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# NEW YORK CHAPTER EVENTS 2006 CALENDAR

## April

- 18th Chapter Board Meeting - location TBD
- 15th BMW Preview at NY Auto Show
- 21st NY Chapter Driver School - Pocono
- 29th Autocross Event 1

## May

- 2nd Registration deadline for AAA Driver Improvement Program
- 13th AAA Driver Improvement Program
- 10th Chapter Board Meeting - location TBD
- 27th Autocross Event 2

## June

- 3rd NY Chapter Street Survival
- 7th Chapter Board Meeting - location TBD
- 12th Driver School - Watkin's Glen Day 1
- 13th Driver School - Watkin's Glen Day 2

**ATTENTION**

**The New York Chapter is looking for members to contribute articles and photos to Die Zugspitze**  
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**On The Cover**  
Your Chapter Editor and his wife in Olympic Park, Munich.

Photo by Phil Danza



# From the Chapter President

Steven Bernstein



It has been an honor to be the President of the New York Chapter and to work with you all last year on the Board as your Secretary. However, my workload at my job has nearly doubled this year, and more importantly, there are some pressing personal family issues which I must attend to in 2006. It would not be fair to the Chapter for me to be your President without giving it my full attention. Therefore, effective immediately, I am resigning as President of the Chapter.

**Effective immediately, the new chapter officers of the NY BMW CCA are:**

**President - Andre Noel**

**Vice President - James Siegel**

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**Member-at-Large - Mike Allen**



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BMW CCA Membership # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Lifetime # of track days: \_\_\_\_\_ # of days @ Pocono’s “North”: \_\_\_\_\_ # of track days last 24 months \_\_\_\_\_

Classify Yourself (Circle One):    Novice     Intermediate     Advanced     Instructor/Solo

Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Modifications: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe your goals for this school: \_\_\_\_\_

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Emergency Contact Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Contact Work/Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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**PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CAREFULLY:**

- To participate, each driver must be 18 years of age or older and possess a valid driver’s license that is not suspended or revoked. **DRIVER’S LICENSE WILL BE CHECKED DURING TRACK REGISTRATION.**
- Instructors will be assigned to students in all run groups.
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- The NY Chapter BMW CCA Driver School staff makes all final run group decisions.
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**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## HEEL AND TOE

By Demetrios Mirissis

Spring is just about upon us. I can't wait to get my car back on the racetrack. With the winter we've seen so far, or not seen, I could have gotten Andre Noel to run at least 2 more autocrosses in January and February!

For those of you that want to go to more than one Driver School this year, the NY Chapter has worked hard to bring more track days to the table. Since being appointed the New York Chapter's Chief Driving Instructor, I have been busy securing new venues. Therefore, we will be hosting our own Driver School at Pocono Raceway on the North Course on Friday, April 21st. Our last independent school was back in 2002, also at Pocono North and I was there. It was a great time and this year I expect to see many real enthusiasts out there. There's even a rumor going around that Charles Karnati will be on hand to instruct with us. Ahh, married life.

If you are a novice and have not been on the racetrack before and want to see what it is like to drive on a racecourse under the guidance of an experienced instructor (no, I don't mean Steve Bernstein, unless you're on ice), then all you need is a car that passes tech inspection and a properly Snell-rated helmet.

If you can't make it in time to drive with us in April, then perhaps our joint event with Patroon Chapter in June will be more your speed. This event will take us to upstate New York once again to my favorite road course in the Northeast, Watkins Glen International (Thunder Road). There are over 3 miles of beautifully laid out track with unbelievable elevation changes. The Glen will challenge you both mentally and physically. Both tracks will have garages available to us on a first-come first-served basis. So if the weather doesn't cooperate, we will be able to stay dry some of the time.

The Patroon Chapter will also host a separate event at Limerock Park on Saturday, May 6th. They will have a few spots open for the NY Chapter. We now have track events from upstate NY to Connecticut to Pennsylvania, and all before the summer arrives!

Anyone that is interested in volunteering to assist at our Pocono event is urged to contact our Registrar, Mike Allen, or myself. Any qualified instructors who would like to instruct for us, please reach out to me with your driving history as I want to rebuild the Instructor database for the Chapter.



If you feel you might not be ready for the track, we offer a challenging Autocross program, under the guidance of Andre Noel. Last, but not least, I want to thank our President, Tony Howell, for an outstanding job as President during his tenure. Tony won't be straying too far from the Chapter as he has agreed to take on the responsibility as Chief of Tech for our Driver Schools. Thanks Tony.

I hope to see many members get involved with our Chapter this year, especially at the track. ■

## 2006 AUTOCROSS SEASON NEWS

By Andre Noel, Autocross Chairman

To all my fellow autocross junkies the 2006 Season will start on April 29, 2006. There have been some changes made to this year's classification. You can find the NEW Classification Sheet on the web site [www.nybmwcca.org](http://www.nybmwcca.org) in the Autocross Section. Also all members who plan to autocross you will need to send me there number request to this e-mail address [www.a.utocross@nybmwcca.org](mailto:www.a.utocross@nybmwcca.org). Please list your name, membership number, and five choices, and a valid e-mail so I can let you know the number you will have, this number you will keep for all autocross events for as long as you are a member. ■

### 2006 Autocross Calendar

April 29 Saturday in Lot 8  
May 27 Saturday in Lot 8  
July 16 Sunday at Robert Plan (see direction below)  
Aug 13 Sunday in Lot 8  
Aug 26 Saturday in Lot 8  
Sept 16 Saturday in Lot 8  
Oct 29 Sunday in Lot 8

Robert Plan is located in Bethpage. The address is 999 Stewart Ave Bethpage, NY 11714

### 2006 Adult Safety School News

This years Adult School will be on October 7 Saturday in Lot 8 at Nassau Coliseum more details will we given out in the next newsletter.

### 2006 Street Survival School

Will be on June 3 Saturday in Lot 8 at Nassau Coliseum. Contact Matt Broad [onrails3@hotmail.com](mailto:onrails3@hotmail.com)



## Four European Cities in Nine Days

By Phil Danza, Editor

This New Year I had the privilege of traveling to Italy and Germany with my wife. No particular reason, just to get away from the norm. My intentions of going were purely for selfish reasons. Before we planned this trip, my wife was talking about going someplace warm, and lounging on the beach. Not for me. I would rather surround myself with cars 24/7. What better place than Italy (home of Ferrari), and Germany (home to BMW and PORSCHE). Those are the only three marques I ever want to drive for as long as I live. I have had a handful of two out of the three over the years, I am still working on getting the Italian.

If I let my wife in on my plan, she would not want to go, so I reminded her how great the shopping was in Italy. I did not have to twist her arm. So to expedia.com we went to book our trip. After we booked the trip, I showed my Mom the itinerary. She was exhausted from just reading it. Rome, Florence, Venice, and Munich in nine days. And if time allowed, I was sneaking in a trip to Stuttgart.

We landed in Rome on New Years Eve day. After checking-in, we walked around to see some sites. It was raining a bit, but the temperature was fifty-plus, so we did not mind. This was my first trip to Italy, so a simple walk and window shopping through town was a good time. We made reservations at a local Trattoria for New Years Eve dinner. I almost exploded from the ten course meal served to us. After several glasses of champagne, my wife was doing Karaoke with the owner of the restaurant to Frank Sinatra's "New York, New York". Apparently this song is a world wide New Years Eve sensation.

The next day, we toured Ancient Rome. Seeint the sites in-peson in just surreal. And, of course, you cannot visit Rome and skip the Vatican. It was just amazing. After walking around the city most of the night, we returned to our hotel to pack for our next stop in the morning, Florence.

We took the EuroStar train from the central station in Rome to Florence. The trip was about three hours. The sites in the countryside are just gorgeous. Arriving in Florence (or Firenze) we loved it from the start. Even though it is still a somewhat major city in Italy, it is much more quiet then Rome. After checking-in, we did the usual walk around the city, and then found a good Trattoria to eat in. The next day was one museum after another. The must-see museum is the Uffizi. Inside contains thousands of sculptures and paintings, including the works of Michelangelo and Da Vinci. Michelangelo's famous David is displayed at the Galleria dell'Academia. With lines of up to four hours, seeing the life-sized replica in a piazza outside the Uffizi was good enough for me. After an eventful day of sight-seeing and shopping, it was off to bed, and off to our next destination in the morning.

We got our train ticket for Venice (or Venezia) early that morning, before breakfast. We were both starting to get a little worn out,

and are looking forward to taking a nap during the three hour train ride. I originally wanted to rent a car in Florence, and drive to Modena for the day to drool in Ferrari's hometown, then go to Venice. She just gave me an evil look, and I quickly tossed that idea.

Within the first hour of being there, we both quickly agreed that Venice was our favorite part of Italy. Venice is an island with no cars or scooters, and is just a maze of tight streets and bridges. Walking around and getting lost is part of the charm of Venice. The museums, the food, and the people, make this a very special place. Venice would not be complete without a ride in a famous Gondola on the Grand Canal.

Next stop, Germany!

Our train left Venice at one-o'clock in the afternoon. It is a seven & a half hour train ride through Austria and into Munich. Looking out of the window at the Alps in winter made the trip feel like one hour. Getting off the train, we were starving! We grabbed two gigantic Bavarian Pretzels for about one dollar. Our hotel was walking distance from the station. After checking-in, we headed straight for the Augustiner Bierhalle, a famous spot in Munich which serves traditional Bavarian food. I had a big piece of Weisswurst (white sausage) and some sort of German Potato soup. And of course I was washing the sausage down with a few pints of Weissbier.

The next day we headed to the north part of town where BMW is located. As you travel north, the BMW building comes into view. My wife now has a new perspective of where her car was born, not at Habberstad as she once thought. The BMW Zentrum, containing many cars from BMW past, present, and future, is closed for about two years for expansion. I saw this already in 2001, so I wasn't that upset. There is a temporary museum set up in the Olympic park across the street from BMW. That's where a lot of interesting cars reside. After the BMW museum I wanted to rent a 1 series, and drive an hour and a half on the autobahn to Stuttgart to see some PORSCHE stuff. I got that evil look again from princess. I found a toy store near our hotel. There were five aisles from the floor to the ceiling of die cast model cars. I knew the Germans where passionate about cars, but this was insane. I bought only what



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## The Top 10 Lame Excuses for Not Attending Driver Schools

By Matt Brod

When considering attending a BMW CCA Driver School, there are more than a few excuses that I have heard over the years; some are valid and some are just loads of BS. I would like to distinguish between the two for you so that you can make an educated choice rather than a lame excuse.

1. *"But I have a 7 or a Touring or it's not an M"*. Smell that? It's some of that BS that I mentioned before. An instructed driving school is not a full blown race where man and machine are pushed to physical limits. It is a controlled environment where you can learn to extract the performance potential of ANY CAR. All you need is a properly maintained\* vehicle to participate. (\*Pre-track technical inspection is required)
2. *"I want to but I need to do big brakes and suspension."* More of that happy horse....um...bull... ahem. A bone stock BMW is just fine. They are not called "The Ultimate Driving Machine" for nothing. Making changes to your car just before an event is not too smart. You should use the car you drive every day so you are not re-learning the car AND learning all that is involved with track driving... which leads me to the 3<sup>rd</sup> excuse.
3. *"I am afraid to use my daily driver, what if something happens?"*: A valid concern, however I will attest that the ride up and back during a track weekend is actually the dangerous part. Unlike the road where you see people reading, eating, BSing on the cell and futzing with the radio, the track is filled with attentive, courteous drivers all intent on learning. We are all just looking to have SAFE FUN. Plus, anyone deemed a hazard is dealt with immediately. So in reality, it's safer on the track than on the Cross Island Parkway.
4. *"What if I break something?"*: As for mechanical breakage, you will know the limits of your car. Drive it like you would normally and it will make it home. But bounce it off the rev limiter all day and it probably will break. Problems do arise and I can tell you having a bunch of Bimmerheads around sure does help. Most cars can be fixed on site by a crack team of concerned fellow participants. Don't want to break the car? Don't beat the snot out of it and you'll be fine.
5. *"My insurance doesn't cover it"*: Most policies do, some don't. Since "High Performance Driver's Education (HPDE)" is not a timed event, it's not considered a speed contest and does not fall under the grey area of "Racing". Check with your insurance company for details. My GEICO policy only mentions racing and speed contests; there is no mention of HPDE.
6. *"I will wear out the Brakes and Tires"*: There is some truth to this statement - HPDE does accelerate the wear of parts but that is something you can factor into the cost of tuition. The offset is you will learn how to use brakes more effectively and the brakes will last longer during daily use. As for tires, you wanted a new set anyway. (I am a bad influence when it comes to cars, aren't I?)
7. *"I don't need no stinkin' school"*: Hate to burst your bubble but you probably do. We all do. The skills learned at an HPDE are extremely valuable on the road. A HPDE will make you a better driver no matter how good you think you are. Do you think I am wrong? Come to the track and find out how little you do know. I was one of those guys until I caught a ride with someone who *really* knows how to drive. It's awfully humbling riding shotgun with a hotshoe. The level of control they display is inspiring.
8. *"It costs too much"*: I can only speak for myself but when you add it up it ain't cheap. A 2-day track weekend can run you \$500+ when you include the cost of lodging, food, gas, tolls and the school. Is it worth it? To me, it's worth every penny and then some. It's still cheaper than a good night in Vegas.
9. *"My wife's not cool with it"*: Sign her up too. There are a few women that I have seen that do track their cars – my wife being one of them. Sure it's a "man's sport" but ladies are more than welcome. Actually I have seen them treated with nothing but respect with an extra helping of kindness during driving sessions. So to all the guys looking for an excuse, you can go all Dr. Phil on her and be like "But honey, don't you want to share in my interests?" She'll probably love it after the initial "Oh my god I'm so nervous driving on a track" attitude wears off.
10. *"I'm scared"*: Remember the day you picked up your car? You were nervous even to drive it. Now remember today, you hopped in and took off like it's no big deal? That's how you'll feel after a little reading, some laps around the track at comfortable speed and a few classroom sessions. Once you gain confidence you WILL declare this the most fun you can have with your pants on. That's a promise.

I would like to note that the opinions expressed here are mine alone. I just wanted to clear up some misconceptions that keep people from experiencing one of the best programs that your Chapter offers. I hope to see you all at one of our upcoming Driver Schools! ■



## 13th Annual Beach Party at Euromeccanica

By Tony Howell

I have been attending the Beach Party for several years now, and it seems like New Years Eve. No matter how nice the weather is it always becomes very cold on the day of this event. There wasn't any exception this year, last week was very warm and then an Artic blast came in and we had the usual frigid weather.

I was planning on washing my car prior to the event, but due to the weather change the hose was frozen. I ended up attending the event with a dirty car because the car wash was not an option.

The guest speaker's arrival was delayed because he had difficulties locating the venue. This is an on going saga we have had, for the last couple of years since Euromeccanica relocated. The address is so tricky, that even map quest has difficulties finding this location. The guest speaker was George Diaz from Alloy Wheel Repair and he demonstrated the repair process on one of the chapter member's wheel. George went through the entire process of the wheel repair. He straightened, sanded, spray painted, add clear coat and baked the paint. He advised how a damaged wheel feels when driving, vibration through the steering wheel. He also stated that some wheel damage is cosmetic only and it is not always necessary to rush the wheel for repair if you do not feel the vibration.

Mike Schiffer, the venue owner did a comparison between the old and new 5 series BMW's. He showed the difference in body style, suspension and under carriage.

It was very disappointing that our tire specialist, Chris Jones was not able to attend the event due to an emergency. He was able to drop of some material regarding tires, as well as some door prizes. Our new president Steve Bernstein filled the spot and had a paint meter device that will let you know the thickness of the paint and clear coat that is on your car.

I would like to thank Mike Schiffer for opening his door for the 13th Annual Beach Party at Euromeccanica, the chef Mark, and the guest speakers. I would also like to thank BMW NA, George Diaz, Chris Jones and the New York Chapter for the door prizes they provided. I would also like to thank those of you that came out in the Artic weather to spend some time with your fellow enthusiasts.

P.S. – Next year I will make sure that I arrive with a clean car, no matter how cold it is. ■



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**New York and Patroon Chapter BMW CCA Driver School at Watkins Glen**  
**2006 Student Application - Mon, June 12 and Tue, June 13**

<p>Cost:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● BMW CCA Members                      \$330</li> <li>● Non BMW CCA Members                \$370</li> <li>● Price for one day (Mon only)        \$250</li> </ul> <p>Registration for NY and Patroon Chapter members opens February 3 all others February 7.</p>	<p>Mail completed application with self-addressed stamp envelope, <b>copy of BMW CCA membership card (or mailing label from Roundel), and check payable to "BMW CCA New York Chapter" to:</b></p> <p align="center"><b>BMW CCA Driving School</b>  <b>c/o Michael Allen</b>  <b>1299 Birch Street</b>  <b>Uniondale, NY 11553</b></p>
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Lifetime # of track days: \_\_\_\_\_ # of days @ Watkins Glen: \_\_\_\_\_ # of track days last 24 months \_\_\_\_\_

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Describe your goals for this school: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_ Medications: \_\_\_\_\_

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**PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CAREFULLY:**

- To participate, each driver must be 18 years of age or older and possess a valid driver's license that is not suspended or revoked. **DRIVER'S LICENSE WILL BE CHECKED DURING TRACK REGISTRATION.**
- Instructors will be assigned to students in all run groups.
- All drivers must have a helmet which is SNELL rated 95, 2000, 2005 SA or M.; Loaner helmets will not be provided.
- No Cabriolets and Convertibles allowed unless they are equipped with a fully compliant roll bar.
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- No SUVs/SAVs, vans, trucks, limos, open wheeled cars or any inappropriate vehicles permitted.
- Excessive tint on windows is not permitted.
- All cancellations will be assessed a \$30 fee. **NO REFUND** for cancellations 14 days or less before the event.
- The NY and Patroon Chapter BMW CCA reserves the right to reject any applicant on event day, due to failing safety inspection, inappropriate vehicle (e.g., van, limo, truck, etc.), or for any reason pertinent to the safety of the school and participants of the school.
- The Patroon BMW CCA Driver School staff makes all final run group decisions.
- Any incident involving your vehicle, where damage occurs or injury occurs, the New York Chapter BMW CCA, Patron Chapter BMW CCA, event organizers, event instructors, and/or Watkins Glen Raceway shall not be held liable.
- If in doubt request clarification before applying.
- **SUBMISSION OF THIS APPLICATION IS YOUR ACCEPTANCE OF THESE TERMS.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

- Questions?
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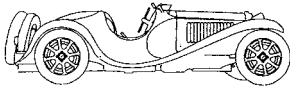
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