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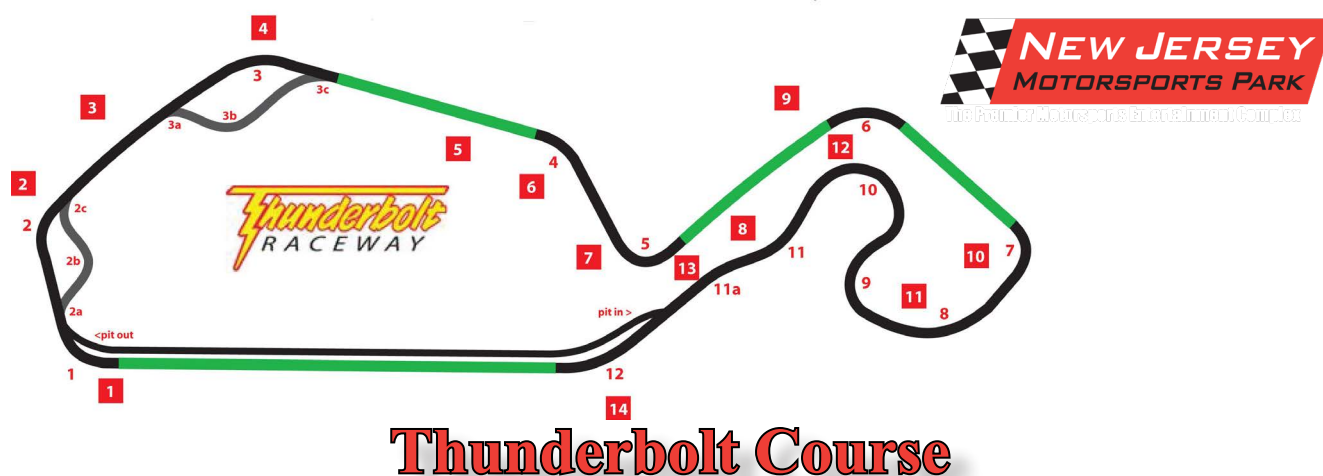
# 2022 Review



# High Performance Driving School and Instructor Training School

April 14-16, 2023 at New Jersey Motorsport Park

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## Thunderbolt Course

For 2023, the *New York Chapter BMW CCA* is again partnering with the *New Jersey Chapter* for a 3 Day High Performance Driving and Instructor Training Schools at New Jersey Motorsport Park.

This event will cater to **ITS candidates**, **Advanced Solo Students** and **HPDE** attendees.

**Driver School:** The regular driver school portion of the event will be on the weekend of April 15th and 16th.

**Instructor Training School:** Participation in the Instructor Training School is by invitation only. The Instructor Training School is for advanced students who have shown a high level of driving skill, an understanding of driving dynamics and a desire to teach. The program is a rigorous two days of on-track and classroom instruction and role-playing.

**Friday track day:** On Friday there will be 6 hours of track time (sharing with ITS) for instructors who wish to get in some extra track time and for approved Solo students.

**Introduction to the Track (Sunday only):** On Sunday we will be holding a special school designed for students who have never been to the track to try our Driver School Program.

Please visit [www.nybmwcca.org](http://www.nybmwcca.org) or contact Mike Allen at [jbmike@aol.com](mailto:jbmike@aol.com) for more information. Registration will be on [www.motorsportreg.com](http://www.motorsportreg.com)

## New York Chapter

# 2023 Events calendar

January	7	Holiday Party
April	2	Autocross #1
	14	Driving School: NJMP
	29	Driving School: Lime Rock
May	6	Autocross #2
June	5	Driving School: NJMP
	11	Autocross #3
	24	Autocross #4
July	23	Autocross #5
August	6	Autocross #6
September	10	Autocross #7
	17	Great Marques Concours
October	14	Autocross #8

For more information, go to [www.nybmwcca.org](http://www.nybmwcca.org) or see the Chapter's Facebook page

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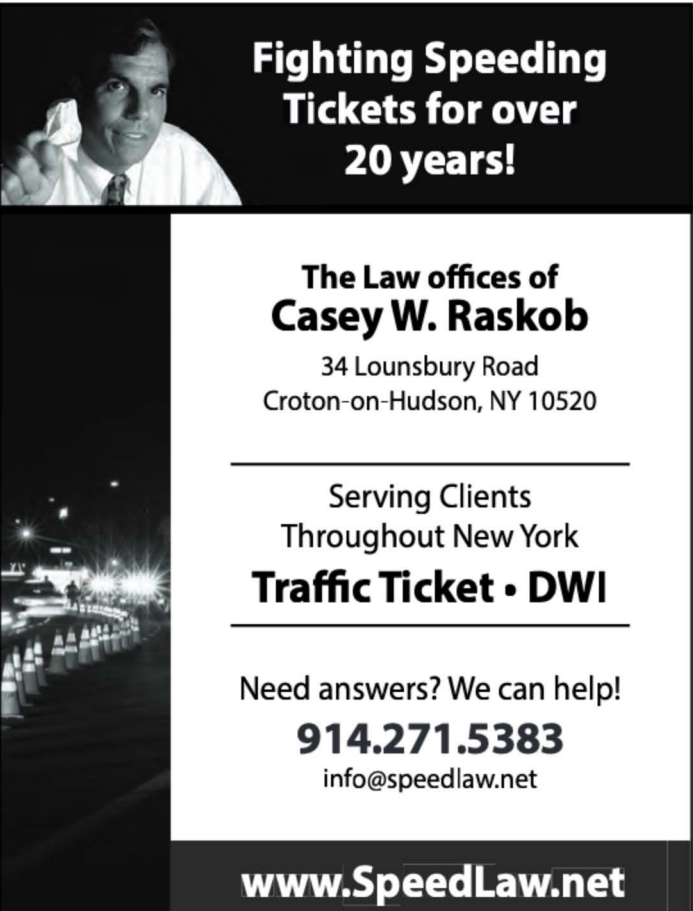
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# President's Page

Latest News  
Chapter Members,

With Winter in full swing we anxiously look towards another healthy, safe and prosperous year and excitingly invite 2023.

As you are fully aware, 2022 was still an exercise in reacclimating to what we remember as “normality”. The New York Chapter had a 2022 full of events. The Chapter saw a successful Autocross season with eight events. We also hosted three High Performance Driving Schools and our annual Concours at Old Westbury Gardens!

2023 looks to continue that trend and bring more of the same. On January 7th we are hosting our Holiday/Autocross Awards and Appreciation Party at Dave and Buster's in Westbury. There are eight autocross events scheduled at Nassau Coliseum beginning in April. We have an HPDE scheduled for April at New Jersey Motorsport Park and one scheduled at Lime Rock Park and a third scheduled in June at New Jersey Motorsport Park. We also have our annual concours scheduled for September at Old Westbury Gardens.

As 2023 rolls around, we look forward to again hosting these events however, as a volunteer organization, look towards our members for not only suggestions on additional activities that we can hold, but assistance to actually run these events. The more members that we can get engaged, the more the Chapter will thrive.

**Contributors wanted! Do you have a crazy car build? Remember your first 2002? Have a BMW that's been in the family for generations? Want to share a funny anecdote about teaching someone to drive a stick, or a project car that just never seems to get finished? Send us your stories and photos and we may publish them in the Chapter newsletter. Send submissions to [newsletter@nybmwcca.org](mailto:newsletter@nybmwcca.org)**

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# 2023 Autocross Season Schedule

**Autocross is a form of motorsports that emphasizes safe competition and active participation. Autocross differs from road racing in that one competes against the clock rather than other cars on a course defined by traffic cones.**

**Autocross is open to novices and one of the most accessible and affordable forms of motorsport. As an entry-level motorsport it provides a stepping stone for drivers looking to move into other more competitive and possibly expensive forms of racing. Events typically have many classes that allow almost any vehicle, from economy sedans to purpose-built racing cars, to compete.**

- #1 Sunday April 2nd**
- #2 Saturday May 6th**
- #3 Sunday June 11th**
- #4 Saturday June 24th**
- #5 Sunday July 23rd**
- #6 Sunday August 6th**
- #7 Sunday September 10th**
- #8 Saturday October 14th**

**All events are held at Nassau Coliseum. For more info please visit:**

**[www.nybmwcca.org/autocross](http://www.nybmwcca.org/autocross)**



# Autocross Corner



To be eligible for season ending trophies you must have competed in at least 5 events in your class.

Our 2022 season trophy winners are:

## C Class

1st Joshua Sniper

## CR Class

1st Edwin Cord-Cruz  
2nd Gabby Cord-Cruz

## DR Class

1st Tony Howell  
2nd Barry Howell  
3rd Andre Noel

## E Class

1st Robert Hopkins

## ER Class

1st Mike Sweeney  
2nd Bidzina Ghviniashvili  
3rd Arvin Sahagun

## F Class

1st Adrian Green

## FR Class

1st James Siegel  
2nd Greg Sullivan  
3rd Mike Allen

## G Class

1st Ian Robinson

## GR Class

1st Amos Shin

## H Class

1st Kyle Hurley

## HR Class

1st Simon Yim  
2nd Chris Butera

## IR Class

1st Karen Ann Rose

## Open Class

1st David Flores





The 2022 Autocross Season could not have succeeded without the efforts of our volunteers. The NY Chapter is extremely appreciative to Andre Noel, Barrington Howell, Darby Moses, Edwin Cord-Cruz, Gabby Cord-Cruz, Tony Howell, Jim Siegel and Mike Allen for their collaborative efforts in course design, setup and operations.







# Keep Driving Forward...

by David Flores

In the spirit of equity and inclusion, the New York Chapter of the BMWCCA is continuing to implement new practices to close the gender gap that exists in participation at club events. Currently, women make up under two percent of our attendees. This is in stark contrast to the 36% of females who represent car ownership. When attending club events, it is not difficult to see the disparity in participation between men and women. This contrast is the very reason why the New York Chapter prioritizes increasing engagement with female auto enthusiasts. One of the first steps our chapter has taken to close the gender gap was to create a “Ladies Class” for events. This seemed like a logical and equitable practice, until I took the time to listen to the feedback of several of our female participants. Some women raised the point that segregating competitive events into classes by gender is in fact counterproductive to normalizing women in motorsports. Some even expressed they felt the term “lady” carries with it an undertone of docility that undermines the strength of women. This feedback highlighted a clear truth: our good intentions alone are not enough to make an impact on the inequity of women in motorsports. Clearly, a more successful approach must begin with acknowledging and amplifying the needs, goals, and wants of our female members, directly from our female members.

Driving Forward Together is a non-profit national volunteer organization started by women in motorsports for women in motorsports. DFT was



created by a small group of female drivers who not only felt the void of female representation in autocross (particularly in open/any gender classing), but who actively collaborated together to create a mission and vision that would address this void. They formed their non-profit volunteer-based association and commenced with offering access to information, resources, direct driving instruction, financial support, as well as advice in acclimation to the sport. Recruiting for this organization is conducted largely by word of mouth or direct reference through the “significant others” of racers. But DFT envisions a near future where strategic recruiting will happen at engineering schools, IT programs, colleges, car meets, or through other sports. In this way, car clubs everywhere can draw women who are more likely to have interest, aptitude, and commitment to the sport.

One of DFT’s main incentives is to connect women drivers to those with similar interests or regional associations. Another is to support women on their journey to become drivers in their own right, emboldening them to exercise their power to vie in open competition. “If she can, I can,” has become something of DFT’s functional mantra. They specifically launched a “Faster Together” program, where they focus solely on honing driving skills. Members collaborate with other partnerships such as Beyond Seat Time, Evolution Performance Driving School, and a contingency program which is assigned randomly, in order to award incentives





such as cash, driving school certificates, car products, t-shirts, and more to drivers. Their Driving Forward Series/DFT Showcase is yet another distinctive way DFT highlights the achievements of women in motorsports, as well as men who believe in inclusivity.

Leading through example, DFT highlights women in various roles of motorsports by assuming these various roles: drivers, educators, facilitators, board members and especially, drivers. More often than not, when women instruct men, the men often leave with a new respect for female drivers. They then go on to share with the women in their lives that women were at the event, driving and instructing. This is not the only way DFT has demonstrated themselves to be an influential force on the male population. DFT started a mentoring program with not only women mentors, but men as well. Some mentors are there simply to answer questions about local or national events, while others provide tutorials on various other racing details such as driving tips, share videos for critique, data acquisition, car setup, mechanical adjustments, or more. No matter the partnership, Driving Forward Together's essential goal remains to encourage every woman to become the driver they aspire to be. It is its own archetype in the field of racing, exemplifying what a racing community that embraces ideals of strength and inclusion can look like.

In general, women aren't raised from a young age to race, have an interest in cars, or envision themselves growing up to become mechanical

engineers. As a community of auto enthusiasts, it is imperative that we all do our part to break the stereotypes of our social conditioning, highlighting how women are visible, capable, and can exceed in these fields. DFT recognizes that equity cannot be achieved by women trying to fit in. The goal is not for women to be "one of the boys," or to mold themselves to the expectations that are projected upon them. The goal is to create a space on the racetrack where women are free to be different, free to celebrate themselves, and free to defy stereotypes in order to forge their own identities in the sport.

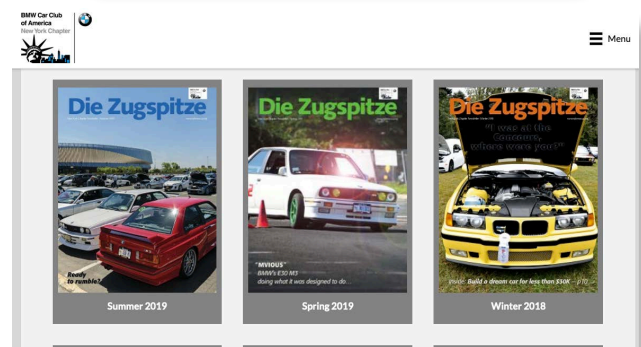
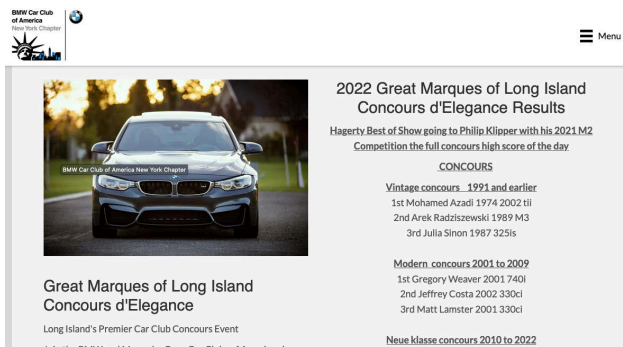
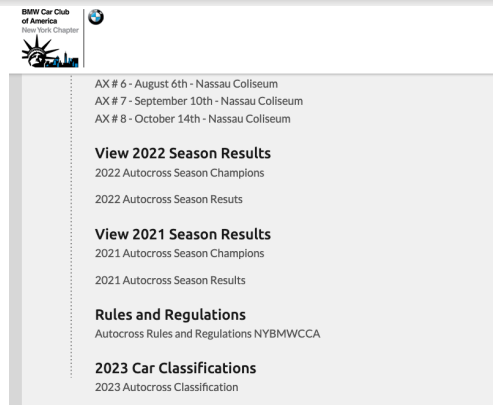
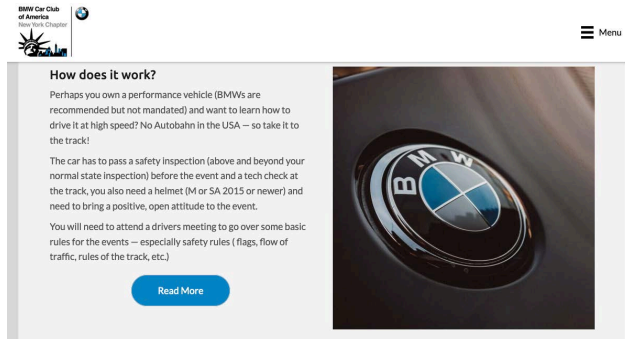
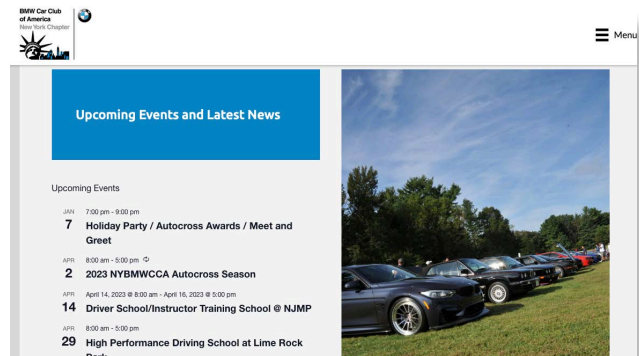
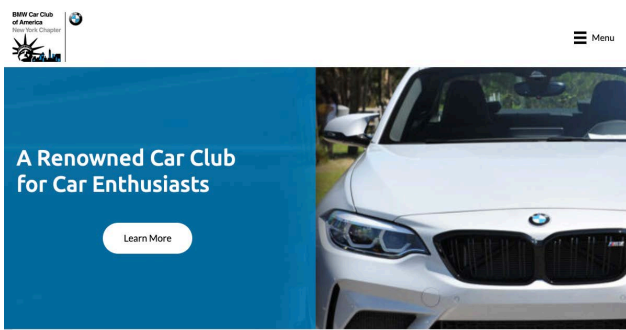
The New York Chapter has much to learn from DFT's example and experience. There are powerful ideals and approaches that can be adopted and implemented in terms of focusing on inclusivity and normalizing women racing. The mindset should not be that women in racing are an anomaly. Increasing female membership and attendance at motorsports events is a fair future that cannot be attained with a superficial gimmick. Female representation and equitable participation in the field of racing is an organic process that will be cultivated through genuine culture change. It starts with a change in mindset, positive role models, mentorship, partnership, celebration, connection, and inclusion of all genders and marginalized groups. We at the New York Chapter remain committed to driving forward. We hope to see you join the journey.

For more information or to get more involved please visit [www.drivingforwardtogether.com](http://www.drivingforwardtogether.com)



# Same Url New Look

We are extremely happy to announce we have recently revamped our website. The total overhaul of our website was a full “resto-mod”. We started from a bare digital chasis and built with better platforms offering more options for the future all while making the site easier to navigate and more asthetically appealing. The new website will be our main information hub. You can view our calendar of events, past newsletters, event results, download documents or view our gallery. As we move forward we will continue to add more mediums creating oppurtunities for more engagement and content. Please revist us: [www.nybmwcca.org](http://www.nybmwcca.org)





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**The Patroon & New York Chapters invites you to a co-hosted HPDE on April 29th at Lime Rock Park in beautiful Northwestern Connecticut that will appeal to Drivers of all levels and Instructors alike.**

This will be a FULL Day Event, sharing time with the LRDC. Students should expect 4 x 20 minute sessions with debriefing between sessions.

Note: Based on current BMWCCA COVID guidelines, there will be in-car instruction however both Student and Instructor will should be fully vaccinated.

We will have 3 groups:

Group 3 – This is geared towards Novices and Intermediate drivers < 10 track days of experience. The group will be limited to 25 Students and provide in-car instruction for fully vaccinated students. We will also cater to a limited number of students in a lead-follow format if requested.

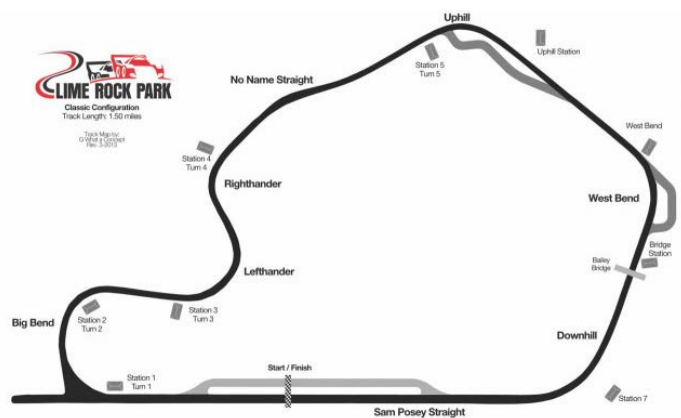
Group 2 – This is for Upper Intermediate/Experienced drivers. The group will be limited to 30 Students and provide in-car instruction for fully vaccinated students. We will also cater to a limited number of students in a lead-follow format if requested.

Group 1 – Instructors/"Open Track Lite"/A-Solo. Open to all Instructors and A Solo/Open track drivers.

Snell M or SA, 2015 or 2020 helmets are required.

Our Data Acquisition Program is in full swing and we have purchased a limited number of AiM DL1 units for rental by Advanced and Solo drivers at a cost of \$50 per day. There will also a "one on one" Data Evaluation/Analysis session for those interested. If you have your own unit and don't need to rent one, the Data Evaluation/Analysis session will still be available. Both of these "add-on packages" are available on a first come first served basis and will be part of the Registration process.

Please visit [www.nybmwcca.org](http://www.nybmwcca.org) or contact Mike Allen at [jbmike@aol.com](mailto:jbmike@aol.com) for more information. Registration will be on [www.motorsportreg.com](http://www.motorsportreg.com)





# Great Marques of Long Island Concours d'Elegance 2022 Results

“Hagerty Best of Show” went to Philip Klipper with his 2021 M2 Competition earning the full concours high score of the day

## **Concours Class**

### Vintage concours 1991 and earlier

- 1st Mohamed Azadi 1974 2002 tii
- 2nd Arek Radziszewski 1989 M3
- 3rd Julia Sinon 1987 325is

### Modern concours 2001 to 2009

- 1st Gregory Weaver 2001 740i
- 2nd Jeffrey Costa 2002 330ci
- 3rd Matt Lamster 2001 330ci

### Neue klasse concours 2010 to 2022

- 1st Philip Klipper 2021 M2 competition
- 2nd Thomas Losito 2021 X3 M40i

## **Tuner Class**

### Tuner classic 2006 and earlier

- 1st Nicholas Dominguez 2002 Z3 M coupe
- 2nd Henry Gillett 1999 323is
- 3rd Arvin Sahaluc 1990 M3

### Tuner modern 2007 to 2022

- 1st Allan Asuncion 2022 M4
- 2nd Alen Klein 2018 M2

## **Street Class**

### Vintage street 1991 and earlier

- 1st John Sinon 1989 325i
- 2nd Andrew Smith 1973 2002
- 3rd Les Levy 1974 2002 tii

### Classic street 1992 to 2000

- 1st Amaury 1998 M3

### Modern street 2001 to 2009

- 1st Slav Dumansky 2006 M3
- 2nd Ryan Weaver 2001 540i sport
- 3rd Wayne Nathan 2002 M5

### Neue klasse street 2010 to 2022

- 1st Fredrick Myrie 2016 M6 Gran Coupe
- 2nd Eric Bastian M850i
- 3rd Mark Wilson 2020 M8

## **MINI class**

- 1st Wayne Jackson 2023 Mini clubman S







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# Make a difference!

## The New York Chapter wants you, if you

- have professional or other experience in any area listed below
- would like to work with fellow BMW enthusiasts
- want to help guide the Chapter

Since the 1970's, the NY Chapter BMW CCA has been providing a wide range of tangible benefits to its members. The list includes social gatherings, technical information, a wide variety of driving/social events, high speed driving schools, Street Survival Program, and an award-winning newsletter, Die Zugspitze, just to name a few.

At this time, we are seeking volunteers and chairpersons to coordinate new and existing programs to help continue to provide these services to our members and to help build the Chapter.

If you have skills and/or are interested in assisting in any of the following categories, please contact the Chapter at: [board.nybmwcca.org](http://board.nybmwcca.org).

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