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**New York BMW CCA presents
9th Annual Great Marques at
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Concours D'Elegance**

**To be held on the grounds of
the Old Westbury Gardens in
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Sunday Sept. 12th, 2004

Rain Date September 19th 2004

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- Classifications**
- Street: will be judged on exterior only.
(No undercarriage, tops up on convertibles)
 - Concours: will be judged on interior, exterior, motor compartment and trunk
 - New for this year – Special category for tuned cars

Directions to Old Westbury Gardens:

From The LI Expressway: Take exit 39S (Glen Cove Rd.) follow the Service Road east for 1.2 miles, turn right on to Old Westbury Road and continue 0.4 miles to the Gardens on the left.

From The Northern State Parkway: Take exit 32N to Post Ave., go north on Post Ave., make a left on Jericho Tpke. (Rte 25) and a right at the first light onto Old Westbury Road. The Gardens entrance is on the right.

**For additional directions call 516 333-0048 or <http://www.oldwestburygardens.org/>
Contact the Concours Chairman 917-686-0284 email: smf328@optonline.net**

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**From the Chapter
President
Anthony Howell**

On July 10 we held our first annual BBQ. It was well attended and everyone had a great time. We had a clown come down with her rabbits and other fun activities for the children while the adults played a volleyball game. For those of you that did not get a chance to attend we hope you will have the opportunity to join us next year. I would like to thank all of the sponsors (Habberstad BMW, Turner Motorsports, Grafik Dezine, Allstate Insurance, RPM Racing, Euromeccanica, Alloy Wheel Repair, Small Car Inc., Bavarian Autosport, Phil's Auto Body Inc.) that helped to make this event possible.

New York and Patroon chapter had their driver's school for the second year at Watkins Glen Int'l Raceway on June 21, & 22. I would like to thanks the volunteers from both chapters that pitched in to help the day of the event and to our sponsors Habberstad BMW and Turner Motorsports for donating the door prizes for the dinner at the Glen Club.

The chapter held a couple new events this year, as we are striving to for a larger participation from our 2,600 members. There are those that enjoy driving events and those that prefer something more family oriented. We have asked numerous times and will continue to do so, "What type of events would you like to see". For those that have a particular interest, we would like you to drop a note in the mail and send it to the chapter P.O. Box 920576 Arverne, NY 11692. We will bring these suggestions to the board meeting where we can determine which event we could hold. Please remember, we will require volunteers to run these additional events.

*Regards,
Anthony Howell
President - NY BMW CCA*

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Autocross Series Dates at Nassau Coliseum Uniondale, NY

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The following are the remaining confirmed dates for the 2004 NY Chapter

BMW CCA Autocross Series.

Sept 11 Saturday

Oct 2 Saturday

2004 NYBMWCCA Day at Martha Clara Vineyards

6025 Sound Avenue, Riverhead, NY

Sunday, October 3, 2004 - 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM

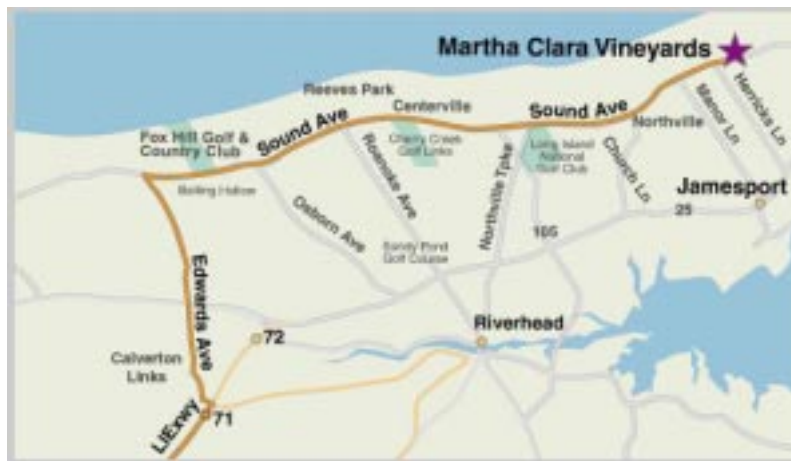
Bring your BMW and park it in line with the rest of the BMW's. Photos will be taken of the lineup for publication in the Chapter newsletter.

Of course the tasting room will be open for complimentary wine tasting. In addition, there will be many other things adults and children can do. The Hemingway's African art gallery will be open, as will Martha Clara's retail store. All Chapter attendees will be given a card to purchase bottles of wine at a 20% discount from the vineyard's wine store. There are several zoos of animals on display around the vineyard. In addition, a horse-drawn carriage tour of the vineyard is available at a nominal charge.

From Noon until 3:00PM there will be cooking demonstrations.

From 3:00 PM until 5:00 PM there will be live music.

Come when you want. Stay as long as you want. Participate in what you want. No commitments, no structure to this year's event. This event is whatever you want it to be. Before or after you arrive at Martha Clara Vineyards, stop by the local farm stands for fresh vegetables and home baked goods. Get your Halloween pumpkins right from the pumpkin farms. Bring a picnic lunch, open a bottle of MCV wine, and picnic while listening to live music. Meet, hang out, kick back and enjoy the music, and talk BMW with other Chapter members. Meet the NY Chapter's officers and other active Chapter members. Check out other member's BMWs. Come one, come all, and have a good time – how-
ever you like.



Directions to Martha Clara Vineyards:

Take the Long Island Expressway heading East to Exit 71 - Make a LEFT onto Edwards Avenue Head North on Edwards Avenue (about 3 miles) - Make a right at the second LIGHT onto Sound Avenue Head East on Sound Avenue (for approximately 10 miles) - The Tasting Room will be on your RIGHT

Call for nominations for the NY Chapter Board

Members interested in running need to be nominated by a member in good standing and send in a short statement regarding their nomination to P.O. Box 920576 Arverne, NY 11692 no later than Dec. 1st 2004

ATTENTION TO DETAIL

by Matt Zakarian of Detailing Dynamics.*

The Six Biggest Mistakes People Make When Detailing their BMW

1. Using the wrong tools: I'm sure you've heard of "the right tool for the job" and detailing your BMW is no exception. For example, I see many people using the sponge/wash mitt they've washed the paint with to clean the wheels, instead of using a wheel brush; or using some old rag to remove wax off their paint instead of using a diaper microfiber. These "shortcuts" not only affect the quality of your job, but will also cost you a lot of extra work as well as money later on. How you ask? Well, suppose that sponge you used on your wheels picked up some brake dust, which did not rinse out. Then wound up scratching your hood the next time you washed your BMW. I can see you cringe by the way. How long would it take to polish that scratch out? Do you want to take that chance?

2. Not giving the chemicals enough

time to work: This is called "dwell time." Many chemicals need time to work because their effectiveness is based on a chemical reaction, not a physical one (as in a compound). Some of the chemicals that fall into this category include tar removers (as well as other solvent based chemicals) and leather conditioners. How do you know how much time is enough? Read the directions (usually). Most often, the directions are accurate, but I have noticed that on some products the directions seem to have been written by a marketing guy, rather than by someone who has actually used them. This is another case where hurrying and removing the chemical costs you more time in the end; because you have to reapply it again.

3. Not letting the chemical do the work: I've seen many people resort to using pressure, when the chemical they're using doesn't seem to work. For example, when they're washing their cars and the shampoo doesn't remove the spot, they press harder and harder on the sponge (probably scratching

the paint) instead of realizing the shampoo was not made to remove that spot and maybe they should try another chemical that was. Remember, there usually there is a correct chemical solution for your problem. If you don't know what that chemical is, you can inquire online at: <http://www.detailingdynamics.com/tech.html>. But practicing on your BMW isn't the wise thing to do.

4. Not using window towels on windows: The #1 challenge most of the people seem to have is getting windows truly clean. And while the cleaner you use is important; it still won't work properly without using the proper towel. Trust me on this one! I know; you're saying that you use newspaper (by the way, ever since they switched to water based ink on newspapers, all it will do is dirty your hands), paper towels or expensive disposable wipes you purchased from that pretty catalog you get in the mail. I've gotten a chance to try them all and come back to these DyNA Clarity Glass Towels or equivalent

microfiber towels for only one reason; they work best. You want to have a set of window towels that are dedicated for that purpose only and nothing else. And make sure you wash them properly (I go in depth about this online on the website.)

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5. Using vinyl dressing on leather: One of the things that drives me absolutely nuts is the directions on vinyl dressings. They almost always say to use them on vinyl and leather. No, no, no! Think about it; have you seen any shiny cows walking around like they've been drinking Armor All®? This is one of those times when you should not follow the directions. Not only does the dressing make the leather shiny and slippery, but it also closes the pores in the leather. How the manufacturers can get away with this amazes me. I've seen more than enough cars where Armor All® has been applied to leather seats and allowed to bake in the sun, thus ruining the

leather beyond repair. I'm sure the manufacturers of the vinyl dressings know this, yet continue to include that in their directions in order to increase sales.

6. Listening to their neighbor/buddy who details on the side:* Now this is my personal favorite. Of all the six mistakes, this one is the most widespread. It seems that almost every other person I meet has a buddy who "details" (and is more than willing to share his vast arsenal of knowledge with you). But as one of our customers (who is a dentist) said, "Just because you brush your teeth, it doesn't make you a dentist". I've

seen people wash their car with a Brillo® pad because their neighbor Bob told them it would remove the road tar (well he was right, it did, along with the clear coat) as well as other "Oops" maneuvers. Well, there you go; a short list of lessons I have personally learned the "hard way" and hope you won't have to. As always, should you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at (516) 747-4114 or email me 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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Chillin' and Grillin' NY Chapter 1st Annual BMW BBQ

By Philip E. Clark

The people that meet monthly to plan all the events that we hold for the NY Chapter struggle with how to satisfy the diverse membership of our chapter, relative to events. We often try to find a balance of technical, social and driving



events. Event planning is always a challenge and we initially planned for 60 members and their families, over 120 members came out to enjoy the day. Well it seems that we hit a goldmine with our 1st Annual BMW BBQ held on July 10th at Eisenhower Park. The sun gods were kind and the members turned out in force.

Finding decent BBQ in NYC is easy; one has access to the many different regional different types of BBQ such as Memphis, Kansas City, The Carolinas, Texas and



others. Finding decent BBQ is close to impossible. The NY Chapter partnered with NYC's "Brother Jimmy's BBQ" who provided an outstanding array of delicious summertime vittles. The crowds began to arrive by 9am, filling several rows of the lot with



pristine BMW's that ranged from E21's to the sought-after Z8. Most importantly, it was amazing how many members brought their families and friends, making this



event the highest attended, non-driving school event.

As you walked around the picnic area, you witnessed the backs of the heads of the members as they barely came up for air as they dined on the Memphis Dry Rub ribs, Carolina, Grilled Ribs, Cajun Tiger shrimps, Grilled Fresh Corn on the Cob. The children had their own table of franks, burgers and mac & cheese.

After the feast ended, the members worked off the extra calories playing team volley-ball and the kids were treated to a clown, face painting and magic tricks. The



chapter advertisers contributed to the event by providing door prizes, which included two kiddie BMW's.

It seems that based on the success and feedback from the members, the NY Chapter will be holding the 2nd Annual BMW BBQ in 2005.....hope to see you there !



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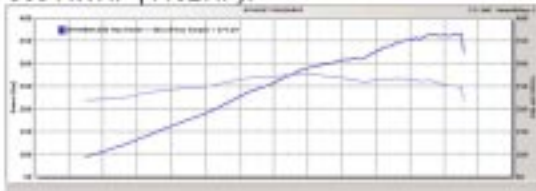


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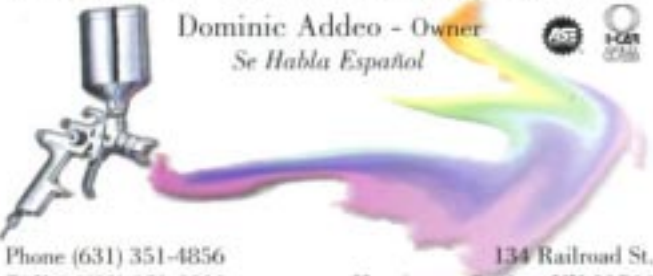
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October 3rd
- BimmerFest East - Oct 2nd Nassau Coliseum
- RPM Tech Session - Nov. 20th
- President's Dinner/Holiday Party - TBD 2005
- NY Chapter Beach Party - Feb 2005

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