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For more information contact:

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230 Jay Street #16H Brooklyn, NY 11201

Registration Form - Please print clearly

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Number of additional passengers \_\_\_\_\_ Car Year/Make/Model \_\_\_\_\_

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Registrar Verified \_\_\_\_\_


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## Fisch-Tales

Steven Fischthal -  
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I would like to extend my greetings to all our members. As the chapter's new president, I would like to invite you to join us at any or all of our activities scheduled for the coming year. We have already had a successful Beach Party at EuroMeccanica, thanks to Mike Schiffer owner of EuroMeccanica. A special thank you to Rob Levinson of UUC Motorwerks, who both demonstrated his new "Very Serious Brakes" and along with BMW NA provided many of the door prizes. BMW NA invited our chapter, along with our fellow metropolitan area chapters, to the New York Auto Show. We are always happy when NA remembers the club members who support them. I am happy to be able to tell you, that after a long hiatus, the NY Chapter had a successful and "sold out" Driver Education School at Pocono North Racetrack in April. However, these events are now just good memories. It is not too late for you to join us in our forthcoming endeavors. For our members who enjoy driving their ultimate machines to their ultimate limits we are offering an autocross series. This year we will be having an autocross championship series. More information is available in this newsletter. For the tamer BMW driver we are going to have two road rallies this year. The first is scheduled for May 19th and another one will be held in the fall. Of course, the Seventh Annual Great Marques Concour will be held on September 15th. We are also planning several tech sessions and a general membership meeting this year. Our premier tech session of the year is our Summerfest meeting at Habberstad BMW of Huntington. This event is scheduled for June 30th. Our guest speakers will be Tom Salkowsky, M Brand manager for BMW NA, Steve Dinan, founder of Dinan Engineering and Thom Montanari, motor sport artist. This is one of our most successful events, put on with the unlimited enthusiasm of both Eric Habberstad and Demetrios Mirassis of Habberstad BMW. Please, if you have not yet signed up for our email alerts, please send a blank e-mail with the subject "subscribe" to nybmwcca-subscribe@yahoo.com and you'll automatically be subscribed. Also don't forget the chapter hotline 631-821-2002. I am pleased to be able to offer these events to you. I would be remiss not to thank all the board members who make these events possible.

 - Steve

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- May 4th (Sat)
- May 25/26 (Sat/Sun)
- July 27 (Sat)
- Aug 18 (Sun)
- Sep 21 (Sat)
- Oct 5 (Sat)
- Oct 27 (Sun)
- Nov 3 (Sun)



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**The Annual New Jersey meeting at BMW NA Headquarters  
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**Directions to BMW NA Headquarters:**

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## Let's Roll

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We can't wash our cars because of the drought, it's more fashionable at the moment to have a dirty car- at least we can buy gas. I have these words for Saddam Hussein: "Fill 'er up."

So, where you gonna go? With this weather, anywhere and everywhere. On the Hudson River side of the Catskills Craig Claiborne wrote "Restaurant Merits Three-Hour Drive" about the bicentennial Depuy Canal House in High Falls, NY. Conveniently located between gorgeous twisties and curves down the road from artistic hamlets. If you are not in the mood for the kind of meal you will remember for the rest of your life, you can pop into Chefs on Fire, the informal wine and oven pizza bistro downstairs.

Closer to New York City the Palisades offers grand views of the



city skyline on the way to Bear Mountain. Bear Mountain, Bear Mountain, Bear Mountain. You can spend a day on Bear Mountain and Seven Lakes Drive on the very best roads we have to offer. Now is the time to go there and stop for picnics before school lets out and the park becomes full of people. At the end of the day head over to the Relais and Chateau 5 star Tarrytown Castle, sit in the bar - or outside in the garden- and watch the sun set over Palisades. Follow the Taconic to route 44 in

Duchess County and take the wine tour route or try to get yourself lost on their beautiful and curvy roads. Charming towns like Millbrook are happy to welcome visitors. For the ultimate photo op it is the Catskills from Port Jervis- where you can ride the fabulously picturesque Route 97 from Hawk's



Nest out to Roebling Bridge on the Pennsylvania border, or trip out to Woodstock, the village or the site of the rock concert in Bethel. Get there before the gambling comes in. Speaking of gambling, I met the board of the NY BMW CCA in Westbury, Long Island, defying a promise I made to my car that she would never have to set foot or tire in Long Island again. And so we went. First a stop at the NYFD, Ladder 20 on Lafayette Street, to pick up some Squad 18 shirts and pins and patches and stuff. Then 20 minutes listening to the firefighters discussing which was the fastest lane to take over the Williamsburg Bridge.. I love New Yorkers. You can have anything you want, so everyone has an opinion of what you should have. I was using Traffic Pro to get there anyway- but I took their advice over Traffic Pro, the Williamsburg over the Midtown Tunnel. ::::shiver:::: Next thing I am in a traffic jam and some sign is flashing the news to me that this isn't going to get any better any time soon. I am sure the Midtown Tunnel is even worse. I think we are all agreed that we would rather be driving for 45 minutes than sitting in traffic for twenty, yes? I pushed the "intercept" button and took the nearest exit.

Steve Fischthal keeps promising me a full credit class on driving and parking on Long Island. Look for a sign up sheet. Andre Noel tells me that of 50 cars that showed up for Autocross, three were Z3s. Thank goodness we have Karen in her Palmetto Green/Kylami Orange M Roadster here from Texas or else we wouldn't even have a roadster there! Jeff is excited about the early signups for the May 19th Rallye on Long Island. As we're leaving Steve comes out to check out my novice parking technique. Placement is OK, angle is wrong, and really some more hunting and walking and I could have found a place where no one could park next to me.

I was so happy when Tony Howell came out to see my car in the lot. Wanna make friends with a Z3er? Ask them about their car. No guarantee how long the answer will be. Wear comfortable shoes, you could be there a while. Coming home under lit bridges yawning open arms to me, the city of lights on the horizon and the great lady, the Empire State Building, shining Red White and Blue.. Check NY BMWCCA and our neighbor chapters for Driving School and Autocross schedules. Here's a taste of what else is happening for you and your BMW nearby- or near enough in May and June.

5/4 PA Gathering 5 The Bling Bling  
5/5 NY Catskills Depuy Canal House Epicurean Road Rally  
5/19 NY Long Island North Shore BMW CCA "Here Comes Summer" Fun Rally  
5/19 NY Catskills Depuy Canal House Epicurean Road Rally  
6/2 DE DVC BMW CCA Bimmergate  
6/7-9 NY Watkins Glen Chemung Canal Trust Historic Races- BMW is featured marque  
6/16 NJ BMW CCA Summer Picnic and Rally  
6/23 Team Spartanburg Hospitality at Watkins Glen

More info on everything mentioned here on Z3ers.com

# Mini Cooper S

## Does it drive like a BMW?

Well not exactly!  
"First Impressions in the  
real world"

By Randy Petschauer

**Introducing a new car  
from the people that gave  
new meaning to the letter**

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A strange concept indeed. A car company developing a new automobile under the precept that bigger isn't necessarily better. It's a refreshing idea whose time has come. History and evolution should remind us of what happened to the dinosaur!



Every so often, there arrives something that stands out as being somewhat special and that everyone desires to have; whether it's that new electronic gizmo, the latest in microwave technology or in this case an automobile. The new Mini Cooper.

As you all well know by now, BMW took hold of that very English of institutions, the mini, and with a very large infusion of Deutsche mark's breathed new life into a 40-year-old automo-



tive design. It being marketed as a small, economical and nimble automobile that's a hoot to drive. Throw in affordability and a large dose of cuteness and you have a recipe for lots to smile about.

It's a simple matter of the whole being greater than the sum of its parts. It may not have the biggest engine or the biggest brakes, but package all the pieces into a car that just about fits into a dumpster and you have the makings of something rather special. Then, bolt on a supercharger, 6-speed gearbox, 16" wheels and an upgraded suspension and now we're talking about a serious contribution to the automotive world – the Mini Cooper S.

I took delivery of mine on March 29<sup>th</sup>. Broke it in over the next week just in time for my first autocross event of the year on April 7<sup>th</sup> at the Metro NY Porsche event at Tobay Beach. This was my first event of the year and I managed to somehow forget everything I learned the previous season. If my Evolution school driving instructors had seen my performance they would have disavowed the fact that they had ever met me. How did it handle you ask? I just have one thing to say. If I had run in the Boxster class that day, my best time would have placed me in fifth out of the ten cars running. If only I had gotten my brain in gear that day and been running on

my Kumho's!

What do I personally like about the Cooper S? First of all, it's a refreshing design that works. It can seat four adults, it's got a trunk and can fit in places that most other vehicles can't. And that includes that prized parking spot in the city that only a motorcyclist would consider or that gap in traffic, opening up only momentarily just long enough for it to sneak through. It's definitely a kick to drive and also meets with my definition of the word practical.

My dislikes? Only one, in that I'm quite spoiled when it comes to tires. The treadwear rating of the tires I'm used to using is typically in the low 100's. The Dunlop "Sport" 5000's equipped on the Cooper S are an M&S rated all season run-flat tire with a treadwear rating of 280. The Autocross event quickly discovered the shortcomings of this tire selection. Talk about having no traction in first or second gear.

On my way back home the other night, I found myself driving amongst a sea of SUV's loafing along at a snails pace. It was a Jurassic park moment. While the other vehicles casually grazed along the parkway, I pondered the future of the internal combustion engine and the automobile as we know it. If this mini concept could only catch on, then, just maybe, mankind may have a chance after all.





What a shame, this car is not going into production. Wouldn't it have been great if it were introduced this year as the 'New' 2002.

We had our annual Q&A session with Rich Brekus BMW NA's Production Manager. It was our golden opportunity to try to pry the lid of secrecy open. The traditional ground rules prevailed. We could ask any question we wanted to. BMW 'brass' would only answer the questions they wanted to, but a well-phrased question would offer us a hint. Some of the future plans that

**NY Chapter  
at the  
New York Auto Show**

Steven Fischthal  
email:smf328@optonline.net  
Saturday morning at 9AM,  
March 30<sup>th</sup>, approximately two  
hundred of your NY, NJ Con-  
necticut and Patroon chapter  
members, arrived at the Jacob  
Javits Convention Center at the  
invitation of BMW NA. Even  
though over 350 tickets were dis-  
tributed, only 200 members  
could get up that early. Yes, only  
the truly diehard Bimmerphile  
showed up for breakfast with

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We were in-  
troduced to  
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horsepower on tap. The way it  
handles belies its size. It's cer-  
tainly not a 3 Series, but I could  
be forced to "suffer" with one if I  
had to.



were revealed to our group were,  
a new 6 Series will be forthcom-  
ing, as well as a redesigned 5  
Series. A 1 Series is coming in



BMW unveiled its CS1 concept  
car. Tom Solkowsky, M Brand  
Manager, explained that its de-  
sign was based on their concep-  
tion of what a 2002 would be  
like, if it were still in production.



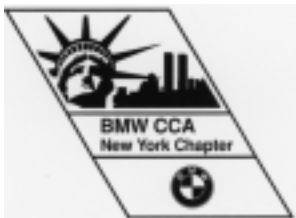


the future. The Z3 Roadster will be replaced with a new version, come this fall. Z3 coupes are not to be forthcoming. We were told that the model year 2003 would be bringing a windfall of new and exciting BMW cars. The structured presentation broke up at about 10AM. At this point we could go one on one with the BMW folk or take this opportunity to run thru the Javits Center. Its great to have full access to the show before the doors opened to the public. This was a great morning to be a BMW fanatic. This is just one way that BMW NA expresses their thanks to the CCA members for their support. Next year if you are fortunate to receive a ticket for this event, please come to the breakfast and share your enthusiasm for the marque with your fellow members.

*Photos: Starting from upper left: BMW display before the crowds; Newsletter editor Phil Clark, Chapter Prez Steve Fischthal & Andew Fischthal; New BMW 1-Series; Mini Cooper S British Style; BMW Z8; Fantastic BMW 2002 Display; New 5.0 Liter BMW X5; BMW Product Manager; Ex-Prez Charles Karnati addressing the BMW fanatics and Barry and Anthony Howell (Doublemint Twins) and Rose Anne Burke gave out name tags and Summer Rallye flyers.*



# NY Chapter Autocross Series Schedule for Year 2002



# Habberstad



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## New For 2002 - Series Championship Series Rules

- All drivers must hold a valid drivers license
- You need a Snell 95 or later helmet. If you are buying a new helmet, get a 2000 model.
- Convertibles are allowed.
- The registration fee is \$20 for BMW CCA members and \$25 for non BMW CCA members.
- Only registered drivers are allowed to ride as passengers.
- The autocross will run rain, shine or snow. Participants of previous events can attest to this. We have great fun in a torrential downpours.
- Registration and tech inspection is from 8am - 9:30am on the day of the event.
- First car off at 10:15am. Everyone will get six runs and we hope to finish by 3pm.

The season points will be totaled as follows

	First place	8 points	
	Second place	6 points	
	Third place	4 points	
	Fourth place	2 points	
	All other places	1 points	

Points from the top five events will be added to determine the top three performers in every car class. All Series Championship award winners will be awarded with special trophies and gifts.

## Autocross Schedule

Saturday: May 4th  
Sunday: May 26th  
Saturday: July 27<sup>th</sup>  
Sunday, Aug 18th (Parking Lot #2)  
Saturday, Sep 21<sup>st</sup>  
Saturday, Oct 5<sup>th</sup>  
Sunday, Nov 3<sup>th</sup>

# Results from: Sunday, April 7th 2002

## Total entrants 55

* 1m AAA	71	Andrea Cairone	01 MCoupe	56.921
* 2m AAA	325	Chris Turissi	325	58.055
* 3m AAA	98	Ron Feinman	98 BMW Z3	58.086
4m AAA	16	Phil Parlato	E36 M3	60.438
5m AAA	120	William Malinowsky	97 BMW M3	60.699
6 AAA	76	John Heeg	E36 M3	62.663
7m AAA	72	John Moore	MCoupe	68.971
8m AAA	117	Jason Herrera	98 BMW M3	78.874
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* 1m AA	54	Andrew Jacobs	00 BMW M5	60.697
* 2 AA	69	Derek Pasch	95 BMW M3	60.923
* 3 AA	7	John Tecce	00 MCoupe	61.778
4m AA	50	Keith Krieger	00 MCoupe	61.998
5 AA	99	Bryan Lane	95 BMW M3	62.876
6 AA	9	David Wang	97 BMW M3 4DR	65.999
7 AA	116	Karen O'Brien	99 BMW Roadster	66.429
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* 1m A	30	Andre Noel	E30 M3	60.300
* 2m A	11	Mike Choi	01 325Ci	60.883
3 A	21	Tim Keller	01 330Ci	62.554
4m A	17	Tony Howell	E30 325	63.149
5m A	35	Paul Maestranzi	01 540	66.314
6 A	37	Michael Paciullo	01 540is	78.477
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* 1m B	24	GJ Dixon	81 320i	57.230
2m B	29	Norman Mok	98 318Ti	64.880
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* 1m C	6	Boris Piskoun	85 535i	65.318
2m C	13	William Griffin	86 535i	65.348
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* 1m E	137	Rich Wayne	Red Miata	55.022
* 2 E	121	Shawn Baumgartner	01 Focus	57.224
* 3 E	61	Argiris Giorgou	00 Integra R	58.728
* 4 E	115	Doug Frie	01 Audi TT	58.806
* 5 E	118	Ken Kong	00 Civic Si	59.118
* 6 E	111	Thomas Kokinias	01 MR2	59.374
7 E	114	Jonathan Avellino	02 Audi TT	59.436
8 E	73	Louis Schemitz	91 Miata	59.514
9 E	123	William Fifield	85 VW GTI	60.168
10 E	88	Raymond Xue	Integra R	60.312
11 E	19	Chien Wu	White MR2	60.476
12 E	418	Steve Levy	99 Miata	61.016
13 E	371	Seth Bloomberg	02 S4	61.172
14 E	14	Erik Jacobs	Nissan 240Sx	61.436
15 E	208	Ricky Kwan	97 Altima	62.057
16 E	211	Larry Ferrandiz	Miata	62.280
17 E	516	Spencer Anderson	91 Honda Civic	62.320
18 E	160	Bogdan Asciu	97 Hyund Tiburon	62.902
19 E	521	Adam Mouradian	00 Civic Si	63.457
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* 1 F	927	Marcos Silva	300ZX	58.632
* 2 F	31	Aaron Sheh	93 Mazda RX7	59.875
* 3 F	317	Michael Ongg	99 Subaru RS	61.781
* 4 F	700	Jeremy Stern	00 WRX	62.073
5 F	33	Kevin Lau	93 Mazda RX7	62.306
6m F	1	Trevor Gottfried	91 Nissan 300ZX	63.415
7 F	225	Chun Rene Eng	00 Audi TT	63.665
8 F	122	Christopher Jaeckel	??	63.967
9 F	3	Rad Roubeni	00 Audi S4	64.378
10 F	215	Ken Chan	91 Toyota MR2	64.668
11 F	920	Mark Chin	02 Sub WRX	65.129

Top Time of Day - E 137 Rich Wayne

Run 6 - 55.022

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Garageboy Parks Next to his Tires Between Runs

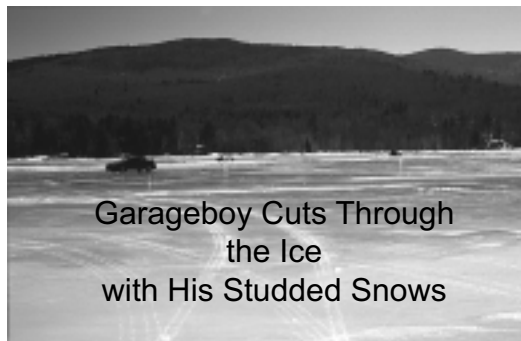
## You're Racing Your Car on a Lake Again THIS Winter?? Are You Sure There's Enough Ice Up There?

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I've been a member of the Boston Chapter of the BMW CCA since the late 80s. When I moved back to New York and joined the New York Chapter in the early 90s, I started participating in the Boston Chapter's Ice Racing events on Newfound Lake, New Hampshire. Why did I wait until I moved 5 hours away to do this? At first, the concept of putting one's car on a frozen lake invoked memories of Bugs & Daffy or Tom & Jerry where anyone who fell through the ice - and somebody ALWAYS fell through the ice - would be pulled out of the water frozen inside a big ice cube. Of course, they were still alive, but their teeth were chattering, they had turned blue, and they had to be left in front of the fireplace to thaw. Or I thought of that movie "The Four Seasons" where the uptight dentist (Jack Weston) screamed, "My Mercedes!!!" as he watched in hor-

ror while his car spontaneously and instantly sank through the ice. Rest assured Ice Racing with the



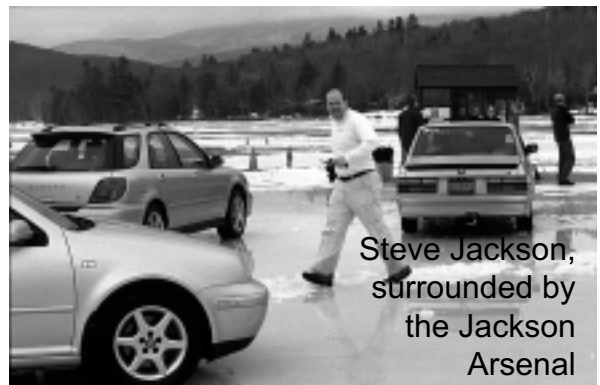
Garageboy Cuts Through the Ice with His Studded Snows

Boston BMW CCA is nothing like that. Not even close! When you approach the turn-off from the main road, and you see the orange cone (with the roundel) and realize it's pointing you onto a lake... well... Then you usually spot other BMWs already on the lake, and you can leave the shore and go for it. Oftentimes, the ice feels remarkably like smooth pavement... until you hit the brakes and realize that this is pretty tricky. Then, as you get closer to the designated course, you see dozens of cars parked together, just like at an autocross. In fact, you may see cars that are much nicer than yours, and that is when you

realize you have nothing to worry about. Certainly falling through is no longer at the top of your list of worries...

Except this year. The mild winter caused havoc on Newfound Lake. The SCCA Ice Racers in Massachusetts cancelled their only event, and short of driving to Canada, it looked as though Garageboy might not get to compete in any ice racing this winter! Newfound Lake, at 4100 acres, started to freeze, but not enough of the surface of the lake fully froze. After a brief warm spell, the surface turned back to water. Usually, if the lake "catches", meaning the whole surface freezes, the ice below it develops more quickly. As long as it doesn't snow a tremendous amount during that freezing process, and it

remains cold, as much as an inch per day of ice can develop in most parts of the lake. Twelve inches is the minimum amount that must be there for an event to be held. How do we know this? Is it some mystical, ancient secret of the White Mountains that is only shared amongst local New Hampshire residents? Well, no, actually, we have a drill that we use to measure the thickness, and it bottoms out at about 16 inches. Newfound Lake was not happening for us. Fortunately, due to the resourcefulness of the event organizers, a smaller lake (346 acres) was discovered only 20 miles north of Newfound Lake, and at a much higher elevation. Apparently, this combination of size, latitude and altitude ensured that we had a reliable 18 inches of ice for the entire season! The 2002



Steve Jackson, surrounded by the Jackson Arsenal





Steve Jackson's Mom  
Hides her Fear with a Smile

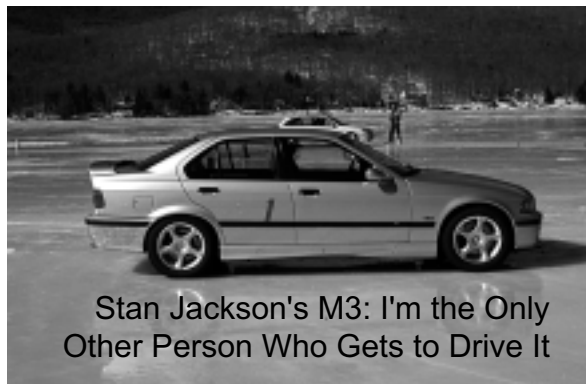
Ice Racing Season commenced on February 10th for the first time near Rumney, New Hampshire on Stinson Lake.

The events are run for the Boston Chapter almost entirely by the Jackson Family, a warm, generous group of car-nuts that have lived on Newfound Lake for longer than anyone can remember. They are affectionately known as The Icemen, despite the fact that the whole family, men and women alike, participate rather competitively in a myriad of silver BMWs and other nearly German vehicles. Garageboy has had the good fortune to become friends with the Jacksons, although some New York Chapter members believe that this friendship is based on a rumor that Garageboy is required by law to bring New York bagels whenever he visits the Granite State. Legend has it that this law was enacted in exchange for leniency on one of Garageboy's triple-digit speeding violations.

Technical Inspections are fairly innocent. Helmets are not required, but they are not discouraged either. You line up at the start line just like at an autocross, and the timing equipment is all electronic, maintaining accuracy and fairness. When you reach the starting line, you look out over a sea of orange cones and hope that you remember where the course is. Sometimes, when there is snow on the lake, it is necessary to plow the path. It is much easier to follow the course when it has been plowed. However, plowing creates snow banks, which are a double-

edged sword. They can be used for good, like steering the car through a fast turn. Or they can be used for evil, like when you lose control and go off course and stuff your car into a snowbank. The only damage you might do is to your ego.

Cars are classified as rear-wheel, front-wheel, or all-wheel drive. And then the sub-classifications are based on your tires. Tires are very important. Since most participants are from the surrounding states, many entrants use snow tires. In order to be competitive, you cannot run on summer or all-season tires. Some competitors



Stan Jackson's M3: I'm the Only  
Other Person Who Gets to Drive It

have started to run ice tires, as these are becoming more popular. For those of us that run snows all winter long, ice tires are not very practical. In areas like New York City, they'll spend 95% of their lives on dry pavement and wear out in one season. The best part of ice racing is that you can do all the things you used to fantasize about doing at Bridgehampton, except without the threat of impending death. Wanna do a four-wheel drift on the back of the course? No problem! If you make a mistake, you might hit a cone and slide mercilessly out of control... into oblivion. But you won't scratch your car, and you won't hurt yourself! Sometimes, finishes are

impressive. It's always entertaining to see someone slide through the finish gate sideways or even backwards. Ice Racers are masters of improvisation. I've seen drivers spin out, and to keep their momentum, they finish half their run in reverse. Most racers realize that if their run is already ruined, they might as well show off with a spectacular finish.

Conditions can change dramatically as well. This can occur from event to event, or even from morning to afternoon! Unlike an autocross, where the conditions are likely to stay the same for the duration of an event, the surface of the lake is guaranteed to change over the course of a day, based on temperature, wind, sunlight, and precipitation.

New scoring rules were put into effect this year that has compensated for the changing conditions and made for more exciting results. The Jacksons are competitive. No matter what class they run in, they want to win. And they all want to beat each other. It has taken me nearly a decade to understand their strategies, and I still have much to learn. I'm still learning how they use the changing conditions to their advantage. I've successfully learned how to compete with the right tires, but there are still many secrets to be unearthed. This year, I did better than any previous years, and for the first time, my Eta-Power car beat all the M cars. And now that we have a consistent venue for the future at Stinson Lake, I'll come back next year and try again for more FTDs.



Stan's M535i, My only competition

## **NY Chapter Autoshow Ticket Update**

Just a quick note on the New York Auto Show tickets, as always we were oversubscribed this year. While over 390 tickets were distributed to NY, NJ, CT and Patroon members, less than 200 people attended the event. Some members seem to use the free tickets during the week and do not attend the BMW event. These free tickets are intended for the BMW event only. We did a show of hand and it was clear that most of the attendees at the event were NY Chapter members. In order to correct the problem where people are not using these free tickets for the BMW event, we will change the distribution process next year and hand-out tickets at the autoshow on a first-come first-served basis.

## **Drivers Wanted**

**The Ultimate Drive -  
Susan G. Komen is  
coming to the NY  
Area.**

Contact the dealers listed below or the NY Chapter to arrange to participate in this important event. (Assistance is needed in moving the cars between dealers, if interested you can leave your name with the NY Chapter coordinator Steve 917- 686 0284)

### **07.17.02**

BMW Of The Hudson  
Valley

Poughkeepsie, NY

### **07.19.02**

Wide World Of Cars  
Spring Valley, NY

### **07.20.02**

Pace BMW  
Mamaroneck, NY

### **07.23.02**

BMW Of Bayside  
Douglaston, NY

### **07.24.02**

Habberstad BMW  
Huntington Station, NY

### **07.26.02**

Life Quality BMW  
Brooklyn, NY

### **07.27.02**

BMW Of Manhattan  
New York, NY

## **Twin Towers Fund Update**

- Charles Karnati

"The purpose of the Twin Towers Fund is to assist, support, and recognize the families of the members of the uniformed services of the New York City Fire Department and its Emergency Medical Service Command, the New York City Police Department, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, the New York State Office of Court Administration and other government personnel who lost their lives or were injured because of the tragedies of September 11, 2001 at the World Trade Center in New York City." (Quote from nyc.gov website)

The New York chapter sold club merchandise to raise money for the Twin Towers Fund.

All chapter merchandise displays our logo. The logo outlines the NYC skyline with the Twin Towers prominently displayed alongside the Statue of Liberty.

We raised \$556.05 as part of this effort. The national office of the BMW Car Club of America has matched our contribution, thus doubling our contribution to \$1,112.10

Thank you to everyone who helped in this effort, you have helped the families of many brave New Yorkers who lost their lives.

## NY Chapter • Classifieds

Welcome to the NY Chapter Classifieds

- Eibach Spring Set for E36 4 pieces of Eibach Spring for E36 model. Aggressive looks. Only installed for 2 months. Contact Daven Chang davenchang@hotmail.com. Posted on 4/27/2002
- Used E30 M3 Catalytic Converter For Sale Good condition catalytic converter for sale. Off an 88 M3 when it had approx. 80k miles. Passed NYS inspection 2 years ago. \$375. Chet cmarfatia@hotmail.com Posted on 4/24/2002
- Needed RMS supercharger BRACKET only. Contact mike (wittm24@aol.com). Posted on 4/23/2002
- 1989 525i CCA Member Highway miles Asking \$7000 DAY 631 232 1189 Evenings 516 356 9200 Contact Terrance Johnson (TJ540I@AOL.COM). Posted on 4/23/2002
- Wanted: 1986-91 325 (LI) E30 325i (preferred) or 325e with a manual transmission. I'd prefer an unmodified, cosmetically and mechanically sound car with maintenance records, if possible. Mileage under 150K is preferred, but all will be considered. e-mail juddman@optonline.net, christopher.judd@collabo.com, or call 631-689-0200 ext 2807 M-F 9-5:30 Contact Christopher Posted on 4/21/2002
- 1990 BMW 325ix (AWD) 91K miles Red 4 door with automatic transmission, heated seats, sun roof etc. Very nice condition A/C blows cold, 91K original miles, Re-manufactured Transmission & alternator. Recent Engine compression test, Service II inspection, 4 wheel alignment, Rear shock mounts and Throttle housing. Original alloy wheels with Pirelli tires. Offered for sale for \$8,800 (845) 987-7525 E-mail melgeo@warwick.net Located about 50 miles north and west of NYC in Orange County, New York. Note: This price is REDUCED! Too many cars!!!! Contact George Marshall (melgeo@warwick.net). Posted on 4/20/2002
- E30 M3 Evolution 3 Rear wing FS I have the following FS: Carbon Fiber Evolution 3 rear wing with extension (exact replica of Orig. Evo3) As new condition (never even mounted). High gloss finish. Wing is in black CF, and flap is in black/red CF. \$800: local preferred. bmur@usa.net Contact MJ (bmur@usa.net). Posted on 4/19/2002
- Cruise Cam (In car video mount) Can mount in almost any car. It mounts on the head rests on the two front seats. It can be used with all types of cameras. It comes with the optional vibration dampner. I paid \$300 for it. It works great. if you are interested. Contact bart savino (bsavino@si.rr.com). Posted on 4/18/2002

- Wanted: 95-97 E36 M3 no sunroof I am looking for a 96-97 M3 coupe with a manual tranny and without a sunroof. Contact Jason Lane lane190597@aol.com. Posted on 4/13/2002
- 1985 635csi MINT! Blk/Blk, 107k, super clean body and interior (no rips or hits. Few flaws. New (200 miles) BOGE shocks all around with shock mounts. New ATE FR/BK rotors and pads. Mobil Synthetic oil. New tires. CD player. Nice, smooth and fast. Strong engine and tranny. call victor 917-319-2031 Victor Violaprotowow@yahoo.com. Posted on 4/9/2002
- Wanted: rear deck spoiler for '72 2002 zender, kamei, o.e.m. turbo, etc. Contact jon foster (fosters.3@juno.com). Posted on 4/7/2002
- BMW 5 star split spoke rims These are 4 original 16" X 7" BMW alloy rims from a '95 325is. AKA the sport package rims. Will fit E36, E46 and Z3. Great condition with minor scratches. Free 5th "bottle cap" style wheel with tire. Email for pictures. \$450 obo. Contact Aniel Sukhram (asukhram3@hotmail.com). Posted on 4/5/2002
- The BimmerBasement - The source for 2002/tii parts & info. Contact us for current updates on recent acquisitions of parts & cars. We also buy/trade cars, parts, etc. See our list of specials on Roadfly.com, or call (631)567-8777 weekdays/leave message. Contact Steve Geraci bimmerbasement@hotmail.com. Posted on 3/22/2002
- For E36 M3 Four custom Hart 5-spoke rims, excel cond, plus 4 Mich Pilot tires, \$950 for set (\$3,500 new). Also stock exhaust system, \$450 (\$900 new) Contact Frank Daniele fdaniele@willkie.com Posted on 3/22/2002
- For E36 M3 Four Hart Custom 5-spoke wheels, excel cond, plus 4 Michelin Pilot tires - \$950 for set (\$3,500 new). Also stock exhaust system, no miles - \$450 (\$900 new). Contact Frank Daniele (fdaniele). Posted on 3/22/2002
- M parallel spoke 66 rim - M parallel spoke 66 rim 8x17 new, never used spare from my E39 540i. Retail \$550, yours for \$275. Tel (917)833-1564 or E-mail WDaCosta540@msn.com Contact Wayne A. DaCosta Posted on 3/17/2002
- Titanium, polished stainless and anodized aluminium hardware Detail/lighten your bimber baby. Lighter is Faster! www.titaniumfasteners.com Contact Peter Mooney redmist@cyburban.com Posted on 3/17/2002
- KYB shocks for 1602/2002 - 4 KYB shocks (f & r) new in boxes for 1602/2002 model. \$100 for all, will not ship. Contact Paul Mah paulmah@hotmail.com. Posted on 3/15/2002

- WTB Front Strut Brace for a 98 M3 (it does have traction control so bars that fit '95/'96 models may not be OK). \$100. Contact Stefano stefano.gaudio@nera.com). Posted on 3/14/2002
- 1984 528e - Great Condition White, Sunroof, Leather, Auto, New Timing Belt , Major Service, Needs Nothing, 120K (914)779-5251 Contact Dietrich Kaye (Dkaye@BankOfNY.com). Posted on 3/12/2002
- FS: 1998 323is Titanium silver, black leather interior, heated seats, alarm, cd changer, sport package, new michelin pilot SX tires, \$22,800 Call Gianni at 212.828.7399 Contact Gianni (gianniapa@yahoo.com). Posted on 3/11/2002
- 1990 BMW 325ix (AWD) Great car in real nice condition. Automatic with sunroof, and heated seats. Many new parts. Red 4 door with black leatherette interior. 91kmiles \$9,500. Contact George Marshall (melgeo@warwick.net). Posted on 3/9/2002
- FS: Brand New Colgan Bras for all Makes & Models Brand new Colgan Bras. \$50.00 each. Too many to list. Please check out <http://www.veeparts.com> and click on Colgan Bras. Call Gerry at 619.477.8422 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Pacific Time. Thank you. Posted on 3/8/2002
- Wanted 5-series rear seat, black leather Must be in very good condition. I will pick up within 100 miles of NYC Contact Peter Mooney (redmist@cyburban.com). Posted on 3/7/2002
- 530i engine trans and electronics \$350 This is a super strong combo. Absolutely zero smoke from engine at any RPM. Looks like it has been rebuilt or out of a low milage wreck. 4 spd trans is smooth as well. No syncho noises at any rpm shift points. Both are in car now. Will be pulled soon. Email me for any questions. Must be picked up, no shipping. Suffern, NY Contact Peter Mooney (redmist@cyburban.com). Posted on 3/7/2002

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## New York Chapter Events Calendar

Autocross Schedule

May 4th (Sat)

May 25/26 (Sat/Sun)

July 27 (Sat)

Aug 18 (Sun)

Sep 21 (Sat)

Oct 5 (Sat)

Oct 27 (Sun)

Nov 3 (Sun)

- Road Rallye May 19th

- SummerFest June 30th

- Susan G. Komen July 24th

- Great Marques Concour

at Old Westbury Sept.15th

- Fall Rallye - October 27th

- Concours Tech Preparation

*(Date to be announced)*

Do you have an event you'd like to see or would like to put on an event?. Let us know, send email to [events@nybmwcca.org](mailto:events@nybmwcca.org) or call us 631-821-2002

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