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(First Car off at 10:00am)

The BMW CCA New York Chapter presents another fun filled day for members and their families. Come and join us for a rally that will take in the scenic beauty of Long Island's north shore. This rally is not for speed, you gather answers based on clues found along the way. The rally begins in the beautiful town of Roslyn at Christopher Morley Park and ends at the divine Papparazzi restaurant in Westbury, New York. There will be food



available and a cash bar. All entrants will receive a dash plaque. This event ends at Papa-Razzi Restaurant 500 Jericho Turnpike, Westbury NY (516) 877-7744. Finger food, cash bar, and "Rally Rehash" while results are tallied, then awards will be presented. There is a 60 car limit. Pre-registration is recommended. For more information contact:

Rally Master: Jeff James <u>Munimanny@aol.com</u> Registrar: Charles Karnati <u>ckarnati@rcn.com</u>
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Directions:

Long Island Expressway, Exit 36 North - Searingtown Road,
Look for signs for Christopher Morley Park
Admission: Club Members - \$25 per car (2 occupants)
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Please fill out the registration form, include your check and mail it to:

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We will once again receive tickets from BMW for a Special meeting at the NY Auto Show on Sat, March 30th. The event is from 9:30am to 11:00am in the BMW booth. BMW will provide beverages and have a special presentation for BMW CCA club members. This is a great opportunity to see the BMW display with other club members before the general public arrives at 11am.

You need a special tickets to be allowed into the BMW booth at 9:30am. These tickets are only for this event - they are not a free ticket to be used on any day. If you cannot attend the Sat event, please do not request these tickets. If you want to attend the BMW event and checkout the new BMWs before the general public, please read the following:

Check you calendar and make sure that you can attend the BMW Breakfast at 9:30am on Saturday, March 30th 2002 (Easter Saturday) Up to two tickets per chapter members will be mailed to you on a first come first served basis. You must give us your Name and BMW CCA, membership number. -Tickets are limited and we will check the date and timestamp of your voicemail or e-mail to determine cutoff.

NOTE: Request must be made after AFTER 9am on March 15th. Please send us your name, membership number and no. of tickets (one or two max) via e-mail to ckarnati@rcn.com or call (718) 422-0414!!! ANY REQUESTS SUBMITTED BEFORE 9am on MARCH 15th WELL BE DISREGARDED !!!

2002 BMW CCA, New York Autocross Schedule at the Nassau Coliseum, Uniondale, New York

April 7th (Sun) (Note: Changed from Sat April 6th)

May 4th (Sat)

May 25/26 (Sat/Sun)

July 27 (Sat)

Aug 18 (Sun)

Sep 21 (Sat)

Oct 5 (Sat)

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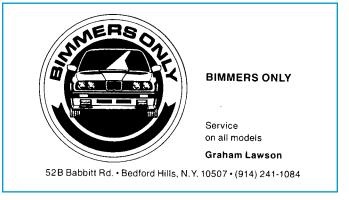
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NY State Dept. of Motor Vehicles (518) 474-8943

Additional information can found on the NY State Dept of Insurance website:

www.ins.state.ny.us/c100_16.htm or LI Auto Body Repair Association: www.liabra.com/consumer_site.htm

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718-445-0070. If you any questions concerning auto body repair, please feel free to email us at info@smallcarinc.com



Z3 and the City

By Rachel Corey



You must be crazy to drive a Z3-especially in New York City. It's true that the bumper of an SUV is at eye level in a Z3 and it's true that tall people can only drive a Z3 roadster when the top is down. If one should actually need to use the Machiavellian spare tire apparatus supplied on some Z3s in an emergency, then when all is said and done one would have to decide which to leave by the side of the road, the wheel with the flat tire or one's passenger. Both will not fit inside the car. Else you can have a model that has no spare tire.

About passengers:

A gathering of Z3ers looks like check-in time at Noah's Ark. Every-

one entering two by two, even if that means just you and your car, or you, your spouse and your two cars.

In New York City add to that the cost of garaging a car that can not carry enough groceries home from

Jersey to make it worth the tolls and monthly spaces that cost more than any reasonable person would pay on their mortgage. Mario says his Z3 makes his garage in New Jersey seem larger. It must be nice to have your own garage. A place where you can wash your car without spending a roll

of quarters only to be chased away for the sin of "bucket washing".

In this town it is normal practice for taxis and limos to dig the corner of their front bumper into the fleshy width of the rear bumper of the car in front of them to assure their place in the traffic jam. What chance does my paint have here? Already the hood

of the Z3 is the largest single stamped steel piece on any car made in North America covered by ecological water based paint curving broad and vulnerable to every airborne mote and speck destined to scratch and chip her finish. Defiance of aerodynamics notwithstanding.

Manhattan does however, reserve it's special charms for a Z3. There's

nothing like riding after midnight through Times Square on a warm summer night top down, colored lights dancing on all sides and above, filling the night sky, or cutting through Central Park on 79th street in May surrounded by waving pink blossoms.

The difference between the Z3 roadster drivers and the Z3 coupe drivers is that roadster drivers often look like they got their hair

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drivers usually have the same stock answer to people who say their car "looks funny":

"What? I can't hear you over the sound of my enaine."

Some of us were actually normal

people before the Z3, the rest were engineers. The engineers tend to fancy the 1.9, challenging physics and arguing chemistry in their free time. Boosting the performance of their fortuitously weighted cars and laughing as they whiz by gas stations full

of 6 cylinders waiting their turn at the pumps. Way too many of us are Internet junkies so there are some amazing web sites for these cars.

You have to be crazy to drive one of these cars, so why is it the largest single selling model for BMW?

The Grin we call "GrinfluenZa".

It's the Grin you get on a test drive that finds the corners of your mouth seated firmly in your ears. It's the Grin you get when you drive by kids on the street and can see them mouth wordlessly, "WOW!" It's the Grin you get when you turn, anywhere, anytime for any reason. The Grin on your face makes you need to talk about

it with someone who understands. Happily there is a community ready and waiting of thousands of new friends on the Internet and on the road. Everyone in a Z3 on the road is your friend. Cottage industries have been set up by creative Z3ers to make specialty items like storage solutions and paint protection, handmade leather accents. hats.

windscreens, joke books, poetry and picture CDs. Local groups have formed to get track time, ride together into the country or fix cars.

On the other end of this love affair is BMW Manufacturing. Although the 318i sedan was the first car built in Spartanburg, South Carolina, it is 500 Z3s that come each Labor Day for Homecoming, the largest single BMW customer event. Each year they make us feel more and more like family. This year, on September 1 I was sitting with about a thousand Z3 pals from all over the country and the world, partying in the BMW factory lunchroom, laughing with another thousand

BMW associates at "Mr.



Doubletalk", who reminded us of what lucky, happy people we are.

At 3am September 11, I posted 58 pages of pictures of all the fun we had meeting up and driving together. By 10pm September 11 I made my first rounds of the hospitals looking for information on missing loved ones of my Z3 friends posted on the Internet. Phone lines were down, some TV stations were down, we were told to stay inside. The only people I could talk to were my Z3 friends on the Internet via cable.

The only person who understood how I felt was a Z3 friend from Oklahoma City who had been several blocks from the Alfred P. Murrah building when it was bombed in 1995. I had just been standing with him in the parking lot in Tennessee. I was looking for eight people from the Z3 Internet and my local Z3 friends. Seven of the list were found safe at home, the other worked at Marsh USA and is lost. My local Z3 friends working or living downtown checked in slowly. Some in Chinatown had to evacuate.

So many of us have become proficient at digital photography and carry cameras with us all the time- to take pictures of cars or roads- some friends took pictures of their escape from the disaster.

At the same time that I was comforted by the community of Z3ers I was kicking myself for not having Lisa over to my home on Union Square. A commuter from Allentown, Pa. Lisa worked near the WTC and walked to 108th street because it was the only place she knew to go in New York City. The last time I saw her we were hunting for coffee at 4am in Spartanburg. We had risen early to get front row spots in the Homecoming 01 Photo. Two days passed before I heard she was OK. The next time I saw her I showed her where I live and gave her keys to my apartment. On September 15, seven of us put flags on our cars and went out to celebrate our freedom and our friendship and our lives. Some of us strapped on flags so big they looked like they could tip the cars over.

It was the little Z3 that took me to the volunteer station on the West Side Highway and it was in the Z3 that I first saw the skyline of New York City without the World Trade Center. With another Z3 behind me. With his TalkAbout radio on. "Ouch. That hurts." It hurt less as we dove into the Lincoln Tunnel together and split up inside the safety of the city.



I'm free of worries about dents and dings and those troublesome paint chips- although I will continue to obsess about her maintenance- because I have now found people who can fix her. An all around "Fixit Day" in Allentown, PA on April 13th will avenge the bumps and bruises I collect this winter. Spring is a good time for collecting goods for the needy and a good excuse for an impulse upgrade. How many Z3s does it take to stuff an X5?

The extensive BMW community offers a wealth of information and contacts. The more I understand my car, the more I understand all BMW models. My engine is like the 328, my interior shares parts with the 318ithere's even chrome parts I can use from the Z8. I look at the vintage BMW owners and I see my future. Checking out this year's 2002 Festival in Spartanburg, yep, I can see my self going to Spartanburg with 500 Z3s in 20 years.

There are some Z3ers who will buy a 3 series to accommodate a new baby, some who will follow their quest for performance to an M3 or M5, some who also own a Z8 and some who also own vintage or beater BMWs.

There are those who have no problem welding and drilling additions to the car and those who do really swerve to avoid grass clippings. They are all the kinds of people who want to travel light and fast and don't mind wearing wrinkled clothes, a silly tan and an even sillier grin.

So what is there to do on a Sunday in a Z3 in New York City? Brent, A Z3 friend in Missouri recommends a neoimpressionist exhibit at the Met. He loves Signac, and I decide to go in his place. Neoimpressionist art came up in an online discussion of Van Gogh and Frank Lloyd Wright. The Met has a wonderful parking lot with generous spaces- and heavy prices. This Sunday had extra security, a car search. Car searches go by pretty quick in a Z3.

Inside the Met I looked for Seurat's "Circus" painting, at Brent's suggestion and picked up a Signac print of Antibes. I put posters and books and framed prints in the trunk, thanks to the car and the friends made through the car, and this city and it's wonderful museums.

Driving the Z3 to the Met is an-



other one of those special charms of having a Z3 in Manhattan, another affirmation of the lessons learned while laughing at Homecoming and while crying a week later. We are so lucky to be so happy. It's five years later and still, every time I see that car, it takes my breath away. I love this city and I love this car.

And thus the Grin.

Are we crazy? Next question. Information on everything mentioned here at www.Z3ers.com or email rachel@z3ers.com

Beach Party '02

Anthony Howell

711 South Columbus Ave. in Westchester is where the NY Chapter kicked off their 9th Annual Beach Party Euromeccanica. Once again Mike Schiffer, opened his doors to the members. As always the chapter is appreciative of Mike for his support. The newly elected Vice-President, Anthony Howell opened the floor, by welcoming the beach goers that brought their beach chairs and appetites for food and knowledge. They gathered around while Mike explained the nuances of the sophisticated braking systems on BMW's specifically Chris Turissi's E36 M3.

Lunchtime brought a delicious selection of a hot and cold buffet with our thanks to Marc Oenstein. After lunch, we gave out door prizes that were provided for by BMW N.A., UUC Motorwerks and BMW CCA NY Chapter.

The afternoon session continued, the newly appointed NY Chapter board positions were announced. The new board members of the chapter are Steve Fischthal, President, An-

thony Howell, Vice President, Mary-Faith Healey, Treasurer, Matthew Brod, Secretary and Andre Noel, Member At Large. Congratulations to all of them and we wish them well in their efforts to increase the membership and provide new and innovative events for the chapter.

Former president Charles Karnati will continue as autocross/driver school coordinator. The Chapter would also like to recognize Frantz Lilavois for his efforts and results in the on-going position as the advertising manager which has since transitioned to Philip Clark, Newsletter Editor.

The chapter was also fortunate to have Mr. Rob Levinson and Matt Malfa of UUC MOTORWERKS start up the second part of the tech session. UUC Motorwerks brought the UUC big brake kit, cat back muffler, shifter knob, and other assorted performance goodies. These goodies were a hit with the members, Thanks to Rob for the drop of a hat support.

THANKS to the entire volunteer staff for a great job!



Future UUC Customer? Philip Clark Jr.



Beach Party Natives!



Paul and Egon Schimmeck just chillin' in the front row!



Is that a Ford?



Mike Samuels in da' house!



Steve, Rob and Mike



Charles Karnati on his soapbox



Travis Dowell soaking up the rays!



Rob and "Uncle Bimmer" - Tony



It's ahh.....don't tell me ..wait! uhhhh!



Rob and Matt working the UUC table!



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Welcome to the NY Chapter Classifieds page!

• Wheels for Sale - Fits all E36 Four Borbet Type E 5-spoke (8 x 17, ET 40, 22.5 lbs each) wheels for sale. Excellent condition, straight and true, and exceptionally clean. Currently shod with four almost new Yokohama A032s, HOWEVER, only two of the four tires are track worthy (one has been repaired; one needs to be). \$500 for the set/obo. Digital pic's available. rjme@msn.com Contact Rob (rjme@msn.com). Posted on 2/19/2002



- Needs 17x8 Wheels For track use on a 98 e36 M3. Wheels w competition rubber on are a plus. Also the lighter the better. BBS RK's would be perfect. Contact Stefano Gaudio (stefano.gaudio@nera.com). Posted on 2/16/2002
- Modified 325IS Full engine system and tranny- Engine head Like New, ported and polished, larger intake gaskets, intake manifold ends ported and polished, valves re machined and 3 angle valve job done on all valves, Brand new valve guides, cam in good condition. Brand new exhaust gaskets, brand new head gasket, head was just rebuilt for performance, pistons were just cleaned, and inside engine was cleaned. has power steering, Bosch platinum +4 spark plugs. Ram air kit, Computer has turner motorsports chip inside. Wiring included, intake manifold included, exhaust manifold included Transmission included, clutch, original, in decent condition, but i would replace it before remounting, Why not. short shifter kit for tranny included. Every thing Included! Contact Mike Marcone (dj_myster_e@hotmail.com). Posted on 2/15/2002
- 1997 M3/4 Estoril Blue/Gray leather OBC, Cruise, HK w/CD Changer, 5 speed, 84,000 pampered miles. All service records. No dings or dents. 100K warranty. \$24,900. m3@clay.com or 845-348-0400. Contact Louis Tharp (m3@clay.com). Posted on 2/13/2002
- '87 BMW 325is for sale track car 5-speed, roll bar, multiple performance parts, two sets of wheels. See http://www.imagestation.com/album/?id=4292367889&code=2068421&mode=invite for full write up and pictures. Reduced to \$5500 firm. 973-441-5517 (cell)
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- 99 328i (E46) for sale Showroom condition, orient blue/tan sport leather, sport package, premium package, xenons, navigation system, cd changer, trunk net,4dr 5spd,rain sensing windshield, dual power heated seats with driver memory, universal built in garage door opener, factory alarm, BMW car cover, BMW front end bra, 17,800 miles. 100k BMW waranty. Always garaged and driven only on fair weather weekends. BMW CCA show winner at old westbury gardens. \$32,900. Email me for pics. Contact Sergio (sagopian@bloomberg.net). Posted on 2/4/2002
- F/S 1991 2.5 M3 Some of u guys might know this car.. AcSnizter 2.5 car.. dynoed and proven HP..fully ground control setup, BIG cams. 18"BBS RS II's ... and more.. pl s only seriuos buyers apply Contact Mel (M5mel@aol.com). Posted on 2/4/2002

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The New Merchandise is Coming!

The NY Chapter is in the process of bringing in new merchandise, check this page in the next issue for details!

WIN FAME, FORTUNE AND BRAGGING RIGHTS

Are you an aspiring artist, doodler or just like to draw? Well here comes your chance to win **FAME** (Your name will appear in future newsletters), **FORTUNE** (I will personally award the winner a free shirt with their design and a small cash award OF \$1.00) and **BRAGGING RIGHTS** (Priceless!!!!!).

We will be having a contest for all BMWCCA members to submit designs for the new long sleeve "Track day" T-shirt. The

shirt will be white or Roundel blue or black. design is selected. Here are the details, draw a related item large enough to fill the back of a your artwork. Avoid small details or small text Also, avoid overtly sexual or offensive referfor this contest. Just think of it this way, a nice will win over a highly detailed ornate design.



The color will be determined after the winning picture or sketch of your favorite BMW or large T-shirt. Please use one or two colors for since they are hard to reproduce onto shirts. ences in your artwork in order to be considered clean 1 or 2 color, easily reproducible design We will also consider designs for the sleeves as

well, figure a 3"x 18" one color design for the sleeves. Text is not out of the question but it must not be small or jumbled.

A blue ribbon panel of experts or yahoo poll will be used for judging, this is to be determined after the deadline. Deadline for submissions will be **April 31, 2002**. All submissions become the property of the NYBMWCCA and will not be returned. Submissions are preferred in e-mail format to **board@nybmwcca.org** this will help in the production of the shirts and make it easier for all involved. Look for upcoming details on the web and in the next newsletter.

Hand drawn submissions can be sent to:

Matthew Brod 89 Webster St. Lynbrook, NY 11563



NEW YORK CHAPTERI BMWCCA 2002 Driver School Application Pocono North Course - Friday April 26th, 2002

- **Applications** must be submitted in writing on this form at least ten days prior to the event. Postmark date determines priority for school admission.
- All drivers must hold a valid drivers license to participate. Include a copy with this application.
- All cars must be **insured**. Please include a photocopy of valid insurance card.
- All cars must have seat belts. These restraints must be identical for both front seats.
- **Helmets:** Snell M95 or SA95 rated are the minimum requirement. Full face helmets recommended. Students must have their own helmets. NO LOANER HELMETS AVAILABLE.
- Convertibles, trucks, SUV's Vans, rental cars and motorcycles are not allowed in this event.
- Cars must be inspected by a qualified service facility before the event. A tech form will be sent to you via mail after your school admission is confirmed.
- Sharing of a car by two drivers is discouraged. Sharing of a single car by more than two students is prohibited. Guests are allowed but are not allowed in the vehicle during the driving event.

The New York Chapter reserves the right to deny any individual or car deemed unsafe or detrimental to the school event.

| New York Chapter, BMW CCA Friday April 26th Pocono North Course Event Fees: | | Refund Policy: A refund minus a \$25 administration fee will be given for cancellations made three weeks before the event. Cancellations within three weeks of the event will be considered for | |
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| \$165 for BMW CCA members \$180 for non-BMW CCA members Questions? e-mail: ckarnati@rcn.com Phone: (718) 422-0414 (7pm-10pm only) | | refund only if your place is successfully filled by someone else. Cancellations within the last week of the event are not eligible for a refund. | |
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| List your driver's school experience (List track name and number of days) | | | |
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Our //M3 Fan - Frantz Lilavois

People, fine friendship, in all type of places. Bridgehampton Race Track in 1995 was one of these places. BMWCCA NY CHAPTER was having one of their drivers school. It was my first time as a student. As crazy as I am about cars, I was wondering around the paddock checking out all of the cars. There was one car that really stood out that I had seen in a magazine but not in person, A 1995 3251 outfitted with AC SCHNITZER products. I introduced myself to its owner Frantz and asked a few questions about the AC bimmer. We met a couple of times after that at other BMW events and became good buddies. In 1998 he got involved with the NY CHAPTER Board where he volunteered as the advertising manager, where he revealed one of his many talents by generating substantial revenue. He did not stop there, and decided to take on other responsibilities, such as merchandising and autocross chairman. It is sad to

say that Frantz Lilivois' involvement has come to end due to personal reasons. Although he will still be attending chapter events we, as both board and club members would like to take the time to tell Frantz that his involvement and dedication is greatly appreciated and we hope that he will be able to return soon. - By Anthony Howell

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