The Troopers took everyone's paperwork and went to their cars for a couple of minutes. He returned and said the "witness" could not be located and he was forced to let us all go. Radar detectors are designed to detect one car at a time – not nine. This is why they wanted to change the summons to "disobeying a sign". This was merely an attempt to collect revenue for the town of Elmira. After this ordeal, we enjoyed a great driving event at the Glen. [Editor – I'm glad this article was not emailed from the County Jail!]

Regards, Anthony Howell

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### **News From BMW**

Courtesy of BMW Press

#### BMW 3 SERIES VOTED "AMERICA'S BEST SEDAN" BY READERS OF AUTOWEEK

Woodcliff Lake, NJ – June 30, 2005... The all-new BMW 3 Series was voted "America's Best Sedan" by the readers of AutoWeek in this year's "America's Best" survey. In an increasingly competitive marketplace this year's award represents the

fourth time that a 3 Series has been named "America's Best Sedan" by readers of AutoWeek and the eighth time that a BMW 3 Series has appeared on the list of "America's Best."

Commenting on their readers' selection of the new 3 Series as "America's Best Sedan" the editors of AutoWeek noted, "The 3 is simply a pleasure to drive, anywhere, anytime. That's why it remains one of your favorites – and one of ours."

"We're delighted to receive this acknowledgement from the readers of AutoWeek," said Tom Purves, Chairman and CEO of BMW (US) Holdings. "Launching a new 3 Series is an important



event for us because, in many ways, it represents the core of our brand. Driving pleasure is at the heart of every product we sell. To receive such an award from a dedicated group of enthusiasts means a great deal." The all-new 2006 3 Series Sedan went on sale on May 6th with a starting price of just \$30,995 for the 325i including, as does every BMW, full maintenance for 4 years or 50,000 miles.

## Mini USA Awards Nuzzo Motor Sports Prize Money For Podium Finish

Contingency Program Pays Out \$6,000 for Third-Place Finish at Watkins Glen - By BMW Press

Woodcliff Lake, NJ - June 24, 2005... MINI USA has awarded Nuzzo Motor Sports for its participation and hard-won podium finish at Watkins Glen, Saturday, June 11th with a \$6,000 contingency payout. The private team of Nuzzo Motor Sports, who campaigned two MINI Cooper S' in Grand Am took full benefit of MINI's contingency program, notably with a 3rd place win in the ST class.

MINI USA's contingency program offers private MINI racing efforts an incentive to compete in grassroots motorsport. From SCCA Solo, to Road Racing to Rally, those who compete have the opportunity to earn up to \$7,500 per race. In addition, MINI USA's race contingency program now offers publicity support for any podium finisher who successfully competes with a MINI in select classes.



New York's Tony Nuzzo campaigning his Mini Cooper S sponsored by Grafik Dezine

Historically, MINI earned its racing legacy on the challenging rally circuits in Europe, most notably Monte Carlo where a MINI Cooper S won in 1964, 1966 and 1967. To this day MINI remains an ideal platform for those who want to successfully compete in grassroots motorsport - from autocrossing to drag racing.

"The success of Nuzzo Motor Sports' racing efforts in the world of Grand Am is not only a testament to MINI's agility on the racetrack, but also to the commitment of a private team such as Nuzzo Motor Sports to compete." stated Jeff Stracco, Product Manager for MINI USA, "It is only fitting that MINI USA recognize MINI racing privateers such as Nuzzo Motor Sports who achieve this kind of success in grassroots motorsport competition."



# V10 HIGH-PERFORMANCE POWER UNIT FEATURED IN THE BMW M5 / M6 IS AWARDED THE TITLE "ENGINE OF THE YEAR 2005"

International journalists bestow prizes on six BMW engines - including the Variable TwinTurbo-Diesel - Courtesy of BMW Press

Munich. BMW has become the first car manufacturer to receive six different prizes within a year at the annual Engine of the Year Awards, the world's most prestigious engine competition. The prizes include one for the most unique diesel power unit, the Variable TwinTurbo engine featured in the BMW 535d.

In addition to first prize as "Engine of the Year", awarded today at the Engine Expo 2005 in Stuttgart to the 373 kW (507 bhp) V10 high-performance engine powering the BMW M5/M6, BMW engines also managed to scoop the following awards:



- V10 5.0-litre engine in the M5/M6: Best New Engine 2005
- V10 5.0-litre engine in the M5/M6: Best Performance Engine 2005
- V10 5.0-litre engine in the M5/M6: Winner in the class exceeding 4.0 litres
- 3.0-litre 535d Variable TwinTurbo-Diesel: Winner in the class 2.5 to 3.0 litres
- 3.2-litre six cylinder engine in the M3: Winner in the class 3.0 to 4.0 litres.

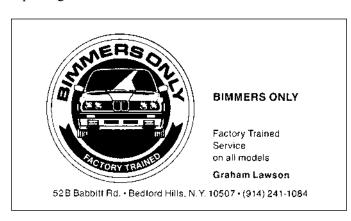
It is of particular interest to note that a diesel power unit - the 200 kW (272 bhp) 3.0-litre Variable TwinTurbo engine featured in the BMW 535d - was again voted winner in one of a total of eight different engine classes by an international jury comprising 56 renowned journalists.

The BMW M3 engine is victorious for the fifth time in succession.

This means that BMW is the most successful brand to participate in the Engine of the Year competition, the Munich engine builder now having seized 26 trophies over a period of seven years. The 252 kW (343 bhp) 3.2-litre high-performance power unit featured in the BMW M3 has alone received this

coveted award for the fifth time in succession - an unprecedented record.

This remarkable engine has contributed decisively to BMW's sustained accomplishment at the Engine of the Year Awards, thereby assisting the company in establishing itself as the most successful engine designer and builder. When one of the members of the jury, Arturo de Andrés, says for instance that the M3 engine is a power unit "for drivers who appreciate first-class engineering", he is referring to the both agile and distinctive, high-revving inline six cylinder, a unique engine indeed.





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## **Tech Session at Detailing Dynamics**

By Steve Fischthal

Please make sure you can join us for an incredible morning of valuable information and tips on preparing your BMW for our 10th Annual Great Marques Concours. This Tech Session will be held on Sunday, August 7th from 10AM - 2PM. The session will be held at Detailing Dynamics, 66 Windsor Avenue, Mineola, NY.

At this session, we will review what the judges are looking for during the Concours. We will review how your car is scored and how points are awarded. This will provide you with valuable insights and should help you immeasurably in preparing your car.

Matt Zakarian, proprietor of Detailing Dynamics and regular columnist in our newsletter, will be showing you how you should be prepping, cleaning and waxing your car. He will show you the right way to do this and show you the right materials to use for these tasks. He will offer advice on how to take care of particular types of problems you might have in preparing your car. Matt is a wealth of valuable information and he is always willing to share this with other enthusiasts.

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## The Men In Black (and One Woman) Are Back!: Street Survival 2005

By Matt Brod



The Street Survival Program run by the New York Chapter of the BMWCCA went off this June without a hitch. It could have been the pre-planning, the threats to the students and instructors, or simply good karma, but I am convinced that this year's event was the best Street Survival program the New York Chapter has ever hosted! Since this was the second year hosting the course we had modest expectations that were far exceeded.

Our event was very interesting because we had cross volunteers from other car clubs instructing with us. It's not uncommon for people to belong to multiple clubs in order to maximize their driving time. Therefore, at the first few auto-

crosses I recruited hotshoes from the Porsche Club, the Sports Car Club of America as well as our own cache of New York BMWCCA members. The only reason some of these instructors have never volunteered before was because they were never asked. Well, I am anything but shy so I asked for all the volunteers I could find.

My best hopes were confirmed since these new recruits really had the "Right Stuff". It was great to see people that normally are jokers take on a professional persona and step up to the plate. After the event ended, in addition to all the happy students and their parents, one of the instructors approached me and thanked me for giving him the opportunity to participate as an instructor. I completely understood where he was coming from – it's that feeling you get from

knowing you did a good thing. Knowing that at least one teenager learned one thing that will prevent one future accident made it all worthwhile.

The event started with a morning class given under the tent by our Instructor Extraordinaire, yours truly. My recurring theme for the morning was "All I want to do is keep you out of the body shop." Behind the wheel, many teenagers feel invincible. That is something I cannot change but I can make them aware that their cars are not. We covered a mix of topics, including proper hand position on the steering wheel, mirror placement, escape route planning, looking ahead and the unalterable physics of driving. We definitely got their attention with a real-life display of how far a car takes to stop from 60mph. In case you're interested, it takes about 140-170 feet, depending on the vehicle, brakes, tires, etc.

# "All I want to do is keep you out of the body shop."

Once the classroom instruction ended, the students were paired up with instructors. With an instructor in the student's car at all times, we ran them through the 4 exercises laid out

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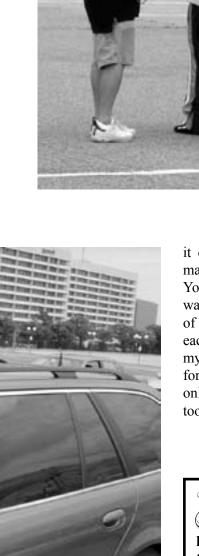


by Andre Noel and the Autocross Team. This consisted of the Slalom, a Lane Change Maneuver, a Braking Turn Exercise, and the Dreaded Figure 8. All students got approximately 4-6 runs through each section before lunch.

# ...real-life display of how far a car takes to stop from 60mph.

After lunch, the Uniondale Fire Department's Chief, Cameron Peak, came through again with a splash! Thousand of gallons of water helped create low friction conditions for the students to practice these same exercises while recovering from the inevitable skid. Unfortunately, 97-degree temperatures and the hot sun did not agree with the water and only some of the students got a chance to experience their vehicle's wet weather performance. We will improve upon this for future events so that all students can get the full effect.

I would like to extend a special thanks to all the volunteers who showed up early, worked their tails off, sweated



it out in the sun and helped make this another great New York Chapter event. By the way, I know I owe a bunch of people a couple of beers each. The cooler will be in my trunk at the Concours... for Street Survival instructors only... well, maybe the judges too... ■





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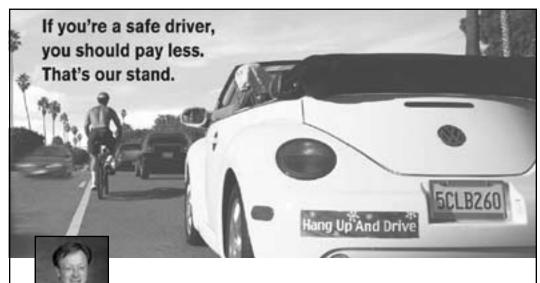
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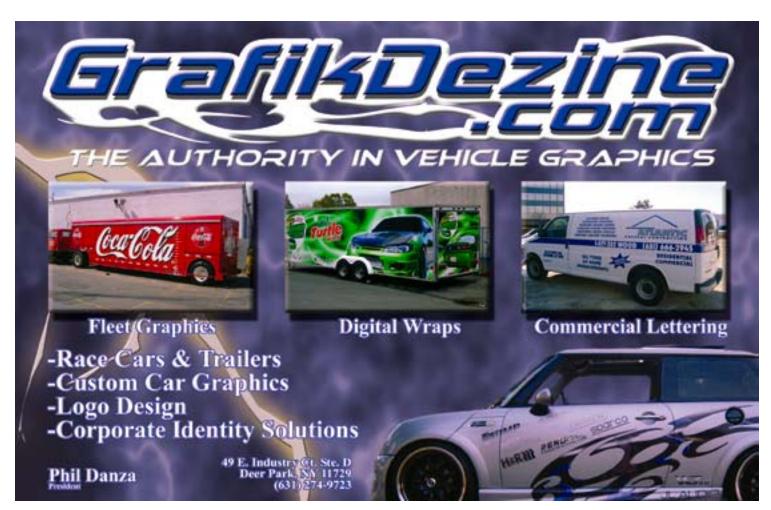
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