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From the Chapter President Anthony Howell

I would like to thank the New Jersey Chapter for their hospitality at the August driving school at Summit Point. They

made sure that there was vegetarian meal at their BBQ for those of us that do not consume meat.

On October 2 the New York Chapter BMW CCA sponsored Bimmerfest East. This event was held in conjunction with our final autocross for the season. Bimmerfest East is an event where the younger BMW generation gathers together to show off their customized BMW's, showcasing stereos, wheels, exhaust, body kits and other go-fast parts.

On behalf of the Chapter, I would like to thank all the autocross volunteers for making this a successful and fun season and also thank the participants. The proceeds from the September 11th autocross event will be donated to City Meals on Wheels. This is an organization that supplies food to elderly people in New York City that are unable to cook for themselves.

This has been a very successful year for the Chapter, as we have been able to add a few new events to the ones we have annually. We held the NYC Family BBQ/Car show for those of you that enjoy family oriented events. We also sponsored Bimmerfest East and we sponsored Street Survival to teach the younger drivers car control, braking and accident avoidance tactics.

Finally, the call for nominations for the 2005 New York Chapter Board positions are posted within this newsletter. If you are interested in running for a position, please take a minute to review the nomination criteria. It is a great way to help the chapter.

This is the final newsletter for 2004 and I would like to thank the NY Chapter Board, members, volunteers, advertisers and sponsors for their generous support.

A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON TO ALL AND BE SAFE.

P.S. DON'T FORGET THE HOLIDAY PARTY IN JANU-ARY.

Tony Howell President New York Chapter BMW CCA

2004 Autocross Series

Season Championship Results

AAA Class

#1 Andrea Cairone

#2 Joe Menichino

#3 Tim Keller

AA Class

#1 Stefano Gaudio

#2 Jesse Pelikan

#3 Tony Howell

*Andrew Laoutas

HONORABLE MENTION

A Class

#1 Andre Noel

#2 Mike Allen

#3 Matthew Arnold

B Class

#1 Ethan Bregman

#2 Boris Piskoun

C Class

#1David Sanchez - Tied

#1 Chip Pittard - Tied

#2 Tony Degrasse

E Class

#1 Jeff Hurst

#2 Ken Kong

#3Edgar Cabrera

F Class

#1 Kevin Lau

#2 Rich Wayne

#3 Lee Shelton

H Class

#1 Aaron Shea

#2 Michael Miccio

I wanted to extend my thanks to all the participants and volunteers for coming out to the events this season. All autocross series winners will receive their trophies at the awards ceremony and holiday party in January 2005.

Autocross Chairman

Andre Noel



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NY Chapter Holiday Party Save the Date

Holiday Party Jan 22, 2005 - 7pm Marriott Hotel at La Guardia Airport

Price to be determined

Guest speaker to be determined

Details available in the January newsletter and Chapter website

2004 Call for Nominations for the NY Chapter Board

Open Positions: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer

Members interested in running need to be nominated by a member in good standing. Include a short statement supporting the nomination to:

NY BMW CCA P.O. Box 920576 Arverne, NY 11692

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

Nominations must be received no later than Dec 1st 2004.



ATTENTION TO DETAIL

by Matt Zakarian of Detailing Dynamics, Inc.

Washing Your Car

Washing your car is one of those tasks that everyone knows how to do, but few of us know how to do it correctly. You'd be surprised at how well you can preserve your BMW's finish just by washing it properly. On the other hand, improper washing can dull, deteriorate and scratch your BMW's paint.

First, we need to choose an appropriate car wash shampoo. Most of the over-the-counter soaps to stay away from contain solvents, sodium, or harsh detergents that will erode the wax. Dishwashing and laundry detergents are inappropriate because of their high alkaline content. Some people insist that it's ok to wash their car with Dawn every week. My reply to them is "Would you wash your dishes with car wash? The finest shampoos are biodegradable, pH balanced, and will not strip your car's wax nor dry its vinyl and rubber. Some of the better shampoos also contain natural oils to reduce the possibility of minute scratches by suspending small particles above the surface and water softeners to prevent those dreaded water spots. Even microscopic dust particles take on the characteristics of sandpaper when rubbed across your car. Realizing this, by the way, should dispel the oldtimer belief that it is best to wash using only plain water (in the "old days" some hot rodders put a few drops of vegetable oil in the car wash to give it lubricity). A quick way to test the lubricity of a shampoo is to rub a small amount of it between your fingers? it should feel very slippery. When we were formulating our own shampoo, we tested it under the strictest conditions.Back then we were

offering mobile service and were washing black cars in the high noon August sun. It was then that we realized just how important it is to have the correct blend of lubricants and water softeners.

Second, we need to choose the correct washing accessories; the choice of which is just as important as selecting the right shampoo. Dust and dirt particles become embedded in synthetic sponges and wash mitts. This grime buildup eventually causes serious surface scratches that are often blamed on other sources. I strongly suggest that you use either the highest quality natural sea "wool" grade sponge, a genuine sheepskin mitt (to check if it's genuine sheepskin just turn the mitt inside out and it should be leather) or 100% chenille cotton mitts. When using a natural sponge, use the softer flat side for your paint and the curved side for your glass.

Third, we need to employ the correct procedure:

- If possible, always wash your car in the shade.
- Rinse the surface very thoroughly before shampooing to remove as much dirt off the paint as possible before touching the car (and please don't rush this critical step). If you have a pressure washer it will come in very handy for this purpose just make sure to not use one with more than 1,250 psi. This step will dramatically decrease the amount of spiderwebbing your paint will develop from washing as time goes on.
 Also always work from the top
- You are better off using too little soap than too much, which will leave a residue if not rinsed off completely.
- Use lots of water and leave the dirtiest parts of the car, the front bumper and behind the wheels, for last.
- When washing a panel, load the sponge with shampoo and squeeze it out over the panel.

Then gently wash with no downward pressure in straight lines (no "Karate Kid" wax-on/wax-off motion here).

- Remember never to press or try to rub something out when washing your car. When the paint is wet you can't see if you're scratching it in any way until you dry your car and have a heart attack seeing what you've just done. Remember to let the chemical do the work. If the shampoo doesn't remove something, use the proper chemical later, but don't try to make the car wash shampoo do a task it wasn't designed to do.
- Use at least (2) sponges/mitts. Use one for the tops and another one for the dirtier bottoms. In our shop we actually use (3) different sponges/mitts. In addition, if you want to go a little nuts, use (2) pails. Use a DyNA Pro Wash bucket for the shampoo and a plain bucket filled with clean water. After reloading your sponge with clean soap, rinse it in the water to prevent contaminating the shampoo with dirt off the car. This step will also decrease the spider webbing on your paint.
- Contrary to popular opinion, we do not rinse each portion of the car after shampooing it. If it's hot, the water will begin to dry and we run the chance of developing water spots. But if the shampoo is on the paint, its water softening agents will prevent that.

Lastly, we need to dry the car. Make sure you hand dry your car immediately after washing. Cod-oil-tanned chamois, synthetic chamois or the new MicroWeave Drying Towel (which we prefer) are the best choices. These new MicroWeave towels are safe and will not leave streaks like other synthetic or natural chamois. If you own a drying chamois, you may certainly continue to use them but always make sure they are clean. Then use a window towel (we recommend a microSuede specifically made for windows) to finish your windows to prevent streaking and spotting. The secret to getting a "wow" car wash is to go over the paint with an instant

detailer spray with a natural fiber (not the synthetic ones everyone sells) microfiber to remove any remaining water marks and bring out the shine. The instant detailer that we use also contains a solution of our paint sealant so it will prolong the protection of your paint and is great for in between waxing.

Summary of Steps: Fill wash bucket half way with clean water.

Add one to two capfuls of DyNA Paintwork Shampoo and stir.

Rinse entire automobile thoroughly with water.

Start washing from the top of the car by loading up the Sea Sponge or Sheepskin Wash Mitt with Shampoo and squeezing out over each panel. (For convertible rag tops, use a safe natural horsehair brush).

Gently wash in straight back and forth motion with no downward pressure.

Rinse the sponge/mitt in a separate pail of clean water after each panel, load sponge with Shampoo and repeat.

Rinse thoroughly with cold water and dry with a natural chamois, synthetic chamois or MicroWeave drying towel.

For a stunning shine and added protection follow with Liquid Gloss spray.

Washing your car should be a pleasurable experience and done at least weekly for a regularly driven car. Now here I go with some preaching. Customers always ask me to share the "one big secret" of how to keep their Bimmers looking pristine. Well, hang on to your fuzzy dice; here it is: Do not take your car to a car wash! I don't care if it's brushless. touchless or uses holy water. Don't do it! Many car washes use odorless ammonia or phosphatebased soaps with very hot recycled wash water. You not only risk swirls, spider webbing,

scratches or chips on your car, but also it removes your wax. So, wash it yourself or employ a professional detailer you trust to hand wash it. If however you live in an urban area such as Manhattan and don't have a place to wash your car yourself and go to a hand carwash, at least take your own sponges and drying towels for them to use. This way they will be less likely to scratch your car with someone else's dirt.

As always, should you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at (516) 747-4114 or email at tech@detailingdynamics.com. May the wind be always at your back and may you achieve your pursuit of detailing perfection!

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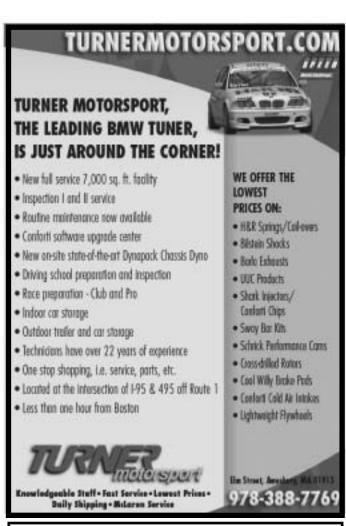
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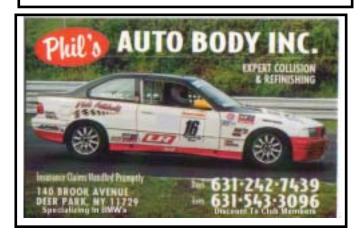


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Jeff James - rallyemaster@nybmwcca.org

I I woke up on Sunday, October 2nd worried. I had gone to sleep the night before and

it was raining, but the weatherman promised Sunday to be a nice day. I looked out the window, and yes, the sun was shining! We will have a nice day for this year's Vineyard Day at Martha Clara Vineyards.

My wife and I left our home about 10 AM. The wife would not let me drop the top; even though it was very sunny, it was still somewhat cool outside. We got on the Long Island Expressway and it was running fine. I said was, because after exit 38 all three

lanes came to a complete stop. All three lanes crawled for many miles. Finally we



passed two police cruisers on the right shoulder, and the traffic started to pick up. Then we saw the problem. On the right hand side there was a huge pick up truck....and a bunch of antique motor cycles. I assume the truck was the "chase truck" there to pick up bikes which have broken down. Every drive shifted his/her eyes and head to the right to check out the scene. As soon as we passed the accident site, carts started running at the speed limit. Then I realized, in my rush to get out east, I forgot my camera. Gee, I hope someone else brings a camera and takes pictures; otherwise my article in the newsletter will not have any pictures.

OK, a nice sunny Sunday! Just what the Highway Patrol wants! Gosh, I did not see a police car until we were well into Suffolk County. Thus, our

trip to the end of the Expressway was fairly quick. We then found our way to the North Road. That road was totally loaded with "pumpkin pickers." Just before we reached Martha Clara Vineyards we stopped at a farm stand and bought some fresh, home baked muffins to

brunch on.

When we got to the vineyard we were met by Christine, the manager of the tasting room. She had us set up on the grass field behind the tasting room. She also gave me some vineyard discount cards



came in they scattered to the zoos, the art museum, the tasting room, and the patio



to give out to all who attended that day. Nice – a 20% dis-

count on bottles of wine! At the same time we met up with Don Spates. Don, who attended last year's event, was kind enough to put together kits of information about the North Fork and all the varied things one could do there. The kits were great,

except they weighed in at several pounds! I also had obtained, and handed out to all attendees, some Chapter window "clings" which were well received. As people where they sat at tables and enjoyed the gorgeous early



Fall sunshine. Later in the afternoon I noticed many people were back at the lineup of BMW's, and several hoods were up; yes, people were talking BMW!

50 people attended. Also, many non- Chapter members

stopped by, telling me they owned a BMW and would like to join. I handed out a bunch of applications to those people. Also, one guy came over and identified himself as an old time former member who wanted to become active in in the Chapter. I think everyone enjoyed their day. In an

effort to make future events even better.



By my count there were 21 BMW's attending – from a 2004 745 to a 1973 3.0, and everything in between. In total, almost



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