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National Capital Chapter

BMW Car Club of America



# 2003 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## JANUARY

- 18 **Annual Winter Tour to PTC (Winchester, VA)**
- 19 **Holiday Party (Vienna, VA)**
- 25 **DIY BMW of Fairfax**
- 26 **3rd Annual Super Bowl GoKarting event (Sterling, VA)**

## FEBRUARY

- 22 **DIY BMW of Fairfax**

## APRIL

- 12 **NCC autocross school**
- 12-13 **Drivers' School @ Summit Point Raceway (Summit Point, WV)**
- 13 **Gokarting @ Allsports Grand Prix (Sterling, VA)**
- 26-27 **Spring Tour (Monterey, VA)**

## MAY

- 3 **DIY at Dr. John's Motorsports (Sterling, VA)**
- 4 **Deutsche Marque Concours**
- 4 MGs of Baltimore & SCCA present Dust Off (Howard Co. MD) <sup>(1)</sup>
- 5-8 Susan G Komen Ultimate Drive
- 5 Passport BMW (Marlow Heights, MD)
- 6 BMW of Silver Spring (Silver Spring, MD)
- 7 BMW of Sterling (Sterling, VA)
- 8 Northwest BMW (Owings Mills, MD)
- 10 **Evening of Baysox Baseball (Bowie, MD)**
- 17 **Mid-Atlantik '02 Fest IV (Carlisle, PA)**
- 18 **12th Annual Jefferson 500 (Summit Point, WV)**
- 23 SCCA present Crab Cakes Night Rally (Frederick, MD) <sup>(1)</sup>
- 24 **NCC Autocross #1**
- 24 SCCA present Soft Shelled Crab (not for beginners) (Frederick, MD) <sup>(1)</sup>
- 25 SCCA present Hard Shelled Crab (not for beginners) (Frederick, MD) <sup>(1)</sup>
- 31 **Drivers' School @ Jefferson Circuit (Summit Point, WV)**

## JUNE

- 1 **Drivers' School @ Jefferson Circuit (Summit Point, WV)**
- 7 **Tech Session Alexandria Bavarian Service (Alexandria, VA)**
- 7-8 Allegheny BMW @ BeaverRun (Big Beaver Borough, PA) <sup>(2)</sup>
- 8 Porsche Club & SCCA present Cumberland National Road Rally (Cumberland, MD) <sup>(3)</sup>
- 8 **NCC Autocross #2 (MWCSCC Championship)**
- 14 **New Members' Party (BMW of Sterling, Sterling, VA)**
- 21 **Tech Session at Wagonworks**
- 22 Branded & SCCA present Summer Fun Rally (Germantown, MD) <sup>(3)</sup>
- 29 **Mountain Thunder Summer Tour**

## JULY

- 4-6 Tarheel BMW Driving School @ VIR north course (Alton, VA) <sup>(1)</sup>
- 12 **NCC Autocross #3**
- 26 **DIY Curry's Auto Service (Ashburn, VA)**

## AUGUST

- 2 **Evening of Baysox Baseball (Bowie, MD)**
- 9 **Highway Safety School @ Jefferson Circuit (Summit Point, WV)**
- 9 **Fun Rally: What the Point Rally? Free food (tentative)**
- 10 **Drivers' School @ Jefferson Circuit (Summit Point, WV)**
- 16 **DIY at Dr. John's (Sterling, VA)**
- 23 **NCC Autocross #4**
- 30 Branded & SCCA present Catootin Monte XIII (Frederick, MD) <sup>(3)</sup>
- 31 SCCA present Get the Dust On (unpaved, Frederick, MD) <sup>(3)</sup>

## SEPTEMBER

- 6 **Shenandoah Concours (Edinburg, VA)**
- 7 **NCC Autocross #5**
- 20 **DIY at Dr. John's (Sterling, VA)**
- 20 **Gokarting at Allsports's Grand Prix (Sterling, VA)**
- 27 **DIY Curry's Auto Service (Ashburn, VA)**

## OCTOBER

- 5 MGs of Baltimore & SCCA present MGs Fun Rally (Cockeysville, MD) <sup>(3)</sup>
- 5-11 **Oktoberfest (Austin TX)**
- 12 SCCA present Rapidan On Time (Lahore, VA) <sup>(3)</sup>
- 18-19 **Drivers' School @ Shenandoah Circuit (Summit Point, WV)**
- 25 **NCC Autocross #6**
- 25 **ChapterFest**
- 26 SCCA present Pumpkin Puzzler II (Hunt Valley, MD) <sup>(3)</sup>

## NOVEMBER

- 1 **DIY Curry's Auto Service (Ashburn, VA)**
- 2 **Fall Tour**
- 8 **DIY at Dr. John's (Sterling, VA)**
- 14-16 Tarheel BMW Driving School @ VIR north course (Danville, VA) <sup>(1)</sup>
- 15 **NCC Autocross #7**

<sup>(1)</sup> Tarheel Chapter <http://www.tarheelbmwcca.org>

<sup>(2)</sup> Allegheny Chapter <http://www.alleghenymbwcca.org>

<sup>(3)</sup> Branded Rally Club of MD <http://www.branded.org>

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## P R E S I D E N T ' S

# Message

BMW By the Numbers. The 5th generation of 3 Series is scheduled for production at the end of 2005. In addition, BMW is still planning on releasing the new entry-level 1 Series in 2004. Rumor has it that the 2-door (coupe) version of the 3 Series will actually be named the 4 Series. Look for an M4 with a V8 and an M5 with a V10. This would mean that the BMW product line would include 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 Series, not including the M3, M5, X3, X5, Z4, and Z8 models (and MINI). The good news is that you have many good choices. The bad news is that you'll probably want (need) more than one.

BMW NA and BMW CCA have announced continuation of the BMW CCA Membership Rewards Program. The program offers CCA members rebates of up to \$1,500 on the purchase of new and certified pre-owned BMWs through authorized BMW Centers – Note that M3 and M5 vehicles now qualify for this rebate. This should help after you've decided that you need more than one BMW (see above).

BMW CCA has also announced the 2002 Charity Matching Funds awarded to the various chapters. Twenty-two (22) chapters participated in the 2002 program, collecting over \$68,000 for a wide variety of charitable organizations. National paid \$20,000 in "matching" funds. The greatest amount collected was by the Iowa Chapter, who collected an amazing \$12,527.65!! Sadly, the NCC did not participate in the 2002 program. I would very much like to participate in the 2003 program. We can participate through the program that I mentioned in my previous President's Message (the food drive). You can bring cans to each event or you can make donations by cash or check. You want a target? How about \$5 per member? That would generate nearly \$25,000. Again, this is a purely voluntary program and is designed to help the community.

Make your plans now to attend our national O'Fest 2003. It is being held in Austin, TX between October 5 and October 11. The host hotel is the Hyatt Town Lake – Austin. A long drive? Yes, but: a) it's closer than last year's event which was in Denver; b) it's closer than the 2004 event, which is planned for Southern California; and most importantly, c) you have a BMW – it was made for driving – just do it! For event registration, look in the *Roundel* or check the CCA website at [www.bmwcca.org](http://www.bmwcca.org). For hotel reservations, please call Hyatt at 1-800-233-1234 and mention BMW for the group rate.

Finally, don't forget to look at our 2003 Calendar of Events. We have numerous driving schools, autocrosses, concours, DIYs, rallies and tours scheduled for your enjoyment. New Members – we have a special event just for you on June 14 (see details in this issue). Come out and meet your Board and talk to fellow car nuts.

Get out and DRIVE!

Rafael Garces

# Letter from the Editor

Well let's see...what to talk about in this month's column...oh, how about...

I'M A DAD!

Nathaniel Edward Williams (we're calling him Nathan or Nate) was born on Monday March 17th, 2003 at 8:01 PM. He was 7lbs 8oz at birth and 20" long. He's gaining weight well and has passed his first couple of check-ups with flying colors. Mom and Dad are overjoyed, if a little tired.

We brought him home from the hospital in our pre-owned 2001 325xi SportWagon that we picked up at Auto Advantage in Manassas, I'd like to thank Mike Ward for the great service over there.

My wife, Robyn, was very attached to her E36 Convertible, but we knew it would not make a good kid-hauler, so we started looking for a wagon in January. Regular readers of my column know I have an E30 325iX that I love, and we wanted to also have all-weather capability in the primary youngster-toting vehicle, so the natural choice was the All Wheel Drive xi Wagon.

This is my first E46 and I have to say this newest version of the stalwart 2.5tr is terrific. It's listed as having 184hp, and there are a number of Wagons on the market with more power (the Passat W8 with 270hp comes to mind), but with double-vanos the delivery is smooth as silk. Robyn wanted an automatic, an idea I wasn't wild about but couldn't really argue with either. After driving it, though, I consider the Steptronic 5sp the best feature of the car. It shifts very smoothly, keeping the revs up in the power band, and when you switch it to sport mode you can have a lot of fun in this car. Finally, 2001 and newer BMWs have the LATCH (Lower Anchors with Tethers for Children) Child Safety Seat System, which makes installation of the baby seat a breeze.

In closing, and without getting too political (which is somewhat difficult for me), I'd like to extend my heart-felt thanks to our military personnel overseas and their families here who keep the home fires burning. The selfless way in which you sacrifice for the good of our country is truly remarkable to behold, you make us proud to call ourselves Americans.

Have Fun, Be Safe!

Rob Williams

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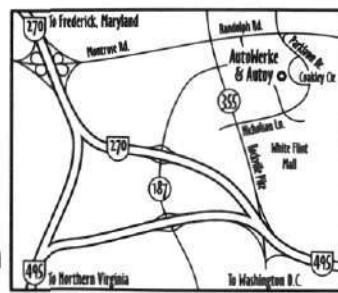
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**DIY Technical Session at Dr. John's Motorsports****Saturday, 3 May, 2003****Time: 8:00am to 2:00pm**

The National Capital Chapter of the BMW CCA will continue the DIY (Do It Yourself) program for 2003.

**Program Overview** - The DIY program is primarily intended for maintenance and repairs that you can complete within a three-hour time period. All Club members are expected to bring their own tools, and to perform their own work. Each participant is expected to buy all parts from the event sponsor (if the DIY is held at a dealer). Club members usually enjoy a 10%-15% discount at the dealer. By purchasing parts at the sponsor, we provide an incentive to host an event. There are usually several NCC members and technicians, provided by the sponsor, who can assist when an extra pair of hands or some advice is needed. We are routinely happy to show newcomers the joys of working on their own cars. If you need a special BMW tool for your repair, be sure to include a note to that effect with your registration form, and understand that we cannot guarantee its availability. We have the use of a limited number of service bays with lifts. Each participant is expected to immediately clean up any spills, as well as ask first before dumping any liquids.

**Registration** - The NCC must receive the registration form at least three business days prior to the event via US postal service only. This allows enough time to consult with you about the work you plan to do and order any parts you need. Acceptance to an event will be first-come-first-served, and we will maintain a waitlist. The cost of registration is \$20. Please make checks payable to: NCC BMW CCA. Please include one separate check for each event for which you are registering. Participation is on a strict registration basis through NCC only; please do not contact the event sponsor. The NCC will notify you that you have been admitted to an event, as well as discuss the repair or maintenance. **Mail registration applications (on page XX) to: Jon Taillon, 2704 Curzon Ct., Vienna, VA 22181.**

Dr John's Motorsports is located at 203 Holly Avenue East, Sterling, VA, 20164

**20th Annual Deutsche Marque Concours****Sunday, 4 May, 2003****Nottoway Park & Hunter House Vienna, VA****Time: 9:00am to 3:00pm**

So, winter's barely over, and you're itching to pull the cover off your baby, wipe her down, and show her off! Well, you can do just that at the National Capital Chapter's 20th Annual Deutsche Marque Concours. This year's Deutsche Marque promises to be extra special as we celebrate its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We will have T-shirts available this year, and every participant will receive a commemorative dash plaque. Oh, and the trophies...they are special anniversary awards that look terrific!

As in the past, the National Capital Chapter will co-host this event with the local chapters of the Porsche and Mercedes Clubs. Our location is once again Nottoway Park & Hunter House, located in Vienna, Virginia. This year we hope to have food vendors available for those who get hungry, and, of course, there is plenty of room for a casual picnic lunch as well as for kids to roam. As usual, the friendly rivalry between the three clubs continues as to which club will have the most vehicles on display.

Following tradition, this will be a "top only" concours, and we need all of our "concours regulars," as well as you shy newcomers, to get your cars spiffed up and bring them out to the show. Remember, it's not about who wins or loses. Concours is designed to promote the healthy care and feeding of your beloved BMW, with a little dose of friendly competition thrown in for good measure! For those of you who do not wish to get "down and dirty," there is a display/wash & shine class, where your car is voted on by your peers. For those of you who feel that it's "just a track car," wash that thing and bring it out, because there is a race car class that is also determined by popular vote (besides, if your car is clean, that should cut down on lap times due to less drag, right?). The event will culminate with our usual wine and cheese awards reception. One ticket for the reception is included in the package that each participant will receive at the event.

**\* Please note:** It should be known that a concours is an "all day event", quite a bit of time and money are spent in preparation prior to the show, as well as on the day of the event, by both the event planners and participants. If you enter the event, please be prepared to stay through the awards presentation. If your vehicle places in its class and you and the vehicle have departed, the award will be given to the next runner-up in class.

Additionally, please be mindful that **by order of the Fairfax County Park Authority**, cars not registered and displayed in the show should not be parked on the show field. The park has designated areas for non-participatory parking. Also by order of the Park Authority, alcoholic beverages will not be permitted on the show field; alcohol may only be consumed on the immediate grounds of the Hunter House. If either of these rules are violated, the clubs will be fined by the Park Authority...your cooperation is both expected and appreciated.

The entry fee is \$25.00 per car if pre-registered by April 28, or \$30.00 per car if you register after April 28 (including registering on location the day of the show). Registration includes one Wine & Cheese Reception ticket; additional tickets are available at \$10.00 each. There is no charge to attend the event as a spectator.

**Event schedule:**

8:30 A.M. Grounds open to show participants for placement onto field. 9:00 A.M. General admission to the public begins. 10:30 A.M. Judging begins. NOTE: Cars not in place and on the field by 11:00 A.M., without prior notice, will *not* be allowed to show. 3:00 P.M. Scores tallied / awards presentation. For pre-registration, please send the year and model of your car, along with your check, made payable to

BMW CCA / NCC, to:

**Paul Vessels****P.O. Box 1784****Washington, D.C. 20013**

*Directions: Take Interstate 66 west to exit 62 (234N Nutley Street, Vienna). Go to the third traffic light and make a left onto Courthouse Road. Go approximately 0.3 miles and turn left into Nottoway Park. The show field is on the left but should be entered from the side near Hunter House (the big yellow house on the left).*

**The Susan G Komen Ultimate Drive****May 5 Passport of BMW (Marlow Heights, MD)****May 6 BMW of Silver Spring (Silver Spring, MD)****May 7 BMW of Sterling (Sterling, VA)****May 8 Northwest BMW (Owings Mills, MD)**

For the sixth year in a row, BMW will partner with the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation through the BMW Ultimate Drive program. As part of the program, two fleets of special BMWs travel across the country to increase breast cancer awareness and raise funds for breast cancer research.

This year the event will be held locally from May 5 through May 8. Participants are invited to test drive one of the specially marked BMWs. In return, for every mile test-driven, BMW donates \$1 to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation and the fight against breast cancer. The test drives are free for the participants. There will also be lots of information on breast cancer awareness, early detection, etc. In addition, a community resident is honored for his or her work in the fight against breast cancer. To participate in the Ultimate Drive, just call 1-877-4-A-DRIVE or visit BMW's website [www.bmwusa.com](http://www.bmwusa.com) to make your reservation. You may also just stop by one of the events and drive, as there will be plenty of spots available.

**Take Me Out to the Ballgame****Saturday, 10 May, 2003****BaySox Stadium, Bowie, MD****Time: 7:05pm**

Bring your family and friends to BaySox Stadium to share a Saturday evening of fun with your fellow NCC members. Tickets must be purchased in advance to guarantee our reserved seating area. After the game, point your eyes to the sky to watch the fireworks display.

Tickets are \$11 each, send your check, payable to **NCC BMW CCA, to: Steven Schlossman, 18265 Smoke House Court, Germantown, MD, 20874**. Please include your email address and membership number on the check. Your tickets will be held at the Will Call window at Baysox Stadium. Tickets are limited, so send your check in early! The deadline is May 3rd; starting May 4th our reserved seats will be released to the public.

*Directions: Washington, DC, Northern VA, or Capital Beltway [I-495] Follow Capital Beltway or New York Avenue to U.S. 50 East (Exit 19A off the Beltway). Exit U.S. 50 at MD 197 South. Follow until it ends at U.S.*

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301. Turn left onto 301 North, then right at the first light into Ballpark Drive. Additional parking is available by turning right at the second light onto Governors Bridge Road.

Baltimore Beltway [I-695] Take Exit 4 [Route 97 South] towards Annapolis. Proceed to Exit 7 [Route 3 South to Bowie/Odenton]. Remain on Route 3 for approximately 11 miles. After passing under the Route 50 overpass, proceed to second traffic light and turn left onto Ballpark Drive. [Note: Route 3 changes to 301 South at Route 50.] Additional parking available off Governors Bridge Road. Turn left at first light south of Route 50.

Additional information and directions:  
<http://www.baysox.com> Questions? Email Steven Schlossman <[steven@happytogether.com](mailto:steven@happytogether.com)>

### Mid-Atlantik '02 Fest IV Saturday, May 17, 2003

This year's gathering of fans of "the car that started a cult" (the 1600 and 2002 in all their varieties) will be held at the Import-Kit/Replicar Nationals in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, on Saturday, May 17, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Last year, 75 '02s were on display, including sedans, cabriolets, and the rare 2002 turbo. The event includes the car show, "people's choice" awards, door prizes, and a chance for the faithful to gather after a long, snowy winter and compare notes on maintenance and modifications. This year, the Fest will have a special guest speaker, Ray Korman. All fans of the '02 are welcome. If you're bringing an '02, the registration fee for show field vehicles is \$15, payable to Carlisle Productions (<http://www.carsatcarlisle.com/Import/import.htm>); there will be a small additional fee to defray the costs of the '02 Fest. To register for the Fest, contact John Weese, the organizer (<http://im4bmwfreewebspace.com/index.html>). The '02 Fest registration fee includes an event T-shirt. To get there from D.C., Take I-270 to Frederick and U.S. 15 North from Frederick, then Pa. 94 North (becomes Pa. 34) to Carlisle. From Baltimore, take I-83 North to Harrisburg and then I-76 West or I-81 South to Carlisle. The fairgrounds are on Pa. 34 in Carlisle. Driving time is about two hours from D.C. or one and one-half hours from Baltimore. — David Roach BMW CCA #1982 "Molly" (Inka 1973 2002) "Elmo" (Diamondschwartz 1991 325ix)

### Jefferson 500 Vintage Race Corral Sponsored by TOYO Tires and Radial Tire Co. Sunday, 18 May 2003 9:00 am till last race

If you love vintage racing cars this is the place to spend your Sunday! From our vantage point between the carousel and turn eight you can see old bathtub Porsches and skinny wheeled Morgans sliding through the turns and dicing it out for position. If you get lucky you might even see a vintage BMW.

Thanks to our sponsors TOYO Tires and Paul Morcones at Radial Tire, members will be treated to our famous open pit

pig and chicken roast. This is one of the best events on the calendar, newcomers get to see what Summit Point Raceway is all about and the veterans come to share fish stories about this turn or that apex.

Tickets are usually \$25 at the gate with a \$5 discount for BMW CCA members. So don't forget your cards and your coolers, this is a BYOB event.

RSVP no later than May 1st to [M3EARLY@AOL.COM](mailto:M3EARLY@AOL.COM) or call 1-800-879-6778 and ask for Mike Early.

### New Members' Party Saturday, 14 June 2003 BMW of Sterling, Sterling, VA 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

One of our chapter's newest supporters will be hosting our annual New Members' Party once again. If you joined the Car Club within the past year, you are cordially invited to attend (you old-timers are more than welcome to join us as well). Raffle prizes will be awarded to attending new members.

Don't know anyone? It doesn't matter. Come meet some of our board members who plan and organize these exciting activities that our chapter, the largest in the U.S., puts on every year. Come to meet the other enthusiasts who share the same interests and passion for our cars, as you share with them some light fare and conversation.

Please RSVP no later than June 7, preferably by email, to Steven Schlossman at [steven@happytogether.com](mailto:steven@happytogether.com) or by phone at 202/478-0768.

*Directions to BMW of Sterling: From Baltimore, take I-95 South towards Washington to I-495W (Capital Beltway) to exit 45 (VA-267 Toll Road towards Dulles Airport). (continue below) From the Dulles Toll Road, take exit 9B (Route 28 North), towards Sterling. Merge onto Sully Rd. Turn left at Carmax onto Commercial Blvd. Or, from Route 7 West, take Route 28 South, go approximately 2 1/2 miles, turn right at Carmax onto Commerical Blvd. Go straight. Turn right onto Pacific Blvd. to 21826 Pacific Boulevard at the end of the street.*

For additional information see  
<http://www.bmwofsterling.com>.

### Tech Session at Alexandria Bavarian Service June 7, 2003 from 9AM to 2PM 416 East Raymond Ave, Alexandria, VA

Alexandria Bavarian Service will be hosting a tech-session/open-house on June 7, 2003 from 9AM to 2PM for NCC BMWCCA members. They will be dispelling the myths behind the BMW Factory maintenance schedule. What will really happen to your pristine Bimmer if you follow the service light in your instrument cluster? The techs at ABS will let us know. They will also provide information on real service intervals that will extend the life of your car.

Representatives for Mobil, Michelin, and a local BMW dealer will be on hand to provide additional insight.

All registration for this event will be handled by the NCC; please do not contact the vendor directly. Registration for this event will be on a first come first served basis, closing one week prior to the event. There is no cost for registration for this event. The NCC will notify you that you have been admitted to the event one week prior to the event. Please email Tech Session coordinator Jon Taillon at [jon\\_taillon@yahoo.com](mailto:jon_taillon@yahoo.com) to register.

### Tech Session at Wagonworks June 21, 2003 from 9AM to 2PM 3406 Jefferson Davis Highway, Alexandria, VA

Wagonwork Collision in Alexandria will host a tech-session/open house on June 21, 2003 from 9AM to 2PM for NCC BMWCCA members. Our hosts will demonstrate several auto body repair tasks on BMWs. First they will put a BMW on a frame machine to demonstrate how to repair a collision-damaged frame. Several dent removal techniques will also be shown including removing large dents without drilling panels as well as painless removal of door dings. The final step of the repair process will be demonstrated next as they put a repaired car through their paint booth, the booth has windows providing a great view of the process. Our day will conclude with advice from the experts on how to deal with insurance companies should you end up in the unfortunate position of having a damaged BMW. This promises to be one of the most interesting Tech Sessions of the year so register early. There is no need to bring a damaged BMW, all donor cars are provided by Wagonwork. Besides opening their doors for us, they will also be providing lunch.

#### Registration

All registration for this event will be handled by the NCC; please do not contact the vendor directly. Registration for this event will be on a first come first served basis, closing one week prior to the event. There is no cost for registration for this event. The NCC will notify you that you have been admitted to the event one week prior to the event.

Please email Tech Session coordinator Jon Taillon at [jon\\_taillon@yahoo.com](mailto:jon_taillon@yahoo.com) to register.

### Mountain Thunder Summer Tour Date: June 29, 2003 Time: 8:30 a.m. Starting from: Urbana, MD

This summer tour will be a little different. Instead of traveling the back roads to our destination, we will hit the open highway. We leave promptly at 8:45 a.m. where we will caravan along the interstates to our destination, the Western Maryland Station in Cumberland.

Once there we will pick up our tickets then travel back through time aboard the Western Maryland Scenic Railroad on the 1916 Baldwin 2-8-0, Mountain Thunder. From



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Cumberland, we will climb through the spectacular scenery of the Allegheny. A narrator will be aboard to provide us with information about the scenery, history and culture along our route.

The Scenic Excursion departs at 11:30 a.m. from the Western Maryland Station. The train returns to the Station at approximately 3:00 p.m. There will be a 90 minute layover in Frostburg where you may enjoy lunch, watch them turn the engine on a turntable, wander through the Frostburg Shops By The Depot, investigate the shops and restaurants on Frostburg's Main Street, and visit the Thrasher Carriage Museum.

We will be seated in one of the restored coaches. Coach seats are all located by large windows and seat two on either side of the aisle. Seating in the coaches for individuals is not reserved; it is on a first come, first served basis. Aboard the train there is a gift shop and snack bar, which have been converted from a

baggage car. There are plenty of photo ops at the Cumberland Station, on the excursion, and at Frostburg. A good time for kids, too.

Reservations must be purchased in advance. Ticket prices are \$19 per adult and \$10 per child. There are a few different choices for lunch. A sandwich shop is available in Frostburg while they "turn" the engine. Or you may want to bring a picnic lunch. Or you can go First Class for \$37.50/adult or \$17.50/child (which includes the train excursion) and dine in one of the restored dining cars or café car. First Class passengers are seated at reserved tables and Lunch is served aboard the train during the excursion. A cash bar is also available in each of the dining cars. Passengers will be given a choice of entree at the time the reservation is made. All menu selections must be received 24 hours prior to departure time. To order your tickets, go to <http://www.WMSR.com/tickets/newindex.html> or call 1-800-TRAIN-50. All tickets are held at the Ticket Office for pick up the day of your reservation.

On our return trip we will take the local route back home along the Baltimore National Pike.

Please make your reservations early and contact Steven Schlossman at [steven@happytogether.com](mailto:steven@happytogether.com) to let us know that you will be attending. If you have FRS radios, bring them along.

## Directions to the Start:

*From the Baltimore Beltway (I-695) take I-70 West to Exit 62 (Route 75). Turn left at STOP to follow Route 75 South. After 3.2 miles, turn right at STOP onto Route 80 West. Continue 4.3 miles, straight at traffic light (Route 355), through traffic circle, then left into the Park & Ride.*

*From the Washington, DC, Beltway (I-495) take I-270 North to Exit 26 (Route 80). Meet at the Park & Ride across Route 80. Gas, snacks and restrooms near the start. Additional information: <http://www.WMSR.com>*

**Charity Food Drive.** At every National Capital Chapter event this year, we will have a box for collecting non-perishable food items. This is purely voluntary and is not a requirement for admission to any event. All we ask is that in addition to the "regular" price of admission (if any), that you please bring one non-perishable food item. These will be distributed periodically to the Capital Area Community Food Bank in the name of the National Capital Chapter.

**Detach appropriate form below, enclose with your check, and mail promptly. Registration is via USPS only.**



## DIY Registration Form Curry's Auto Service - Saturday, July 26, 2003, 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Hm phone \_\_\_\_\_ Wk phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
BMW Year \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_ I'll Need help (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
BMW CCA Member # \_\_\_\_\_ Work I plan to accomplish \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Tools Needed \_\_\_\_\_



## DIY Registration Form Dr. John's Motor Sports - Saturday, August 16, 2003, 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Hm phone \_\_\_\_\_ Wk phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
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Special Tools Needed \_\_\_\_\_





# NATIONAL CAPITAL CHAPTER BMW CCA

## AUGUST 2003 DRIVERS' SCHOOL APPLICATION

- **Applications** must be submitted on this form and postmarked between May 29 and June 27, 2003. Each applicant must submit a separate form. Copies of the applicant's **driver's license** and **proof of insurance** (such as state insurance card) **must be included with the application**. Admission will be by modified lottery with priority given to National Capital Chapter members and those attending the fewest prior schools this year. See full details elsewhere in this issue of *der Bayerische* or on our Web site at <http://www.nccbmwcca.org/drivers-school/>.
- **Drivers** must register for **both days** of the school. Sharing or splitting attendance between two drivers is not allowed. Drivers must have full, valid driver's licenses. If the applicant is under 18, a *notarized* parental permission form (available from the registrar) is required. One student per car is strongly recommended. Student familiarity with the car is essential.
- **Cars** must be insured, street-legal, quiet, and must have passenger seats. Functional, securely attached lap and shoulder belts are required for both front seats. The front seats must have equal restraint systems available (e.g., if the driver has a five-point harness, the passenger must have a five-point harness as well). Performance-enhancing modifications and R-compound (racing) tires inhibit learning and are strongly discouraged.
- **Convertibles**, motorcycles, and rental cars are not allowed. Trucks, SUVs, and vans are allowed in the Highway Safety School only.
- **Cars must be inspected** by a qualified service facility before the event. A properly completed tech inspection form (supplied) must be presented at the track. It is your responsibility to ensure that your car is safe and roadworthy.
- **Helmets** must be certified to Snell M- or SA-standards, 1995 or later. Full-face helmets with SA-2000 certifications are strongly recommended. The Snell Memorial Foundation's certification will be found on a sticker inside the helmet. The chapter does not supply helmets.
- **Prior approval is required** for students intending to share cars and for changes in car type after registration.

*The National Capital Chapter reserves the right to decline entry to any individual and to any vehicle deemed unsafe or unsuitable for track use.*

Indicate the school day(s) to which you are applying below:

### August 9-10 (Summit Point Jefferson Circuit)

\$150 ☐ Saturday Highway Safety School

\$195 ☐ Sunday drivers' school

**Fees: Nonmembers** add \$35 per event (the nonmember fee is waived for the Highway Safety School). Make checks payable to *National Capital Chapter BMW CCA*.

**Refund Policy:** Refunds less a \$25 cancellation fee will be given for cancellations within four weeks of an event **only** if your place is filled

from the waiting list. **No refunds** will be given for cancellations within two weeks of an event. School admissions are non-transferable.

Mail your application, payment, and copies of your driver's license and proof of insurance to:

NCC Drivers' School  
c/o Gary Ketner  
10965 Shadow Lane  
Columbia, MD 21044

Questions? Call Gary at 410-715-9317 evenings before 10:00 PM., or visit <http://www.nccbmwcca.org/drivers-school/>.

Name _____	Membership # _____	T-shirt size _____
Address _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if new address	(Adult S, M, L, XL, XXL)
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Phone (home) _____	(work) _____	E-mail _____
Car Color _____	Year _____	Make _____
		Model _____

**Guests are welcome...however students MAY NOT give rides.**

**And don't forget our three-for-one deal: corner-work any three track days and get a day at the track as a student FREE! \***

\* Note: To be eligible for credit for free schools, workers **MUST** preregister with Steve Lowry (telephone: 240-417-0286 before 10:00 PM; e-mail: [pitout@hotmail.com](mailto:pitout@hotmail.com)). Worker spaces are limited, so contact Steve early.

**Experience:** List your previous experience as a drivers' school student by number of days and location. If no previous experience, state "None."

Days at Summit Point Main Circuit: \_\_\_\_\_ Days at Summit Point Jefferson Circuit: \_\_\_\_\_

Days at other tracks (please list individually): \_\_\_\_\_



Because of strong demand for space in National Capital Chapter drivers' schools, sometimes we are unable to accommodate all of the students who apply. For schools where applications exceed our school capacity, we will employ the admissions policy outlined below.

The policy is based on a modified lottery system that is operated independently for each school, with priority given to students who have attended the fewest schools during the year. The policy is intended to distribute drivers' school spaces equitably among chapter members and, in particular, to minimize the possibility that an applicant to our program will be excluded from all of the year's events.

## General Requirements

- Applications for a school must be submitted during the published registration period for that school. A separate application must be submitted for each school; waitlisted applications **are not** "rolled over" to later schools. School and registration period dates are listed below.
- Applications must be submitted in writing on the official application form, which can be photocopied from *der Bayerische* magazine or downloaded from the chapter's Web site at <http://www.nccbmwcca.org/drivers-school/>. A check for school fees and photocopies of the applicant's current driver's license and proof of insurance (such as a state insurance card) must accompany each application.
- Unlike previous years, students must register for **both days** of an event, except for the weekend of the Highway Safety School, when students may register for either the Highway Safety School or the drivers' school or both. Shared or split registrations are not allowed.

## Priority Assignment

- A random priority number will be assigned to each application postmarked within the published registration period. Priority numbers will be assigned separately for each school.
- Students will be admitted in order of their priority numbers (*not* postmark date) from each of the following groups in sequence until school capacity has been reached:
  1. Applicants currently enrolled in the NCC instructor-training program (the *Instructor Academy*; see the "Notes" section below) or who lack a single "IA" admission qualification.
  2. NCC members who have attended 0 or 1 previous NCC drivers' school days in 2003.
  3. NCC members who have attended 2 or 3 previous NCC drivers' school days in 2003.
  4. NCC members who have attended 4 or more previous NCC drivers' school days in 2003.
  5. Members of other chapters of the BMW CCA, according to criteria 2-4 above.
  6. Non-members, according to criteria 2-4 above.
  7. Applicants applying outside of the published application period.

- Unsuccessful applicants will be waitlisted. If spaces become available after the first round of admissions, applicants will be admitted from the waitlist in the order described above.

## Notes

- Giving admission priority to instructor-candidates is intended to expand the ranks of qualified instructors as quickly as possible, which will in turn increase the number of students that can be admitted to future schools. Qualification for IA admission is based on student performance at earlier schools. Detailed information on IA is available at <http://www.nccbmwcca.org/drivers-school/>.
- BMW CCA members may be affiliated with more than one chapter. Applicants with either primary or subsidiary National Capital Chapter affiliation have “NCC member” priority for admission. New National Capital Chapter members, including those with pending membership applications, also have “NCC member” priority.
- The number of novice students admitted will be limited to one-third of the total school enrollment.
- The Highway Safety School is not counted for determining priority.
- Every effort will be made to inform applicants of their admission status three weeks before the school.
- Applicants who are waitlisted and not eventually admitted receive full refunds of their fees, usually by return of their original check.

## 2003 Event and Registration Period Dates

- These dates are subject to change. Check *der Bayerische* magazine or the chapter’s Web site for the latest information.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Registration Period (Dates Are Inclusive)</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Event Type</i>
April 12	February 7 – March 14	Summit Point Main Circuit	Drivers’ School
April 13			Drivers’ School
May 31	March 28 – April 25	Summit Point Jefferson Circuit	Drivers’ School
June 1			Drivers’ School
August 9	May 29 – June 27	Summit Point Jefferson Circuit	Highway Safety School
August 10			Drivers’ School
October 18	August 15 – September 12	Summit Point Shenandoah Circuit	Drivers’ School
October 19			Drivers’ School





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# Autocross Season is upon Us!

By Kevin Henry

It's that time of year again folks - time to pull out the race tires and dust off the Autocross skills. Once again, we'll be running a series of seven events with overall champions determined at the end of the year. The Autocross committee has everything all set, and we're ready to go! There has been a change to the pre-registration process this year: Only BMW CCA members will be able to pre-register. Non-members can still come out and compete, but they won't be able to sign up until the day of the event. So if some of your friends are interested in autocrossing with us, better let them know about this new regulation. It's a change we made to better serve you, our NCC members.

For all you ladies out there who enjoy Autocross, would you like your own series? We've been considering the idea of a ladies championship. The format would be very much like the PAX championship except that you wouldn't be competing against the guys. If you like the idea, please let me know at [ncc\\_autox@yahoo.com](mailto:ncc_autox@yahoo.com).

For those of you who have yet to try Autocross; you've seen the results printed every month, so come on out and join us...see what your car can really do! We're always happy when we have new people come out to the course. There are lots of experienced drivers who are happy to introduce you to the sport. In April we held the annual autocross school, but there's no need to wait for a school to get started. Who knows, you might even get hooked!

The tentative dates for the 2003 season are:

- May 24
- June 8 (may change to June 30)
- July 12
- August 23
- September 7
- October 25
- November 15

The locations aren't firm yet, so keep an eye on the website and upcoming issues to see where we'll be out playing with our cars!

And now, a couple requests for help:

We could really use another member for the autocross committee. Mainly the position involves arriving early to help get the events set up, and sticking around all day to help out. You'll get to meet all our chapter's autocrossers and just have a good time all around.

Also, if any of you have hitches on your cars, we could use your help occasionally. We've got the trailer for all of the autocross gear, but it's got to get out to the lot for us to run the events. Currently we have a few people who can pull it for us, but it would be nice to have someone we could call on if the need arose.

Roy and I look are looking forward to another great season. See you out there squealing tires!

## Car Talk at BMW of Fairfax

By Jon Taillon

The monsoon-like rains did not keep anyone away from BMW of Fairfax on Saturday, February 22. Our friends at BMW of Fairfax came through for us once again, opening ten service bays and providing five technicians to assist the thirty club members who attended.

There was a wide variety of jobs performed at this event as NCC members continued to aggressively work on their cars. Several sets of Bilstein sport shocks were installed along, some with new springs as well. A set of squeaky E30 rear shock mounts was replaced to get a track car ready for its first trip of the year to Summit Point. Two of the most interesting jobs undertaken by members

were replacement of an E30 steering rack, and replacement of the suspension bushings on an E36. BMW of Fairfax also gave away more secrets of the trade. We saw several demonstrations of the BMW diagnostic computers, including fault code reading and service bulletin/recall analysis. If only I could afford one of those for my garage!

Telling stories about our favorite marque seems to be a DIY tradition, and this event was no different. A local SCCA racer was even on hand to offer advice to Driver's School students/racer wannabes. With the driver's school season only two weeks away, you could tell the owners were eager to get out of the snow and onto the track.

The NCC would like to thank Jay McGovern and Mike Sanderhoff, as well as the entire staff of BMW of Fairfax. The parts department was on their game once again, meeting all the planned and unplanned parts demands of the owners.

If you have not made it to a DIY yet, I would highly recommend the experience. Not only is it much easier to get the job done with your car on the lift, and with a little assistance, but it will allow you to get that car talk out of your system without driving your significant other crazy.



# Finding Bob — My Quest for An Honest E30

By Tom Hehman

One day last Fall I stood at the top of a steep driveway in Chevy Chase. A 1990 325is, looking slightly menacing in black, and hunkered down on its M-tech suspension, awaited me at the bottom. Quickly taking note of the leather Recaro sport seats and beautiful but evil-to-clean 15" BBS cross spoke alloys, it appeared I had found the genuine article: the venerable "is" version of the 2nd generation 3 Series, with its 170hp 2.5 ltr engine and close ratio five speed.

A closer look revealed worn and cracked leather on the front seats, a child seat and evidence of accumulated spills in the back, stained wheels with one good wheel center cap, nondescript tires, a mediocre repaint, and cracked window tinting.

The body, however, was reasonably straight with no rust. The engine compartment was clean, no modifications or "do-it-yourself" wiring was visible, and there were no leaking fluids. The car started right up and, although the diagnostic panel lit up like a Christmas tree, it didn't smoke and the exhaust was quiet. It accelerated strongly, and rode, cornered, and braked smoothly. The shifter was very sloppy, but the transmission and clutch were OK.

To buy or not to buy — that was the question I faced. And by the way, how did I did get here?

I had turned in my leased Z3 the previous Spring and I needed another special car. This time I wanted one suited for autocross and track events. Whatever I got had to be affordable - no more leases with their voodoo economics. In fact, no payments of any kind would be most preferable; this put me in the market for an older 3 Series.

*Roundel* columnist Jenny Morgan's repeated homages to the durability and integrity of the E30 in a series of articles over the past several years stuck with me through flirtations with Hondas and Mazdas. In the end, the unique BMW qualities I appreciated in the Z3, plus the strength of the BMWCCA, helped me make my decision to look for an "Honest E30".

What is an Honest E30? That's Jenny Morgan's term for an E30 that is what it appears to be — not "tarted up" for a quick sale. An imperfect, well-used car that can still deliver many more miles and much more fun. One that can and should be rehabbed, not restored.

I decided that the black 325is was the car I had been seeking. I made a deal equal to the balance of my car savings account, and brought "Bob" home.

During the next few weeks Bob and I got acquainted with a series of lengthy garage sessions. I experienced a reawakening of the urge to fix, figure out, refinish and clean, clean, clean. My choice of both car and club were affirmed when I participated in several extremely helpful NCC DIY sessions at BMW of Arlington, at which I fixed a number of problems.

Why "Bob"? My friend Bob Roehrich was a consummate car guy. He had a passion for anything with wheels, as well as mechanical and metal-working skills that bordered on artistry. He was a gifted musician, a funny man, authentic and honest. He was an irreplaceable friend who was lost much too soon, but he lives on as the namesake of my Honest E30.

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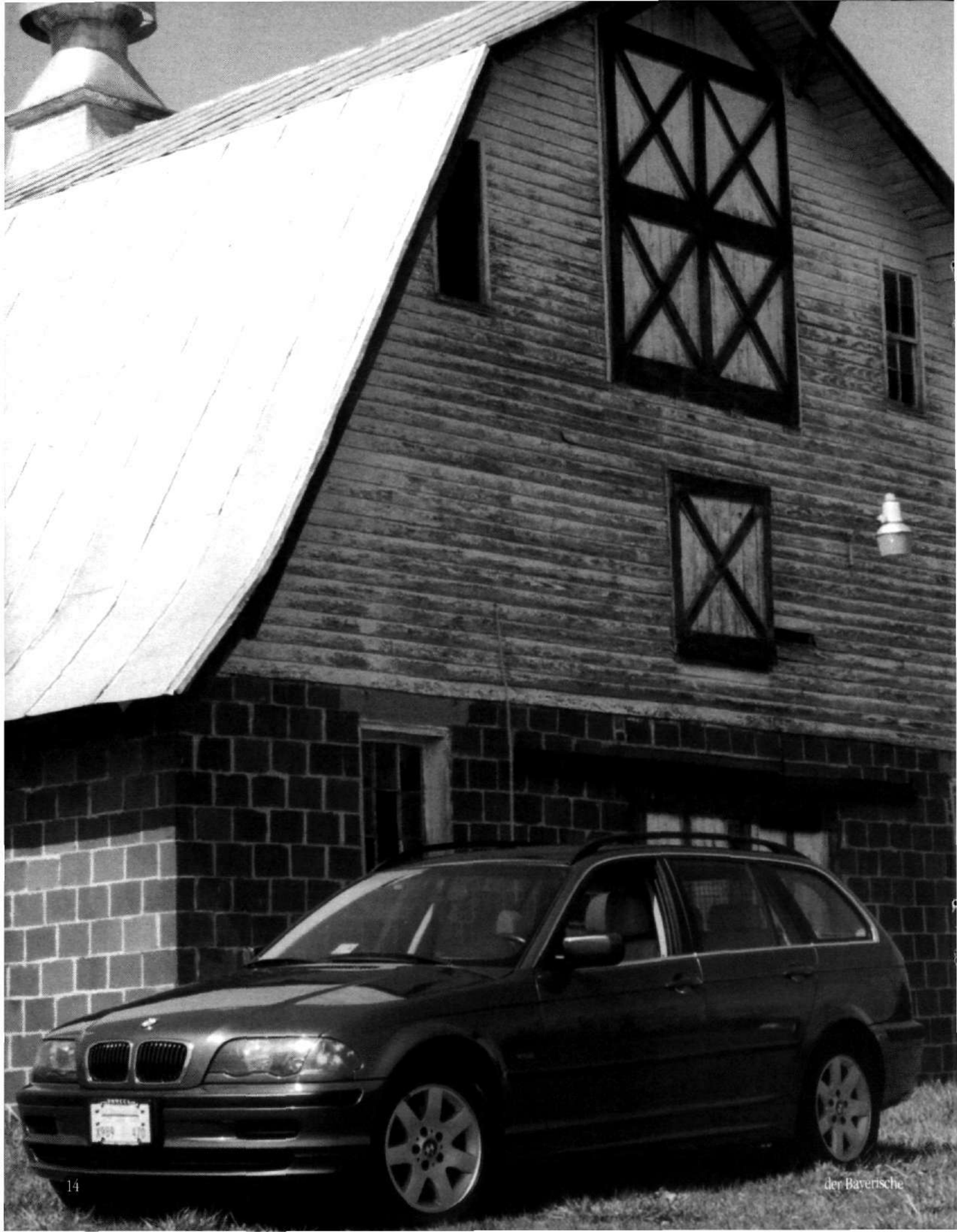


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# Sport and Wagon, the Perfect Balance

By Jared Townsbe



*Photos by Williams Automotive Photography*

BMW's line of 3 and 5 Series sport wagons are quite unique. The sport wagons from Volvo, Audi, Subaru, and VW all seem to come close, but never strike the perfect balance between sport and wagon. I find that the other sport wagons sway closer to either sport (Audi and Subaru) or wagon (Volvo and VW). BMW's 325i and 325xi sport wagon provide ample room for passengers and luggage, as well as enough power and grip to have fun, too.

I recently tested a 2001 325xi Sport Wagon and have come to the conclusion that the sport wagons are the most practical cars born from the BMW family to date. The 325xi was equipped with the premium package, which includes 8-way power front seats; 3-position driver's seat and exterior mirror memory; automatic tilt-down of passenger's side-view mirror in reverse gear; automatic-dimming inside rear-view mirror; 4-function on-board computer; myrtle wood trim; rain-sensing windshield wipers and automatic headlight control. Some standard features to note were the glass moonroof, 16 x 7.0 Star Spoke alloy wheels with 205/55R-16 all-season

tires, in-dash CD player, and the Steptronic transmission.

## **In the eye of the beholder-**

The 325xi sport wagon is handsome. While it does not have the aggressive looks of the coupe or sedan, there is still no doubt that it



is capable of aggression. The roof rails contribute to the more rugged look in addition to actually being functional and sturdy.

Memory seats are great for multiple drivers with multiple dimensions. Each driver can have his or her own key and store a seat and mirror position combination for the key;

when the key is put into the ignition, the seats and mirrors will automatically adjust to their preference. Although the 8-way adjustable seats that come with the premium package are adequate, I still prefer the 12-way adjustable front sport seats, but the latter only come with the upgrade to the sport package. The rear seats have more room than the 3 Series sedan and are equally as comfortable. The rear seats fold down in a 60/40 split and there is mesh netting that can be pulled up to section off the cargo area to keep the dogs at bay. The rear seats also have specially designed baby-seat mounting points.

The interior styling is identical to the 3 Series sedan and coupe, which translates into a very appealing interior. Modern BMWs have clean, almost antiseptic, dashboards and center consoles that appeal to the masses, although I still long for the days of old when controls were larger and manually activated instead of electronically controlled. But when the lights outside the car dim as night falls and lights inside the car illuminate, the amber glow is always reassuring.





(top to bottom) With its seats folded down, the 3 Series Wagon has a ton of interior room. The handy net can be used to divide passengers from their cargo. Even with the seats up, there is plenty of room for a stroller in the back.

## In the hands of the driver-

Reassuring... that is really how the 325xi sport wagon feels at any speed and in any weather condition. The translation of power from the rotation of the engine to the rotation of the tires is predictable, smooth, and responsive. Although the 325xi weighs almost 3600lbs (150lbs more than the 325xi sedan), the 2.5-liter engine vigorously defends the "sport" in sport wagon. The Steptronic transmission quickly downshifts when the accelerator was mashed to the floor; however, I noticed a bit of a lag in downshifts when using the gear selector in Manual mode. All upshifts were clean and kept the power on without hesitation.

The overall handling of the car is reassuring as well. Steering response and feedback convey the road conditions to the driver as all

BMW's do. Since the car is not meant to be as sporty as the other models, there is only one suspension available for both the premium and sport package, but I found that the suspension tuning edges closer to performance that I had thought it would. *Der Bayerische* editor Rob Williams, the owner of the 325xi sport wagon, also owns a 1988 325iX with H&R springs and Bilstein shocks, but he still genuinely enjoys driving the sport wagon.

So if you are a soccer Mom or a do-it-yourself Dad, and do not want to drive an SUV (ahem... that's SAV, buster!), I think you'll be pleasantly surprised at how well the sport wagon will fit into your lifestyle and budget. Of course, if you have a few more dollars to kill, I think you should splurge and get a 540i sport wagon.

*Photos by Williams Automotive Photography*



(left) Nathan Williams models an installed baby seat in the Sport Wagon. (right) The seat base is quickly and easily installed using the factory LATCH mounting points.

(right) The 3 Series Wagon has as much rear seat leg room as the 5 Series Wagon. Cousins Nora and Nathan are ready to roll!





# Spring Snowflake Mini Grand Prix

By Matt Reinhart

On March 30, a small but enthusiastic group converged on Allsports GP to race go-karts. The indoor track was a welcome relief to the mix of snow and rain falling outside. The weather was a rude reminder that spring had not yet arrived. A glitch in the planning provided very little advance notice for the event, and only eight people participated.

We raced the Mini Grand Prix format with 25 laps to practice and qualify for the starting grid position. Mike Copperthite posted the fastest qualifying lap time, 23.33 seconds, to earn a start on the pole position. The main event was a 40-lap race, providing plenty of time for passing and learning to drive fast. Mike Copperthite and Rafael Garces lapped most of the field, on their way to a 1-2 finish. Most of us recognized that Mike and Rafael were too fast to catch, so we let them pass and race each other. The rest of us were not so fortunate and had to exercise patience in trying to pass each other without too much contact. I received a couple of no bump-

ing warnings and Patrick Veltri got the black flag costing him 10 seconds in the penalty box.

Mike's fastest qualifying lap held up as the fastest time of the day and works out to about 29 mph average lap speed. This may not sound fast compared to the typical beltway speeds, but it feels very fast when your butt is 2 inches off the ground. The track includes a very tight hairpin turn so the top speed on the long straight is considerably faster than the average lap speed.

65 laps is a lot of fun, but also tiring for those of us who are not in the greatest of shape and perhaps also not demonstrating optimum driving technique. The really fast drivers are very smooth, with a minimum of steering input. My arms are still sore a day after the event.

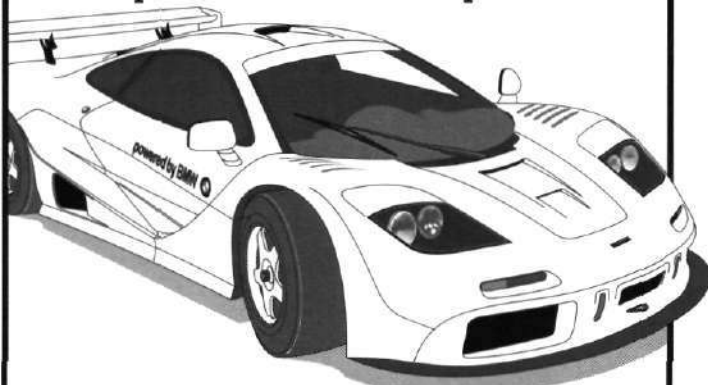
Starting Position	Fastest Qualifying Lap Time
1 Mike Copperthite	23.33
2 Rafael Garces	23.57
3 Jeff Frederick	23.80
4 Patrick Veltri	24.03
5 Luis Rinsivillo	24.11
6 Matt Reinhart	24.60
7 Erik Seibold	25.02
8 Juan Cardona	25.12

Finish Position	Time/Laps Down
1 Mike Copperthite	-
2 Rafael Garces	4 seconds
3 Jeff Frederick	20 seconds
4 Matt Reinhart	1 lap + 6 seconds
5 Luis Rinsivillo	1 lap + 12 seconds
6 Patrick Veltri	1 lap + 12 seconds
7 Erik Seibold	2 laps + 11 seconds
8 Juan Cardona	2 laps + 13 seconds



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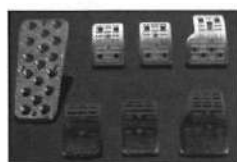
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Sadaf Alhooie	2003 330Ci	Tarik El-Bashir	1997 M3	Jean L. Jordon	2000 Z3
Robert Bacon	1997 740iL	Leon Ellwein	1988 735iL	Anthony Kee	2003 325i
Keith & Donna Bain		Ron Etzyon	1998 M3	Kurt Kerin	1991 M3
Vera Barker	2001 Z3	Steve Ewers	2003 Z4	Peter & Jessica Khamvongsa	2000 M5
James Bateman	1998 M3	Alexander G. Fangonil	2001 330Ci	Michael Kingseed	2003 325Xi
Jean-Pierre Beckham	2001 330i	William Farrell		Rohit Kinra	2001 330Ci
Mindy Belcher	2000 525i	Efrain Fernandez	1993 328i	Brian Kleeman	
Brian Bentzen	1999 528	David Fitzgerald	1994 318i	Dale Klein	2003 X5
Steven Berger	1996 M3	Samuel Fones		Nick Kostin	2003 325i
Danilo Bogdanovic & Stephanie Love	2003 M3	Richard & Susan Fortuna	1998 M3	Brian Krabbe	2000 323Ci
Douglas Brewer	1995 525i	Brendan Frederick	1997 M3	Koh Kuan	2000 323i
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Philip Burdette	1998 323is	Jennifer L. Fusco	1999 323iC	Juan-Carlos & Donna Lama	2000 M Roadster
Ronald Bushar	2002 330Ci	Dolores Gahres	2003 325Xi	John Lauttamus	1997 M3
Erroll Butts		Kip Gardner	2000 528i	Richard Le	2003 M3
John & Ashley Canatella	2000 323i	John Garnett		Jeffrey Lee	1988 528e
John Caracappa	2001 330Ci	Kenneth R. Gebhart		Didier LeGoff	
Wade Carroll	1997 328i	Justin Geisel	1992 325is	Tina Leone	2002 M3
Paul Chabot	2002 M3	Denise R. Giles	1999 323i	Jared Alexander Lerner	1985 M6
Aviraj & Raju Chakranarayan	2000 528i	James Glover	1998 Z3	Greg T. Letourneau	
Harold Chang	1997 540	Adam Goldberg	1997 528i	Kevin Lewis	2002 M Roadster
Michael & Clare Chapman	2000 Z3	Augusto Gomez	1988 535i	Dari & Heath Lindley	
Adam Chelikowsky		Jose Gonzalez	2002 325i	Michael Lisse	
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Greg Diaz	1997 Z3	Nate Hurto		Michael D. McCreary	1987 535is
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Vivek Nag	2002 540i	Mark Richard	2003 M3	Skip Walker	1993 325is
Adessa Naylor	1992 325i	Maria Lolita Rodriguez		Beverly J. Wallace	
Martin Negrin	1988 325	Sandra Rose	2002 525iT	Brad Ward	1999 M Roadster
James & Sarah Newland	2003 325i	Alex Rosenbaum	2002 M3	John K. Welch	2003 M5
Augustine Nguyen	1996 328i	Robert & Janel Schulte	2002 325Ci	Matthew White	1996 525i
Vu Nguyen	1999 M3	Ted Schwind	2002 330Cic	John Wilcynski	1995 530
Bao Nguyen		Joseph Seifried		Robert J. & Mary Wilson	2003 530i
Nick Nicaise	1994 740iL	Jim Shea	2002 M3	Chester Wong	1999 M3
Leo Nolan		William J. Skahan		Eric Wong	1998 M3
Judah Nyden	1993 318i	Sheryl Slegel		Scott C. & Elizabeth Woolhouse	2000 M Roadster
Ray Parker	1979 633CSi	Ron Smith & Justin Smith	2003 M3	Reginald Tariq Wright & Patricia Arnold	1999 528i
Brian Parker & Miki Crane	1995 M3	Bruce Smoller	1998 540i	Boris Yelner	
Jeff Parks	1998 318ti	John Spencer & Katie Bennett	1987 325e	XiangDong Yu	
Beverly Pazak	2003 325i	Gregory Steele	1995 530i	Rick Zarlengo	1993 325is
Alphonso & Peggy Pendergrass	2003 530i	Kevin Sumlin	1994 525i	John Zeberlein	
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The second annual DC Grand Prix has been canceled! I'm sure if you care, you already know all about this. The multiple reasons have been spelled out in the pages of the Washington Post and on many websites. Don Panoz, the honcho of the American Le Mans Series, quickly established a new site for this June 29 event - Road Atlanta. This will not affect the annual Petit Le Mans 1,000-mile race at Road Atlanta in October, which is one of the premier events of the series.

Perhaps even more disappointing for BMW fans is the fact that the PTG Team M3s that are running in the Speed World Challenge GT Series will not have a local venue. With the cancellation of the April event at VIR, we are now looking at the up-coming Memorial Day weekend event at Lime Rock, Connecticut, as the closest (about 6-hours) to Washington. The World Challenge will also be the support race at both Road Atlanta events (about 9-hours from DC).

In the first round of the World Challenge GT race at Sebring, PTG made a deal with Jeff McMillan to use his M3 as a 3rd entry for Hans Stuck. Stuck had to start from the back of the 30 car field due to a pre-race mechanical problem and did a masterful job to finish fourth behind a Z06 Corvette, a Porsche 911 Cup, and an Audi RS6. Bill Auberlen was 5th in another PTG M3 after driving a Turner Motorsport E46 325i to a flag-to-flag win in the Touring car race.

After the first three Formula 1 races this year, McLaren has two wins and a 3rd place. Ferrari and the BMW-Williams team can only claim one 2nd place finish each. With the cars qualifying and starting the race with various fuel loads, it is very difficult to determine who is really fast and who is not. Right now I would say the Williams cars have some work to do to catch up with Ferrari and McLaren, and the Renaults and Saubers are just about as fast as the Williams.

Ten events were scheduled for the Metro Washington sports car clubs championship autocross series. So far, the first two have been canceled. In addition to the lack of suitable sites, the Council has been reluctant to arrange the necessary insurance policy for the small clubs without first being assured the events will take place. It is a 'chicken-or-egg' situation. The remaining events will be listed in the following Competition Corner Calendar, but keep in mind that they are all very tentative at this point.

Meanwhile the DC Region of the SCCA will continue its series at FedEx field. If their practice event on March 23 was any indication, the B Street-Prepared class will be very interesting. Chapter member Ron Katona, who has moved to the Tidewater area, made the trek north and drove his '95 M3 to a very competitive finish against long-time national competitors Sam Strano and Lee Piccione. Strano and Piccione have switched, from a Camaro and Toyota MR2 respectively, to '95 M3s.

NASA's Virginia Region has a race weekend scheduled on the new Shenandoah Circuit July 19 and 20. Nobody knows at this point whether the track will be finished in time for this event.

The SCCA's Regional race series (MARRS) has not begun as of this writing and I have no report on who will be driving what.

**LATE NEWS:** The Washington DC Region of the SCCA has announced that they will be hosting a National Tour Solo II (autocross) event at FedEx Field in Landover, Maryland on June 21 and 22. This two-day event will draw drivers from all over the country and a number of National Capital Chapter members have already signed up. A list of entrants and entry information is available at [www.scca.org](http://www.scca.org) <<http://www.scca.org>> and going to Solo II, National Tour, Schedule. You must be an SCCA member to enter, but spectating is free and open to anyone.

### COMPETITION CORNER CALENDAR

May 3-10	One Lap of America, start at finish at Watkins Glen, NY
May 4	SESCA Championship Autocross, location TBD
May 9-10	SCCA MARRS Regional Races, VIR, Danville, VA
May 18	Jefferson 500 Vintage Races, Summit Point, WV
May 18	Team Salazar Championship Autocross, location TBD
May 24	BMW Club Autocross, location TBD
May 24-25	SCCA Rallies
May 31	SCCA 12-Hour Race, Summit Point, WV
Jun 1	SCCA Autocross, FedEx Field, Landover, MD
Jun 8	BMW Championship Autocross, location TBD
Jun 15	SCCA MARRS Regional Races, Summit Point, WV
Jun 13-15	Formula 1 Race, Montreal, Quebec
Jun 22	SCCA Autocross, FedEx Field, Landover, MD
Jul 6	TARA Championship Autocross, location TBD
Jul 12	BMW Club Autocross, location TBD
Jul 19-20	NASA Races, Shenandoah Circuit, Summit Point, WV
Jul 20	SCCA Autocross, FedEx Field, Landover, MD
Jul 27	SCCA MARRS Regional Races, Summit Point, WV
Jul 27	Z-Car Club Championship Autocross, location TBD



## BMW Autocross Results

### SCCA Practice Solo II, FedEx Field, March 23

Name	Car	Position	Class	Time	Name	Car	Position	Class	Time
Sam Strano	95 M3	1st	BSP	62.59	Kevin Cuellar	88 M3	6th	STX	70.288
Ron Katona	95 M3	2nd	BSP	63.314	Garrett McWilliams	95 M3	8th	BS	70.49
Lee Piccione	95 M3	3rd	BSP	63.581	Elaine Wong	5 M3	4th	Ladies	72.08
Doug Newhard	95 M3	1st	SM	63.785	George Hendricks	95 M3	11th	BS	72.779
James Sheridan	98 323is	1st	DSP	64.243	Nick Rubenstein	01 325xiT	13th	STX	73.069
Kevin Henry	90 325i	5th	DSP	66.277	Chuck Grafton	90 M3	7th	CSP	73.18
Bob Hausmann	94 325is	4th	SM	66.662	Wayne Rubain	91 M5	4th	FS	73.941
J. Kurt Eikenberg	02 M Roadster	2nd	AS	67.54	John Counts	03 M3	3rd	AS	75.658
Neil Simon	99 M Coupe	1st	SM2	67.714	Todd Pantezzi	73 3.0CS	22nd	SM	75.866
Glenn Ty	98 M3	6th	SM	67.886	David Kolodny	99 M Roadster	3rd	ASP	76.147
Woody Hair	88 M3	4th	CSP	67.888	Jason Hallick	98 318i	9th	HS	77.3
Mark Rebano	89 325is	7th	DSP	68.784	Jason Hickey	88 325is	14th	DSP	77.994
Ben Sarli	88 M3	5th	STX	70.017					

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**August 30, 31 & September 1** – Shenandoah Circuit,  
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**October 18 & 19** – Virginia International Raceway, Danville, VA – \$500.00

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VIN WBAEE310101051554 Schwartz black/anthracite leather, over \$20K in Dinan modifications: 3.9 liter Dinan Stoker Engine (dynoed @ 356HP), Dinan upgraded exhaust system, Dinan Stage 4 Suspension Kit, and Stage 1 Brake Conversion Kit, Dinan High Performance 17" X 9" Road Wheels with Goodrich Comp T/A Z rated 255-40-17 tires. Recaro leather sport seats, 5-speed, Viper alarm, CD stereo, full set of BMW shop manuals, and 4 original BBS wheels. \$15,000 neg.

**David Livingstone (301) 399-4230 (cell); 301-396-4460 livingstones@aol.com (MD)**

### 1985 635CSI

VIN WBAEC7408F0606619, Price \$2,700 Champagne, 164K, 5-spd Engine & mechanical fine. Body, interior & trim in process of restoration with new replacement parts. Lot's of new/refurbished parts ready for reinstallation. Extra wheels, body parts, rubber, etc.

**Brad (703) 448-0545 before 8PM neatkj@starpower.net (VA)**

## CARS FOR SALE

### 1987 635CSI

VIN WBAEC8407H0614400, \$8,500. Delphin Grey/ Cardinal Red leather interior. Auto, 70K country miles, excellent, very clean, original condition. Cold a/c front and rear. Beauty. Pics.

**John Stein (540) 923-4596 wittours@aol.com (VA)**

### 1988 M3

VIN WBSAK0304J2197523, Black/striped, Meets BMW CCR IP specs, 2.5L engine, adjustable GC suspension, custom welded cage, details/pics available at <http://members.cox.net/mfox>.

**Michael Fox (703) 903-2515 mcfox@usa.com (VA)**

### 1988 M3

WBSAK0305J2195117 \$14,000 Diamond Black/Pearl Beige. 83K miles with no track time. Excellent condition with OEM Glass Sunroof, UUC Short Shift Kit, Oil Pan Baffle, Evo Intake, Conforti Chip, Factory Shop Manual, Car Cover. Rare early production, unmolested, low-mileage example of the most successful touring car of all time.

**Brandon Wood (703) 753-9465 brandon.wood@alum.mit.edu (VA)**

### 1988 M6

VIN WBAEE1415J2561006 \$17,000 black/grey, 115k miles, mostly on Colorado (salt-free) roads, garaged but also includes custom-tailored car cover. A 156-mph classic beauty, last model imported to U.S. Maintained last four years by London Auto and Autobahn Bethesda. Rear leveling system replaced by Bilsteins, otherwise all original. BBS basket weave wheels.

**Jim Anderson (301) 229-3748 JimboAnder@verizon.net (MD)**

### 1991 M3

WBSAK3015MAE34428. White/Black. This is a very nice car. It has numerous upgrades such as H&R springs and Bilstein shocks. That and the Supersprint exhaust and performance chip have less than a 1000 miles on them. Also has a lit gear shifter as on the current M3 and E36 Mirrors. You may choose from one out of two sets of different E36 M3 wheels with new Michelin Pilots along with the stock wheels. This vehicle has been dealer maintained on a regular basis. Must sell situation.

**Alex Fracyon (703) 280-2006 AFracyon@cs.com (VA)**

### 1991 M5

VIN WBSHD9315MBK05591 White / grey leather, interior like new, sheepskins, non-smoker. Upgrades: Bilsteins, Dinan chip, B&B TRI-FLO exh, new oem wheels and UUC short shift. Refreshed factory stereo & new CD. Noah cover. 196k mi. In '94 it was fitted with a new factory crated motor with updated gasket design. Complete records/ receipts. Independently serviced with no holds barred so it runs, sounds and feels excellent. Cleanest crankcase you'll see. Keyless remote entry. Time for a new home that will drive it more than me. \$17,500

**Andy Perahia (703) 222-7535 aperahia@cox.net VA**

### 1995 318is Coupe

VIN WBAE5321SJA11526 \$11,500obo certified. Midnight Black/Grey Leather 94k, 5spd, Loaded. Rear Slip Diff, Premium sound, CD, Leather bra/mirror covers, Car cover, Dealer maintained schedule II Inspection just done. 1owner, non-smoker, new Michelin MXV4s. Immaculate.

**Lance Hogue (410) 269-7694**

**FreelanceMedCons@comcast.net (MD)**

### 1997 328iC

VIN WBAK8320VET99501. Arctic silver/light gray interior/black top. 69K miles. Immaculate, adult driven car. Sold and serviced by same dealer since new. Have all service records, original and CPO window sticker. Needs absolutely nothing. Always garaged, no snow, smoke, body work. Completely original except new Bilstein struts and shocks, Supersprint exhaust system. Loaded with sport package, heated seats, OBC, Roll Over Protection, CD Changer, SP5000 Dunlops (like new). You will not find a nicer 3 series convertible anywhere. Matching hardtop, rack and cover also available for additional \$\$ Asking \$21,500. Must see and drive to appreciate. Will negotiate with serious cash buyer.

**Randall Morin (301) 766-4748 randallmorin@peoplepc.com (MD)**

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**Faisal Ahmed (301) 704-1301 or (301) 210-1404 faisal\_b\_ahmed@yahoo.com (MD)**

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**Bryan Schwenker w: (703) 54-2133; h: (301) 229-3359 bryan.f.schwenker@xo.com (MD)**

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## CARS FOR SALE

- 1999 M3 Coupe** Cosmos Black/Black Nappa. 25000 miles, Contour wheels, all options except spoiler. UUC SSK, Euro ellipsoids, X-brace, CD changer. \$28,000. Five new tires at 19000 miles. Car is located in Sterling. Making room for E30 M3.  
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- 2001 330G** VIN WBABN534X1JU20704, \$31,999 OBO. Jet Black inside and out. Sport Package, HK, and several AutoThorty upgrades. This car is a pristine garage queen. It has 37K miles, full warranty coverage to 50K miles, and extended maintenance coverage for 18 more months. The oil has been changed religiously at 5500 mile intervals using only Mobil One 5W-30.  
**Barry Brown (703) 339-0579 mimishusband@yahoo.com (VA)**
- 2001 525i** Siena w/sand interior. Sport pkg. Luxury & great handling in a practical family car. 31K \$32,990  
**George Young GYoungbmw@aol.com (MD)**
- 2002 330G** VIN WBABN53402JU28330 Topaz Blue/Black, 12k miles, Premium Package, Cold Weather Package, Sports Package, Bi-Xenons, Harman-Kardon stereo, 6CD changer(trunk), UUC SSK, no smoke, factory warranty and upgraded maintenance, available in end of June/July. Ordered M3. \$35,000/obo.  
**Jason (410) 409-3333 jkuper@rcn.com (MD)**

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