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# NEW YORK CHAPTER EVENTS 2006 CALENDAR

## January

11th Chapter Board Meeting, 7:00 PM  
Paparazzi Restaurant, Westbury NY

## February

8th Chapter Board Meeting, 7:00 PM  
Paparazzi Restaurant, Westbury NY.  
18th 13th Annual Beach Party and Chapter  
Meeting at Euro Meccanica.

## March

8th Chapter Board Meeting.  
18th AAA Driver Improvement Program,  
AAA HQ, Garden City.

## June

12th-13th Annual Driver School with Patroon  
Chapter at Watkins Glen

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AC Schnitzer's wild M6

Photo by Phil Danza



# From the Chapter President

Anthony Howell



The holidays have come and gone, and so have some of our New Year's resolutions! This will be my last article as the President of the BMW CCA New York Chapter. I will be taking some well-needed time off to take care of my personal life.

The two years as the President of the New York Chapter went by so quickly, but I had the opportunity to meet a lot of nice people. Since I am a car guy, I look forward to remaining involved in the Chapter - you will continue to see me at events having fun and assisting when I can.

In my two years as the President I had a full agenda, but realistically we could not accomplish everything we set out to improve. Nonetheless, I am proud of what we were able to achieve. We were successful in improving the look of the Newsletter, in creating online merchandise purchasing (using Café Press), in bringing new advertisers on board (particularly BMW dealerships), in promoting more social and family oriented events (such as the NYC Family BBQ), and in sponsoring one of our local chapter race car drivers (Phil's Autobody). We also began the very successful safety school for teenagers (Street Survival) supplemented by an adult safety school.

We would not have been able to accomplish all of this without the dedicated Board members, volunteers and sponsors. I would like to extend to these folks a special note of thanks for working with me in the last two years.

That being said, I would like to introduce you to the new elected board members.

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|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| President - Steve Bernstein       | Vice President - Andre Noel |
| Treasurer - RoseAnn Burke         | Secretary - To Be Appointed |
| Member-At-Large - To Be Appointed |                             |

Congratulations to the new Board and good luck in 2006!

Regards,  
Anthony Howell  
President  
New York Chapter BMW CCA

*THANK YOU to Anthony Howell for his years of service to the NY BMW CCA Board, and particularly for the past two years as Chapter President. We look forward to his continued friendship and support!*



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## 2005 Las Vegas SEMA Show

By Phil Danza

The first week in November is the unofficial start to the upcoming Holiday season. To the car fanatic, it means the SEMA show in Las Vegas. The show has been going on for forty-two years, but has seen a huge growth and interest in the past decade. Aftermarket automotive parts manufacturers show off their new products for the upcoming year. The 2005 Show was bigger and better than ever!

I have been going for 6 years now. My vehicle graphics company these past years have had the privilege of installing graphics on companies' show vehicles. These companies include BMP Design, Sachs, H&R, BBS, Konig, Turtle Wax, Unorthodox Racing, and Subaru.

So this year, as your Chapter Newsletter Editor, I thought I could share with you an insider's look at the BMWs in the show.

There were more BMWs this year used by companies than ever. The E-46 M3 is still the show car king of the BMWs at the show for over 4 years now. But there was an equal mix of all the latest and greatest BMW has to offer. The new 7 stuffed with 22" wheels is now the norm of the show. Wheelpower Inc. presented a very aggressive E-90. After I saw what can be done to that car, I now need one! My personal favorite was



## Attention All Autocrossers...

By Andre Noel, Autocross Chairman

To all my fellow autocrossers, there have been some changes made for the 2006 Autocross Season. Visit the chapter web site for changes made to the car classification point system and the rules for the Autocross Series. Also, we will be going to a permanent car number system for Club Members on February 1st, 2006. Up until February 28, 2006, Club Members can submit their car number choices from 2 to 300. More info will be on the club web site at [www.nybmwcca.org](http://www.nybmwcca.org), in the Autocross section. Also remember to check your helmets because Snell-95 helmet will not be valid for the 2006 season.

Take care, and see you on the track. ■

the AC Schnitzer TENSION (pictured here). Based on the new M6, this car is insane. They remapped the computer and changed the exhaust to pump out 552hp!

BMW will remain a favorite for aftermarket tuners for years to come. Enjoy the pictures. ■



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# AAA Driver Improvement Program Class

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# February 18th, 2006

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### Directions

**Date:** February 18th, 2006  
**Time:** 11:00 AM - 3:00PM  
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**Theme:** Repairs

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**BMW CCA NY CHAPTER**

# **Annual Holiday Party & President's Dinner**


*Article By Icela Fischthal Photos by Steve Fischthal*




Our much anticipated Annual Holiday Party was a resounding success. Members enjoyed an evening of great food, good music and scintillating conversation. This year we celebrated at the La Guardia Marriott in Queens. We were quite privileged to have the elegant yet sporty M5 on display. Our members were able to get a close-up view of BMW's latest ultimate driving experience. It was quite awesome! We are truly grateful to Mr. Wayne Jackson from Life Quality BMW for his hard work in making this come to fruition.




The evening began with an open bar, an array of sumptuous canapés, and DJ Mike Morello's great mix of holiday music. The menu for the evening included succulent salmon, chicken, and roast beef. This delectable meal was followed by an assortment of desserts which I am certain caused much caloric damage (especially the sinfully delicious bread pudding.) Most of us managed to shed the newly acquired extra calories with a good work out on the dance floor.



The main presenter for the evening was our President Anthony Howell. Tony eloquently delivered his heartfelt gratitude for the selfless dedication the Board Members have shown this past year. The evening included the recognition of several individuals honored for their contribution to the Chapter. Great prizes were raffled off giving everyone the opportunity to take home an early holiday present. Our Vice President Andre Noel presented the winners of the 2005 Autocross Series with beautiful plaques. I am certain these plaques are being proudly displayed in various members' homes or offices.



The star of the evening (other than the gorgeous M5) was none other than jolly old Saint Nick. Santa's arrival was eagerly anticipated not only by the children but by all of us who still believe in the magic of the holiday season. There was an almost surreal moment when the lights were dimmed and the chiming of Santa's sleigh bells were heard coming closer and closer. The children all but burst with excitement when the old gentleman made his appearance. Toys were handed out to the 20 boys and girls who eagerly accepted them with wide-eyed excitement. For a few moments, as we all gathered around Santa, we too felt like small children. We owe a very special thanks to "Santa" Richie Collazo for making this possible.



Every year this event brings together members and their families and gives us an opportunity to relive our driving experiences and dream of faster track times to come. This year we had more members attending than at any previous holiday event. The presence of so many members, their children and friends helped make this occasion both special and memorable. Our thanks go out to everyone who helped make this a heartwarming and enjoyable evening. See you again next year at a time and place yet to be determined, but sure to be another exciting holiday club gathering event. ■



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