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New York Chapter
2012 Events Calendar

April	15	: Auto-X Season Opener
May	5	: Auto-X Event 2
	6	: Dine & Shine at Alure
	20	: Dine & Shine (rain date)
	21	: Driving School NJ Motorsports Park (Lightning)
June	2	: Auto-X: Event 3
	11-12	: Driving School: Watkins Glen (2-day event)
	24	: Auto-X: Event 4
July	14	: Street Survival
	21	: Annual Family BBQ
	29	: Auto-X: Event 5
August	5	: Adult Safety School
	26	: Auto-X: Event 6
September	8	: Auto-X: Event 7
	16	: Wine & Shine
	17-23	: Oktoberfest Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course
	29	: Auto-X: Event 8
October	7	: Auto-X: Event 9
	14	: Auto-X: Event 10 Season Finale
December	TBD	: Annual Holiday Party and President's Dinner

For the latest information, see www.nybmwcca.org

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André Noël

Hello BMW Fans,

This year there will be a change at the helm of the New York Chapter. After four years as President of the chapter I think it's time to let someone else step in to guide the chapter forward. I must say that when I first joined the BMW CCA over twenty years ago, I never imagined I would end up being the NY Chapter President. Even though I'll no longer be president of the chapter, I will still continue to run the autocross program and help out at our other events.

I would like to thank all the past and present board members who I've worked with over the years as it has been fun, and now it is time to pass the torch to Jim Siegel. I've known Jim now for several years. We met at an autocross and I have come to know him throughout the past few years. He's a good guy and will make a great president.

Regards,

André Noël



Jim Siegel

First I'd like to thank our club members and the board for electing me as club President in 2012. In my new role I hope to pick-up where the excellent work of André Noël during the past four years left off. Luckily André will continue to be a vital member of the NY Chapter board as Autocross Chair and Newsletter Coordinator.

We have a full year of events and activities ahead of us. The Beach Party we just held in February is always a great event, the Dine & Shine and Drivers School at New Jersey Motorsports Park in May, my favorite Driving School at Watkins Glen in June (we hope to have two days this year!), annual Family BBQ in July, Wine & Shine in September, Holiday Party, one of the best autocross schedules we've had in years, as well as the Tire Rack Teen Street Survival School and our own Adult Safety School. We also hope to add a Tech Event at one of our sponsor's garages sometime during the year.

2012 promises to be another great year for our club. The breadth of experience on our board has grown over the past year, which will allow us to continue to improve the quality of the events we produce.

On behalf of myself, our VP Mike Allen, new Secretary Mike Bizzarro, our longstanding Treasurer RoseAnn Burke, as well the rest of the NY Chapter board, I wish all of our member's success in the coming year.

Thanks for your support,

Jim Siegel

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Sunday, May 6th Noon-3PM

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Autocross Corner

Hello Autocross Fans,

The 2012 Autocross season is finally here. I'm happy to announce that Martino Auto Concepts Inc. will be the sponsor of this year's Autocross season. We have ten dates lined up for you this year. As always, we will have our annual Test-N-Tune in late March, the 24th, and the season will begin on April 15.

There have been some changes to Parking Lot 8. For those of you who do not know, at the end of the season last year Nassau Coliseum repaved the parking lots. This is a welcome relief to all of us. Over the past few years we have had to be very creative with our course layout to avoid certain parts of the lot because of pot holes. We are now able to use all of the lot to make some very interesting courses. So come on out and have some fun! Don't forget to bring lunch and something to drink. Come on out, make some new friends and show off your driving skills.

Regards,

André Noël



2012 Autocross Dates

April 15

May 5

June 2 and June 24

July 29

August 26

September 8 and September 29

October 7 and October 14



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A Day at The Beach

The 19th Annual Beach Party at EuroMeccanica

By Jim Siegel

The 19th year for the Beach Party – it's hard to believe.

As a warm-up, our Master of Ceremonies, Event Organizer, and former Chapter President Tony Howell introduced the new chapter board members and raffled off an assortment of door prizes.

Then we had an early lunch this year organized, as usual, by our old friend Marc Hohenstein. This is one of the few events where a hot meal is provided along with a super sized Italian sub. It was great as always.

Next we moved on to this year's guest speaker, Joe Lapadula from Martino Auto Concepts, who brought an Active Autowerke's supercharged E92 M3 that they built from the ground up. Joe gave a presentation of the vehicle along with his associate Derek Pasch. They went over all the details of the car, including a methane tank for the super charger, and the amazing bodywork including a fantastic paint job that was done completely in-house. This car produces 625 hp at the wheels. What a sound the car made when fired up, no less the dust it left behind as Joe pulled away at the end of the event.

Joe and his company, Martino Auto Concepts, are good friends of the club. You may have noticed their full color advertisement on the inside rear cover of the Newsletter, and this year Martino Auto will be sponsoring our 2012 Autocross Series. If we're lucky Joe may bring some of his amazing cars to a few of our autocross events!

Last but not least, our event host and owner of EuroMeccanica, Mike Shiffer, gave his usual interesting talk about all things mechanical. This year he discussed the materials that go into making a car, the logic behind materials selection and how they've changed over the years, or in some cases how they haven't changed. It never ceases to amaze me how much interesting, and as Mike says, often useless information Mike has learned over the years. The moral of this year's talk – the car in your driveway is one of the most complex pieces of machinery, if not the most complex, you'll ever own.

Also, I'd like to apologize for the incorrect event date that was posted on the website. Luckily the Newsletter had it right, but the club is extremely sorry for any inconvenience caused, especially for the couple of people we know showed up on Sunday only to find a closed up shop. We're taking steps as a club to try to prevent those types of errors in the future.

Other than our date screw-up on the website, this year's event was once again a success. Great speakers, great cars, great food, and great prizes! Thanks to all of our members and guests who attended; we hope to see you again next year for the 20th annual Beach Party!! We'll need to do something really special for that one.

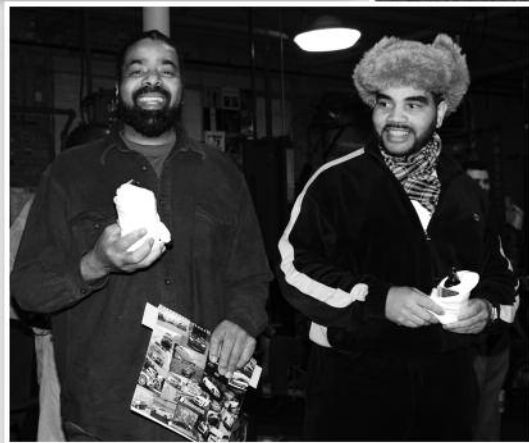
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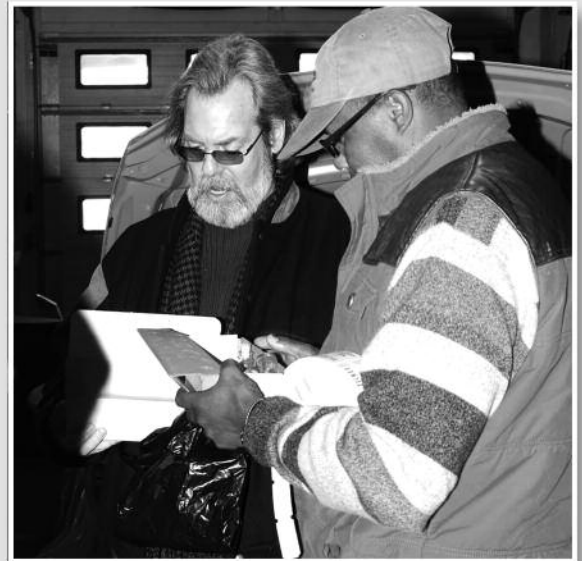


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The 19th Annual Beach Party
at EuroMeccanica
with Maestro Mike Shiffer

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2011 Holiday Party

By André Noël

The 2011 Holiday Party was held at The Coral House in Baldwin. Eighty members with their families came out to party and see some old friends. Members enjoyed a nice selection of appetizers and a delicious buffet dinner while the DJ pumped out some nice tunes for everyone to dance to. The Autocross Awards were presented to winners of the 2011 season. Door prizes were given out throughout the night. Special thanks to all the advertisers who provided gifts for the event. The evening was capped off when Santa came by and dropped off gifts to all youngsters who were present. A good time was had by all. *More Holiday Party photos on page 17 and back cover.*

From left to right: Michael and Marissa Abriano, Jim Siegel and Sue Choi, Mike and Toni Bizzarro



Above: Vice President Mike Allen and Marcie Allen

Left: Mr and Mrs Matthew Brod and Mr and Mrs Stuart Phillips in the background



Above: Loretta and Steve Geraci

Right: Jim Siegel presents Mike Bizzarro with his award for First Place in Class 1 for Autocrossing.





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2011 Holiday Party



Tony Howell hands Dan McLaughlin a set of racing shoes won as a door prize



Tony and Casene DeGrasse



Above: Sharon Mc Intyre leads the ladies in step dancing



Left: RoseAnn Burke, Marcie Allen smile for the camera



Jim Siegel presents Heidi Ellison with her First Place award for autocrossing in Class C



Left: Tony Howell wishing everyone peace and joy

Proposed By-Law Changes

[Proposed changes are underscored.]

ARTICLE VII – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1, Item 1

The board of directors shall consist of the four elected officers of the chapter, one to three members-at-large, and designated coordinators (see Section 4). Only the four elected officers may vote on all issues. Coordinators and members-at-large may vote only on issues directly related to their responsibilities.

Section 1, Item 5

The board of directors shall select one to three Members-at-Large, Chapter Coordinators and Chairpersons for all committees and may disband any committee or remove any chapter coordinator, chairperson, or any of the Members-at-Large at any time, unless prohibited or restricted by a specific committee charter.

Section 3 Item 5

The one to three member-at-large positions shall be proposed by the four voting board members and the number of proposed appointments is solely at the discretion of the voting board members. The proposed member(s)-at-large shall be appointed by a simple majority vote of the board, with the intent of taking ownership of a specific and significant task, such as one of the positions listed in Section 4 or comparable responsibility. This person or persons shall not have held a voting board position in the past year. The intent of this position is to encourage new persons from the membership to be a candidate for a board position in a subsequent election.

ARTICLE VIII – ELECTIONS

Section 1, Annual Elections

The Officers of the Chapter shall be elected annually either by mail-in ballot or electronic voting via the club website. Non-incumbents must be nominated by a member in good standing prior to the deadline posted on the chapter website and / or chapter newsletter, and submit a written candidacy statement within a period published on the chapter website and / or chapter newsletter. Nominations and candidacy statements must be submitted via the

chapter website or US mail to the chapter mailing address.

Candidates for President and Treasurer must have prior service as a voting 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 on the chapter website prior to the election, and will be published in the Chapter newsletter prior to the election if possible. Ballots may be cast by electronic voting on the chapter website, U.S. mail to the chapter mailing address, or on site at the annual meeting. Mail-in and on-site votes must include proof of membership such as the mailing label from the newsletter containing the ballot, copy of a Roundel mailing label or BMW CCA, Inc. or copy of a membership card. On-line voting via the chapter website will validate the membership number entered prior to accepting the vote. The vote tally shall check to ensure that only one vote is submitted per voting Chapter member. Duplicate votes received from any voting method will be discarded. 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.

If there is no challenger for a voting board member position, and the incumbent wishes to remain in the position, no voting is required and the incumbent is automatically elected for another one year term.

ARTICLE IX – AMENDMENTS

Section 2 – Initial Approval by Board of Directors

If a proposed by-law amendment is approved by a majority of the board of directors, the secretary shall furnish all Chapter members with a copy by publication in the next issue of the Chapter newsletter and / or posting on the club website for a minimum of 30 days.

Section 3 – Initial Non-Approval by Board of Directors

If a proposed amendment is not approved by a majority of the board of directors, it may be brought to a vote of the members by a petition signed by not less than 25 members, or 10 percent of the general voting members, whichever is less. If it is approved by a majority of those voting, the secretary shall furnish all members of the chapter with a copy of the proposed amendment by publishing it in the next issue of the chapter newsletter and / or posting on the club website for a minimum of 30 days.

Section 4 – Adoption

The proposed amendment shall become effective as soon as it is accepted by a majority vote of the members present at any regular or special meeting of the chapter held after the publication of the proposed amendment in the newsletter or club website, or by simple majority vote by the membership via mail ballot.



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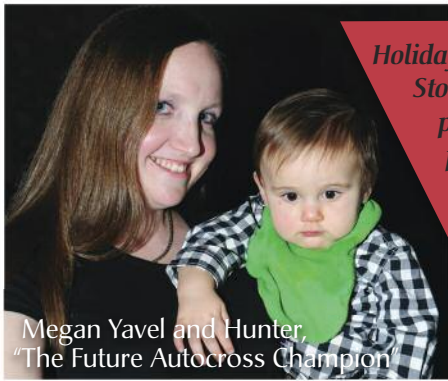


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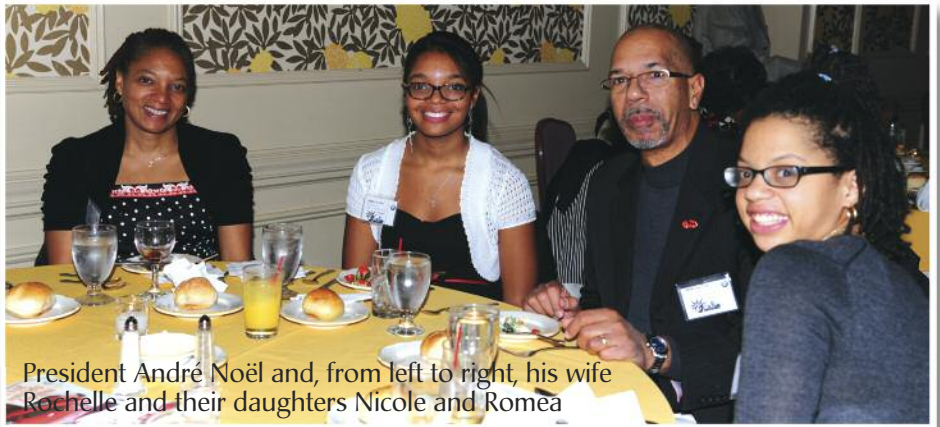
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President André Noël and, from left to right, his wife Rochelle and their daughters Nicole and Romea



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