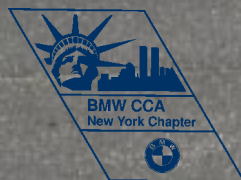


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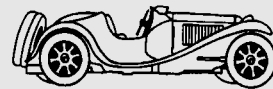
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President
Anthony Howell**

I would like to thank those of you that took the time to cast your vote for the bylaw changes. Making these changes is the only way to ensure that the chapter is protected in the future. The bylaw change (Candidates for President and Treasurer must have prior service as a member of the Board of Directors in order to be eligible to serve) has passed.

The New York Chapter BMW CCA is inviting all of its members to attend our first Family BBQ and Car Show, July 10 at Eisenhower Park located in East Meadow, New York. We will have fun filled activities available for the children and adults. The event is being sponsored by many of our newsletter advertisers and will be catered by the famous NYC Brother Jimmy's BBQ, who will be serving a lot more than just hot dogs and hamburgers.

As per my first President's page, we are working to have events that will bring out more of the 2600+ members that are in the New York Chapter and we hope this event will be one of them.

On June 5th, we held our first Street Survival event that was sponsored by the BMW Foundation, Liberty Travel and Tire Rack. This event was held for teens between the ages of 16-19 to help them learn car control. We would like to give special thanks to the mentioned sponsors; all of the instructors and volunteers and the Uniondale Fire Department for making this event so successful.

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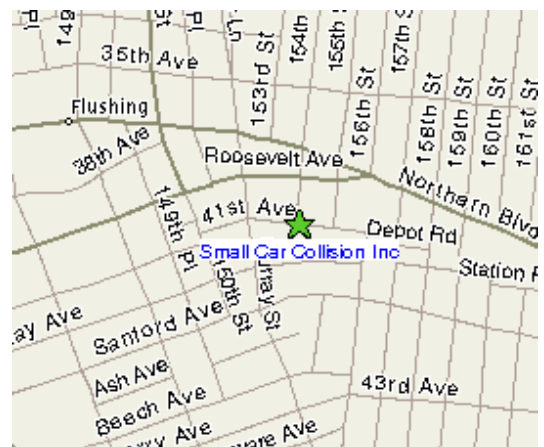
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**The AAA Driver Improvement Program -
"The Driving Force Behind Traffic Safety"
By Garageboy**

Every few years, the State of New York allows us the privilege of attending a 6-hour course as part of the Point and Insurance Reduction Program. And every few years when I attend this class, I'm reminded of the scene in Clockwork Orange where Malcolm McDowell is physically restrained while doctors pin his eyelids open and insert eyedrops into his eyes while he is forced to sit through this very same 6-hour ordeal.

In the mid 90s, I worked at a company in Hauppauge in Suffolk County. Each year, they would be a corporate sponsor for the Defensive Driving Course, hiring a certified instructor to teach employees in one of our conference rooms over two evenings after working hours. TWO evenings of torture. Nonetheless, it was fun to take the course with my work colleagues. Since many of the students had driven with each other, often during lunch hour and most often after a few

cocktails, tall tales of driving on Long Island would invariably creep into the classroom discussion, along with highly-opinionated interpretations on these same tales by fellow students. It made the class bearable, especially since every time the course was offered, the interactive instruction was supplemented with videos of Christopher Reeve teaching us basic driving safety in a mid-80s Mustang. Even after Mr. Reeve's tragic riding accident, they kept showing those videos, year after year after year.



The NY BMW CCA has been fortunate to make friends over at AAA, and one of the benefits of this relationship is that AAA offers the Defensive Driving Course to BMW CCA members at their facility in Garden City in Nassau County with a special CCA discount. The attraction to me was the ability to take this class with some of my friends so that we can be the pins that hold each other's eyelids open. And these weren't just friends - these are BMW friends, and in some cases, driving school friends, the harshest of harsh critics

when it comes to driving safety... or what we think is safe. And so this past March, on a beautiful spring day, a bunch of us got together on a Saturday morning to take this refresher course at the AAA office. The instructor was quite entertaining. It turned out that this guy was a retired police officer, and in fact, had quite a few opinions on driving and safe driving. Well, Garageboy never passes up the chance at a good debate over what constitutes safe driving. And Garageboy started to fantasize... maybe this time a cop could explain to

me why they tolerate passing on the right or sitting in the passing lane or why they tolerate people who don't use signals. Perhaps Garageboy would finally be enlightened as to why they'll chase after the evil speeder as if they're making the world a safer place for us all. Well, this particular

retired police officer classified HIMSELF as an SOB when he charged with traffic duty, something he particularly relished. After listening to him for about 15 minutes, Garageboy started to see why... and see the chances of a substantive discussion on driving safety evaporate. After an hour or two of listening to this guy, at least half of us started to wonder if we had previously met up with this particularly sadistic cop on any of Long Island's

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The First Time is The Charm

By Matt Brod

Saturday, June 5th was a great day for teenagers in New York. The NY Chapter of the BMWCCA in conjunction with the BMW Foundation and all the associated sponsors hosted a teen drivers' program at Nassau Coliseum.

This was the first time the NY Chapter has done this type of event, and as the Chairman for this event, I had my hands full. Let's just say that when I cleared all the Street Survival E-mails out of my inbox my usage on a 10gig service went from 35% to 11%.

With the help of all the volunteers that showed up to teach and administer this event it was a resounding success. The students started the day with a "Classroom"



session where I spoke about several important topics relating to car control and the physics of traction. At one point I thought I was going to freeze up, but when I saw that people were actually paying attention to what I said and not sleeping, I rallied and hit my stride. We also discussed proper seating and hand position with practical demonstrations.



We matched the students to instructors based on several factors. The pairings seemed to work very well. The students were broken up into 4 groups and each group would repeat one of the 4 training sections for approximately 25 minutes. The four sections were a slalom, Figure 8, lane change and sweeping turn. Each section demonstrated different challenges to the drivers. With thoughtful instruction they were smoother and safer through each one.

At 12:30 we broke for

lunch. Everyone ate well and rested as the Fire trucks rolled



in. FIRETRUCKS? Yes, part of the program was to prepare our new drivers for a reduced traction situation so when the snow falls this winter, they will have a clue as to how to handle their cars. So after a small problem with one of the trucks (I broke it by blasting the sirens too much) we got about 3000 gallons of water on the course throughout the day. As you can see these fire trucks have reach.

The students were able to see the effects of the water on their level of traction right away. I know that they will have a new respect for Slippery When Wet signs. The program ended at 3:00 PM with a closing meeting to discuss what we learned for the day and to "Talk them down" from the adrenaline rush of driving those cars and





trucks at and past the limit. There was such a positive review of the program and such an interest from the attending parents that the Board is looking into an ALL




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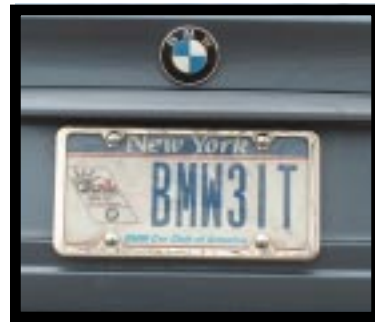


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BMW 1-Series

MUNICH, Germany - BMW is betting that small is beautiful by launching the new 1-series luxury compact car in a bid to capture a younger audience with an eye for prestigious brands and money to spend. Scaled down but not downscale, the 1-series goes on sale in September as the German auto maker's first entry into the compact car market -- the biggest in the industry with around 12 million vehicles a year moving out of showrooms.

But only around 6 percent of compact cars are classified as premium, a notch above the sea of plain-vanilla hatchbacks and sedans. The premium segment is growing faster than the overall market, and BMW aims to take advantage of that growth potential by projecting its luxury image onto an auto smaller than its current fleet of sleek and muscular cars.

"You can see with your naked eye that this is a BMW," the company's head of sales and marketing, Michael Ganal, said when presenting the car to reporters on Wednesday night, insisting that BMW had not departed from its successful focus on luxury.

BMW sees the 1-series as fitting nicely between its 3-series cars and its tiny Mini, with which it targets lifestyle-conscious consumers who want a car with personality. The 1-series costs 19,800 euros (\$23,890) for the basic 116i model with a 115-horse-power petrol motor -- some 800 euros more than a similarly powered Golf -- but the addition of air conditioning, alloy wheels or a navigation system can easily boost the price. Ganal said the 1-series would lower the average age of BMW customers, which he put at "clearly under 50" for the BMW brand and "clearly under 40" for Mini drivers. Lifestyle awareness. "The car is well positioned and there will be a class of buyers for it. It will certainly boost competition in the upper end of the compact car segment," Michael Raab, an auto analyst at Bank Sal. Oppenheim in Frankfurt. It is a nice second car for a lifestyle-conscious family. It is certainly a nice car for a lifestyle-aware single who wants a compact car but a beautiful one," Raab said. By testing the upper end of the compact car segment, BMW will compete against Volkswagen AG unit Audi's A3, a well-equipped VW Golf, Fiat division Alfa Romeo's 147 model and the Mercedes-Benz A class. It may end up robbing some sales from the compact version of its 3-series sister, Raab said, but he suggested the Mini was different enough not to be a rival in consumers' eyes. BMW expects to sell around 100,000 of the 1-series next year. It sold 1.1 million cars overall last year and wants to boost this figure to 1.4 million by 2008. Initial reviews of the 1-series hatchback in the automotive press have been generally positive, praising its classic BMW sculpted looks and good handling thanks to even weight distribution. It is the only compact with rear-wheel drive. But some complain it is cramped in the back seat, and car critic Jeremy Clarkson, writing in the Sunday Times, called it "monumentally ugly -- as much of an eyesore as the 1960s fire station in a mellow yellow Cotswold town." To hit its youthful target audience, BMW's "The Principle of Joy" advertising campaign complements traditional print and television spots with pitches via the Internet, multimedia mobile phones and personal digital assistants.



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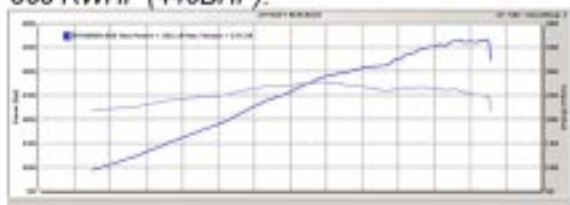


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major thoroughfares... during his busier ticket-writing years.

At one point during the class, I started to daydream. I started to compare this course to any classroom instruction I've ever attended at a BMW CCA Driving School. They're very different types of instruction. The AAA class talks in a theoretical way about how not to get into accidents. But the BMW class talks about how to get OUT of accidents when you're presented with a dangerous situation... not just on the track, but also on the street. This is what makes the BMW classes so invaluable compared to any other "safe driving" instruction that is offered. The BMW classes present you with realistic situations that you will inevitably encounter - and then teach you how to control your very own car in that very same type of situation.

Supplementing classroom instruction with track instruction - in one's own car - is far more valuable than the mandated NY State class could ever hope to be. In the Defensive Driving course, there was definitely some bizarre jargon that was used that was unusual to Garageboy and his fellow track junkies in attendance. When an instructor says, "slow

down", we simply "lift". Every time I am on the highway, and I see all the brake lights glowing, I simply lift, and I am able to slow down safely and calmly, without dangerously shifting the car's weight like all those folks slamming on the brakes do.

Nonetheless, there were definitely some useful tips in the class. I remembered a few of them. One was: "Looking ahead is not something you learn to do overnight; it takes practice". He was RIGHT on there! It takes years to learn how to do this. Even after knowing HOW to do this, I have to remind myself, while racing, to look ahead for the next cone or turning marker until it becomes routine again. Another gem was: "Identify possible escape routes". Every day, every moment, every turn - I can't argue with the need to do that. Unfortunately, those were the only two I wrote down for this article. There may have been a third, but after listening to so many stories of police abuse, I think I blotted it all out of my head. Sadly, I'm left wondering how many lives he has ruined? How many people has he stopped for DWB during his long career? Uhh....back to safety...

I think the Defensive Driving course in New York State should be mandatory - every three years for every driver. Did you know that they extended the license renewal period to eight years in New

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"New York motorists who complete the Defensive Driving Course 8/6 program in New York through a Department of Motor Vehicles approved training center:
- may receive a reduction of up to four (4) points on their driver record (course may be taken once every 18 months for point reduction).
- will receive a minimum of 10% reduction in the base rate of the auto liability and collision insurance premiums each year for three years, providing the motorist who completes the course is the principal operator of the vehicle."

York State? That means that my 84 year old neighbor won't need to renew until he is 92!. That is why I am grateful for an occasional romp on the track at a NY BMW CCA Drivers' School to refresh my skills on how to survive.

So would I do it again? Absolutely! The AAA does a great job, and the NY BMW CCA Club members benefit greatly from their cooperation. I highly recommend it you never know, you might learn something useful... or even something that might save your life!

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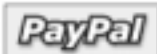
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NY Chapter - Calendar Of Events

- July 10th - BMW CCA BBQ - Eisenhower Park
- July 18th - SummerFest @ Habberstad BMW
- Autocross Dates - See Autocross Page
- August 14th - Tech Session - Pre- Concours Session at Small Car, Inc. Flushing, NY
- Sept. 12th Great Marques at Old Westbury
- NY BMW CCA Day @ Martha Clara Vineyard October 3rd

NY BMW CCA Autocross Series.

July 25 Sunday

Aug 21 Saturday

Aug 29 Sunday

Sept 11 Saturday

Oct 2 Saturday

Save the date !

2004 NYBMWCCA Day at Martha Clara Vineyards

6025 Sound Avenue, Riverhead, NY

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

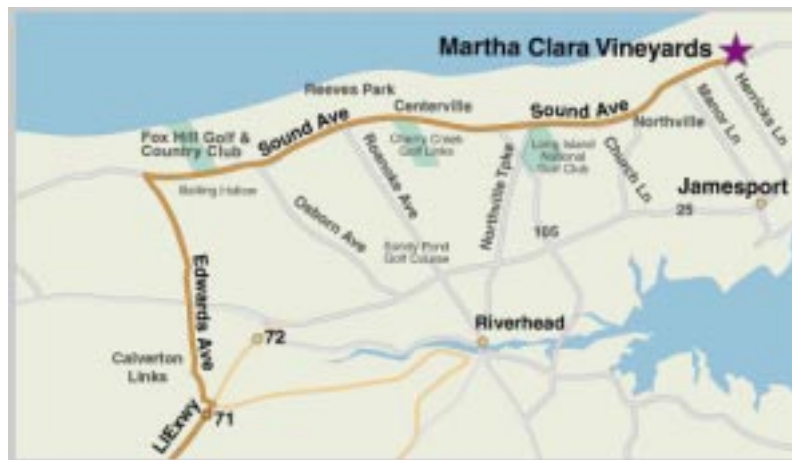
Bring your BMW and park it in line with the rest of the BMW's. Photos will be taken of the lineup for publication in the Chapter newsletter.

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 – however 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

5th Annual SummerFest Sunday, July 18th
Habberstad BMW - Huntington, NY
11am-3pm

Guest Speakers: BMW Brand Manager

Events: Q & A

Race Cars and Racing videos

Door prizes:

Motorport lithographs by Thom Montanari

Miscellaneous BMW Motorport Mementos

Door Prizes from all vendors

Habberstad will write orders for Dinan Performance downloads with no

charge for labor at this event.

Discounted Parts and Lifestyle accessories will be available at the event.

Free Food and Drink

Arrive early we expect a large crowd and parking will be at a premium. Arrive late

and you will be walking to the dealership.

Event sponsored by Habberstad BMW and the New York Chapter - BMW CCA.

Mark your calendars for one of our most popular events of the year

Tech Presentations, demonstrations, raffles, door prizes, parts discounts, free

food are just part of the reason to attend this event.

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