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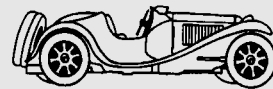
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**The BMW CCA Foundation and
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**From the Chapter
President
Anthony Howell**

The NY Chapter has 4 elected voting board members and one (Member At Large), which is appointed by the elected board. In the past, you only needed to be a member in good standing to be nominated and to have another member endorse your nomination.

There are two key positions that are very critical to the chapter, President and Treasurer. The current board feels that a person running for these positions should have knowledge of the organization and a full understanding of the requirements of these positions.

The board is proposing a change to Article VII, Section I of the New York Chapter bylaws. The proposal calls for prior board service for anyone running for the position of President or Treasurer.

We are including an official ballot in this newsletter and we would appreciate if everyone would take the time to cast his or her vote on this bylaw change. Only the official ballot, which will contain the mailing label from the newsletter or any ballot with a copy of the current membership card, will be accepted for inclusion in the vote.

On another note, we would like to thank Habberstad BMW dealership of Huntington L.I. for their continued sponsorship support of the New York Chapter.

Regards,
Anthony Howell
President - NY BMW CCA

Tech Session DME Codes

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NY AutoShow Ramblings

— By Auslander

The New York International Auto Show rolls into the Jacob Javits Convention Center every year at Easter. After the automotive journalists have had their fill, the show opens to the public on Easter Saturday at 11am. BMW NA makes special arrangements so that a couple of hundred BMW CCA members from the local Tri-State area can get a sneak peek at the BMW display before the general masses pour in.

The event known as the BMW Breakfast is very popular and demand for these tickets is far greater than the supply. BMW NA pays for the entrance tickets and serves beverages to the lucky members who manage to get on the guest list. BMW brings some product managers who give brief presentations and answer



questions. BMW CCA members are well informed and the Q&A sessions are usually very informative and interesting. The first question asked this year was about the picture of an M2 on the cover of Automobile magazine – BMW product managers quickly dismissed the picture of this awesome looking car as the work of a creative photo editing artist.

For the last couple of years, the BMW display has been somewhat boring. While the Z9 and the horrific Bangle-Butt were showcased a few years ago, this year the BMW booth mimicked a typical BMW dealer showroom with only current production cars on display. Even the 3.0 CSL Batmobile coupe put on display for the journalists was replaced with a

tame 325iT before the show opened to the public. Members hoping to see the E60 Concept M5 or the 1 Series were disappointed. Others who thought they might get a glimpse of a BMW powered F1 car that is sucking most of BMW's racing budget were



also disappointed. No race cars, no concept cars and no vision of the future.

In the past, the BMW Breakfast presentations were full of energy. There were driving videos and a race car or two for everyone to drool on. A racing personality was usually at hand to talk about BMW's road racing program. Nowadays, the BMW presentation seems more like a feeble sales pitch. There is too much emphasis on sales, marketing and justification of the new styling.

The focus of this year's display was the 760i short wheelbase car, a fully optioned out X3 and the 6 Series coupe and convertible.

For me, there is no excitement when I see a 760i short wheelbase sedan or a \$30,000 X3 with \$30,000 in added options (no exaggeration, we did the math). While the last generation E39 7 series sport package option was a great idea, I'd like to



know which focus group requested a 760i short wheelbase car in the US? Not sure if BMW uses focus groups. Probably not because if they did, instead of a short wheelbase 7, we might see an E46 M3 sedan, a better I-drive, an M2 coupe and more pleasing sheet metal.

I am sure the 6 series fans are glad that the coupe is back but I personally think it ugly when compared to the last generation 6 or the original 3.0 coupes.

As BMW expands its product line and seems to be well on its way to becoming a mainstream automotive manufacturer, I find it hard to get excited by many of BMW's new model offerings.

As one club member said, in the late eighties and early nineties, BMW's display at the auto show was full of energy and excitement. A race bred no compromise E30 M3 or a subtle but fast E28 M5 made you smile and think about creative ways to finance a new BMW.

I hope the 1 series or the 2 series with a high revving four cylinder will make it to the US some day. I know that I am no longer the average BMW buyer. I sometimes wonder if I am still the average BMW CCA member and enthusiast.

New York Chapter Monthly Meeting Minutes March 2004

Submitted by: Steve Fischthal

Members in attendance:

Steve Fischthal, Jeff James,
Frantz Lilavois, Andre Noel, Matt
Brod, Steve Geraci, GJ Dixon,
Philip Clark, Tony Howell,
Roseann Burke, Sherwin
Deshong and
Jim Siegel

Meeting called to order: 7:08 PM
at Papa Razzi Restaurant,
Westbury, NY

AGENDA

Masthead Changes:

Mr. Howell created three sections for the masthead. Section one is to include the chapter officers. Section two will include events chairs and section three will list chapter services.

New Chapter Positions:

Chapter Advisor: Steve Geraci
Chapter PR person: Steve Geraci

News From National:

- Newly elected officers. Scott Blazey – President; Mark Calabrese – Exec. Vice President and Reid Douglas – NE Regional Vice President, New Bylaws were passed.

- Tech Fest East - National Chapter is host May 13 – 16th

- Octoberfest: July 4 – 9th, 2004
Pasadena, CA

Driver Ed. – It is up to local chapter to decide whether a driving school and a club race should be held on the same date.

NY BMW CCA

Appointed Positions:

Secretary – board appointed Steve Fischthal to fill open position.

Member at Large – Sherwin Deshong was appointed by board.

Treasurer's Report:

Rose Burke reviewed the corrected end of year financials for 2003. She presented current financial statements. It was suggested that we consider either reducing the number of issues of our newsletter or reducing the size of the newsletter in order to reduce the chapter's expenses.

Event budgets – as of this date only the Autocross and Beach Party have presented budgets to the board. A request has been made for the remaining budgets to be submitted.

Road Rally - Jeff James requires the help of a second person in order to put a rally together. This job will require a time commitment of several Saturdays or Sundays to set up and review the course. Until such a volunteer is available no rally will be planned.

A Winery tour and Show and Shine would be easily set up and Jeff James will set one up for Sept or October.

Autocross: - The Autocross Committee has made the following policy changes for the 2004 season. A \$30 event fee for members and \$40 for non-members. Main event workers will be supplied with hats that will aid in their identification and communications.

Driving School - Mr. Howell: Glen Club – Owner of restaurant not available until March 15th. No reservations can be made until that time.

Charles Karnati – proposed that Frantz Lilavois be selected as the

Chairman of the Driving School. His selection was unanimously approved.

The cost of the Driving School has been set at \$285/2 days for members and \$325 for non-members. Non-members will automatically be enrolled into the BMWCCA. Dinner fee is set for \$25.00

Website - The site is 80% complete. We need to add content to the site, i.e. Event information. Final payment has been made to our web developer. Charles will set up the site at a temporary site and we will be able to review it and send Charles suggestions.

Charles and Philip to have the site online by the end of May and will roll the new site into production prior to July 1st.

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The remaining text from the last board meeting and past meetings can be found on the chapter website:

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The following are the remaining confirmed dates for the 2004 NY Chapter BMW CCA Autocross Series.

May 22 Saturday *

May 23 Sunday

June 5 Saturday **

July 25 Sunday

Aug 21 Saturday

Aug 29 Sunday

Sept 11 Saturday

Oct 2 Saturday

The novice autocross school is on May 22 and The Street Survival school is on June 5th

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Message from the Autocross Chairman

The 2004 Autocross Season is on to a great start. On a cool but not too windy day 65 autocrossers showed up to test their driving skills. Out of this group we had 18 first timers. The course was fast but with a few tricky corners. Thanks to Bo Asciu for a great course. Also special thanks to Autocross Committee and members of the board for coming out to help on the first event of the year.

If you have never autocrossed before come on out and have some fun with your car and improve your driving skills. Autocrossing is one of the few driving events that you can test your driving skills and your car ability without worrying about getting a ticket or hurting your car.

So until next time, see you at the track and watch out for those 2 second cones.

Andre Noel



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Wayne DaCosta
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Best Drive Story

A 750 mile road trip to the BMW Performance Center in South Carolina completed in roughly 10 hours with no speeding tickets. There is something special about driving an "M" car that distance just to be able to drive other "M" cars upon your arrival. Wayne's belief is that every drive is a best drive, if he's in his "M5"

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The increases are negligible but will help immensely over the next few years to fund the various programs and rising costs related to growing and maintaining this organization.

As of June 1, 2004, membership dues will be:

- One-year Primary membership \$ 40.00**
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- Three-year Primary membership \$112.00**
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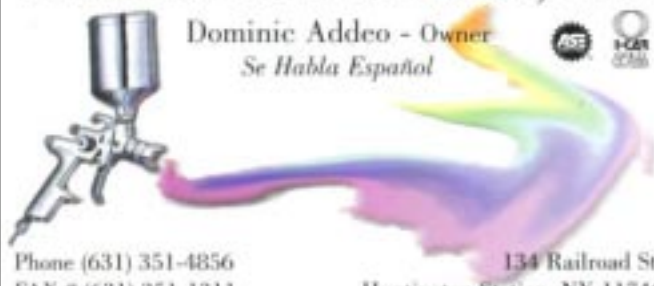
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- Street Survivor School - June 5th, 2004
- Tech Session - June 20th- Prospect Auto - Bronx, NY
- June 18th Susan G. Komen @ Habberstad
- June 21 & 22nd Drivers School w/Patroom Chapter @ Watkins Glen
- July 10th-BMW-NYC-BBQ - Eisenhower Park
- July 18th - SummerFest @ Habberstad BMW
- Autocross Dates - See Autocross Page
- August 14th - Tech Session - Pre- Concours Session at Small Car, Inc. Flushing, NY
- Sept. 19th Great Marques at Old Westbury

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Proposed amendment to the New York Chapter Bylaws

ARTICLE VIII — ELECTIONS

Section 1 – Annual Elections

The officers of the chapter shall be elected annually by mail ballot . Non-incumbents must submit a written candidacy statement signed by a Chapter member in good standing within a period published in the Chapter newsletter. **Candidates for President and Treasurer must have prior service as a member of the Board of Directors in order to be eligible to serve as President or Treasurer.** The ballot and candidacy statements shall be published in the Chapter newsletter prior to the election. Ballots may be cast by U.S. mail or on site at the annual meeting, as appropriate. Proof of membership such as the mailing label from the newsletter containing the ballot, copy of a Roundel mailing label or BMW CCA, Inc. membership card must accompany the ballot. The Board shall also have the option of accepting ballots submitted from the Chapter website via an online voting booth. Email ballots shall only be conducted in conjunction with verification of the voter membership status. The vote tally shall check to ensure that only one electronic vote or one paper vote is submitted per voting Chapter member. If any one individual on the first ballot does not receive a majority vote, the candidate with the lowest number of votes shall be dropped, and another ballot shall be run off between the remaining candidates. This procedure shall be followed until one candidate receives a majority vote. The slate shall consist of one or more nominees for each office. The newly elected officers shall officially assume duties of office at the next regular meeting of the board.

The complete text of the New York Chapter Bylaws can be found on our website located at: http://www.nybmwcca.org/new_bylaws.html

Please cast your vote on these proposed bylaw changes using this ballot

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