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# Join the NY Chapter BMW CCA Caravan



## Chapter Board Meeting at Recondition USA !

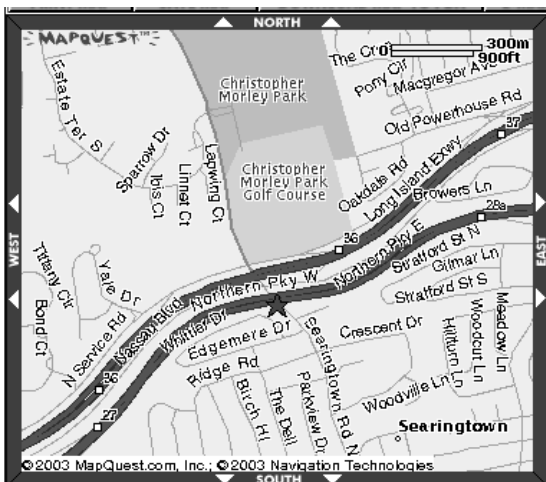
### Chapter Meeting & Event May 18, 2003 - 12 O'clock noon

Join the NY Chapter as it starts the caravan at 11:00m am in Christopher Morley Park - Roslyn, NY and winds it's way through Nassau and Suffolk counties finishing at

Recondition USA 200 Route 110 (Broadhollow Road) in Melville, LI

There will be an open board meeting, lunch served, door prizes and a demonstration of interior restoration.

Please RSVP to Matt e-mail [onrails3@hotmail.com](mailto:onrails3@hotmail.com) Subject: "Recondition Event" or call the Chapter hotline at 516-792-2002



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# What is your Chapter doing for you?

Rachel Corey  
rachel@z3ers.com

This column begins to fulfill the commitment I made in the last issue of *Die Zugspitze* in honor of my very much missed friend, the Founder of BMW CCA, Michel Potheau, who died on January 6 this year. "I am making it my mission in this column this year to find enough people who want to participate in making this what Michel called 'The Best Damn Car Club on the Planet', to get much more than your \$35 worth back in friends and fun and help when you need it."

**What Is Your Chapter Doing For YOU?** I learned more about what is planned for us at the first meeting of our re-elected board. Much of it you see scheduled in this newsletter, here's some of the background dish:

—May 18- The first Open Meeting for members at Recondition USA in Farmingdale, Long Island. Bruce Bejsovec answered the call from the nybmwcca@yahoogroups.com email list offering his mouth-watering ultra high tech car care shop for all members to meet and learn to use the equipment. (Yes, you read that right, Bruce has offered all members the use of his toys to work on our own cars.) President Steve Fischtal jumped at this opportunity for members, Secretary Matt



Brod checked out the site and wrote: "After speaking with Bruce and seeing his operation I can say that we have found a true enthusiast" Yeah! Bruce wrote: "Looking forward to helping you to make our organization the best in the U.S. P.S. I drive a supercharged '95 M3 with all the tricks making around 450hp. BIMMERS RULE!!!".

Get down with that badass M3 Bruce! That is the reason for the Club, to meet other like-minded folks and have some FUN with our BMWs! (I'll show you mine if you show me yours!) For Manhattan Bimmers, Rallymaster Jeff James is organizing caravans to this mecca of clean- another first for the Chapter. \*If you want a caravan from your area let Matt or Jeff know!\* It's going to be fun getting there and fun being there and everyone will come back with sparkling clean Bimmers. Frantz Lilavois reported that so many people turned out for the AAA School/points reducing class that we will schedule another one for this year.

—Andre Noel explained how to get around the parking fees for the very popular autocrosses at Nassau Coliseum- there is another entrance, please check out the notes for instructions. 34 new members joined at the last autocross!

—Sten Hallock reported that the ads in this newsletter have been so successful for the advertisers that now he has so many new items we will have to print more pages just to accommodate them.

—Charles Karnati interviewed the Sports Car Driving Association, www.scda1.com, based in Connecticut. SCDA runs Driver's Schools at Lime Rock, Watkins Glen, and New Hampshire International and allows convert-

ibles and novices on the track, so even though our Chapter works only with other BMW CCA clubs, we're happy to let our members know what is available from other sources like SCDA and the Westchester Sports Car Club and the Internet Z3 Club. Note: Check out www.depuycanalhouse.com for their upcoming Epicurean Road Rallies June 8 and June 15 in High Falls, NY.

—Charles also found a meeting place we can afford in Manhattan for the next Open Meeting- let's get every borough involved and the full extent of our geographic area covered! How about June for an Open Meeting in Manhattan?

—Charles is also working on NYBMWCCA.ORG, the Chapter web site. Additions include: revised yahoogroups email list- all 350 members on the list can now send as well as read emails, new Message Boards already in use, and coming soon, NY Chapter Web Ring- Add your web site to the Ring!

—Roseanne Burke gets to figure out how we're going to pay for it all, including new Chapter logo license plates, while the economy is making a meal of our reserve funds.

**What Can YOU Do For Your Chapter?** Well, you ARE the Club after all, and these fine folks at the meeting are just members like you. So, who are you and what do you have to contribute?

—Attend meetings- all ya gotta do is ask.

—Vote- folks, only 8 people voted this year and no one nominated anyone to run. If the current board didn't stick it out, we wouldn't even have a Chapter this year! If you see a board member, give 'em a hug 'cause they are doing it all for everyone else one more time. I warn ya now, I proposed that next year



Auto Show tickets would be awarded by lottery based on ballots received, so only people who vote next year would be eligible to get free tickets to the Auto Show and Preview, and only those who run or serve on the board would be assured a ticket

—Got movies or videos or the equipment to share? Got a garage? Know any place in your area that could accommodate cars or people for a meeting?

—Write articles- have you been to a BMW CCA event or something of interest you would like to report on for other members to read?

—Lead Caravans- help other members get out to the events, at least if we are stuck in traffic, we are stuck together! Show us the short cuts! Radios make it easy to keep track of everyone.

—Join the email list- and speak up! Since the email list opened up this year we learned about a BMW theft ring in Westchester, an 8 series festival, where the NYPD has set the cameras to catch speeders, Bridgehampton fundraiser parties, BMW Films showings, BMW Press releases, member cars and accessories for sale, Robert in Queens used the list to find more M Coupes in the Chapter, members can add last minute invites to events that happen between newsletter issues and pick-up rides can easily be arranged on the email list. Like: "Anybody in Staten Island wanna go to the beach this weekend?" Joe's in Staten Island, he says: "I also open my home garage to BMW CCA members every once in a while to prep for driving schools, watch F1 race, BMW related movies, etc. I would love to hear more from NY chapter members, especially one on Staten Island. I know of two on Staten Island." I know two more on Staten Island, they both drive Z3s, I met them at Z3 Fixit Day. Funny, every Bimmer lover I know on Staten Island keeps track of the members there. Let's get the Staten Island Bimmers together! How about an ALL-BMW Ferry to Staten Island? How about a group shot with Lady Liberty and the skyline? Heck, the email list is how we found Bruce and Recondition USA! Rich in Queens can help everyone paint calipers, we just need a place where the cars can sit for hours while the paint dries. Adam in Scarsdale volunteered his time, Chris

in CT is looking for places to run his new M3, Elvis in Nassau is looking for diverse events, a "broader spectrum of Bimmer lovers represented at Club functions... the older models, that are still alive and well being offered a venue to meet others with the same affliction." YES!!! Let's do it! We need YOUR help because there is no way any ONE person could be proficient in all areas. How about it, older models? What would tickle your fancy? Who would like to show us some of their favorite local roads? Who would like to ride out by Bear Mountain? How about Woodstock? Hawk's Nest? Sleepy Hollow at Halloween? We could take the Taconic up to Dutchess Wine Country and see if we can wake up Rip van Winkle? A BBQ- got a place? How about a place where we folks in Manhattan can take our cars for to WASH??? A Wash and BBQ!!! Grab your favorite local car shop, restaurant, hang out and ask 'em if they'd have us!

—Use the new Message Boards too- here your information can easily be posted for all to see.

—Every issue of this newsletter is posted on NYBMWCCA.ORG- even \*before\* it is printed and sent by mail.

We live in the best city in the world, we have great cars and terrific members, let's make this chapter everything it can be for 2400+ members, and with enough voting members to control the National elections, let's lead the Nation.

My own group got together 40 Z3s, 1 Z4 and one Z8 on Fixit Day. We stuffed two X5s with goods for the local Children's Shelter and we made up a huge banner to support the troops, signed it and with help from Navy Reservist and Roundel Technical Editor Mike Miller, sent our banner over to Pensacola, Florida BMW CCA member Lieutenant

Commander Tony Capano, US Navy Fleet Hospital Three, "Located Somewhere East of Europe".

We are the BMW Club of America, we are the New York Chapter, we can help each other, we can show the way. It's your club. Make it the best.

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Rachel

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# The Party Is Over

-Anthony Howell  
VP BMW CCA NY Chapter

I am happy to report that no one got sand in his or her shorts or between their toes. I am also extremely happy to report there weren't any cases of sunburn at the 10<sup>th</sup> annual NY Chapter Beach Party. New York Chapter and its members showed its appreciation to Mike Schiffer of Euromeccanica by presenting him with a plaque. As usual Mike did his presentation with a Q & A.

We also say farewell and thanks to Mark Ho who is heading to a warmer climate in Florida. Mark is one of our volunteers who makes sure we have a great meal each year. His help will be truly missed.

Mark Jones from Allstate insurance was a big hit. Several chapter members had a lot of questions regarding insurance issues. Although Mark was willing to answer all the questions, we unfortunately ran short of time. There is a possibility somewhere in the future we will have him back.

Several members were able to sneak some questions in, to our main speaker Jim Rowe of Metric Mechanic. Jim traveled all the way from Richland Mo. to join us. Jim talked about his research and re-design of the ultimate driving machine engine and transmission.

For those of you that have an interest in Metric Mechanics products his website address is: [www.metricmechanic.com](http://www.metricmechanic.com). I got to know Jim on a more personal level after the event was over. I gave Jim the nickel tour of New York. (As he puts it) Thanks to O'Neil Henry, for introducing me to Jim and joining us for the tour.

Thanks to George Diaz of Alloy Wheel Repair Specialists for stopping by and speaking about repairing damaged wheels.

As usual NYC chapter gave away a wide variety of door prizes thanks to BMW N.A. and Jim Rowe. We look forward to seeing you all at the Beach Party next year with your suntan lotion and beach chairs.

## Fourth Annual BMW CCA NY Chapter SummerFest at Habberstad BMW

June 29th at 11:00am

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## Tech Session and Inspection Opportunity at LynMor Motors Inc.

Participants of June Watkins Glen Raceway Driver School will be able to attend a Tech session at Lynmor Motors Inc. in Huntington, Long Island.

**Saturday, June 7th - 9:00 am to 5:00 pm**

LynMor Motors 81 West Hills Road Huntington Station,

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*If there are any members that are unable to make the session, an appointment can be made during the following weeks leading up to the event at the same cost. Once you have been confirmed for the drivers school, please bring your tech form, helmet, car and as usual a chair.*

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# Start Your Engines, But Check Your Antifreeze

By Bruce Headlam - NY Times  
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HERE is the chief difference between auto racing and auto racing on ice. If you spin a car 360 degrees on a dry track, your life will flash before your eyes. Do a 360 on a large frozen lake, and you just count the ice-fishing huts whizzing by until you slide to a stop.

Last weekend, 62 drivers from the Boston chapter of the BMW Club of America converged on southern New Hampshire to test their mettle on the surface of the frozen Newfound Lake, north of Concord, and the wipeouts were plenty. The club meets here a dozen times a year, weather permitting, and while no one feared going through the ice, which was fully two feet thick, the surface itself had them talking.

A subzero wind the night before had blown most of the snow off the lake, leaving a sheet of sheer ice smooth enough for the Ice Capades but seemingly impossible for drivers who wanted to steer their cars through an intricate course at speeds over 60 miles per hour.

Race? By 10:30 in the morning, the ice was so slippery it was difficult even to stand.

Among those who had gathered on a day when the temperature fell to just

above zero was Steven Bernstein, a business analyst from Queens, who has been a regular at the New Hampshire ice races for years.

"Let's put it this way: I drove five hours to get here, and I'll probably spend four and a half minutes on the actual track," he said. His car, a 1988 BMW 528, was probably the oldest in the race, and, he said, "the most maligned."

"My feeling is this: Rust makes the car lighter," he said while he tried to get a few drops from the frozen ball of dark liquid that had formed in his bottle of Diet Coke as he waited his turn at the starting gate. "Ice is the great equalizer," he said. "Tires matter, but horsepower doesn't mean a thing here."

Ice racing, in common with any basement game invented by bored 8-year-olds, would seem to be driven by supply rather than demand. You have a frozen lake, dozens of high-performance cars and, this being New Hampshire in February, long stretches of time with nothing else to do.

"Everybody does doughnuts in the parking lot when you're a kid," said Adam Wales, a ski instructor from Vermont, who by virtue of his bushy goatee is the only driver who might

look out of place at a 4-H meeting. "But that wears kind of thin after you graduate from college."

In France and some parts of Quebec, ice racing is a blood sport. Cars and even motorcycles race bumper to bumper around courses built like luge runs, and the last one to crash is usually declared the winner. By contrast, the New Hampshire event is a civilized one. (After all, this is one race in which the cars drive faster to get there than they do on the actual track.) Most of the drivers take their everyday cars onto the ice, and there was only one entry that looked remotely like a racecar.

One by one, the cars -- mostly BMW's, some Subaru, a handful of Audis, a Jetta and at least one station wagon -- lined up at the starting blocks and raced against the clock through a milelong course featuring several narrow gates, two straightaways, a twisting slalom and several tight, potentially disastrous corners.

Most of these drivers are used to pushing their cars at twice the speed on dry tracks, but that's precisely the point: to learn to control a car on a near-frictionless surface. People who love racing appreciate ice racing in the way that people who love baseball show up early for batting practice.

"You can practice exactly the same skills you need in racing slowly so that

your brain has time to process what you have to do," Mr. Bernstein said.

To test just how slowly the human brain can receive signals, I decided to try my own luck at ice racing, beginning on the practice course just south of the main track. For my first run, I borrowed a BMW from one of the racers, one with studded tires.

Slowly, I made my way through the first gate and toward the far turn, leaning with what I imagined was the weight shift of the car, skidding into the turn. "Not bad," I was told. Even if my speed was grandmotherly, my technique was sound.

Feeling better, I went back out to the practice track in the car I drove to New Hampshire -- a brand-new, electric blue PT Cruiser (not my own, of course: a rental). This was a mistake. I started more quickly on the all-weather radials but instead of leaning into the first curve, I spun once, twice, three times, trying to regain my footing like a deer in hockey skates.

I righted myself in time to approach the second gate but slipped again, this time shattering a frozen orange pylon while trying to steer in the direction of the skid, which is difficult, I discovered, when the car is going backward. By the time I crawled back to the parking area, I was told that the sight of an electric blue PT Cruiser destroying the practice course "had been noted."

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# We Bid Farewell to the M5



## BMW Press Release: Two Successful BMW Cars Bid Farewell To The Sports Car World: Production Of Z8 and M5 Soon To Be Discontinued

Munich, April 16, 2003... The immensely successful career of two sophisticated and sporty BMW models is gradually drawing to an end. The production of both the classic Z8 Roadster and the high-performance M5 Sedan is shortly to be discontinued. At the end of June 2003 the very last batch of these fascinating cars will leave the manufacturing plants at Munich and Dingolfing.

During the three years in which it was produced, the exclusive, unlimited short-run series of the BMW Z8 captivated around 5,700 customers worldwide, including the film hero James Bond, his action movie "The World Is Not Enough" bringing worldwide acclaim to this beautiful car. The Z8 also became enormously popular as a collector's car; it now adorns the garages of numerous classic car aficionados. At least three and a half times as many BMW M5s were produced at the Dingolfing factory: By the time production ceases, around 20,500 of these vehicles will have been manufactured and sold worldwide, making the M5, which was launched in the autumn of 1998, not only the first of its kind in the high-performance Sedan segment, but also the most successful. It's no surprise that the M5 has won numerous awards. Most recently, Automobile Magazine presented the M5 with Best Sport Sedan/Wagon in the editor's poll, for the fourth consecutive year: "BMW's soul-stirring M5 is...a 155 mph cruise missile dripping in luxury. Turn off the radio, shut down the cell phone, and pay attention. You're about to go for the ride of a century."

While 2,100 of the first generation M5s were hand-built between 1984 and 1987, the second generation was able to continue the success story with 12,000 vehicles manufactured from 1988 to 1995.

Thanks mainly to the integration of the current M5 model into series production of the 5 Series at the Dingolfing plant, it was possible for the very first time to produce more than 20,000 units of this fascinating car.

Same power unit, varying concepts. As well as having the same sporting characteristics, the M5 and the Z8 have one other special thing in common - they both have the same power unit. Their identical 5-liter, high-revving V8 engine developed by BMW delivers an impressive 394 horsepower and 368 lb-ft of torque. If you shift through the six-speed manual gearbox quickly, the M5 accelerates from 0-60 mph in 4.8 seconds. Being built almost entirely of aluminum, the slightly lighter Z8 does this classic sprint in a mere 4.7 seconds. Although both cars are equipped with the same power unit, they do differ greatly in terms of body design and concept. The Z8 presents itself as a fascinating, open two-seater, which was recently awarded the title "Classic Car Of The Future" due to its intelligently reproduced classic ambience. To drive it is to experience that authentic roadster feeling constantly accompanied by the sonorous sound of the V8 engine. It goes without saying that the Z8, currently priced at \$132,195, including destination, is equipped as standard with everything needed to experience immense power and comfort. The M5 - "The Businessman's Express" is what a British car magazine said of this car. This is a fitting description of this high-performance Sedan. The fast four-door car behaves just as well on the motorway as it does when tackling the Nürburgring's northern circuit. For \$71,095, including destination, customers can purchase a superior sports car that, in addition, offers convincing comfort.

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# 2003 NY BMW CCA Autocross Series Schedule

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Autocross IV: Saturday, May 24th, 2003

Autocross V: Sunday, June 28th, 2003

Autocross VI: Saturday, July 19th, 2003 (Advanced School)\*\*

Autocross VII: Sunday, July 20th, 2003

Autocross VIII: Saturday, Aug 9th, 2003

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# Start Your Engines, But Check Your Antifreeze (cont'd)

By 11:30, Mr. Bernstein was ready for his first run of the day. As he was counted down, he lowered his windows slightly to hear the engine and wheels better, then took off through the first gate. Unlike some of the newer cars, his car has a vintage braking system and no computerized traction control, so Mr. Bernstein has to do the math himself, pumping the pedals while making hundreds of tiny steering adjust-



ments.

For traction, most drivers try to catch their back wheels on the few drifts of snow, but Mr. Bernstein, who has studs on all four tires, just aimed for the gates. On the first straightaway, he got the needle over 60 before sliding -- nearly sideways -- within two feet of the first pylon.

After three rounds, winners in each division (broken down by a combination of car and tire) were determined by the two best times, minus two-second penalties for each orange pylon hit along the way. Mr. Bernstein's time in the first heat: 1:36, good enough for first in his division.

The ice races were started 20 years ago by Stan Jackson Sr., a former engineer from Massachusetts who now spends part of his retirement as an instructor for the BMW club, and his three children, Stan Jr., Sarah and Steve, all of whom were racing last weekend. But even at the age of 71, Stan Sr. can beat them all.

"People call our family the Icemen," Stan Jr. said (needlessly, since that's the name on the vanity license plate), "but my dad is the Iceman."

The Jacksons' favorite story about their father is the one about his second date with their mother: he took her along in an ice race, and when he got stuck in a snowbank, she had to get out and push.

"The most important thing is learning how to handle your car during the winter," said Stan Sr., who was idling in his wife's Subaru (license plate: NHLOV). He taught his children to drive (at age 12) by putting them on a patch of ice in the driveway.

Under Stan Sr.'s light foot, driving on ice seems to be governed less by rules than by shared values, in this case the values of the engineer, not the speed demon. On ice, control trumps power, which means that for one day the rust bucket can catch up with the Camaro, and most

of the casual talk on the lake is about adhesion limits and threshold braking.

Some drivers -- Stan Sr. calls them "hot shoes" -- just want to fly out of the gate and wipe out. "Sure, it's fun," he said. "It's spectacular." But eventually "they get tired of coming in last."

For Steve Bernstein, who lived in Belgium for several years and raced on tracks in Europe, ice racing throws into relief the two schools of driving: German (control) and American (chaos). It's not that Americans drive too fast, he said, it's that they are too individualistic, too antisocial in their cars (think Camaro), while Germans, even at high speed, are conscious of everyone else on the road. Here, driving is freedom; there, it's an industrial strategy.

"I've driven 145 on a German autobahn and felt completely safe, but at 50 m.p.h. on the Long Island Expressway, I feel out of control," he said.

But in Mr. Bernstein's second race, his inner American seeped out. Going around the final curve a little too eagerly, he slammed into a gate and finished the race with the orange pylon

stuck in his front wheel well. His time: a dismal 1:57, and after the race, he had to dash back out on the course to replace the pylon before the next racer came through.

The result left him tied with Steve Jackson, the youngest of the Icemen, going into the deciding match in the late afternoon. (Because there were so many wipeouts, there was only enough time for three heats in each division.) Lining up, he said he would need a clean race well under 1:40 to win. The first three-quarters of the course obliged until he came around the same gate he crashed before.

"Ugh," he grunted as his wheels gave out again, and although he didn't take a pylon home this time, he was disappointed with a 1:37. "I lost a few seconds there," he said.

After his run, Mr. Bernstein parked his car and made his way to the timekeepers' hut to watch Steve Jackson's last race. "He's got a good run going," he said a little dejectedly, as Mr. Jackson raced toward the final gate. Then, a small swerve, and the car hit a pylon: a two-second penalty.

"Not even close, dude," Mr. Jackson said to Mr. Bernstein, who then knew that he had won. But since he was staying with the Icemen for the weekend, he wasn't in a position to gloat. He did put his palm upward in a miniature "raise the roof" gesture. That's as close anyone got to trash talking: on the ice, you never want to be completely out of control.

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By Sherwin DeShong

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If you think that these two scenarios are not clear cut and open to debate, it may be time to refresh your driving knowledge of New York state law and review some safe driving practices. On Saturday, March 22, I attended the AAA Point and Insurance Reduction Program. This course, which runs at least six hours (required by state law) is an ideal way for a seasoned driver to discover how much they may have forgotten since they first took the written test and then became licensed drivers. The class was mostly videos with our instructor, retired police officer Luthy bringing his years of law enforcement experience to the class to drive home certain points as well as keeping the class involved. While this may not be the best way to spend the better part of a Saturday, the cost (subsidized by the nybmwcca) was nominal, the class was full, (we had to turn away quite a few members who wanted to register at the last minute) and when class was over, up to four points (moving violations) would be forgiven from your license, in addition to qualifying for a 10% discount to the base rate of your automobile insurance for the next three years. Not bad for one Saturday afternoon. And in case you were wondering, in case 1 that was 3 points and case 2 was 4 points. So don't be an easy victim get, a refresher and be informed.



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- May 18th - Tech Session, Open Board Meeting at Recondition USA
- May 24th - Autocross at the Nassau Coliseum
- June 7th Tech Inspection Opportunity for Watkins Glen Drivers School Participants at Lynmor Motors
- June 23-24 NY Chapter and Patroon at Watkins Glen
- June 28th - Autocross at the Nassau Coliseum
- June 29th - SummerFest at Habberstad BMW Huntington
- July 19th - Advanced Autocross School at the Nassau Coliseum
- July 20th - Autocross at the Nassau Coliseum
- August 9th - Autocross at the Nassau Coliseum
- September 7th - 8th Annual Great Marques at Old Westbury

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