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More Than Hope for Teens

Amongst all the hopes we hold for the future of our teens, none ranks higher than the simple hope that they will survive their early driving years. Yet, tragic statistics, and in many cases personal experience, teach us that hope alone is not sufficient for ensuring the safety of those we love. This knowledge has motivated a group of volunteers from our local chapter of the BMW CCA to organize and participate in the Tire Rack Street Survival program for teen aged drivers, which was most recently held at the PNC Art Center in Holmdel, NJ on October 20.

Like many of our club's activities, the Tire Rack Street Survival program is run locally following national standards. The genesis of Tire Rack Street Survival is the BMW CCA Foundation, Inc., a non-profit organization formed by the BMW CCA. The goal of the program is to reduce the number of 16-21 year olds killed or injured annually in automobile accidents. The philosophy of the program holds that by teaching young drivers car control techniques under low speed, low traction conditions, these drivers will be more able to control their cars on the street and **(Continued on page 8)**



Good nourishment makes good drivers.

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Thom Rossi



Wetting down the course.

A Hard Day at the Summit Point Racetrack



Motley Crew - Rossi, Conway, Isbitski

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Looks like fun.

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President's Line

2007 is winding down, but there are still some events to go as we are already making plans for 2008 (more on 2008 later). The Whack Your Turkey Rally is coming up as well as our Pinewood Derby; both events are in the Championship series.

October held some significant Club events. We held our monthly meeting at Open Road BMW in Edison, which had featured Martin Birkmann, BMW M Brand and Motorsport Manager, as the guest speaker. Open Road had arranged with BMW NA for Martin to speak to us regarding the new M3, X5, and 1 series that will be available in 2008. He also brought along an Alpina B7 for members to salivate over. We were treated by Open Road's usual hospitality and everyone in attendance received a door prize, a very generous gesture since there were over 60 people in attendance. My 3-year-old niece Lannie loves the tricycle I received from them; it makes it her first BMW.

The other event of significance in October was our 2nd Street Survival™ School of the year. Along with thanking all of the volunteer members who were present, I need to recognize Irv Sherman for dealing with the Holmdel Alliance, David Finch for providing lunch and refreshments, James Kavaleiros for stepping in as our chief instructor and Art Hance, who has been the classroom instructor for both of the Schools held this year. Our Club's cub reporter, Thom Rossi was there; you can learn more about the School from Thom's column.

The Annual Whack Your Turkey Rally is on Sunday November 18th. Sharing the duties of Rallymasters for the event will be Jon Trudel, James Kavaleiros, and Peter McDade. The Rally is intended for members of all ages, and is good way to meet and commiserate with fellow Club Members. Information on registering for the Rally can be found on the website.

The last monthly Club Meeting of the year is the combined Pinewood Derby and Election of Club Officers for 2008 to be held at the Deutscher Club on

Tuesday December 11th. The Pinewood Derby is another Club event that is open to members of all ages. Come out and have some fun while taking care of some very important Club business. All those planning on running for office should have their nominations to the Club's Secretary Deborah Kolar by Nov 7th.

I'm going for the hat trick; I'll be running for my third year as President. I don't think former Presidents Hank Farber and Jeff Davis have anything to worry about their record run of 4 consecutive years to be broken any time soon. Thanks to everyone for all the support I have received over the past 2 years.

Already in the schedule for 2008 is the Banquet, Saturday February 9th at the Grand Colonial Restaurant in Perryville. Big Al Drugos is making all the arrangements for the Banquet, which should be held in the new Ballroom that is currently under construction.

Some big news for 2008 will be a Driving School to be held at the New Jersey Motorsport Park in Millville NJ, which will be held jointly with the Delaware Valley Chapter of the BMW CCA. Our target date is August 22nd -24th. The track is closer than we think; club member Larry Engel was able to travel from the track in Millville to his home in Westfield in two hours.

I mentioned Thom Rossi earlier in the column and I would like to thank him for his contributions to the Bulletin the last 2 years. Recent contributors have been JT Burkard and Ken Herskowitz. If you have a story you like to share, somewhere you went, a car show, an event of interest, or lacking in interest, please consider sending it, possibly with pictures to our editor Jerry Faber, his address is in the Masthead. The deadline is usually the 1st of each month. After all, this is your Club.

Neil Gambony

NJ BMW CCA Board Election

The 2008 Board election will be held along with the always exciting Pinewood Derby at the Deutscher Club, Tuesday December 11th. Nominees include Neil Gambony for President, Barry Stevens for Vice President, Al Drugos for Social Events Chair, Warren Brown for Treasurer, Bob Conway for Driving Events Chair, and Deborah Kolar for Secretary. There are also two Members-at-Large up for election. Nominations are open until the Board meeting November 7th. If you are interested in running for any of the Board positions, or would like to nominate a willing candidate, send me an email at deborahkolar@yahoo.com.

Hope to see you at the December meeting,

Deb Kolar
Secretary

Whack Your Turkey Rally

Yes, it's time once again to summon your inner gobbler, and run with us at the annual Whack Your Turkey Rally! Join in on the Fun and spend your pre-Thanksgiving Sunday, November 18th with the BMW CCA. Drive your way to victory, through the "wilds" of central NJ. Join Rally masters Jamie Kavaleiros, Peter McDade, and yours truly for a rally that will both amuse and frustrate you, sometimes at the same time.

This will be a gimmick rally, where you are given a set of directions, and asked questions along the route about what you see. You will be scored against your fellow entrants, and you will be entered into one of two classes - Competition, or Family/Fun. The Competition class is for two occupant vehicles only, and will count towards the annual Driver of the Year competition. The Family/Fun class is for all other teams of three or more. Prizes will be awarded to the victors.

This year, the rally will start on Sunday, November 18th, at the Chimney Rock Inn in Bridgewater, NJ. Registration will start at 8:30 AM, and the driver's meeting will commence at 9AM. The first car will be sent off at 9:30.

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Driver Schools 2007 It's a Wrap

Our fourth and final Driver School for 2007 was held Sep. 22-23 on the Shenandoah Circuit at Summit Point Raceway. While the turnout was a bit light, the weather was terrific and the driving spirited, including two full days of skid pad sessions. We had a larger than usual number of first-time students and, uniformly, everyone said how much they enjoyed the track and how we conduct our schools. It was particularly encouraging that we attracted drivers from other chapters and other clubs. For those of you who have not yet tried a Driver School, I urge you to talk to other members and get an idea of what you can learn and the fun you can have. We also had a couple of visitors who came to see what a school was like. We were able to arrange for them to take a ride with one of the instructors and they all said they would be back next year.

Speaking of next year, we can expect some changes to our schedule. Our future at Lime Rock is uncertain with the change in business model there. Fortunately, we can look forward to the opening of two road circuits at New Jersey Motorsports Park in Millville and we plan to hold at least one event there next year with more to follow.

We had many successes this year including transitioning to a fully web-based registration system, recruiting and promoting a new group of instructors, holding two successful joint Club Race and Driver School events and making our annual contribution to the Westlake School. Thanks again to everyone who participated in our schools this year - both students and instructors - and a special thanks to our intrepid Tech Workers for making our schools run smoothly. Keep the shiny side up in the off-season and we look forward to seeing you at the track in the Spring.

Jeff White

Autocross and Champ Series

October 28 Autocross season finale

This may be the first season that had no autocross rainouts, and Oct 28 was the bright, sunny half of a wet weekend. It was windy, though. We were glad we had the computer manage the times, as one gust of wind took a bunch of forms straight to Oz. Our brave volunteers gave chase, but without wings they had no chance.

We had 74 entries getting 7 runs each on a novel course designed by Jon Trudel.

As a blast from the past, we were visited by Joe and Gail Skupien, long time chapter members from the 80's. "Skupe", as Joe was known, was the NJ Chapter Bulletin editor for many years. Board meetings were held at his house, mainly 'cause the main purpose of a board meeting was to affix mailing labels on the newsletters, and we needed everyone to help to get done by dawn.

We had a tremendously successful season, due in no small part to our dedicated volunteers. I want to extend my personal thanks to all the people who manned the timing table in sun and heat and wind and whose names I don't remember. Your help is greatly appreciated. All the members of the committee, and the regulars that pitch in at each event and lay out equipment, design courses, manage the computer and register the participants, you make this series one of the great features of the NJ Chapter.

The season champ series point leaders are Jon Trudel, Jaime Kavalieros, and Chris Leckenby in the top 3 spots, but there is a rally and Pinewood derby remaining, so upsets could occur.

Is an older BMW in your future?

Last month I wrote on some quick tips for buying an older BMW. I personally can't pass up a good deal myself and I think this is why we have 7 cars, 3 being BMW's, in a 2 driver household. This month, I decided to do a market report on the more exotic and almost unobtainable BMW classics. I dug through auction results and market reports to give some prices of these stunning classic Bimmers.

The first notable BMW would be the Dixi built under the BMW name from 1928-1932. This was a small car, sort of a cross between a MGTC and a Model A in styling. Unfortunately, I was unable to find any of these on the current market and the last one that sold that I had a record of was in 2001 and sold for \$48,000 in nice drivable condition.

While trying to find a fantastic car of the 30's, the 327/328 Cabriolet came to mind. The 328 was a stunning 2 place drop top sports car and the 327 was a 2+2 Grand Touring version of the same car for those who wish to have a back seat. A look through the auction returns produced a well restored white 1939 327 selling for \$88,000 and a 1939 328 for \$63,500.

The Isettas are a very neat, quirky car made more known to the general public as Urkels geek car in the show Family Matters. These are considered to be Micro Cars. One of the fun features is the front opening door to climb into the cabin. A search on the most popular online auction shows a 1957 Convertible selling for \$12,000 in need of a little bodywork and a 1957 300 with alleged 21,945 original miles and cosmetically restored with the wrong interior sold for \$17,358. Looking at the 2007 Monterey Auction results pulls up a 1957 300 selling for \$28,600 and a 1958 300 coupe selling for \$35,200.

An interesting car from the later 50's, the 503, sold recently at an auction that is more known for Muscle Cars than foreign sports coupes. The Mecum auction in Illinois had a nice driver condition 1959 503 that sold for \$85,000. Another 503 sold in January at the RM auction brought in a whopping \$165,000.

My personal favorite car from the 50's is the 507 roadster. BMW only made 254 of these sexy cars between 1956 and 1959 and when one comes on the market, they command astronomical numbers. I found a black 1957 that recently sold for \$235,000 with rare options like disc brakes, desirable Rudge wheels and hardtop. This was a nice drivable car, but if you are looking for something in the concours restored condition, be prepared to pay up. At the Bonhams' Monaco sale in May of 2005, an absolutely ravishing 1959 507 roadster sold for an astounding \$416,159! This car was gray with red interior. In my ultimate garage of cars I can't afford, I would have a 1957 507 in silver with red interior, sitting next to a 57 Mercedes Gullwing in similar colors and a 1966 427 Cobra. But I'll settle for my 3 e21's and an 80 Firebird Formula for now.

The 70's brought on a few interesting and very collectable "special" BMW's. The 2002 is credited for the start of the CCA and rightfully so. Two models of the '02 are very desirable, the 2002tii and the 2002 Turbo. The tii can be found for anywhere from \$5000-15,000 and is easy to find in nice drivable shape. The Turbo on the other hand is extremely rare to find on the open market. One recently surfaced and is being offered at \$35,000. Two years ago one sold at auction for \$29,400. The 1973 3.0 CSL "Batmobile" is another rare bird. These are limited production cars like the 2002 Turbo. A few have popped up in the last year or so for sale. One sold at Christie's London sale in June of 2006 for \$153,718. This car was well restored and hardly driven. After its restoration, it remained on display inside a European showroom.

The late 70's brought on the ultimate BMW super car, the M1. This was a 6-cylinder powered sports car with wedge shaped styling that resembled the Lotus Esprit and the Ford Pantera. A few come out of hiding once in a while and are brought to the market. One sold this year at Monterey for \$121,000. This was fair market considering I have seen some advertised for \$85,000-\$140,000 depending on miles and history.

So, once you find your high-end classic BMW, what do you do with it? DRIVE IT! Hey, these are cars, and gorgeous cars at that. These are not to be used as garage candy, or weekend lawn ornaments to impress the neighbors. They are to be used and enjoyed! There are lots of wonderful

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Statement of Candidacy for Director of Driving Events

Hello fellow New Jersey BMW Club members; my name is Bob Conway and I am seeking election as Director of Driving Events. I joined the club in 1991 when we bought our first BMW, and became hooked through our excellent Driver School program. We soon had a family-wide interest and a driveway full of BMW's, and all six of us have been involved in a variety of events.

In 2003 I was elected to the Board as a Member-at-Large, primarily responsible for our Chapter Toolbox and our Chapter Website. During my tenure we added tools and equipment to the Chapter Toolbox, and launched our new Website. More recently I have become a Driver School Instructor, and had the pleasure of instructing at our excellent Driver Schools and at our Street Survival programs.

My goals going forward will be to help our Driving Event Committees to improve and expand our various Driving Event programs. Specifically, I'd like to help build our Street Survival School program for teens, and add a Car Control Clinic program for adults. In addition, there are important changes affecting our 2008 Driver School program. Planning is well underway for us to hold one of the first club events at New Jersey's own new racetrack - Thunderbolt Raceway, and we will also be co-organizing a joint school with our sister chapter, DelVal BMWCCA. Big year ahead!

My experience and accomplishments while on the NJBMWCCA Board well qualifies me to continue contributing to this great club, and I ask for your vote of support. Thank you! Bob Conway



Philes' Forum

by Vic Lucariello

Hello Bimmerphiles! This time out I have a solution to the mess that occurs on the garage floor when you disconnect a brake caliper.

I still wish to receive copies of your NJMVC emissions-inspection reports. You can either mail a photocopy of your report [preferred], or simply e-mail the test data. [Include your name, too, if you want to be famous and be mentioned in Philes' Forum!] Please include both the test results and the pass/fail criterion for each pollutant along with your model and year, transmission type, and mileage. If you know at what mileages your oxygen sensor and spark plugs were last replaced, include that as well. Please indicate what, if any, modifications have been made to your motor [aftermarket chip, intake, exhaust, etc.] and your exact model number [eg: 328i, not 3-Series].

Recent submitters of emissions-test data are E30 pilot and driver-school Tech worker and instructor Jim Anderson, instructor and Corvette pilot Mark Carlini, Kin Fong, Delaware Valley Chapter Chief-Of-Tech Gene Schaeffer, Aron Weiss, and one bimmerphile who asked that his name be withheld. Thanks, guys!

I am sure that many of you have had occasion to disconnect and remove a brake caliper from your Bimmer. This straightforward procedure can be complicated by that pesky disconnected brake line or hose that drips brake fluid all over your clean garage floor. Actually, on an ABS-[Antilock Braking System] equipped car, the brake-fluid mess is a secondary consideration; you really don't want to drain all the fluid out and get air into the ABS unit. Said air can be very difficult to remove; sometimes requiring the use of a scan tool to cycle the affected valves within the ABS hydraulic unit. Speaking of difficult-to-remove air, a hose or line plug can also come in handy when one is changing a clutch-slave cylinder.

My solution to this problem was to make up a set of brake-line and brake-hose plugs for the cars I work on. Photo #1 depicts one such hose plug installed on my 2002. I made the hose plug from a scrap piece of brake tubing; simply crushing the open end in a vise, then folding over and re-crushing.



Photo #1 - hose plug

If you don't have any scrap brake tubing lying about, you can purchase a short length of tubing with the correct flares and fittings at any auto-parts jobber. Just ask for 3/16-inch OD or 5-mm OD brake tubing with ISO flares. Heck, a 6-inch length [the tubing comes in various lengths, pre-flared and with tube nuts on both ends] will allow you to make two brake-hose plugs, one for you and one for a fellow bimmerphile. Or if you have a 2002 or other earlier-vintage Bimmer, you will need two plugs per caliper.

You will find that brake tubing comes in two commonly-available flare configurations: ISO [AKA "bubble"] and SAE. Photos 2 and 3 show the two types of flare. In both photos the ISO flare is on the right.



Photo #2 - flares

Photo #3 - flares

So that takes care of plugging a brake hose. However, how do we address the more common problem of having to plug a brake line? I'm glad you asked.

[Bimmers newer than approximately the E21 [320i] cars have the brake hose connected directly to the caliper. Hence when removing a caliper, one

must plug the brake line that the brake hose was connected to.] Simply take a scrap brake hose, cut off the end that connected to the brake line, and force a 6-32 machine screw into the hose. Photo #4 depicts what I am talking about.



Photo #4 - brakeline plug

That's all for now, Bimmerphiles! See you next time, and **HAPPY THANKSGIVING** [I hope it is still acceptable and politically correct to wish someone a h a p p y Thanksgiving. If you are offended

by this, please contact Al Drugos, the NJ Chapter Chief of Political-Correctness Police.]

Anyone wishing to contribute to Philes' Forum should contact me at vic.sr@njbmwcca.org. I'm interested in tech tips, repair /maintenance questions and/or tips, repair horror stories, emissions inspection sagas, product evaluations, etc.

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(Continued from page 1) avoid accidents.

Conducting a Street Survival class requires the efforts of many volunteers, access to a big parking lot, and lots of soap and water. The soap and water is not for cleaning anything (note to Neil Gambony: now is not the time to get excited by the image of lots of clean and shiny cars!) but rather to provide the low traction conditions required to allow students to experience their anti-lock brake systems, traction control systems, and car handling characteristics at the limit of traction, while still driving at relatively low speeds.

David Finch was the event chairman. Along with about 30 experienced high performance drivers and club members who came to provide 1:1 in car instruction, plus class room presentations, to each student, he was also assisted by Big Al (chef) Jamie Cisneros (chief instructor) Irv Sherman (event spokesperson) and Elihu Savad (autocross chairman). This is one of the few events where you see a lot of the autocross folks mixing together with the driver school crowd. That in itself is fun as there's always a bit of a sense of rivalry between these two styles of drivers. Autocrossers are suspected of poorly developed driving techniques, and of paying little regard to the alleged smoother style developed by road course drivers. Road course drivers are suspected of lacking the anatomical attachments necessary to drive their cars at 10/10ths. But on Street Survival day, these friendly rivalries are trumped by a common love for performance driving and a commitment to teaching some of what they know to their teen aged students.

Irv Sherman, the event spokesperson, has been a club member since 1978. He has experience in autocross, club racing, driver schools, and instruction. He also has a SWEET brand new 335is. "I taught Gary Bossert how to drive fast," claims Irv, referencing his long history of driving instruction. That must have been a long time ago, because I can't remember a time when Gary Bossert drove slowly, and I've been a club member since 1992. Irv's five children have all gone through either the Street Survival training program or other programs available at the time they were needed. He is a great believer in the value of this approach to enhancing student safety. And he points out that communities within New Jersey are beginning to recognize the importance of making the benefits of Street Survival available to their own children.

The Holmdel Alliance, a community based organization for the prevention of substance abuse by teens within their township, co-sponsored this event. Their interest in providing access to an added safety net for young teen drivers was, sadly, stimulated by a car accident which took the lives of three of their high-school students. Club member Ray Lynch (another long time member with a new 335i and a desire to get back onto the track; I have a feeling we're going to see a lot of 335's on the track next year with some pretty experienced hands at the wheels) is the cousin of Holmdel Alliance member Lorie Ford. When he told Lorie about the Street Survival program, she mobilized an effort within her community to bring an event into their town with special access for their young drivers. Getting early access (registration was open to Holmdel students two weeks in advance of the general registration deadline) is a great benefit to communities sponsoring these events because they fill up so fast; typically within hours of the registration opening. Lorie's two children, Daniel and Brendon, were participants in the school, and all smiles after the morning driving sessions. I tried to stump them with questions about their car's safety features but these kids knew their stuff! You could tell they had received a lot of attention already at home as new drivers, and that is very gratifying to see. Barbara Hilliard and Valerie Zadonyi were also on hand from the Holmdel Alliance. I spoke with them both just before, and just after, they were taken for rides by instructors around the skidpad. Seeing the smiles and looks of epiphany on their faces when they came out of those cars was priceless. "He was awesome. He was in control the whole time," said Valerie of instructor Jamie Kavalieros. "Now I understand what the kids are learning."

It is also great fun to see the students grow in confidence and knowledge throughout the day. They typically start off with very little knowledge about their cars: front or rear wheel drive? Anti-lock Brakes? But because the Street Survival school is run with the student's own cars, over the course of the day they get to understand what these features are and how they relate to driving control. Student Patricia Krug learned during the wet braking exercises exactly what it is like to have the antilock brake system of her car

activated. Instructor Penny Galossi noticed that after a few runs around the skid pad, her student got to understand how to use the throttle to modulate understeer and oversteer. "This is why I'm here" said Penny, "to see my student improve like that is great!" Meanwhile, instructor Barry Stevens was all grins because he thinks he's recruited his student to come to some of our chapter's high performance driver schools to learn even more. Student Kelsey Lee learned to pay attention to some of the other signals her car sends her, like funny noises coming from the wheels. The squealing noise she noticed coming from her front right wheel turned out simply to be a stone trapped between a dust shield and her brake rotor, a problem that her instructor, Mark Mallory, corrected with a jack and an air impact wrench borrowed from David Finch's trailer. Then it was back on the track for more fun learning. Finally, Bob Conway's student happened to mention that he was so excited about driving that he planned to get a Mitsubishi Evo as his next car. Whoa! Would anyone be surprised to learn that Bob counseled that it would be much wiser to get an older e-30 3 series BMW, a car that would provide the balance of power and handling appropriate to a newer driver who wanted to explore the limits of car control and improve his driving technique? Actually, Bob always counsels people to buy e30's. I suspect he's just trying to keep a lively market available for the fleet of these cars parked in his driveway.

There is wisdom in Bob's advice to his student: rather than getting worked up about going fast based on a helpful, but not comprehensive, driver training experience, we hope that these students will use their new found skills wisely to drive reasonable cars at reasonable speeds and perhaps even develop a life long commitment to improving their driving skills. That would be the ultimate benefit, certainly befitting future drivers of the "ultimate cars" we all enjoy.

Do the Tire Rack Street Survival school and similar programs work? Right now there are no hard statistics to allow us to evaluate the efficacy of these approaches in achieving the desired benefit of lowering teen driver mortality. I know that the NHTSA is beginning to track similar programs and I'm sure that over time we will understand more about the net benefit to teens. In the meantime, I can share a personal anecdote. My son took the Street Survival school when he was still operating under his learning permit. That was about two years ago. Just a few days ago, he came home and told me that his car started to over steer when he was going around the Flemington circle in wet conditions (probably similar to his experience on the skid pad in Street Survival). He was able to correct the problem and get home without incident; no damage or injury to himself or anyone else. We were also able to talk about what happened in a common lexicon of driving terms, and discuss what driver error led to the problem and exactly how he reacted. So I am confident that increased driver knowledge, when coupled with Bob Conway's philosophy of driving reasonable cars at reasonable speeds to build up your skills, is a winning combination. In this context, as a first experience in building real car control skills, the Tire Rack Street Survival schools will arm our teens with more than mere hope for surviving their early driving years.

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NJ Chapter Calendar

November 2007

November 18th
Whack Your Turkey Rally. Chimney Rock Inn in Bridgewater, NJ. Registration - 8:30am.

December 2007

December 11th
Club Elections and Pinewood Derby at our monthly meeting at the Deutscher Club in Clark.

January 2008

January TBD
Monthly meeting at Deutscher Club in Clark.

February 2008

February 9th
Annual Club Banquet at the Grand Colonial in Hunterdon County. (Save the date - See our website.)

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March 2008

Time to finish car for track season.

April 2008

Autocross season starts. Driver schools start.

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Classic Shots



BMW 3.0 CSL

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BMW 507

Classic Shot



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Left to right, Jaime Kavalieros, Walt Baliko, Joe and Gail Skupien. Back from the 1980s, when we were the "Born to Run" chapter, and "Skupe" was editor for life, his mystical presence returns to run in our last season autocross.

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