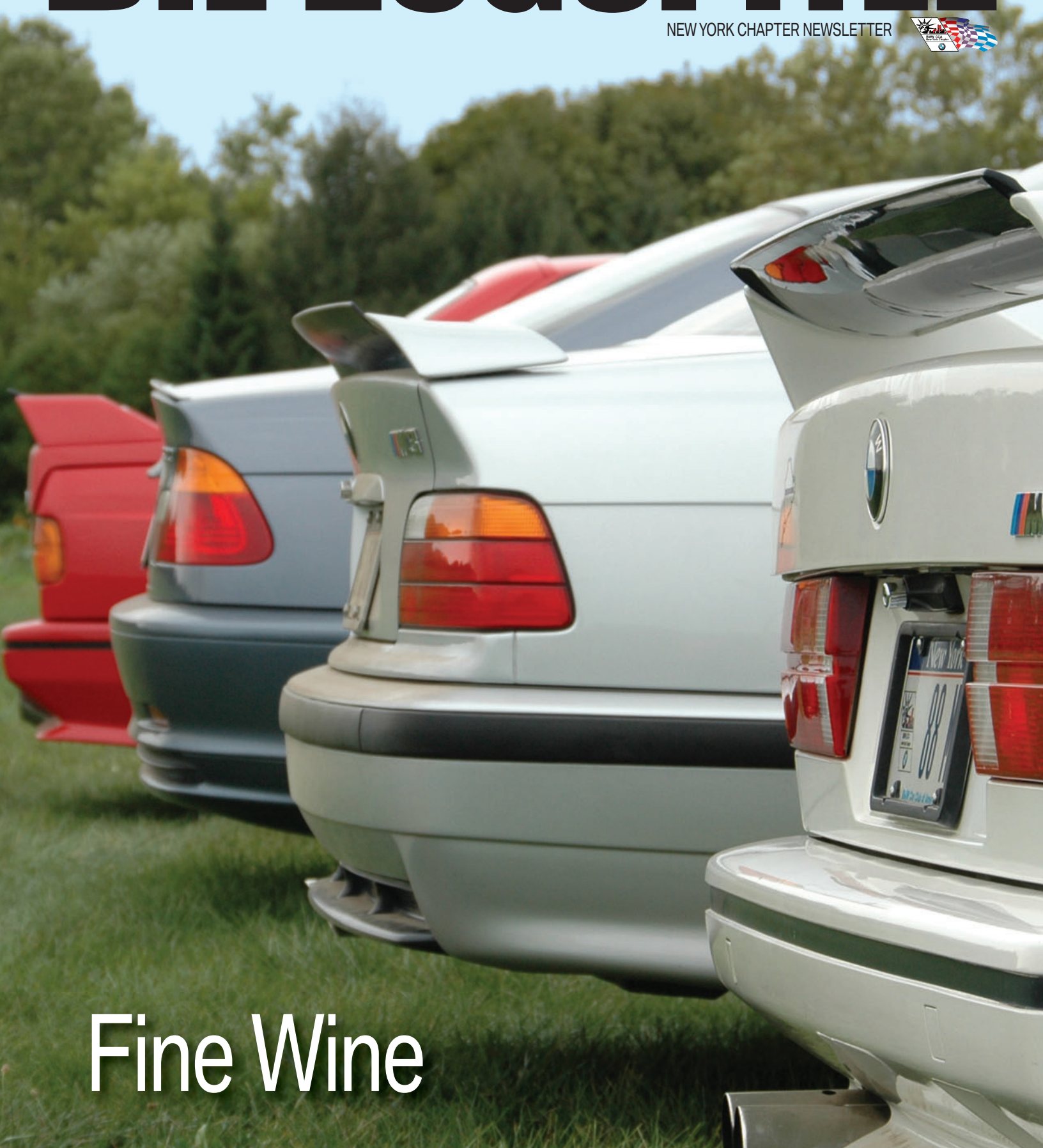


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19th

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April

23rd

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May

TBD

Dine & Shine

6th

New York Chapter Drivers' School
at New Jersey Motorsport Park's Lighting course

June

13th, 14th

New York / Patroon Chapters Drivers' School
at Watkins Glen Raceway

September

TBD

Fifth Annual Wine & Shine at Pindar Vineyards

October

10th-16th

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The Iconic 3 Series at the Annual Wine & Shine at Martha Clara Vineyard in October.

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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

André Noël

Hello BMW Fans,

The winter season is almost here and this means it's time to review the check list for the impending winter weather. The last few years I have always reminded everyone to check your BMW to make sure it is ready for winter. This year the advice is still the same as before. Check the belts, hoses, fluids, brakes, and all tires including the spare tire – if you have one – for correct air pressure. Also, a set of flares, fix-a-flat, and a safety vest should be standard equipment in the trunks of all cars.

When travelling for the holidays nowadays, most of us just plug in the GPS, type in the address and away we go. With a simple touch of a button or two you can find any destination you want to visit in seconds. A route is set up for you to follow and it even tells you how long it will take to get there. Technology is truly a wonderful thing – but what happens when it is not working and you are on unfamiliar roads and need help? How many of us would be lost and not have a clue finding the way to our destination? Don't laugh – we all know the way to Grandma's house, but what if it is Uncle John's house in the woods that you have not been to in several years? Would you remember the way?

True, most everyone has a cell phone. So you call Uncle John and say "I'm lost, how do I get your house?" He tells you "go down the road until you see an old red tractor in Mr. Henry's front yard; then turn right, go 3 miles and turn left at the big pine tree. Then another mile and you are here." What Uncle John did not know was that Mr. Henry sold the tractor that has been sitting in the yard for over 25 years to a collector for a nice sum of cash and went out and just picked up a new 5 Series, or that the pine tree was cut down and sent to the city for the holidays. Now you are really lost and no one can figure out what road you are on. This is where the old trusty atlas comes in handy. Just open it up find the state and the area you are in. Look for a road sign marker to see what road you are on and plot your course to Uncle John's house. Now if you don't have an atlas in your car good luck getting directions from the local gas station. Just hope the gas station attendant knows the area. Bottom line to this story – keep an atlas in your car. Write down or print out the directions before you leave and teach your kids to read a map. Good travels and have a safe winter driving season!

I would like to thank the Chapter Board and all the volunteers who have taken time out of their busy schedules to help plan and run the events that we held this year. Without their help we would not have been able to host as many events as we've had. Also it is election time again. There are two Chapter members running for Recording Secretary, a voting Board position. They are incumbent Jim Siegel and newcomer Stacy Dennis. You can read their candidate statements in this newsletter. Please do so and take the time to vote. Happy Holidays to all and talk to you next year.

Regards,
André Noël

*Happy Holidays from the
New York Chapter BMW CCA Board*

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Autocross 2010

by **Andre Noel**

The 2010 Autocross season came to end on October 30th 2010. In a few classes, the winner for the season was not determined until the last run of the day for that class. Congratulations to all the winners and thanks to all the volunteers for helping out this season.

2010 Autocross Season Winners

Class B

Tony DeGrasse
Heidi Ellison

Class C

Ben Lanson

Class D

Bobby Del Bello
Tim Amon
Hector Ruiz

Class G

Stuart Phillips
Joe Ottofaro
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Patroon and New York Chapters at Monticello Motor Club

by **Stuart Phillips**

On Monday, August 30th 2010, the Patroon and New York Chapters of the BMW Car Club of America hosted their first high performance driving school at the renowned Monticello Motor Club in lovely upstate New York. Despite quite a bit of rain earlier in the week, the weather proved to be no match for what turned out to be a beautiful, dry track day.

“There were numerous highly skilled and experienced instructors on hand to help polish the skills of many first-time and veteran enthusiasts.”

Monticello Motor Club is a privately owned and operated 4.1-mile 22-turn track that serves its many exclusive members. Just 90 minutes from New York City, located just at the foot of the Catskill Mountains, Monticello may also be better known for its more recent televised hosting of Cadillac’s CTS-V Challenge last year.

Photo by Stuart Phillips



Monticello Motor Club.

With over 160 drivers who turned out for the event, each student group safely enjoyed the maximum possible track time. A large part of the event’s success must be credited to the many volunteers who went above and beyond to keep everything organized, safe and fun for all. There were numerous highly skilled and experienced instructors on hand to help polish the skills of many first-time and veteran enthusiasts. The foundation of any event includes the event organizers, registration staff, technical inspectors, and safety workers, and we were fortunate we were well staffed by both chapters.

Unfortunately, due to Monticello Motor Club’s exclusive membership, outside public track use will ceased to be available as of 2011. Established as one of the best tracks in the Northeast, with turns and challenges that will excite drivers of all levels, only time will tell when we will be able to have another go. Maybe it is best to tweak a quote from Alfred Lord Tennyson and remember... “Tis better to have driven and lost than never to have driven at all.”



Photo by Stuart Phillips

The E30 M3 Caravan to the Track.



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Track Chat and Preparation in the Morning.

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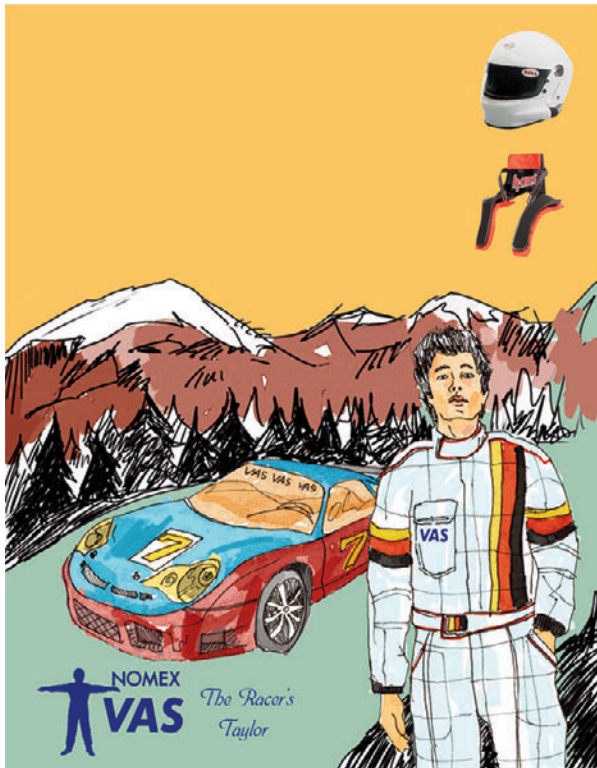


Model of Bird's Eye View of the Course.

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Wine, Sunflowers

Fourth Annual NY Chapter BMWCCA Wine & Shine at Martha Clara Vineyard Sept. 26th 2010

by Steve Geraci

On a sunny October afternoon in 2007, a small group of NY Chapter members first met for an intimate gathering at Vineyard 48 in Cutchogue on the North Fork of Long Island. This September, more than forty BMWs and over one hundred people attended the Fourth Annual New York Chapter BMW CCA Wine & Shine event on a breezy afternoon in a field surrounded by beautiful sunflowers at Martha Clara Vineyard in Riverhead, Long Island.

This Vineyard Series event, now affectionately known as the Wine & Shine, brought together chapter members to enjoy Long Island's best wines and show off their BMWs. Our hosts at Martha Clara provided members, families and friends with a large open tent for all to gather and relax overlooking the vineyard and winery. As usual our Chapter provided a sampling of wines, sandwiches and snacks, though several groups brought their own lunches and settled in for their own food & wine festival.

Many members spent the afternoon talking cars with BMW CCA Regional Vice President John Sullivan who, with his wife Barbara, once again made the trip over the Long Island Sound from Massachusetts for our event. Others wandered around the vineyard, sampled wine in the tasting room, picked sunflowers, and voted for their favorite cars in the People's Choice Clean Car Show. After the score sheets were tallied, the winners were awarded their choice of what has become a tradition – a bottle of vintage red or white wine provided by our Chapter from the host winery.



Photo by Jerry Goldstein

Regional Vice President John Sullivan Exchanges E24 Knowledge.



Photo by Andre Noel

Flowers? For me?

and BMWs



Photo by Andre Noel

The Field of Contestants.

“ This September, more than forty BMWs and over one hundred people attended the Fourth Annual New York Chapter BMW CCA Wine & Shine event... ”



Photo by Mike Allen

The Horsides for Children.

Again this year, I want to thank Chapter members Jerry Goldstein, Mike Allen and Andre Noel for their photographic expertise. In addition to what you see in this article, visit the chapter website for all their great photos. Thanks also to my supportive wife, Loretta Geraci, and everyone else who pitched in to help with the event.

Finally, I would like to thank all the members that have attended – you have turned this get-together into an annual event. We'll be back at Pindar Vineyards next autumn for the Fifth Annual Wine & Shine event. We will surely introduce some new features, so please watch the newsletter and website for information.



Photo by Mike Allen

Not All Beautiful BMWs Have Four Wheels.



Wine, Sunflowers and BMWs

2010 Wine & Shine People's Choice Clean Car Show Winners

Best In Show	Rodger Ouwerkerk	2003 M3
Best Z Car	Marty Halper	2010 Z4
Best M Car	Rodger Ouwerkerk	2003 M3
Best X Car	Ron Zurkitch	2007 X3
Best Three Series	Kevin Caulfield	2002 330Cic
Best Five Series	Tom Vollaro	2000 540iM Sport
Best Six Series	Tom Loreto	1988 M6
Best Eight Series	Rick Davis	1995 840CI



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Chapter Updates

By Garageboy

- The Chapter Logo Contest had a number of entries submitted, and the Board decided upon the new logo for 2011 and beyond at the November 10 Board Meeting. We would like to thank all chapter members for their participation. The winning entry will be announced at the Annual Holiday Party and President's Dinner on December 4th.
- The State of New York announced that the Defensive Driving Course, a 6-hour classroom instruction is now being offered online. The Chapter has traditionally offered this course to members at the AAA offices in Garden City, Long Island in the early Spring. Taking this course with fellow Chapter members has made it more enjoyable and palatable over the years.

As you may recall, completion of the course provides 3 years of discounts on liability, no-fault and collision insurance premiums, not to mention up to 4 points reduction on your driving record. With the introduction of an online course, the course can be completed in less than the 6 hours of the classroom version. There is no "final exam" and you can take the course at your leisure. Also, it is offered in Spanish as well as English. More information can be found at <http://www.idrivesafely.com/new-york-defensive-driving.html>.

- The Chapter's Charitable Giving Program continues its success with the Annual Street Survival course held at Nassau Coliseum this past summer and the Matching Contributions program for money donated to Lawrence Woodmere Academy by members at the Annual Holiday Party and President's Dinner coming up in December. We received a heartfelt letter from a scholarship recipient that reads as follows:

"28 September 2010

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Candidate Statements - Recording Secretary 2011 Term

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Stacy Dennis
BMW CCA# 435363

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I've been the Secretary of the New York Chapter BMWCCA for the past three years as well as serving as the Advertising Manager since 2004. In addition I act as Risk Manager for the club and many of you know me from the many different types of club events we sponsor such as Autocross, Wine Tour, Chapter BBQ, Holiday Party, Beach Party, and Driving Schools.

As Secretary I've worked closely with the chapter President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Member-at-Large as well as all of our non-voting board members to develop, organize, and participate in chapter events that appeal to the variety of interests our club members have.

As Advertising Manager I have a proven track record of developing advertising relationships for the club and Newsletter. These relationships provide BMW related resources for chapter members as well as a steady revenue stream that helps support the club and bring in both monetary and merchandise contributions for several of our most popular chapter events.

Moving forward I would like to continue in my capacity as Secretary as well as the many other roles I support for the club. Based on my seven years as a board member including four as a voting board member, I believe that my experience, knowledge, and commitment to the chapter and its members will enable me to continue helping the chapter to meet or exceed our current and future goals of growth and member support.

I wish the best of luck to all of this year's candidates.

Jim Siegel
BMW CCA# 198103



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Safety for Adults

by **Gerhard Dobler**

Following a highly successful Street Survival Program this past July, the New York Chapter held an Adult Safety School on October 24th. I am a firm believer in driver training and began by taking the BMW Two-Day Car Control School as part of the BMW Driver's Program Training in Spartanburg, South Carolina along with my older daughter, Meredith, back in 2006. My younger daughter was not old enough to drive back then so she participated in the July Street Survival event. I was happy to hear the Chapter was putting together a school for adults, as this would give Meredith and me an opportunity to refresh our driving skills.

The day began in Parking Lot 8 at Nassau Coliseum as volunteers laid out the traffic cones that would outline the exercises. The parking area was divided with two exercises in each half. One half of the course layout was comprised of an emergency lane change that flowed into a decreasing radius turn ending with an emergency straight line braking exercise. The other half began with a slalom that transitioned into a sweeping curve leading into a "Chicago" box and finally ending through a simulated series of "S" curves.

“While most of us were enjoying lunch and letting the tires cool off, the volunteers were busy moving cones to link all the exercises together into one continuous course.”

After the cones were set up, we walked the entire course with Matt Brod and André Noël. As we walked, they explained the objective of each exercise and how it related to a real world driving situation. They also shared their experience and offered suggestions on approach speeds, car position for entering and exiting the exercise and how the driver should be anticipating and looking through the turns.

Fortunately for the participants, due to a lighter than expected turnout, the volunteer instructors outnumbered us by 2 to 1. This meant no waiting in line to run through the course, allowing us to quickly build our skills and confidence levels. While most of us were enjoying lunch and letting the tires cool off, the volunteers were busy moving cones to link all the exercises together into one continuous course. After a few test runs, the participants were invited as passengers in the instructors' personal rides to show us how it was done, with a lot more speed.

Somewhere in the middle of the afternoon it clicked and all came together for me. The emergency lane change maneuver that gave me trouble in the morning was executed quickly and smoothly. By the end of the day, my daughter and I were exhausted, but regained some of that lost confidence and sharpness that comes from a lack of practice. I still remember André's advice: think of the obstacles you encounter on the road as just another set of traffic cones and you won't have any problem getting around them safely. I'd like to thank all of the volunteers that organized a great day and apologize to all the orange cones that gave up their lives in the name of safety training throughout the day. I am hopeful next year will bring many more student participants.

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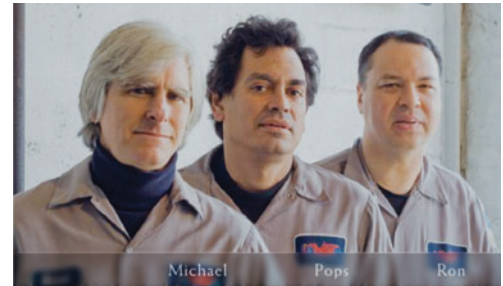


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- Fuel cell installation
- Two-way radio installation

EuroMeccanica, Inc. was started by Michael Shiffer in 1991. Michael is a tech advisor for NYBMWCCA and EuroMeccanica hosts their annual Beach Party, where dozens of BMW owners and enthusiasts converge to learn more about their cars. The shop's atmosphere is warm and open. Questions and input from our customers are welcome, and we make every effort to explain what we are doing to your car, and why.



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----- 2011 New York Chapter Elections - Ballot -----

In accordance with our by-laws, the Chapter has received candidacy statements by the October 2010 deadline. Please cast your vote for the following Board positions: (** Indicates incumbent)

Secretary - Stacy Dennis

Secretary - James Siegel **

Please fill out this ballot and place the entire back cover of this newsletter in an envelope.

Ballot must be postmarked by January 31, 2011. Mail completed ballot to:

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Background Image: The Beautiful Field Of Cars At Martha Clara.
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She can't quite reach the pedals... yet.



Chapter President Andre Noel presents Rodger Ouwerkerk with Best in Show award for his 2003 M3. Rodger also won Best M car.



He Can't Reach the Pedals Either, But He's Cute.



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Final wheel preparation.

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