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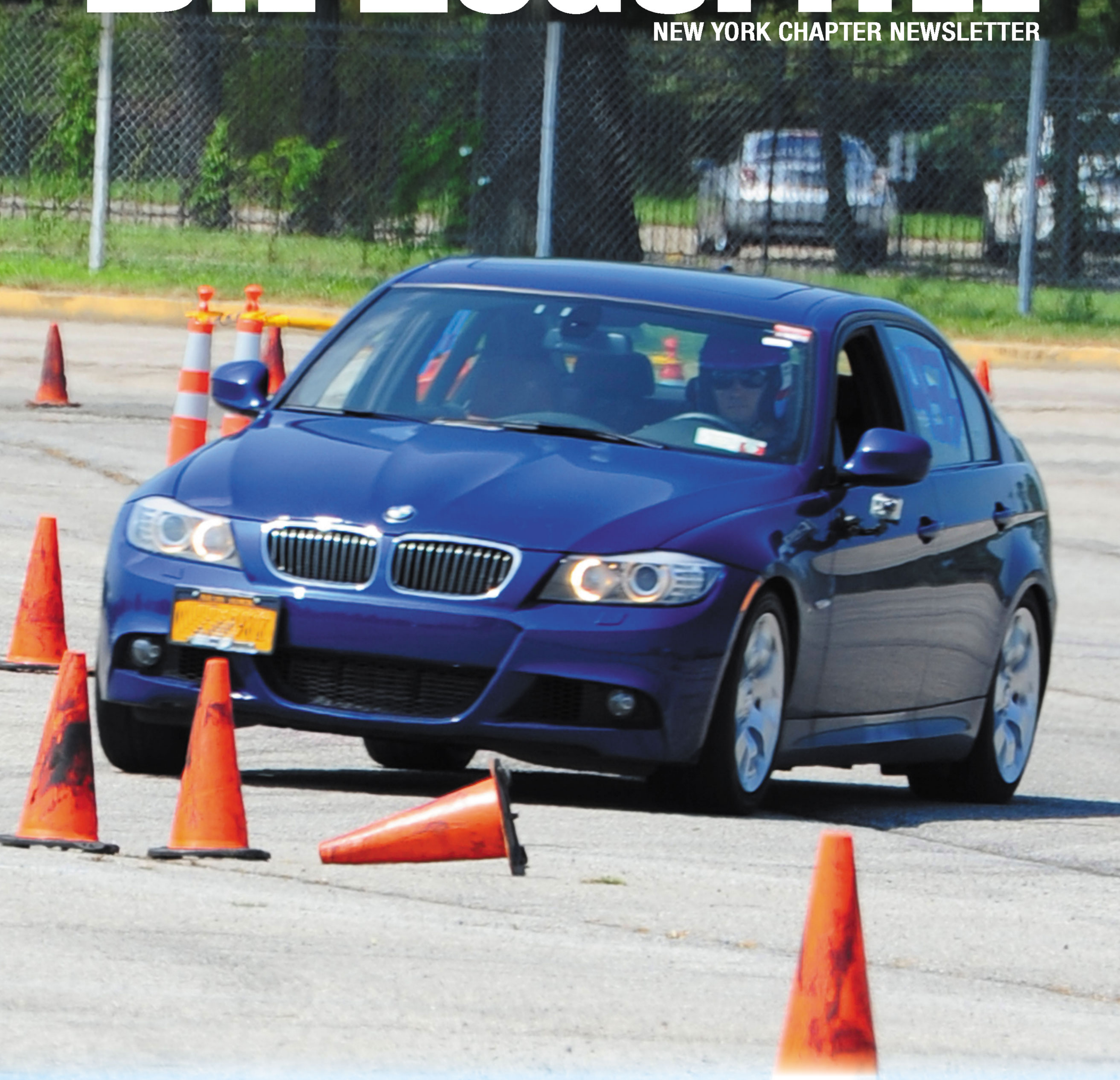
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André Noël

Hi there BMW fans;

This has been an interesting summer. First an early heat wave which caused my E30 not to start. After checking and testing a few different parts and a few phone calls to my buddies, I had the car transported to Quality Auto Care. Steve was able figure out that the computer was acting up when the temperature was over 95 deg. Of course when I picked up the car, the temperature had dropped to the mid eighties and since it would take a few days to pick up a new computer I drove the car back home. It stayed under 90 deg. for a few days so I did not rush to pick up the new computer, plus the car was running ok. Forward to two weeks later, driving with the Mrs. and it's hot out. I decided to turn on the AC and then the problems started. The engine started missing under load. I cut off the AC and drove about a quarter mile. And then the car cut off and would not start. Well you all know how the story goes. I called for a tow, and sent the car to the repair shop, changed the computer and I'm back on the road again.

The fall season is here. The cool nights and nice sunny days are turning the leaves into nice shades of yellow, orange, and red which makes for picturesque settings. There is still time to take a short road trip, to pickup some apples or a pumpkin or two. As the temperature becomes cooler we will need to prepare for the winter season. By now everybody should have a check list of items to go over.

Considering how bad a winter we had last year, you might want to make sure have everything you need in your Emergency Kit in each car. Hey it's better to be prepared then not. Safe travels to everyone this winter.

- André Noël



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Hi, Here it is... a subject that's not on the tip of the car enthusiast's lips yet. But as time goes by and more and more cars are sold with it, more of us will own this newer technology, and it will be something you will need to know about. So the sooner you know about it, the sooner you can learn about it and figure it out the best way for yourself...

Direct Injection (and its dirty little secret!)

As you read this you will have to accept that Direct Injection is here and it is going to get in to every level in the motoring industry at some point or another. So leaning about it earlier is best. While better fuel economy is great and very high compression ratio's are great and the power that comes from it with higher revs added in are great too... but it comes with it's own price tag. And I do mean \$\$\$\$. You have all seen, read and/or have been told of all the great fuel cleaners that are in today's fuel, right? Well this technology and "good old alcohol/ethanol" in the name of fuel economy (10%-15% mix) will = approx. 8%-13% LESS mileage per gallon of fuel, so at best a wash, but in reality a higher per gallon cost of energy since you use that much more base stock i.e. raw oil ! Not a very good deal after all.. especially once you factor in the cost to the USA/World food supply.

Back to the point now... since direct fuel injection by design by-passes any part of the intake system guess what? You can NO LONGER clean the valves of all the blow-by oil that builds up on the back of them or the base of the intake runners! And this is a VERY VERY big problem that has started to come up.

It has many issues a few of which are: engine idle shake, performance loss in air flow and weight added to the valve head (intake side) cold start issues and others. When you speak to your tech of choice be it a private shop or at your dealers service dept., remember to ask for an "intake system cleaning" not just only a fuel system cleaning. Today's fuels, at least the top tier (you can find out which ones they are online for your area) higher name brands at least have very good cleaners in them.

"For do-it-yourselfers" the best over the counter product you can buy (that works) is CHEVRON's Techron Concentrate Plus (use only this grade) for info... www.chevron.com/products/prodserv/additives/tcp.aspx You may use this as a home remedy verses a dealer/shop fuel cleaning system, if you inject the fuel in to the combustion chamber only, there's no way to for it to clean parts of the intake system anymore = PROBLEM. For cleaning of the valves and the intake you need to have a PROFESSIONAL do this, the chemicals needed to do the job are VERY toxic and you will need tools and equipment that would be cost prohibitive to do correctly. So in closing, higher mileage and better power, yes always great but NEVER EVER cheap or free!

P.S. I have nothing to do with Chevron in any way, but I have used this product in my shop, in customers cars and in my own cars for over 20 years! And guess what is in the BMW fuel system cleaners?... (Ya, that's right!) and it works very well when you follow the directions and use it regularly.

Please use up the rest of the summer driving season to go to our next upcoming events and get ready for a great fall driving season in the great NORTHEAST with its wonderful color changing show coming up soon! ENJOY...



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Gears GARAGE

By Nick Veller

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On a nice Sunny day in July, thirty-eight young drivers came out to the BMW CCA Street Survival driving program hosted by the New York Chapter. The students first had some class room instruction given by the event chairman Matt Broad. Here they were informed about different situations that they might experience while driving and how to best avoid them. As you might expect some students had looks on their faces that they had heard all this before, and that they were not worried about their driving skills... But when the driving part of the event started, even the most confident students realized very quickly that they had a lot to learn.

Hats off to the twenty five plus instructors who came out teach the students the proper way to handle their vehicles in a variety of real world situations. The students worked very hard that afternoon and by the end of the day everyone could see how much they had improved from the morning. And when it was all over you could see the smiles on their faces... confident with the knowledge that they were now better prepared for what might face them while on the road.

I would like to thank all the chapter volunteers for coming out and helping out with this event. Thanks to the parents for signing up their child for this great event and to all the students who attended.

Drive Safe
- Andre Noel

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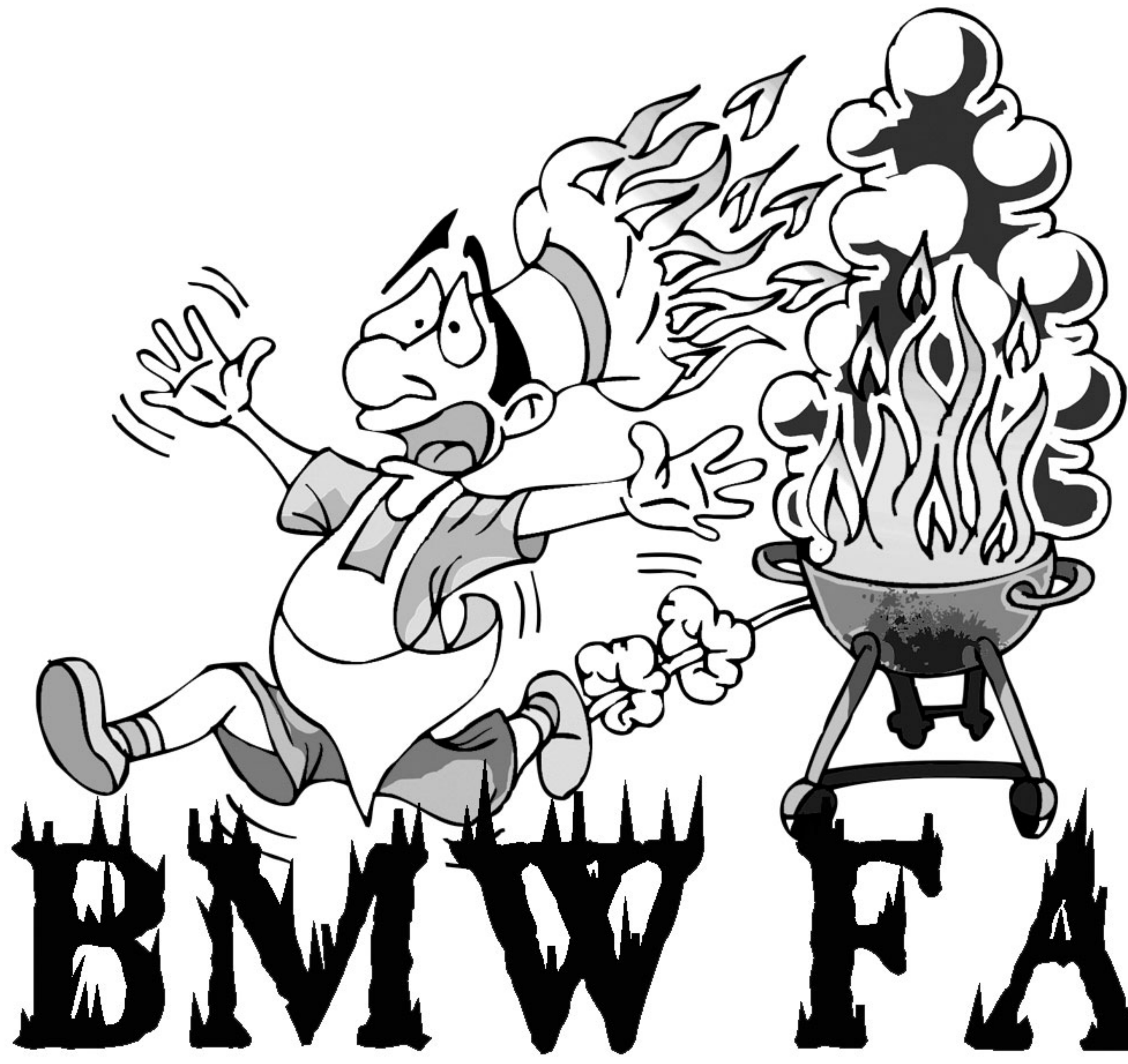
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The NY Chapter Annual BBQ was held at Floyd Bennett Field in Brooklyn NY. Forty plus club members and family came out to a great event. There were activities their for everyone from young to old. Some members took a dip in the pool to cool off from the hot sun while some went rock climbing and one or two even went ice skating at the indoor rink. The Uno game masters played a few rounds and my favorite game Dominos was also played.



**8TH ANNUAL
BMW FAMILY BBQ
& OLYMPICS**



Tony Howell and RoseAnn Burke organized our version of the Olympics. You needed to be there to see how funny that was. Hats off to the Blue team... they won this year but the red team will be back and ready for them next year.

And last but not least we ended the day with a volleyball game on real sand! Overall everyone had a good time and we hope to see more club members next year at this fun event.





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driving school



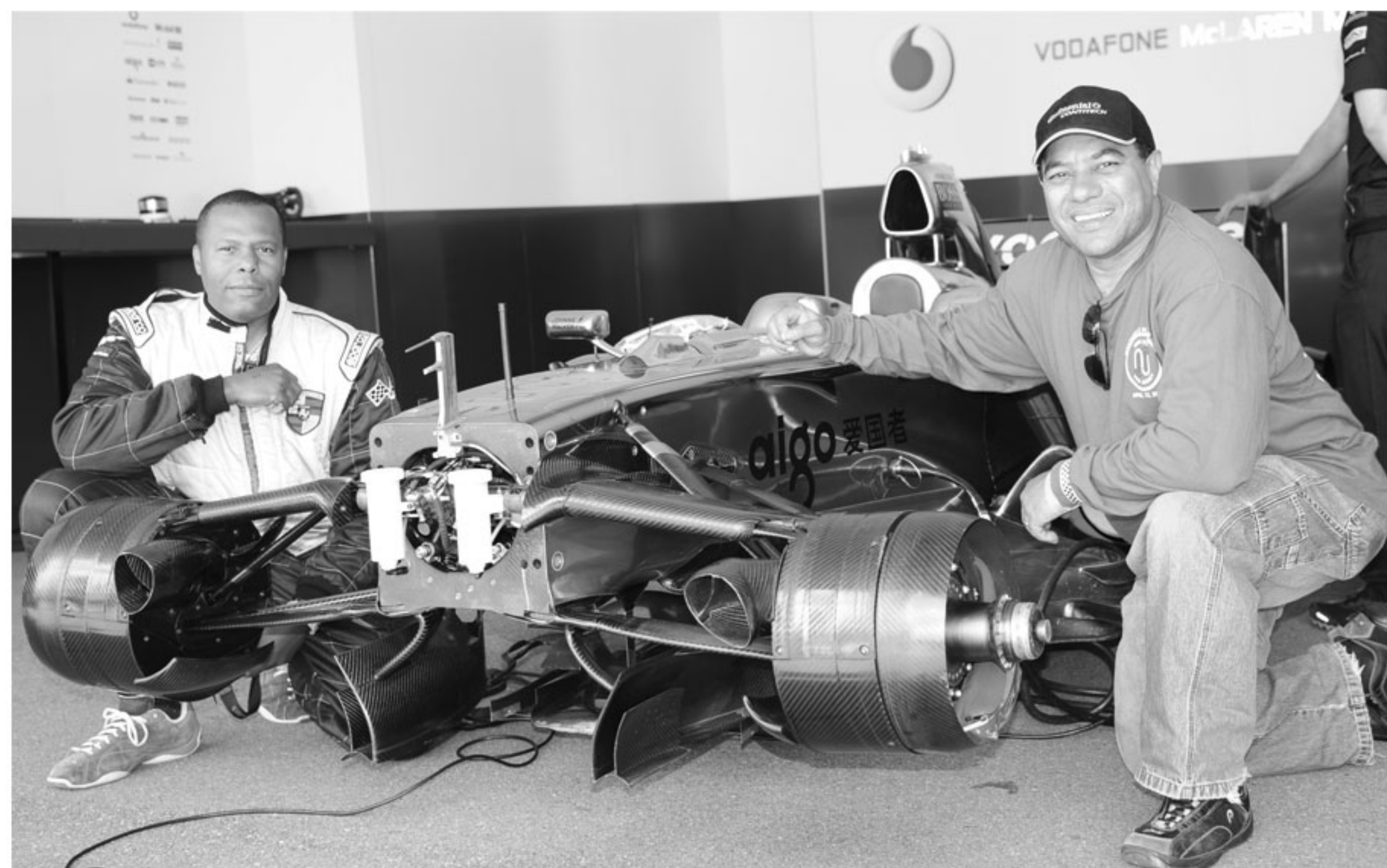
New Jersey Motorsports Park

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driving school

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“Making Lemonade out of Lemons”

Our Annual 2 day Driving School at Watkins Glen International was unexpectedly shortened to one day when we were notified by the track administrators that NASCAR needed the venue for a special event on Tuesday June 14th.

So much for our two day event. That's the bad news...

Now the good news!

We were subsequently given full access to the track from 8am until 8pm on Monday June 13th... 12 hours of track time at a premier track with not a cloud in the sky.

The icing on the cake was when we found out that our second day was cancelled to accommodate the NASCAR Tony Stewart - Lewis Hamilton "Ride Swap" event. The extra bonus was when a few of us "talked" our way into getting up close and personal to both Hamilton's F1 and Stewart's NASCAR cars.

Now that's what I call "Making Lemonade out of Lemons", with 128 enthusiastic Drivers and Instructors on hand to each have a sip of this special brew. Stay safe and keep the shiny side up.

Watkins Glen June 13th and 14th 2011

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Mid-Season

Autocross Corner



The Autocross season is in full gear. And thanks to Tony Howell (our course designer this year), we have had some very interesting layouts. All the hot shots have needed to bring their "A" game this season!

This year the CR Class (which I run in) has been interesting. The competition has increased ten fold. The up and coming young hot shots have stepped up their game and are trying take over the title of "Top Dogs" in CR. They are trying hard but the kings of CR are not ready to give up the throne at this time... But time will tell!

The other Autocross classes are also seeing some new members showing promise. Good luck to all in their quest for the gold.

-Andre Noel, Autocross Chairman
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