

# Bayensenerica National Capital Chapter MW Car Club of America



# Calendar of Events



#### JANUARY

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#### EDITORIAL

# Misfirings

ant! Pant!pant! Pantpantpantpant! Pantpantpantpantpannnttt!!!!." The sounds filled my head; over my helmet communicator, I could easily make out the unmistakable utterances of the unsuspecting being involuntarily pushed up to the vestibule of

Death. "Oh my! Ohmyohmy!! "How're you doin' over there?" I asked as I sailed under the bridge at around a hundred twenty and eased into Turn 1 "Oh my God! Oh mmmyyyGGGoooddd!!!" he whimpered as we dropped down through Turn 2 and on into Turn 3. "Hey Tom, you still there?" "PantpantpantohmyGodpantpantohmyohmy..." he answered as we entered Millstone Straight, his voice being high-pitched and sounding distant, as if emanating from the afterlife. I looked over, just to ensure he was really there. He was. As stiff and motionless as one viewing the final screening of his very own life, his right hand of a pallor matching the Pearl Beige of the grab handle from which the life was being strangled. It was his first time around a racetrack at speed. I just hoped the 6er's leather seat didn't need shampooing... "Want me to go fast now?", I asked.

I initially noticed Tom in that sandbox which serves as Bridgehampton's Paddock. He was parked next to me with the factory stereo cranking out some insipid Kenny G-like tunes and spiffying up his new green 328is — actually, he was running a terrycloth towel in the crack between the bumper and the body! The paint was disgustingly too clean and perfect; being a reactionary, I purposely allowed oil to drip from the dipstick and onto my front fender while checking the oil. As he flitted amongst the new M3s and other E36s I discovered the horrible truth: this guy was my student!!! (Cue music to Bernard Herrmann's Theme to Psycho Shower Scene, please).

My pre-school interview with Tom seemed to confirm my fears: *"I already know how to drive fast, I just want to do it on a racetrack!"* "Any modifications made to the car?" *"Not yet, but I want to buy a chip, do the suspension. 17-inch wheels, blah, blah, blah.....blah, blah, make the car go faster!"* "What tire pressures are you running?" *"Fifty psi all around!"* Oy! This is gonna be some day... Tom insisted I drive his car in the new student orientation session. While waiting to go out I looked around the interior absolutely spotless. There was bottled water in the cup holder (Evian?) And coins in the console's coin holder (Wha? A proof set?). I nitpicked. "You have to remove all of this stuff from the door pockets. And the glove box. And the back seat." Finally underway, I drove several laps around the track at a sedate speed, pointing out all of the landmarks that I use when I'm out there. How much he absorbed from the demo ride was unknown, and at the end of the session I got the distinct

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# PRESIDENT'S CORNER

• anna win \$100?? Here's the catch. Sign up as many members as you can!! Yes, that's right. In conjunction with the National membership drive, we are beginning our membership push also. You will see an ad in dB with all the details so get a move on. Our chapter

membership is just over 2400 people. Remember our goal for the next year is to bring in another 300 into the fold. I know I am preaching to the choir when talk of the treasure chest of benefits that membership in the club brings — a slick 100 page monthly national publication that centers on the marque, a bi-monthly 30 to 40 page local magazine, discounts, discounts, discounts and most important – BMW people!! But, you don't have to own a BMW, just be enthusiastic about cars, any car!!

The countdown continues as Oktoberfest nears. Don't forget, as well as the standard fare of O'fest events we will be hosting a BMW Club Race at Summit Point on 14 August. If you have never witnessed the spectacle of high performance automobile racing this would be an excellent time to start. We need volunteers also, so please come on out and see what the National Capital Chapter is all about.

As O'fest approaches we haven't forgotten the multitudes of you out there that want to just gather at some place nearby to admire one anothers fine automobiles and talk BMW stuff. The Deutsche Marque Concours is fast approaching and in preparation for that annual event Paul Vessels is putting plans together for an informative tech session on April 27 at Passport BMW. See you there!!!

It's time to begin getting the car ready for another season of spirited driving. Won't you join us in our love for these beautiful cars? Until next issue . . .

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impression that he thought that this drivers' school thing was a piece of cake. "Alright", I said, "it's now time for the Instructors to take to the track. Grab your helmet and I'll give you a ride..."

Actually, my worst fears were not fulfilled, and by the end of the day I was pleasantly surprised. Sure, Tom initially exhibited all of the typical first-timer's terrors and his first two track sessions were the archetypical sort that cause premature graying of instructors' hair, but by the afternoon he was driving pretty well and pretty fast, better than my intermediate student, as a matter of fact, and having a ball, too. He was so excited that he rushed home and broadcast his day's experience over the Internet. Here's some of what he had to say:

"Just completed day one of the NY Chapter's Bridgehampton school. Wow. This was my first track event ever, and the experience was amazing. After taking a few slow laps around the 2.8-mile 13-turn circuit in my car, my instructor took me out for a hot lap in his 635CSi. Never in my life have I experienced such terror and excitement at the same time. I mean this guy was a master, it seemed as if the car never slowed down and always exited turns like it was shot out of a cannon. And the speed he carried approaching imminent hairpin turns was mind boggling! Anyway, after a terrible first run group where I seemed to do everything wrong, I finally began to find the line that he was trying to describe over the helmet-mounted earphone. He then asked me to narrate my own lap over the microphone, pointing out all the little turn-in points, marks in the road to remember, distant focus points, etc... By the third run group I was exiting turns at full-throttle and having a ball! The high point was when I was given the point-by (permission to pass) by a Porsche 928 on the turn just before the main straight ... I passed him at 4500rpm in third and took it to redline...and hit 4th....and shot past the main pits and gallery on the main straight at 125mph (he saw 125; the needle was pointing a little under that., ed.). Quick look in the rear view...yep...all the heads were following me...what a feeling...the weather was 58 degrees with not a cloud in the sky...perfect. I hope tomorrow is as fun as today."

You have at least two more opportunities to be amazed and terrified by this or any other master: 20-21 July, and 10-11 August, with the New York and New Jersey Chapters, respectively. Be there and be scared. Or not.

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- Even before the Martinis are gone, ads from would-be Z3-speculators are oozing from the classifieds. A scan of The Washington Post lists four, ranging from \$35K to "best offer over \$38K". The New York Times on Sunday, 31 March lists ten of the 'lil 007 sleds available, either immediately or soon. Prices range from a low \$34K up to \$37.5K. Act now! Be the first in the Hamptons to be seen in one! The public is most likely stirred, not shaken, knowing that, in a year, these same classifieds will list the same number of Roadsters, most likely in the \$25K range. Anyone wanna buy a Miata?
- According to The Washington Post, Washington-area residents drive four times more BMWs than the national average and drink more straight whiskey than any other metropolitan area (hopefully, not simultaneusly) while ranking near the bottom in purchases of large appliances and last in the purchase of lottery tickets.



• Formula One racing will not be coming to Virginia, at least not to Culpeper. James Lazor, president of Benton Ventures, the track's developer, failed to come up with the remaining \$1.6 million still owed on the 425 acre site, thus allowing the lands's re-acquisition by Lee Sammis at a Culpeper foreclosure

auction. Sammis had planned to sell the land to the Association for the Preservation of Civil War Sites, but that deal may fall thru due to internal strife within that organization as well as the fact that the group doesn't have the necessary funds to purchase the land.

- Higher speed limits mean more smog. That's the contention of the Environmental Protection Agency in a memo circulated in February. If every state adopted a 65mph speed limit, nitrogen oxide emissions, a main component of smog, would rise at least 5 percent, warns the EPA. To offset this increase, states would find it necessary to reduce pollution from other sources.
- It's apparent that the State of Maryland won't be clearing the air very soon. In March, the Maryland General Assembly decided to delay implementation of the controversial "treadmill" emissions tests for another year, citing both software problems and motorists' fears of test station employees operating their vehicles.



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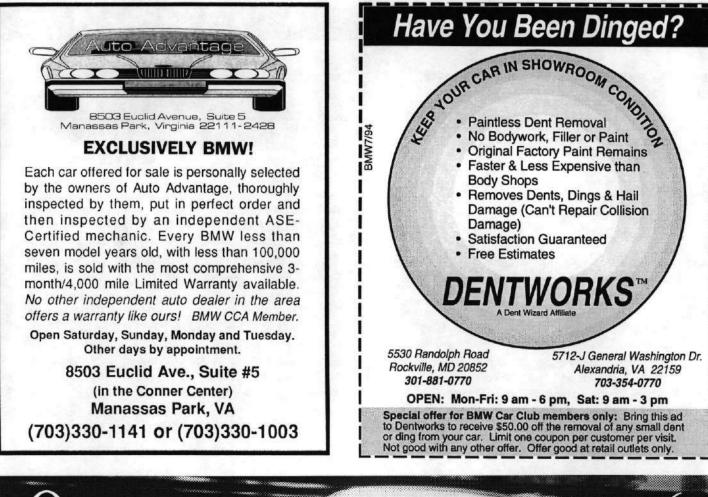
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#### DEUTSCHE MARQUE CONCOURS

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Sunday, 5 May 1996 Evans Farm Inn McLean, VA Time: 9:00AM

It's that time again, folks! Get out the rags, polish, and toothbrushes as the 13th Annual Deutsche Marque Concours is upon us, once again at the picturesque Evans Farm Inn in McLean. This will be a "Top Only" concours and will include a "Display Only" class in which cars will not be judged but will be subject to a People's Choice vote. This event should be an invaluable tune up for the upcoming Oktoberfest Concours in August. The P-club boys are bragging that they really outnumbered us the past few years; let's show them this year! For you first timers, don't be shy! It's easy and lots of fun and the "old hands" in the Club will give you some pointers to make your car really shine for the judges. And you drivers' school types, you're invited, too! Questions? Contact the Concours Chairman, Paul Vessels, at (202) 726-7971 for more info.

Directions: Evans Farm Inn is located at 1696 Chain Bridge Rd in McLean, VA. Take 1495 to Exit 11A (Chain Bridge Rd East/ McLean). Turn right onto Great Falls Street (Rte. 694) then left back onto Chain Bridge Rd. From DC, take 166 West to the Dulles Access Road West and exit at Rte. 123 East (Chain Bridge Rd). Turn right onto Great Falls Street and then left onto Chain Bridge Road.

#### HIGHWAY SAFETY SCHOOL

Saturday, 11 May 1996 Jefferson Circuit Summit Point Raceway 7:30 am

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Join us at the new Jefferson circuit at Summit Point Raceway nearby in West Virginia for our annual Highway Safety School. This car control clinic is offered only once a year and is an excellent way to learn why BMWs are such great handling cars. If you're planning to attend a drivers' school or an autocross for the first time. this is an excellent way to start off - it's low speed and you'll receive top-notch personal instruction covering all facets of BMW control. Even if you're an old hand at driving, you'll learn something new about your car or yourself, guaranteed! And, it's a load of fun, too! Speaking of fun, why not register for the Not-really-Maifest Drivers' School on Sunday, 12 May, and immediately put to practice your newlyacquired skills (as well as get another dose of thrill and excitement!). So fill out the application form and send it in quick!! **Ouestions?** Contact the Registrar, Rob Woolley, at (301) 929-3BMW, evenings before 9:59, please. Flash! Plans are underway for a dinner after the Highway Safety School. Please check the Hotline for the latest info. And, don't forget Radial Tire Company's raffle for the set of tires to be

held at that time, too. See the entry form in the March-April *dB* or visit Radial Tire Company in Silver Spring. For directions to Summit Point see below...

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#### NOT-REALLY-MAIFEST DRIVERS' SCHOOL

Sunday, 12 May 1996 Jefferson Circuit Summit Point Raceway 7:30 am

Once again it's May, and what better time is there to partake in our traditional Maifest Drivers' School? Actually, the official Maifest school is the last weekend in June, but we're holding our unofficial Maifest school on 12 May on Summit Point's new 1.1-mile Jefferson Circuit, where everybody had such a great time last November (it's not the size that counts, but the excitement you get from it!). This one will fill up fast, so fill out and return that application quick! Questions? Call the Registrar, Rob Woolley, at (301) 929-3BMW, evenings til 9:59 please.

Directions to Summit Point Raceway: From No. Virginia, take Rte. 7 West towards Wincbester. Continue past Berryville, VA. Just past Berryville turn right onto Rte. 632. Follow to end. Turn right at "T" onto Rte. 761. Continue to next "T" and turn right. Summit Point Raceway will come up shortly on your right. Follow signs to the Jefferson Paddock. From Baltimore, take 170 West to U.S. 340 West into Charles Town, WV. Continue straight onto Rte. 51 West in Charles Town. Bear left (go straightest) at the three-way stop onto Summit Point Rd. Summit Point Raceway is about 8 miles on your left. Follow signs to the Jefferson Paddock.

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#### BMW CCA/PCA AUTOCROSS

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Sunday, 19 May 1996 Time: 8:00AM Registration and Tech Prince Georges Community College

On Sunday, 19 May, the National Capital Chapter and the Potomac Region PCA will sponsor a joint autocross at Prince Georges Community College. There will be a morning practice heat and an afternoon "official" heat. Registration and tech start promptly at 8:00AM. The morning runs will be your official runs if you decide not to make your afternoon runs. This is a great low-key event for beginners who'd like to improve their driving skills and also learn more about their car's handling characteristics. Experienced autocrossers will be on hand to provide guidance and insight to beginners. To request an instructor or to learn more about the event, contact David Lassalle at (301) 317-1461 evenings. The price for the event is \$13. Directions: Take the Capital Beltway (1495) to Exit 17 East towards Upper Marlboro (MD Rte. 202 East). Go about 4 miles and turn left into PG Community College.

# COMING EVENTS

#### JEFFERSON 500 -CORRAL AND RACES

Sunday, May 19, 1996 Summit Point, WV Time: 9:00 am

At the peak of Spring's activities, Summit Point Raceway will host the Fifth Annual Brian Redman's Jefferson 500. The activities start on Friday, May 17 and on Sunday, BMW of Fairfax will once again sponsor the National Capital Chapter's annual corral. As usual, we'll have a prime spot outside of Turn 7 where we'll have another fantastic barbeque! Yes, all Club members are welcome to join us at lunch for Mr. Barbecue's special treats. Throughout the day, many of our club members will have their fine BMWs on display.

The Jefferson 500 continues to gain momentum as one of America's premier vintage events, this year honoring cars that drove the great long-distance races like LeMans and Sebring.

There's more! The singleseaters are back, featuring thundering Formula 5000s, Formula Twos, Formula Atlantics and a few Indy Cars from yesteryear.

Other car clubs will also have their corrals including the Ferrari, Porsche, Lotus, Morgan, and Alfa Romeo clubs. Therefore, in order for the BMW CCA to have the largest turnout, we invite you to attend along with your "mechanical wears".

Summit Point is in beautiful bloom in May. Don't forget! Your BMW CCA membership card gets you a \$5.00 discount at the gate. On Sunday, May 19th, the gates open at 7:30 am. Warm-ups begin at 8:00 am and the first race starts at 10:00 am. Give Ed Bernard (event coordinator) a call at (301) 421-0877 if more information is needed. General information is always available on the Club Hotline.

See you there!

#### COBBLE MOUNTAIN TOUR & BAVARIAN DINNER

Sunday, 9 June 1996 Tour starts from: Cantina del Rio Parking Lot Route 123 North & I 66 Time: 1:30PM

Mark your calendar, we will tour the eastern slope roads of the Shenandoah Mountains this afternoon. Our stopping point, for draft German beer and early supper (if you care to join us), is one of the finest German restaurants in Virginia. We have our own dining room — an upstairs rathskeller. While we have an open menu, the Boehmische Rindsroulade (top round steak rolled around ground veal and bacon in a paprika wine sauce), and the Huhnerbrustchen Baden-Baden (boneless chicken

beast over apple stuffing, glazed with orange sauce) are outstanding! To make the tour of our BMW roads more interesting, an element of competition is made optional for each car. Your tourmeisters will give you directions and a map along with a set of questions that may be answered from information that may be gathered from your BMW along the journey. The top three cars will be recognized. Reservations are suggested for dinner. Call Bill Caldwell and Mary Hill, your tourmeisters, at (703) 534-3528 to reserve a place now!

Directions: Cantina del Rio is located at 10449 White Granite Drive. From the Beltway (1495) in Virginia go west on 1 66 to the interchange of Route 123 (Chain Bridge Rd), take the exit for Route 123 North. Stay in the right lane, and at the first stop light, turn right onto White Granite Drive. Turn right next opportunity at 10449 - Cantina del Rio - and come up the short driveway into the parking lot. The tour will began at 1:30 p.m. sharp, with the directions, map and questions banded out shortly before that time. For those members further west, please call and we will give you a location where you may join us and still compete, as we have a short transit leg to our eastern slope roads.

#### FATHER'S DAY AUTOCROSS

Sunday, 16 June 1996 No. Virginia Community College, Manassas Campus Time: 9:00AM Tech and Registration

Finally, a lot for ourselves! It's been a long time since our Club has had an NCConly autocross. This is an opportunity to see and run on the site of the upcoming Oktoberfest 96 autocross. We'll have two heats. morning and afternoon, and you can register for either one or both. There'll be one practice run and four timed runs with fun runs after each heat if time permits. We'll be using our own classifications rather than the SCCA's. The cost is only \$15 for Club members. For those of you new to the sport, we'll have instructors on hand to give you their secrets for winning, contact David Lassalle if you'd like an instructor. If you'd like to help out, we could sure use your assistance for this event, give David a call. Since it's been a while that we'd had our own event, and since the location is great, we expect a big turnout. So, come on out and share the fun! Directions: From DC take 166West and exit onto Rte 123 North. Look for the sign to the campus. The entrance to the campus is about " mile on the right on Rte. 123.

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# COMING EVENTS

#### MAIFEST DRIVERS' SCHOOL

Saturday-Sunday 29-30 June 1996 Time 7:00AM Summit Point Raceway, WV

Lemme see, it's June, darn near July, and we're having a Maifest Drivers' School?? Confused? Don't be. If you need an explanation, it's because of this being a leap year (yeah, that's it!) Anyway, we've decided to move the whole Maifest celebration back to this weekend; there'll be a two-day school on the big track(!) as well as the big Saturday-night dinner, just like the old days! So don't miss out. Fill out the application extra quick - we're expecting a huge demand because lots of people want to get familiar with the track before Oktoberfest! Don't want to drive but want to attend the dinner? You can do that, too, but we'll have to know in advance.

Questions? Call Rob Woolley at (301) 929-3269 evenings before 9:00PM, please.

#### JULY JUBILEE - CLUB PICNIC, FAMILY DAY & GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Saturday, 13 July 1996 Carderock Park, MD Time: 9:00 am

In lieu of January's snowed out Holiday Party, we're having the July Jubilee which will be a rain-or-shine, allday event in the large open pavilion at picturesque Carderock Park in Great Falls, Maryland.

We will have food, volleyball, softball, music, children's activities, lemonade, ice cream, and more food. Hopefully, we will have BMW's 1997 models on display, and, for you serious members, maybe even test drives. Our park permit allows you to consume your own *refreshments* (beer or wine). Please feel free to bring your own beverages and/or your favorite board games.

To satisfy our competitive nature, perhaps a volleyball game – the "6 Cylinders" versus the "4 Cylinders". Or better yet, "The Big 6s" versus "Everyone Else".

Before lunch is served, we'll have a brief General

Membership Meeting, your opportunity to meet the 1996 NCC Board and the event chairpersons who've been working diligently to bring you these fine activities. We'll have a questionand-answer period along with a long-overdue awards ceremony to show our appreciation to those who've put in a lot of effort on behalf of the Club.

Carderock Park Pavilion is located on the Maryland side of the Potomac River and only a short walk from the C&O Canal and its scenic views.

Volunteers are needed! Give Ed Bernard a call at (301) 421-0877 to volunteer or for general information.

Don't miss this one!!!

Directions to Carderock Park.From Virginia: Take 1495 to Exit 41, Clara Barton Pkwy, towards Carderock/ Great Falls, MD. Go 1/4 mile to the 1st exit. Turn left at the "Carderock Park" sign and cross the bridge. Go right until you reach the stop sign. Turn left into the parking lot. There will also be "BMW" signs along Parkway pointing you in the right direction.From MD: Take 1495 to Exit 41. Continue as above.

#### BMW CCA/MWCSCC CHAMPIONSHIP AUTOCROSS

Sunday, 7 July 1996 NSA Lot, Ft. Meade, MD Registration & Tech opens 8:00AM Come one, come all to the annual MWCSCC Championship Autocross hosted by the National Capital Chapter. The site is the large NSA lot at Ft. Meade, MD. It's a lot of fun and this event will be a great tune-up for the O'fest autocross. Historically, this one fills up really fast, so pre-register with David Lassalle at (301) 317-1461 eves. The cost is \$12 for Club members, \$16 for nonmembers.Entrants may be asked to help out for one heat. If you don't want to drive but would like to watch, why not help out? We could use your help, too. Call David at the above number to sign up. Directions from Baltimore: Take the Balto.-Wash, Parkway (Rte. 295) south to the NSA employees' entrance. Turn right at the first light. Parking will be on the left. From DC: Take the Balto.-Wash. Parkway (Rte. 295) North to MD Rte. 32 East. Bear left at the first light. Parking is on the right.



# **BMW CCA - NCC Drivers' School Application**

- First priority given to BMWCCA members, on a first-received basis.
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- Applications will be accepted in writing only on this form. One applicant per form. Photocopy as needed. Mail early! No entries accepted within one week before the event!
- One driver per car is recommended. Student familiarity with car is very strongly recommended. Proof of insurance liability coverage for the applicant's vehicle is required with this application. Please enclose a photocopy of your current policy ID card.
- All cars must be tech-inspected by a qualified service facility prior to the event. A properly completed tech inspec-tion form (supplied) is required for entry. It is your responsibility to ensure that your car is safe and roadworthy.
- All cars must be quiet and street-legal and must have a passenger seat. Functional, securely- attached lap and shoulder belts are required for both front seats. Both front seats must have equal restraint systems, i.e., if the driver's seat has a five-point harness the passenger seat must be likewise equipped.
- No rental cars allowed.
- No motorcycles, trucks, vans, SUV's, and convertibles allowed only in Highway Safety School. Only convertibles with an SCCA-Approved roll bar are allowed entry. A Snell M85-rated (or later) helmet is required. SA-rated helmets are *strongly* recommended. The Snell sticker will
- be found inside helmet. Please bring your own helmet.
- The Chapter reserves the right to decline entry to any individual or vehicle deemed unsafe or unsuitable for track **Revised 2.96** use.

Indicate school(s) below:

March 23 & 24 (Members: \$240 Both Days / \$135 Per Day)	•Non-members add \$35 per day
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for cancellations

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- October 14 (Columbus' Day School) (Members: \$135)

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#### **ROB WOOLLEY**

#### **BMWCCA-NCC** Driver's School

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Questions? Call Rob Woolley at 301-929-3269 eves, before 10 p.m.

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Phone #s: Work ( )	Home ( )			
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#### Workers and crew are welcome... however students May Not give rides. Let us know if you are bringing someone who may help cornerwork!! Thank you!

Experience - List any and all previous Drivers' Schools you've attended as a student. Indicate previous Summit Point experience.

#### PLEASE PHOTOCOPY FROM MAGAZINE.

## PAST EVENTS

# Auto Sportsystems Group "Do-it-Yourself" and Driver's School Tech Session

A spring begins to bloom the morning dusting of snow nearly spoiled our session. But, the snow didn't stop us as many car enthusiasts are beginning to exhume their cherished Autobahn burners for another season of fun and frolic...

On March 2, the Auto Sportsystems Group service facility was opened to those members and prospective members of the National Capital Chapter for a "Do-it-yourself" and Driving School Tech Session. Cars began rolling in at 9:00 o'clock sharp. The efforts and extreme patience of the Auto Sportsystems Group Technicians that volunteered their time on that Saturday did not go unnoticed. The fantastic facilities and friendly staff consisting of Geoff Schwarz, Ray Polacki, and Taylor were great! Geoff, the owner of Auto Sportsystems Group, is truly an enthusiast himself to allow 15-20 BMW "fanatics" onto his hallowed ground, multi-million dollar service facility with all of its great equipment. Thanks.

The type of work performed was as diverse as the myriad of beautiful Bimmers that were brought in for a once-over – a 2002, in for brake caliper work, an E-21 320, E-30 and E-36 3-series, and an E28 5-series. Basic of automobile maintenance tasks, i.e., engine oil, differential fluid and transmission fluid changes, were accomplished. Due to the number of participants, we were limited to available lift time, but everyone got an opportunity to finish the jobs that really needed to be done. Everyone pitched in to make this a great "Spring is near" event.

A special thanks to Dwight Derr, who teched a number of cars in preparation for the "Frostbite" Driver's School in March. Without him we would not have been able to make this event a success for the participants and Auto Sportsystems Group.

Mike Gayle



# NEWS FLASH!!!

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e now have an Internet presence with schedules and contacts. Try our URL for your Internet cruising pleasure.

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Anyone who knows of an interesting happening in our area that may be of interest to other Club members may drop us a note to post on the board. It can also function as a suggestion box, especially for the upcoming Oktoberfest. Classified ads for dB may also be submitted painlessly. When planning your weekends, check the web site for ideas.

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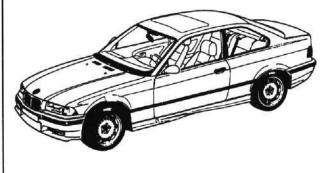
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How a cheap pick-up evolved into a sado-masochistic, I-break-you/youhurt-me relationship

By Dwight Derr

At speed at NHIS. Note the required "halfway up" driver's window.

*ust sell. Cheap.* The ad carried a tinge of desparation. The previous week those words were absent and the wording was like the typical classified offering: *1984 633 CSi A/C, sunroof, leather interior, 5 speed. \$13,000.* Now there was this new wrinkle...

It was the Spring of 1992, and at that point in time, had no success finding a good 535i, my first choice. Although the price was more than I wanted to lay out, I called and made arrangements to look at the car. And so, off to Potomac I went. The car sat on the front lawn, rather than in the driveway, and a Day-glo hardware store "For Sale" sign was stuck in the rear skylight. I was skeptical of the owner's sales strategy; it seemed rather odd that the car was there and I wondered if more than ten people passed it each day as it was buried deep in the bowels of middle-class Potomac, far removed from any traffic.

I rang the doorbell, it went unanswered. This gave me the opportunity to scrutinize the car further. It was straight but not really clean. There was no evidence of collision damage — all of the panels were unrippled and appeared original — although the car was repainted above the beltline, and not a very good paint job, either. There was no rust, the rockers and wheelwell lips were all excellent. Underneath, everything was dry and clean. The 16" alloys were dirty and in need of polishing and the Pirelli P7s were dry-rotted, they would need replacement. The interior was in good shape; the leather seats were dirty but there were no wear scuffs or

cracks and it didn't appear that the stuffing was falling out. After the owner arrived, I looked over the car a little further and took it for a test drive; the motor was strong and didn't blow any smoke but the suspension was weak and there was some slop in the steering, not too bad for eight years and nearly 100k miles of driving. There wasn't really anything woefully awry. The owner, just out of school, explained that he was selling the car because he was told by a repair shop (one working exclusively on BMWs) that he'd need over four figures to bring the car up to snuff and he didn't want to put the money into it (he bought it because it looked neat). Finally, I asked what he wanted. "Twelvefive", he said, adding that two others were ahead of me. I countered with eight bills, literally spreading eight onethousand dollar bills on the table. He didn't take the bait and I left, wishing him luck.

About ten days later I received a call, asking if I was still interested in the car. I said I was, but not for his price, citing the amount of work it needed. He said he'd take ten-five. I said I could only give him "eight-five, *cash money*". After a long pause I heard a faint "Okay". *Cash money* always seems to strike the right nerve ending in young Republicans. "I'll pick up the car on Thursday." Driving home that Thursday I made a mental list of what to do with the car. First would be the basic: new plugs, filters, fluids, belts, hoses, adjust the valves, dash lights, exterior lamps, etc., etc., etc. — just get the thing streetable. Over the next couple of months an attack plan was formed based on what I thought

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the car needed and what I needed the car to do. The underpinnings needed immediate attention: new rotors and pads, new control arms with beefed up bushings, new steering linkage, and on and on. New tires were called for and although it was a "no brainer" it was a toss-up between the AVS Intermediates and the A008Gs, which were readily available at the time. I went with the 008s, the only justification being they were better suited for the track and for parking lot cone-avoidance exercises, two screwball afflictions I have. These afflictions also obviated the riddance of the pillowy, Charmin ride the 6ers came to acquire. From a priori knowledge, I knew what not to do: because there isn't much difference between a mushy ride and a mushy ride an inch lower to the ground I immediately ruled out the eye yuck! and the other progressive-rate springs, they're for the pretenders who want that so low look. Suspension Techniques was my choice for the springs and for the sway bars (I wish I could've gotten some of the Heim-jointed slider-adjustment bars, though, but they were NLA). For dampeners again there was no question - Koni Gas-adjustable Sports. Period. (The Bilstein Sports are okay if all you were to drive was Road Atlanta with its smooth asphalt.) The Konis, I knew, availed me the opportunity to finely balance the car's attitude for each and every track and autocross application. And they could be dialed waaay back for New York Avenue, too. Try that poor excuse for a road with the Bilsteins and you'll drive right past Marion's car without seeing it!

By now the Six felt noticeably more roadworthy, and,

coincidentally, more fun. The driveshaft was beginning to ping so it was rebuilt using greasable and replaceable u-joints for less than a new shaft. A new guibo and reinforced shift mounts were thrown in as well as a Blonde Motorsports short-shift kit (a good kit with all new linkage, and new couplings with bronze bushings, too.) Definite improvements, all. Oktoberfest '92 rolled around so the trek to Florida was made. The driver's school at Sebring was fun, although the real thrill was being on track with all of the BMW Motorsports cars on instructor practice day. Nothing beats the roar of a GTP car passing you on Sebring's pit straight, except maybe dogging them, albeit momentarily, in the slower turns. We all passed a few of the race cars, too (they ran like crap early on, having not been run for years). It was a thrill, nonetheless. O'fest '92 was the six-boat's maiden autocross, too. Save for a fuel starvation due to a weak auxiliary fuel pump, it managed a third place in the 6-Cylinder Prepared Class behind fellow Chapter member Don Whitaker's M5 and a tricked-out 325is. And this on non-sticky rubber, too.

1993 found the Six (and me) at both autocrosses and track events with greater frequency. The car felt comfortable at both venues; autocross finishes were usually no worse than third in class, again on street tires, and the car held its own on the track. Most were surprised that such a big car moved around so well. "The course isn't that difficult at all.", I'd reply. A new lower ratio limited-slip differential was a big improvement, helping the nearly two-ton pig move a little

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quicker from rest and a set of 8.5"-wide wheels with appropriately wide track tires was acquired to prevent the waste of valuable momentum in turns. By now the increased track and autocross usage was reflected in the service regimen. Brake pads were replaced more often, as were the oil and lubricants. Front sway bar links seemed to go with regularity, both sides needing replacement twice that year. Eventually, all of the swaybar mounts needed repair and reinforcement (honestly, BMWs were never designed to be shod with race rubber and flung around a racetrack without some sort of beefing up.) The pesky auxiliary fuel pump was also replaced, and with it went the sporadic, yet always inopportune fuel starvation malady. Other items replaced were the fan clutch, water pump, CV joints, and the service interval board nicads, solving a couple of instrument cluster glitches. Front brake rotors were replaced after nearly 30K miles of hard (insane?) usage. A mild rear ender dictated the replacement of the cat and exhaust system, unfortunate since both

were in great shape after all of this time, a testament to OEM quality.

1994 saw a sharp increase in track and autocross participation, and with it an increased pace in the service regimen. Service fell into two categories: maintenance or to replace items seeing increased stress. Falling into the latter category were another guibo replacement, another set of

support arms, hub replacements, a new diff mount, and more front stabilizer links. The rod bearings and oil pump were replaced and after a suitable break-in interval a switch to Mobil 1 was made. This allowed the oil pressure to come up a little more quickly and gave me a little more piece of mind at the track. Also, to reduce stress on me, a Sparco Supersport seat and real seat harnesses were installed. No more would I have to peer over my left shoulder to see where I was going when rounding the Carousel at Summit Point. Maintenance included brake caliper rebuilds, lots of brake pads, lots of motor oil, and more brake fluid flushes than would seem rational. The tally at year's end showed no major breaks but two autocross class championships, an O'fest autocross class win, and nearly thirty track days for the 10 year-old blue pig.

In 1995 the pace became even greater, although driver's schools greatly outnumbered autocrosses, and the increased activity less than subtly took its toll on the 11-year old car. Sway bar links were still replaced like clockwork, but now bigger things were beginning to go, too. The steering box attachment on the front subframe broke and needed welding and reinforcement. The clutch was finally replaced, after 175K miles (!), not due to wear but due to contamination by gear lube from a leaky input seal in the transmission. The brake accumulator (bomb) went, the symptom being an

urgent need for lots of brake pedal pressure, and the urgency necessitated by the fact that the symptom appeared at the end of Mid-Ohio's main straight. And then came the weekend from Hell, down at Road Atlanta, where, first the front nose gets rearranged in the parking lot, my student loses it, a strut tube fractures, luckily on a cool-down lap, demanding a replacement be scrounged and installed in the Paddock on Sunday evening (I drew a nice crowd of spectators, too), and a valve burns, forcing me to drive Audi-style through the night, and with no heat due to a stuck heater valve, up to Winchester, and arriving an hour or so before our Columbus Day school. Not even a cold beer was of any relief (not that morning, that evening!)

Well, after weeks of scrounging for all of the necessary parts, the motor was replaced with a big-valve 3.5 liter, the job being finished an hour before leaving for Bridgehampton! The weekend was, surprisingly uneventful, although I did



Apexing Road Atlanta's Turn 4.

notice that, while on the track, my left hand stayed on the steering wheel more often rather that gesturing out of the driver's window. All was well, or so I thought. Later that week, after unloading the car, I noticed a bit more negative camber in the rear. Upon closer inspection, I was aghast to find the rear subframe fractured just inboard of the right trailing arm. It let go completely just a few yards

from the repair shop. It was eventually replaced, just in time for the Winter from Hell.

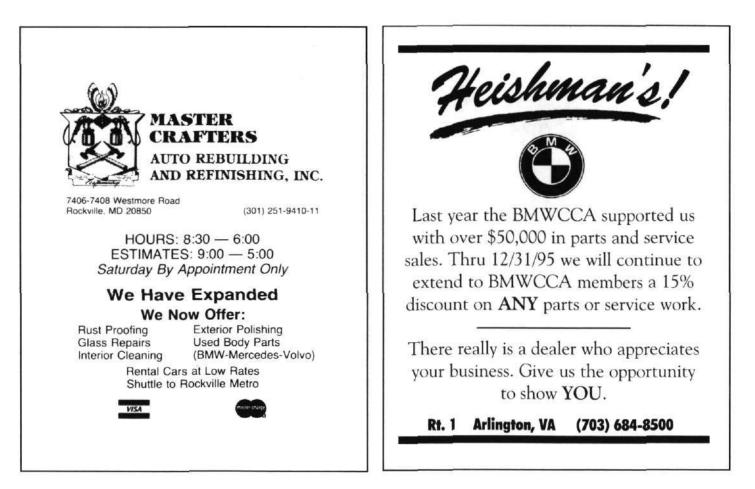
Now it's 1996, and so far I've had to re-weld and reinforce a front sway bar mount, the right strut tube began to crack and needed replacement and reinforcement, an engine mounting arm needed replacement, and the CV joints needed re-greasing. This in addition to the regular oil and lube changes. 750iL front brakes were installed, a vast improvement over stock, and a revamping of the rear brakes is under consideration, as well as a refurbishing of the limited slip. And then maybe there's the exhaust system work, since the cat innards are somewhere in the rear muffler, unless they fell out of the cracks. And maybe I'll get a chip, and then....

I guess it'll never end, unless I take up knitting as a hobby instead.

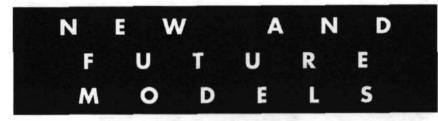
*Postscript.* Many, many thanks to Don Miller at Blue Ridge Sports Cars, Ltd., who never ceases to be amazed at what I need repaired, and usually at the last moment, to Tommy of Tommy's Specialties, who's always had the part I've needed, and all of you Chapter members who I've preyed upon for aid and comfort throughout. You'll probably be hearing from me soon... Extraordinary personal attention to meet the needs of the discerning driver. Service by factory trained BMW experts. Professional service by professionals. Huge parts inventory. Car stereo. Accessories. Body and paint repair specialists. The best in used cars. And, of course, complete leasing services. The ultimate dealer for the ultimate driving machines. Virginia dealer license #976.

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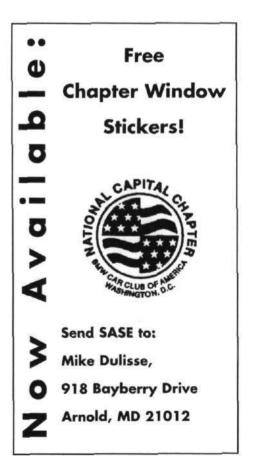




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Dear BMW CCA members,

On behalf of the National Capital Chapter, I'd like to invite you to Oktoberfest '96. It's been 20 years since Oktoberfest has been held in the National Capital area, and a lot of things have changed around here (Jimmy Carter has gone home to Georgia, for example). We'd like to show you what's new. As BMW CCA's second-largest chapter, we'll try harder to guarantee an exciting, event-filled week.

The Washington, D.C., area is unique: the White House, Congress, monuments, history, art galleries, museums, shopping, and a wide variety of driving terrain, from the Appalachian mountains in the west to the Chesapeake Bay in the east.

In addition to Washington's attractions, we've got a full O'fest schedule planned. We'll have the drivers' school at the famous Summit Point circuit, a safety school that includes a "slide car," and even a club race! The rally will pass through the beautiful Virginia horse country, and the concours will be held at the scenic Evans Farm Inn. You'll have plenty of opportunities to socialize with old and new friends in BMW CCA. There's so much to do and see, you may want to extend your visit.

Come join us, and participate in a Washington Happening. We urge you to register early, particularly if you plan to participate in the drivers' school, as we have only 160 slots available. We look forward to seeing you in the Nation's Capital!

Yours in Speed, Jennifer Nazarko, Oktoberfest Chair

#### SCHEDULE

Sunday, August 11 Registration Tech Inspection Welcome Reception

Monday, August 12 Drivers' School Autocross Motorsports Reception

Tuesday, August 13 Drivers' School Autocross Dessert Reception

#### Wednesday, August 14 Gymkhana

Safety School Trashsports Radio-Controlled Cars Club Race Monumental Evening

Thursday, August 15 Safety School TSD Rally Pool Party

#### Friday, August 16

Concours d'Elegance Swap Meet Awards Banquet

#### **Ongoing Events**

Registration Vendor Exhibits Tech Sessions Tours & Sightseeing Trivia Contest Scavenger Hunt Fun Rally BMW NA Test Drives

#### Headquarters

The headquarters hotel is the Sheraton Premiere, located at 8661 Leesburg Pike in Vienna (Tyson's Corner), Virginia. The Sheraton Premiere is only 20 minutes from downtown Washington and offers shuttle service to and from Dulles International Airport every hour on the hour. It features two pools (indoor and outdoor), two bars, and two restaurants, as well as shuttle service to the Washington subway and the Tyson's Corner shopping center. We've obtained rates of \$85 per night for Oktoberfest '96, a discount of 40 percent from the normal room rate. To make your reservations, call the Sheraton at **(800)572-ROOM** and mention BMW CCA for this special rate.

#### **Events**

The **Drivers' School** will be held at Summit Point Raceway in West Virginia, a little over an hour from the Sheraton. The fee for the drivers' school is \$100 (\$125 after July 1), and we can accommodate 160 students, so be sure to register early. Each student will have one instructor for the day, and the curriculum will include classroom and skidpad sessions. For information on instructing, call the Oktoberfest hotline at (301)681-UBMW.

The **Safety School** will be put on by Car Guys, Inc. Each session is half a day long and features classroom sessions, lane-change and braking exercises, and time in the "slide car." The safety school is a great opportunity to learn about handling skids, stopping quickly and in control, and reacting to obstacles. The fee for the safety school is \$40 (\$50 after July 1); we can accommodate 48 students per day, so sign up early.

The **Autocross** will use the standard Oktoberfest car classification system. When you register, we'll send you a car classification form, which you must bring with you to when you register with us at the Sheraton. Cars are divided into groups based on model and then into preparation level based on how much they've been modified. Non-BMWs are welcome but are not eligible for trophies. Your confirmation packet will tell you which day you're scheduled for the autocross.

The **TSD Rally** is a simple, trap-free event run through the Virginia horse country west of Washington. The first half of the rally will use closed controls (where you just drive past the control without stopping), and the second half will use a Monte Carlo format, where you're given the mileage and time to each control and the challenge is to pass the control (again without stopping) at exactly the right time.

The **Concours d'Elegance** will be held at the Evans Farm Inn, approximately 3 miles from the Sheraton. Standard Oktoberfest classes (Clean, Super Clean, and Concours) will be used. If you would like to judge the concours, call Paul Vessels at (202)726-7971. The **Gymkhana**, as well as the **Trashsports Carnival** and **Remote-Controlled Car** event, will be held on a parking lot at the Tyson's II shopping center, a few blocks from the Sheraton. These should be a lot of fun for everyone. To participate, just sign up at these events.

The **Photo Contest**, **Model Car Concours**, **Tech Sessions**, and **Vendor Exhibits** will be held in the Sheraton's Junior Ballroom throughout the week. To enter the photo contest or the model car concours, sign up and submit your entries at registration. The deadline for entries is noon on Tuesday, August 13. For information on vendor exhibits and tech sessions, call Mike Gayle at (703)451-9192.

The **Fun Rally, Trivia Contest**, and **Scavenger Hunt** can be run any time during the week. Instructions will be included in your registration packet; to enter, just follow the instructions and submit your entries by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 15. Sign up for **BMW NA Test Drives** at the desk in the hotel lobby.

Please indicate which of the **Social Events** you'll be attending when you register. We'll have receptions on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday evenings and meals on Wednesday and Friday nights. The cost of these events is included in the registration fee. Thursday night, we'll gather by the Sheraton's indoor pool to swap stories (you're on your own for food and drink).

#### Regalia (Merchandise)

Please order merchandise when you register. Supplies are limited: if you don't order in advance, we may run out of some items during the event. All of the following bits of memorabilia sport the Oktoberfest '96 logo, and prices include sales tax:

Item	Colors	Sizes	Price
T-shirt	steel blue	S - XXL	\$ 12.95
	coral mist	S - XXL	\$ 12.95
Polo shirt	white	S - XXL	\$ 32.95
Zippered			
helmet bag	royal		\$ 25.95
Folding track	3773		
chair	black		\$ 59.95
Hat	khaki		\$ 12.95
Mug	white		\$ 12.95

#### Check us out on the Internet

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# **R**EGISTRATION FORM

Registrant (please print clearly)

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Cancellations will be accepted prior to July 15, but will be assessed a \$25 service charge. No refunds after July 15. If you have questions, call the Oktoberfest hotline at (301)681-UBMW.

#### Co-registrant (please print clearly)

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□ TSD Rally	Monumental Evening	TSD Rally	Monumental Evening			
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Children - names and	ages of any younger BMW fa	ns you're bringing with you	:			

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# Autocross

We will follow the standard Oktoberfest classification rules. Your registration packet will include an autocross classification form. Please fill it out and bring it with you when you register at the event.

## **Concours d'Elegance**

Please circle the judging class you intend to enter. Entries are limited to one in each class for each registrant.

#### **Judging Classes**

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Class	3	Models	Regis	strant	Co-re	gistrant
Micro	cars	250, 300, 600, 700	SC		SC	
Vintag	ge/pre-war	All 1929-1962	SC		SC	
Post-	war V-8s	501, 502, 503, 507, 3200	SC		SC	
1962-	-1976	1600, 1800, 2000, 2002, 2500, 2800, Bavaria, 3.0S	CL	SC	CL	SC
1975-	-1990	3, 5, 7 series, M-3, M-5	CL	SC	CL	SC
1990-	-1996	All except coupes	CL	SC	CL	SC
Coup	es	2000CS, 2800CS, 3.0CS, 630, 633, 635, M6, 850	CL	SC	CL	SC
M1s		M1s	CL	SC	CL	SC
Conc	ours	Any post-1967 BMW	CN		CN	
Motor	rcycles	All	CN		CN	

## **Drivers' School**

The event chairman will make final run-group decisions. Sorry, no convertibles, trucks, or motorcycles.

Registrant	Co-registrant		
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Other driving experience	Other driving experience		
Run group requested:	Run group requested:		
Advanced Intermediate Novice	Advanced D Intermediate D Novice		
Sharing a car? With whom?	Sharing a car? With whom?		
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# *Woody's* Competition

BY WOODY HAIR

ur Chapter's event in the Metropolitan Washington Council of Sports Car Clubs (MWCSCC) championship autocross series will be coming up on July 7 It will be held on the large National Security Agency parking lot at Fort Meade. That's midway between Baltimore and Washington. Over 100 entries will be competing and you should be there too. More information will be in the coming events section of this newsletter.

I hope you are aware of the on-going battle/dispute/conflict between CART and the newly formed Indy Racing League. Each organization's 500 mile race that are both scheduled for May 26 should make the whole world aware. Without getting into details of how this came about, or why CART's IndyCars are far and away the best of the two series, let me mention that the IRL will be using stock-based 4-liter engines in 1997. Both Oldsmobile (Aurora) and Nissan (Infiniti) have stock engines that have been adapted to racing in IMSA's WSC and GTS series and they plan to provide engines for the IRL. BMW also has a 4-liter V8 that was rumored to be developed for the IRL, but they have said no' for 97. I wonder why there was a BMW V8 block sitting on a stand in the engine room at Tom Milner's Prototype Technology Group shop in Winchester this past January? Incidentally, sometime-Milner BMW team driver John Paul Jr. and Davis Racing BMW 325i driver Robbie Buhl (IMSA Showroom Stock

series) are both competing in the IRL series. And to end the BMW-Indy car connection, Andre Ribeiro, winner of the first-ever IndyCar race in Brazil, used to drive BMWs in touring car races.

BMWCCA's Club Racing program continues to grow. As of this writing in April, fifteen club races are scheduled for 1996, each being hosted by a different chapter. Most are part of a driver school weekend, but one (Windy City at Road America) is part of a Midwest Council race weekend, and one (Badger Bimmers at Road America) will fill the weekend with lapping sessions for experienced driver school participants. The race being put on by your National Capital Chapter is on the third day of Oktoberfest, but totally separate from the two days of driver school. The expenditure of big dollars is starting to show up in this program. The first

race of the year at Sebring was won by an M6 that was reported to have been given to Steve Dinan with a blank check and the instructions to make it a winner. You can expect to see an M3 Lightweight appearing in nearby events soon. This will not be your ordinary 240 hp Lightweight, either. Under the hood will be a 320 hp Euro M3 engine fitted by Prototype Technology.

AutoWeek reports that Nelson Piquet will come out of retirement to drive a BMW-powered McLaren F1-GTR at LeMans next month. Piquet, who won the Formula One World Championship in 1983 with a Brabham-BMW, was nearly killed in a crash at Indianapolis several years ago. Other McLaren drivers at LeMans are to include ex-Formula One driver Jacques Laffite and ex-F1 and Indy Car driver Danny Sullivan.



Concentrating or mentally undressing a spectator?

# COMPETITION CORNER CALENDAR

#### MAY

5	SCCA MARRS Races, Summit Point, WV
11-12	BMW CCA Driver School, Jefferson Circuit, WV
19	Jefferson 500 Vintage Races, Summit Point, WV
19	BMW CCA/PCA Autocross, location unknown (tentative)
25&27	IMSA WSC/GTS&SCCA Trans-Am/WC/Barber Dodge
	North American Touring Cars, Lime Rock, CT
28-29	BMW CCA Club Race, Lime Rock, CT

#### JUNE

2	SCCA Champ Autocross, Frederick, MD
2	NASCAR Winston Cup, Dover, DE
9	SCCA MARRS Races, Summit Point, WV
9	SESCA Champ Autocross, Ft. Meade, MD
9	IMSA WSC/GTS, Watkins Glen, NY
16	BMW CCA NCC Autocross, No.VA. Comm. College, Manassas
16	Branded Club Rally, DC Area
16	Formula One, Montreal
16	NASCAR Winston Cup, Pocono, PA
29-30	BMWCCA Driver School, Summit Point, WV
29-30	IndyCars/SCCA Trans-Am, Cleveland, OH

#### JULY

7	BMWCCA Champ Autocross, Ft. Meade, MD
14	SCCA MARRS Races, Summit Point, WV
21	NASCAR Winston Cup, Pocono, PA
28	VW Club Champ Autocross, Ft. Meade, MD

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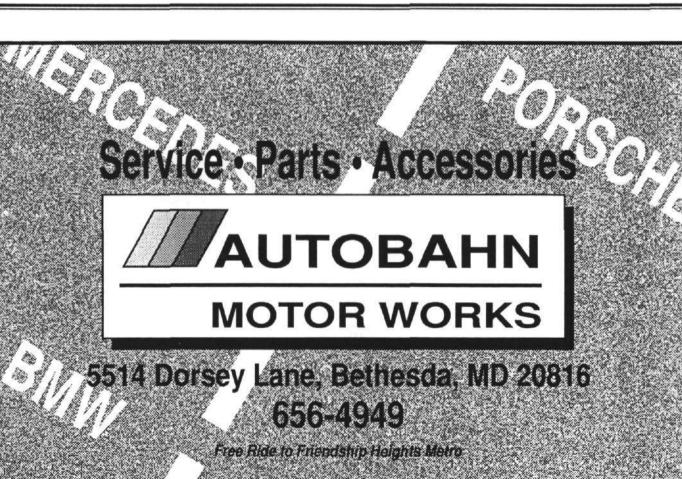
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> R. Adam Hausmann Joppa, Maryland



# Welcome New Members!

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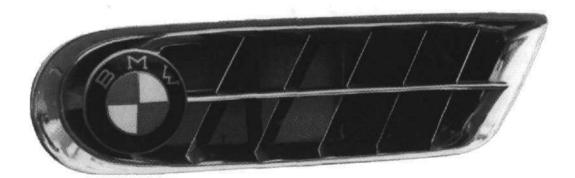
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RALPH ADAM	1991 325i		BENJAMIN GINSBERG	1995 740i		
NORA AFTEL	1992 325i		RAY GOINS	1986 M6		
ROBERT AFTEL	1992 325i		PHILIP GORMAN	1980 528i		
JOSE ALICEA	1994 325is	Tom Hix	GARSON GREEN	1990 535i		
MARBELLA ALVAREZ	1994 318i		TERRY HAINES	1995 318ic		
GEORGE ANDERSON	1996 325 1996 328	Patrick Donahue	BEN HARRIS	1993 325i		Auto Advantage
PAVEL APRELEV	1995 M3		BETH HAZUDA	1987 325i		Martin Homac
KENNETH B ARMOR	1986 528e		DANA HEARN	1987 325ic		
ANDY ARNOLD	1995 M3		ERIC HIRSCHHORN	1996 318is		Paul Vessels
DAVID ARTHUR			SCOTT HOLDEN	1973 2002tii		
ALBERT G AUSTIN	55		SHARON HOPSON	1995 525i		
DORIS BABCOCK		Paul Vessels	RICHARD P HORA	1995 M3		Edward Aitkenhead
JOHN C BABCOCK	1995 318ti	Paul Vessels	JOHN HOWLAND	1995 M3		
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SUSAN BROOKS	1989 325ic	Anthony Brooks	LARRY E JORDAN	1995 M3		James McCloskey
PHIL BRUBAKER	1979 635CSi		ALEX KARLIN	1991 325i		
SHAWN STEVEN BULLARD	1988 325is	Heishman BMW	CLIFFORD KAVANAUGH	1994 535i	1991 325	
DAVID BURKE	1983 533i		SUZANNE KAVANAUGH			
JAY CASALE	1995 325is	Ron Buchalski	MIHANNAD KHATIB	1972 2002tii	i.	
ANTHONY CHAPPELL	1993 325is		WILLIAM KIM	1991 318is		
BERNIE CHLOP	1985 M635		NANNIE PEARL KING	1985 318i		
LEONARD COHEN	3.04 05-59		WILLIAM KOWALYSHYN	1995 M3		
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DAVID CURRAN	1986 735i		SARA LILYGREN	1995 M3		George May
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ROBERT DELAUNEY	1994 540i		JOHN R LYNN JR			David Lynn
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DAVID C FRANKLIN			TERRY A NAGI		1996 525	i Heishman BMW
WILLIAM A GAFFNEY			STEVE NASH	1990 325i		
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BY JENNIFER NAZARKO

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Oktoberfest is doing well, with around a hundred registrants in only the first few weeks in which registration has been officially open. I've sent mine in as well...Obviously, you still have time to register, but I suggest you do it now and avoid the late fees. I also highly encourage you to stay at the Sheraton, the official O'fest headquarters, so that you don't miss any of the fun and excitement, i.e., the parties and festivities. The rate is extremely reasonable for the quality of the accommodations, food, and service. A note to our volunteers: We haven't forgotten you! Thank you if you've sent in a form or have called. You should receive a confirmation notice regarding your status, and indicating the event(s) for which we're asking your assistance. Please be sure to R.S.V.P. as requested so that we can complete our planning. Again, Thank you so much!

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