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Welcome to Summer Rally



Rallyists Line up.

Photos by: Rachel Corey and Jon Trudel

The 2006 Welcome to Summer Rally was held on July 16th, before the annual chapter picnic. The weather was hot, but pretty wonderful for the day, which was appreciated by all. Thirteen cars' worth of rallyists were ready to run through the wilderness that is central New Jersey. Ten cars entered the Pro class (for season points) and three cars entered the Family Fun class.

Along the rally route, questions were asked. Many were

straightforward, ranging from asking about signs (What's missing from the Great Oak Farm? The Letter 'a'), or the sculptures people have on their property (Who's left holding the basket? A Dog), to things more obscure (What color is the Red Fire Hydrant? Yellow, ironically). There were also four bonus questions asking where certain images were seen along the route. Only a few were spotted, and only one team got all four correct.

At the picnic, photos of the answers were provided so participants could review their answers after handing in their score sheets. Open Road BMW of Edison, Flemington BMW, and Zygmunt Motors donated prizes to the winners. Watches, a Duffel Bag, Car care kits, Formula One bears, T-Shirts, and more were among them. Larry and Karin Engel put in a good showing in the Pro class, scoring 92 out of a possible 121 points.

However, Jeff White, Trisha, and the rest of their crew in the Family/Fun class had an impressive showing with a total of 116 points, including correctly answering all four bonus questions. In the Pro class, the teams of Dave Alloway and Debra Kolar, and James Kavalieros and Mark Mankoff had a tie score, but Dave and Debra won due to a tie-breaker rule. The complete, official results are found on Page 6.

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President's Line

Six hundred fifty dollars. That's the amount it will cost the average driver per year for the current increase in fuel charges. That's only \$12.50 per week, a number I find to be considerably modest. This number only deals with the direct increase in the cost to fill your car. The true number it will cost you is really going to be much higher when you consider the increased costs of goods and services that you purchase or use that are shipped by a motor vehicle or made with a petroleum product. Even electricity will cost you more. (Nice economics lesson. Ed.)

On the brighter side, with the \$.01 increase in the NJ state sales tax, Governor Jon Corzine said I should expect to pay less for my property taxes, probably around 2008 or 9. I know where that money's going.

We're into August already and the only driving event left this year besides our Autocrosses is the September 25 Lime Rock Park Driver School. For those who have thought about attending a driver school there, now is the time to do it since we are currently considering cutting back on the number of schools we have there each year. Late September in New England gives you the chance to catch the fall foliage change before it gets to NJ.

I would like to thank club members Jon Trudel and Doug Humphrey for organizing the Summer Rally. It was an enjoyable ride through the NJ countryside that ended up at the Finch's Farm, site of this year's Club Picnic. Thanks also go to some generous club sponsors like Open Road BMW of Edison, Flemington BMW, and Zygmunt Motors who donated the prizes awarded to the Rally contestants.

Congratulations to James Kavalieros who won the ride on the Para-Sail plane, the grand prize that picnic organizer Al Drugos had arranged for all of the attendees. James was thrilled when he and the pilot took off from Dave Finch's backyard at 6:00 pm under ideal flying conditions.

The Club's August meeting will be at the Deutscher Club in Clark on the 16th. The program for the evening will feature David Haueter who writes for publications like the Roundel, Bimmer, and Sports Car International, covering automotive and motorsports news. David is a member of our NJ Chapter.

Some interesting news that happened recently in the racing community was that former BMW F1 driver Juan Pablo Montoya will be driving a Nextel Cup Car for team owner Chip Ganassi in 2007. That should give him another chance of winning at the Brickyard, this time in a car with fenders.

The one place I'm looking forward to seeing him race is the Rolex 24 Hours of Daytona, a truly international race. I couldn't imagine Ganassi employing him and not having him

drive one of his Daytona Prototypes there. Not only will he be racing with the regular competitors of Grand-Am, he will also be up against drivers from the IRL, Champ Car, and NASCAR. There are even some former Formula One racers there like Eddie Cheever, Christian Fittipaldi and Max Papis, to name a few. NASCAR's Jeff Gordon announced that he will be in the race next year driving with the 2005 winner, Wayne Taylor and Max Angelelli in a Pontiac powered Riley.

For those of you who are interested in historic or vintage racing cars, there is a great event September 8-10 at Watkins Glen NY, the U.S. Zippo Grand Prix. This Event is sanctioned by the SVRA (SportsCar Vintage Racing Assoc.) and will feature historic racing cars from all eras. Every year they feature either a Marquee of cars or a specific racing group, this year they will be celebrating the 40th anniversaries of both Can-Am and Trans-Am.

It's a three day event that starts on Friday, mostly practice and qualifying, then the real thrill is when they escort the race cars into the village of Watkins Glen to take a few laps on the original street circuit used for Formula One racing in 1948. Since the event draws close to 600 cars from around the country, they have to limit the number of participating race cars they take into town to several hundred. They bring them into town around 4:00 pm and park them on Franklin Street, which leads towards Seneca Lake. Here, you can get a close look at the cars and speak with the drivers for 2 hours before they take the tour of the original circuit.

Spectators crowd the street pretty much like they did in 1948, with hay bales lining the street to give it that authentic feeling. I'm sure for those that have visited Watkins Glen through the years, not a lot has changed.

One of the special feature races of the weekend is the Collier Cup Race for MGs that have documented racing history. The MG racers range from the pre-war wire wheel models all the way up to the V-8 powered MGBGT. I won't give away who usually wins this race. The significance of it being named the Collier Cup is that it honors the brothers Miles and Samuel Collier who were instrumental in importing MGs to the United States and their NYC dealership. They had opened the doors for many other European cars companies to be imported into the US including BMW.

For more information about this event, you can go to: www.theglen.com or www.svra.com.

Neil Gambony

Board Meeting Minutes

New Jersey Chapter of the BMW CCA
Board Meeting - June 28, 2006

Board members present: Neil Gambony, Warren Brown, John Csuri, Al Drugos, Bob Isbitski, Bob Conway. Board Members absent: Mark Derienzo, Jerry Faber, Ross Karlin, Brian Morgan. Others present: David Finch, Jeff White, Blake Smith.

Neil Gambony called the meeting to order at 7:52 PM at the Grand Colonial.

Al Drugos waived the reading of the minutes and Warren Brown seconded - motion passed.

President

Neil Gambony reported that the National Chapter Conference will be in Valley Forge Crown Plaza April 27 to 29, 2007. Also, our chapter insurance has been renewed by National at the same cost as last year.

Vice President

Brian Morgan sent a message that the monthly membership meeting at Circle BMW will be July 19. Programs for the remainder of the year are booked.

Treasurer

Warren Brown reported that we donated \$3500 to the Westlake School at the Lime Rock Park Driving School and Club Race. \$1122 of this was a matching gift from National. \$1305 was donated by passing a hat at the banquet. Ross and Neil presented a check at the Westlake School graduation.

We should make profits on both Lime Rock and the Summit Point ITS/Advanced Driving School. Deposits for the Summit Point and Lime Rock Park Drivers Schools have been paid. The autocross program should break even or better.

Newsletter

Jerry Faber sent a message that the deadline for Bulletin articles is this weekend. Jerry should look into stopping multiple Bulletins from going to one household.

The LRP September 25th school is not in the Roundel. Info that needs to go in the Roundel should be emailed to Bob Isbitski.

Social Events

Al Drugos reported that David and Peggy Finch will host the picnic this year on July 16th. There will be a rally ending at the picnic. We need a website tally with number of attendees and number of children. There will be a raffle for a para-plane ride, weather permitting. Al will review what is on the website and report any required changes to Bob Conway.

Driving Events

The Expo Center is not available for a fall Teen Street Survival School. Bob Isbitski will ask Elihu if there is a possibility of using an autocross site. He reported that the new member letters will go out this week. He will investigate the assigning of new members from new zip codes and update the Board at the next meeting.

Driver Schools

John Csuri reported that the Mr. B barbeque is set for Summit Point. National Capital Chapter will also attend. David Finch will give Jeff White the email list for the Advanced Driver School attendees. David Finch reported that we had approximately 60 paid drivers and nine candidates for the Instructor Training School. It is felt that the Advanced Drivers School was too close to the Lime Rock event and that we should correct this next year.

Neil requested that we have a contest for a prize for members bringing in new members.

Club Race

Registration for the Summit Point Club Race should open soon.

Autocross

There will be an Autocross school July 9th.

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Website

Bob Conway reported that Jeff White, Blake Smith and he met about a month ago and identified a list of required changes to the registration system. Greg Conway is done with about 60% of the changes. John Csuri requested the ability to sort attendees alphabetically and to export data. We are still running parallel systems for registration. The target is one system for the August Summit Point school.

Dealer Liaison

David Finch thinks we need a volunteer near each dealership to handle dealer relationships. Al Drugos offered to help formulate a plan for interacting with the dealerships. David Finch will arrange a meeting.

New Business

John Csuri brought up the idea of requiring dealerships to buy Bulletin advertising in order to host a meeting. Bob Conway suggested that we might want to create a package of a meeting when a dealership buys a series of ads.

We need an official Board email list.

The next meeting was set for July 27th. Bob motioned to adjourn at 9:58, Warren seconded.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Kolar (Secretary)

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Summit Point Advanced Drivers School

By Thom Rossi

For those of us chapter members who are truly addicted track junkies, few events can surpass the annual Advanced Drivers School in their ability to allow us to scratch that driving itch. With four hours a day of open track time on one of the most enjoyable road courses in our region, this school is a tough one to pass up. So even though I had just driven in my first race a week earlier at Lime Rock Park, and even though she-who-must-be-obeyed was far from enchanted with the idea, I was drawn inexorably to this event like a hapless star circling too close to a black hole. And boy am I glad I allowed gravity to work its magic on me!

The school had over 70 students enrolled. We were divided into two groups: green and blue. The green drivers and instructors were on the track together. The blue drivers had in-car instruction, with many being signed off and a few moved up to the green group before the event was over.

Four hours of open track time is a lot of time on the track. It's a great opportunity to set specific goals and work on corners until you have them down cold. This is the time to "index" corners by experimenting with progressively earlier apexes, earlier throttle application through the corner, and later braking zones; all the while paying attention to what changes yield the fastest speeds or highest rpms at the track out point.

My goals were to work on carrying more speed out of turn 3 and down through the chute to turn 5, as well as to work on my exit speed from turn 10. Turns 3 and 10 both lead onto the highest speed segments of the track and should be the most important for reducing lap times. For the first time I used an in-car video camera. Wow! This turned out to be a great way to critique my own line. On day 2, after reviewing my tapes over night, I had some new goals based on what I saw on the tape. I highly recommend the use of an in-car video camera for all students, provided you have an appropriate place to mount one. It certainly helped me achieve my goals for the event.

All this track time also means that you will be putting more than the normal wear and tear on your car. A fair number of drivers were sidelined by mechanical problems for all or part of the event. It's a reminder to all of us that a relatively robust spare parts bin is helpful, and at the minimum, common wear items like brake pads, replacement fluids, hoses, & belts should be readily at hand.

As always, camaraderie ran high. A track-side barbeque catered by David Finch and "Big" Al was the social highlight of the weekend. Almost as good was the informal gathering of kindred driving spirits at the Comfort Suites pool. Nice and refreshing after a hot, dry day at the track. If you enjoy our chapter's driving events and are an experienced student I'd strongly encourage you to apply for this school next year.

Welcome to Summer Rally Results

Driver	Co-Driver	Rank	Class
Larry Engel	Karin Engel	1	Pro
Dave Alloway	Debra Kolar	2	Pro
James Kavalieros	Mark Mankoff	3	Pro
Christina Jordan	Ray Jordan	4	Pro
Keith Silverman	Joan Silverman	5	Pro
Ray Adam	Steve Hourican	6	Pro
Denis Glennon	Jim Corrao	7	Pro
Nick Ferrant	Alice Ferrant	8	Pro
David Ziegelheim	Leanore Naphthali	9	Pro
Driver	Co-Driver	Rank	Class
Jeff White	Trisha Camp	1	Fun
Neil Gambony	Penny Galossi	2	Fun
David Ortega	Lisa Ortega	3	Fun

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Classified Editor Chet Marfatia

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Welcome to Summer Rally

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Unfortunately, JT Burkhard's 320i refused to start, right before embarking on the rally. Regardless, JT and Sandy vowed to appear at the picnic. After many picnickers had left, they did, after putting his car on a flatbed trailer. JT later admitted that his car started after getting home, with a little difficulty.

Rallyers really enjoyed the route. It wound its way through some very nice roads. Others have asked for a copy of the route, so they may run it themselves. It should be available on the chapter website by the time you receive this.

Jon Trudel

Rallymasters



Photos by: Rachel Corey and Jon Trudel

NJ Chapter Calendar

August, 2006

Wednesday, August 19

Monthly membership meeting at the Deutscher club. David Haueter will share his experiences as an automotive and racing writer and photographer.

Saturday-Sunday, August 5, 6

Club Race/Driver School at Summit Point, WV. See website for details.

Sunday, August 20

Autocross at PNC Arts Center in Holdel.

September, 2006

Wednesday, September 20

Monthly membership meeting at Flemington BMW. The Chapter returns to Flemington BMW for a technical presentation from BMW NA.

Monday, September 25

Driver School at Lime Rock Park, CT. See website for details.

October, 2006

Wednesday, October 18

Monthly membership meeting at the Deutscher club. Chapter VP and Roundel Motorsports Editor Brian Morgan will report on his visit to the 2006 Goodwood Festival of Speed in the UK. The festival is one of the world's largest vintage motorsport events. Meeting starts at 8pm.

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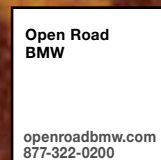


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