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Targa Newfoundland Rally



Hear about and see the adventures of Ross Karlin and Dave MacIntyre.
January 19th at Unique Photo (details on page 10).

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The Cone Catcher



by Larry Engel

It's January – a tough month in which to enjoy performance cars in the Northeast. The race tracks are all closed, the autocross season doesn't start until April or May, and Speed Channel is filled with mindless car game shows and repeats of every how-to show they run. (How many times can you watch Two Guys Garage repeats and hear the phrase "you know" before you want to drive off a cliff? I liked it better when Dave and Sam were the hosts, but I'm a fossil.)

The off-season gives us a chance to reflect and start figuring goals for the coming year. I have several goals related to cars and to the club.

First and foremost, we need to attract more new members, and I hope everyone can help us out here. We've created a single page letter found in the "forms" section of the website that can be used to introduce people to the club. I'm always amazed how many people who have owned multiple new BMWs over the years have never joined the club. They have never collected the \$500, \$1,000, or \$1,500 member rebate from BMW of North America. (The size of the rebate depends on whether the car is a 3, 5, or 7.) And for the people who buy old BMW's, the dealer parts discounts are worth the membership dues!

I frequently strike up a conversation with people I meet in the local car wash. (Before you accuse me of breaking the code by taking my car to a commercial wash – I use Showroom Hand Wash in Scotch Plains. While they use the old conveyor to move the cars along and they apply rinse water and detergent with automatic equipment, they hand-wash the car with wool or microfiber mitts – just like you would at home. Then they hand dry it.) At any rate, they attract a lot of BMW drivers in this car wash, and I strike up a conversation with some of them. They are almost never club members. Furthermore, they're completely unaware that the club exists or that membership earns them a rebate. My plan is to take the letter with me and hand it to people I talk to. The club has an annual membership drive that rewards you for referrals so it helps you, too. The letter has a space for you to fill in your name and member number so you can be properly credited for the new member. Let's see if we can get our numbers up!

I'd also like to remind you to mention that you are a BMW CCA member whenever you patronize a dealer or other vendor – ask for their club discount before you buy. Always ask first, and don't assume they know you're a member. Our sponsors are happy to give the discount, so don't be embarrassed to ask. Asking lets them know that their offer is meaningful and our members are paying attention and support the vendors that support us. It should be a win-win situation.

We're also going to continue to find new events to attract audiences that are interested in things other than driving events. As previously mentioned, the September Biergarten was wonderful, and we're already talking about a few other things. If you're interested in trying to organize something new, email me at larryengel@njbmwcca.org. We're always looking for new ideas. We only ask that if you bring us a new idea, you'll also be willing to organize it and figure out how it's going to be funded.

We're continuously trying to find ways to control costs. Some people are surprised when they hear that our operating budget is over a quarter million dollars a year. With membership down a little and costs up, we need to watch every penny. The November/December Bulletin was mailed by bulk rate postage. Our informal poll didn't detect too much of a difference in delivery time compared to the first class postage we usually employ. We have always been concerned that going bulk rate would delay communication of important information. Maybe that's not the case. We have enough trouble getting the Bulletin out in a timely fashion, anyway. In the near future we'll be trying a second channel of communication for important events – email. We'll be using a cost effective system though the National Office to alert members to meetings and other important items. We'll use it sparingly so we don't get accused of spamming folks, and I understand people will be able to opt out. If your email address isn't up to date with National you might want to let them know.

OK, that's enough club business, now let me turn to my personal car goals. It's looking more and more like my cherished E46 is lost to me forever.

Chris has had it at Clemson since August – since Greg and Alicia took his Camry to replace "the Gregmobile" after an accident. Chris brought the 328 home for the holidays, and I'm really enjoying driving it again. I still love it, and to this day I've never driven a car I'm more comfortable in. At 11 years old, I still smile every time I drive it. I wish it had another couple of hundred horsepower, but that's why I have the M3. Even so, the M3 doesn't feel as connected to the road as the E46. I know that this complaint has been heard about every new generation of BMWs since the E21 replaced the 2002, but the E46 was perfect for me. Maybe it's because it was my first BMW. I'm sure it's also because the E90 has to cope with a few hundred more pounds of weight. The steamroller tires on it probably don't help, either. What makes the E90 so good is the S65 engine and the astonishing performance capability of the thing. Man, does it haul tail! The loss of the E46 has a bright side - I'll have a chance to explore the performance envelope of the monster in the garage.

There's one more thing. I have to find a solution to the lack of a family hauler/efficient cruiser in the stable. Prior to a year and a half ago, our leased X3 fit this task almost perfectly. It met almost all of our load carrying needs, and it got pretty good mileage. (We got 27 mpg on one trip to Clemson.) It was very comfortable for long trips. The M3 is very comfortable, but it's too thirsty for efficient travel. The Mini Cooper S is efficient enough, but I can't ride in it for more than an hour or two. (The exhaust noise bothers me after a while, and it doesn't hold a whole lot of stuff, either.) We drove the new Mini Countryman the other day. It's quieter than the Cooper S, but it's still a Mini. It doesn't look like my snow blower will fit through the rear hatch or stand up in the load area. I was surprised that eight foot long lumber will fit, but it will be resting on top of the dashboard. Still, the snow blower test will probably be a deal killer. This is too bad, because it would have eased the guilt of my environmental impact.

This leaves the new X3 or X1. I'm not sure I want to wait for the X1 or that it will meet all of our needs. BMW has elected not to offer a diesel in the X3, at least initially. This leaves me with the "28i" or "35i" options – BMW-speak for naturally aspirated and turbocharged 3.0 liter sixes. Oddly, early indications are that the EPA highway fuel economy ratings are better for the turbo, although only by 1 mpg. Apparently, gearing has something to do with it. At any rate, this is a disappointment. I'm not sure it's a deal killer, but it would be nice to buy a more efficient, practical, and comfortable vehicle. The E46 was the champ in this regard, too. Before I put super sticky tires on it that probably cost a couple of mpg, I'd get 32 or 33 mpg on a trip, and sometimes a little more. It's still the standard by which I measure all other cars.

Once again, I've rambled on enough. I hope you all find some satisfying way to feed your automotive addiction until the weather turns warmer. Until then, keep the cones standing!

Annual Banquet

Mark your calendars on February 26th for our annual NJ BMW CCA Club Banquet. This will be held at the Grand Colonial in Perryville, NJ. There will be music, great food, and lots of prizes. The price will be 60 dollars by mail and 68 dollars at the door.





Philes' Forum

by Vic Lucariello

Hello, Bimmerphiles! Here's wishing all of you a happy, healthy, and safe 2011!

Philes' Forum is commencing its *twenty-fifth* year of publication! To all of you who have read, responded to, and contributed to the column: Thank You!

In the last *Philes' Forum*, I misspelled Member-At-Large and Tech worker Doug Feigel's name. Ever the gentleman, he was gracious about it when I wrote to apologize. Having had my own name butchered in print and mispronounced for all these years, I should have been more careful.

Although for many years now BMWs have had rigidly mounted alternators, there are still some Bimmers out there, especially in enthusiast hands, with alternators mounted in "rubber" bushings. Standout enthusiast cars in this group are the E24 M6, the E28 M5 and the much beloved 2002 and E30 M3. The less-beloved E30 325e and 318i [not the 90-91 318is] models have these bushings as well. I would say that all these cars either have new alternator-mount bushings or they need them!

The problem with these bushings is that, as they deteriorate with age, heat, and the load of the alternator-belt, the alternator gradually loses its alignment with the water-pump and crankshaft pulleys. Initially, this only results in perhaps some increased belt noise. However, ultimately the alternator will start flapping around, and in the extreme case, throw its belt. When this happens, the water pump also stops turning, with predictable results. This is why we check alternator-belt tension and alternator alignment at driver-school Tech. E30 M3s are notorious for throwing their alternator belts at the track, and deteriorated alternator-mount bushings are definitely a contributing factor.

The good news is that replacement alternator-mount bushings are still available right from BMW. For all the aforementioned Bimmers, the bushing part number is 12-31-1-268-433, and you will need 4 of them. [For a 2002, two different bushings are required.] The friendly parts folks at Hunterdon BMW in Lebanon were recently able to get bushings for me in a couple days. While you are ordering the bushings, I recommend you also order a couple retaining rings, part number 12-31-1-276-226. Bosch offers bushings of a "harder" material, and many folks have used them. I personally prefer the OE bushings from BMW.

Although changing alternator-mount bushings is fairly straightforward, I'd like to share some tips gleaned from a recent job on a 325e. Begin by disconnecting the battery, then removing the wires on the backside of the alternator. [Unless you are related to Harry Houdini, I suggest you remove the air-filter housing as your first step.] And before you begin this job, know that a snap-ring pliers makes things infinitely easier.



Photo #1 - 25-Year-Old Bushing!

To remove the alternator, first remove the bolt that passes through the alternator and its tensioning bracket. That is the easy one. The harder one is the long one [usually the lower one] that passes through the alternator and its alloy mounting bracket. Some bolts have a captive nut, while on others you will have to sneak a 13 mm box wrench down there to hold the nut. If the lower bolt won't break loose, don't force it, as an 8 mm bolt is not hard to wreck. Instead, put some penetrating oil on the nut and on where the bolt passes through the alternator mounting bracket and let things soak overnight. Repeat as necessary. When the bolt finally breaks loose, rock it back and forth a few times before you try turning it to remove it. I like to replace both 8 mm [13 mm hex] locknuts whether they need it or not. So add these to your parts-acquisition list [07-12-9-906-196].

Once the alternator is on the bench, the fun part of the job begins. Note carefully the orientation of the retaining rings that hold the bushings and their inner sleeves in place. One is on the front side of the alternator while the other is on the rear side. Be sure to maintain the as-found orientation. I did this by replacing one bushing pair at a time, and by remembering that the two retaining rings are on opposite ends of the alternator.

After removing a retaining ring, the bushings and their inner sleeve usually press out by hand or with a little persuasion with a SMALL hammer. No BFHs please! Photo #1 depicts what you might expect with 25-year-old



Photo #2 - Bore Ready For New Bushing

bushings! Be sure to clean thoroughly the bores in the alternator housing that receive the bushings. [See Photo #2.] Photo #3 shows one pair of new bushings and a cleaned-up inner sleeve ready for installation.

The trick to this whole job is getting the retaining rings back in their grooves in the bushing inner sleeves. After slipping the new bushings [I lubricate them with liquid hand soap] into place and pressing in the inner sleeve, you will note that the bushings need to be slightly compressed in order to get the retaining rings back into their grooves. Over the years I have tried several different methods of effecting this, but this last time I hit on something that is sheer simplicity.

See Photo #4. I took an 8 mm bolt [actually one of the alternator-mounting bolts], and slipped it through the inner sleeve. On the retaining-ring end of the sleeve, I started the ring over the end of the sleeve and pushed the ring down as far as it would go. Then I slipped a 9/16 [a 14 mm might do] socket over the bolt, put on a nut, and ran the nut down until the retaining ring clicked into its groove. In the photo, you can see the retaining ring, happy as a clam, just under the socket.

One final tip: One of the wires you disconnected from the backside of the alternator is the alternator-ground wire. Check carefully the condition of the

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NJ Chapter of the BMW CCA Board Meeting Minutes

November 10, 2010

Board members present: Larry Engel, Doug Feigel, Mark Mallory, Jeff White, Paul Ngai, Jamie Kavalieros, Ross Karlin, Dave Allaway, Al Drugos and Warren Brown. Board members absent: Bob Conway, Jerry Faber. Others present: Brian Morgan, Neil Gambony, Vic Lucariello, Elihu Savad, Barry Stevens, Jon Trudel, Jeff Caldwell.

President

Larry Engel called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM at Alfonso's in Somerville. Al Drugos motioned to waive the reading of the October minutes and Jeff White seconded (carried unanimously). Larry reviewed 2010 and noted that it was a good year for the NJ Chapter. The recent Biergarten was noted as an event to draw new members. We need to work on improved communications and new member development. Nationally, the NJ Chapter remains one of the best in terms of member retention, and Larry wishes to continue to focus on that. Continued dealership visits are needed. As requested, Dave Allaway read the slate of 2011 Board nominations (see below).

Vice President

Paul Ngai reported that the December meeting (Pinewood Derby and elections) will be on the 7th at Deutscher Club of Clark (DCC), the January presentation on Targa Newfoundland will be at Unique Photo, February 16th at DCC will possibly be a New Jersey State Police program, and March will be at Bloomfield BMW's new facility.

Treasurer

Mark Mallory distributed a year-to-date P&L statement and summary by event. These reflect a \$5,557 loss, not including: a High Point sponsorship payment, the December payment from National, remaining newsletter expenses, and the Westlake School donation. Ross Karlin noted that he is continuing to push for reimbursement from National for the Instructor Training School (ITS). It was noted that the autocross program is at a deficit, although not major, due to lower attendance. The year-end chapter projection is about a \$3 thousand loss, not including donation.

Secretary

Dave Allaway reported on 2011 Board nominations as follows: Larry Engel for President, Paul Ngai for Vice President, Mark Mallory for Treasurer, Dave Allaway for Secretary, Al Drugos for Social Events Chair, Jamie Kavalieros for Driving Events Chair, and Doug Feigel and Deb Kolar for Members-at-Large. It was noted that requests for nominations had previously appeared in the October bulletin and on the chapter website.

Social Events

Al Drugos reported that there are three checks missing from the TD Ballpark event. Al requested additional publicity for the annual Chapter Banquet, since the next newsletter will not be until January. The banquet is booked for February 19th, although there was not agreement that this is the optimal or agreed-upon date [since rebooked for February 26th]. The price has been raised from \$55 to \$60, as agreed. Al asked for opinions on a cruise, a wine-tasting event, a concours, and on making the Biergarten the summer event. There was a discussion on the pros and cons of a wine-tasting event. Jeff Caldwell suggested a scenic drive or drive to a venue of interest. Mark noted that we need an event such as an informal import tuner display to attract new younger members. Website

Larry noted that a new Webmaster is still in the works, and we should be in a position to make an appointment at the January board meeting.

Business Manager

Doug Feigel reported that he has a new web-banner advertiser, BMW of Bloomfield. Sponsorship money is still owed, as noted.

Driving Events

Jamie Kavalieros reported on helmets, and his intent to buy two 2005 (on sale) or 2010 helmets. It was agreed upon 2010's, so there is no urgency. Jon Trudel reported that 10 cars are pre-registered for the Whack-Your-Turkey Rally on the 21st, with a starting location in Martinsville. The price has been raised from \$20 to \$25. Neil noted that Jamie still needs to purchase insurance. Brian noted that both parents need to sign any minor waivers. Ross Karlin reported that next year's national driving events conference has been cancelled, as a cost-saving measure. He also noted that there will be a November 20th North Atlantic Region driving events conference in Albany, with planned participation by the NJ Chapter. Topics will include standards for inspection of aftermarket harnesses. Vic Lucariello asked whether the conference would be able to dictate chapter policy, and the consensus was no. Barry Stevens reported that he is working on the March Instructor Seminar.

Driver Schools

Jeff White reported that we will be moving from six to five track events next year, although the same number of days. All dates have been requested or have contracts in progress. We have the same date for the ITS/Advanced School, but at NJMP/Lightning next year, rather than Summit Point. Monticello is no longer available to other clubs. We are looking at running a Club Racing School again next year.

Autocross

Elihu Savad reported that the last autocross of the year was last Sunday with 41 participants, including 10 to 11 newcomers. For the year, the autocross program had a \$2,500 loss, which could be eliminated next year with a \$5 price increase. There was a discussion on future events and an autocross school. Elihu has updated the Champ Series point standings.

New Membership

Neil Gambony reported that he has sent the latest group of welcome letters.

Old Business

The trailer registration is still needed.

New Business

There was an extended discussion on the Westlake school donation, and the cost basis for determining the amount. Dave Allaway motioned to make a donation in the amount of \$4000, including earmarked donations, with the remainder contributed by the NJ Chapter. Barry Stevens seconded (carried unanimously, except one abstention). There was a lengthy discussion on budgets and finances for 2011.

The next board meeting was set for Wednesday, January 5th at Alfonso's. Doug motioned to adjourn at 9:47 PM and Jeff White seconded (approved unanimously).

Respectfully submitted,
David Allaway, Secretary



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Philes' Forum (continued)

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alloy alternator housing where the ground wire attaches, and clean off any corrosion. See Photo #5. Also clean up the lug on the ground wire. While



Photo #3 - New Bushings Ready To Go

you are at it, follow the ground wire to its other end, disconnect it, and clean that up as well. Your Bimmer will love you for it.



Photo #4 - Hardest Part of the Job

One of the ways that folks get to be Tech workers at the NJ Chapter is by



Photo #5 - Clean The Ground Connection

Annual NJ BMW CCA Banquet

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That's all for now, Bimmerphiles. See you next month!

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

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Initial Ramblings by JT Burkard

New Year, New Focus

Hopefully some of you are reading this newsletter for the first time as the Holidays brought you a new membership in this BMW CCA community. To those new members I say welcome. You have made a wise choice as you have enhanced your ultimate BMW experience. In no time flat you will wish you had joined sooner.

We start this New Year with 1/1/11. The number 11 is said to be an extremely spiritual and mystical number. Eleven is also a Master or Power Number. It can also be seen as a key to unlock the subconscious mind. If you add 1/1/11 up, it equals four, which signifies a square or box, which has a link to orderliness. 2011 will be all about tidying up our lives and putting things in order. Or maybe it's because my autocross # was very close at 1171. Why the quick numerology lesson? This year signifies my wanting to put some priorities in line. Last year I was not involved in as many of the clubs functions as much as I would have liked to. I missed many meetings. I didn't attend any autocross or driver schools due to schedule or work issues. I even missed the Bavarian Autosport Show and Shine in NH as Sandy and I had lack of time off, and then missed our Whacking of the Turkey rally due to a sick feline at the house, which was beyond my control. Yes, last year was not a good one for extra curricular Bimmer activities.

This year will be different as the numbers will predict. I decided I will try to make as many club meetings as possible, even the ones that I have deemed too far to drive to in the past. I want to try my hand at autocross again. This was the most fun I've ever had with a \$2,000 car in a parking lot. I will make the drivers school this year at Millville and finally fulfill a dream of driving a car on a racetrack. From the moment I had my driver's license and my first car, a 1975 Datsun 280Z, I always wanted to go road racing. I missed this opportunity last year; I will not make this mistake again. To do this, I want to find another e21 so I may try these events with a car with three pedals and a wiggle stick popping out of the floor as currently our two BMW's are automatics.

I also need to focus on the current collection of cars. The 1977 320i is in need of an engine compartment detail and some minor cosmetic do dads as any 34 year old car will need. Mainly the door weather stripping is shrinking and the headliner is starting to pull away from the sides. The 1996 740il has been a steady work in progress getting it back to its former glorious self. I had some paint touch up on the rear bumper; new front end components, headlight lens & fog lights, plus brand new V rated tires so far. I still have a few nuisance issues like missing dash pixels, an air bag light to solve and maintenance items to still complete. I also need to finally finish picking apart the 1983 320is parts car I've had sitting behind my shop for two years. It's turning into a home for the local woodland creatures.

I also need to focus on the non-BMW's like my 1980 Firebird Formula high school car and its restoration that has sat idle for 6 years without a bolt touched. I recently researched performance suspension components to make this fine handling car corner even better. With 462cid and estimated 475-500hp on tap, it would be nice to be able to use some of that HP going around a turn too. I have a hankering to take this beast to one of our autocrosses and flog it on the field before I paint it, at least once for giggles. I still have a long way to go and lots of money to spend before that happens.

I also need to stop referencing that pesky Jaguar I bought by mistake last year. We are BMW fans, not dodgy, fiddly, stuffy Oxford gentlemen driver's cars people. It's time to get back to my roots and focus on fine German made sporty machines. I also got past my need for a VW Vanagon Westfalia Camper as well. Sticker shock helped ease the want. For the same price as a decent e30 M3, I could be rolling down the highways at a max speed of 70mph in a brick shaped hippy van with a stove, sink, fridge, Grateful Dead stickers and pop up tent roof, or carving exit ramps in a finely tuned sports sedan... hmmm.. which one to buy? I'll take the Alpine White M3.

Yes, 2011 will be the year to refocus priorities, get back in touch with my roots, get my ol' high school car one step closer to completion, get onto that

race track, knock over some autocross cones (or actually try not to) and enjoy the reasons I joined this club to begin with. I never had so much fun with any of my cars until I became a member of the CCA. There was something different with the way I clicked with the members over the other local car clubs I was involved with. Everyone is friendly, no matter if you have a \$100,000 BMW or a \$100 BMW. Everyone is equal with help and advice only a phone call or an email away.

So make this year of 11 a spiritual automotive adventure and join us at our meetings, social and driving events. You'll never look at your BMW the same way again. Isn't living life to the fullest what we all should be focused on in the first place anyway?

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Board Members Elected for 2011

At the December 7th membership meeting, the following members were elected to the 2011 NJ Chapter Board:

Larry Engel – President,
Paul Ngai – Vice President,
Mark Mallory – Treasurer,
Dave Allaway – Secretary,
Jamie Kavalieros – Driving Events Chair,
Al Drugos – Social Events Chair,
Doug Feigel – Member-at-Large, and
Deb Kolar – Member-at-Large.

At the January 5th Board meeting, the following additional 2011 Board members were appointed:

Ross Karlin – Member-at-Large/Race Chair,
Jeff White – Member-at-Large/Driver School Chair,
Jerry Faber – Newsletter Editor, and
Colin Vozeh – Webmaster.

Congratulations to all, with special thanks to Warren Brown for his many years of board service and continued participation, welcome to new board member Colin Voseh, and welcome back to returning board member Deb Kolar.



NJ Chapter Calendar

January 2011

Wednesday, January 19th
Monthly meeting held at Unique Photo in Fairfield, NJ. This meeting will feature Ross Karlin and Dave MacIntyre's Targa Newfoundland run. Time: 7pm-9pm 123 US Highway 46.

February 2011

Wednesday, February 16th
Monthly Club meeting at the Deutscher Club. The Myths of All-Season vs. Snow tires presented by Phil Eng from Shade Tree Garage Time: 7pm.

Saturday, February 26th

Annual Club Banquet at the Grand Colonial in Perryville, NJ.

March 2011

Wednesday, March 16th
At BMW of Bloomfield - Dealer Meeting. Time: 6:30pm-9pm 425 Bloomfield Ave Bloomfield.

Welcome New Members

Robert Almerini
Cyrus Apgar
George Calfo
John Cronin
Peter Elliott
Randy Feliz
Lee Graf
Barry Hummel
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Re: Donations from the BMW Car Club of NJ

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Pictured left to right are Union County Educational Services Commission Board of Education President Dr. Thomas Bistocchi, Larry Engel, Westlake School Principal Dr. Cathy Patla, Ross Karlin, and UCESC Superintendent William Presutti. In addition to support from Club Race Sponsors High Point Insurance, BMW of Bloomfield, and JMK BMW; several private donations were made.

We appreciate the support of Ron Langford at our Instructor Seminar, as well as DeVal Newsletter Editor and club instructor Dave Flogaus, who was the highest bidder at the auction which was held at the race dinner. Dave went home with two BMW's – the second being the replica kiddie car that was auctioned off.

On behalf of Westlake School, I'd like to thank you for the very generous support that your organization has given us over the years. According to Ron Benford's notes, The BMW Car Club of New Jersey began its support of Westlake School in June of 1997. During this time, the Club has contributed over \$78,700, which has enabled us to give our students opportunities they would not have had otherwise. These opportunities have boosted students' ability to achieve academically and have improved the quality of their lives. With the state cutting funding to schools, your Club's generous donations have been a huge help for our school.

Most recently, Westlake School has used BMW Club donations to convert a classroom into a fully-furnished "apartment" with a living room, bedroom, and kitchen. It is in this area that the students have begun to learn Activities of Daily Living ("ADL") skills in a 'real' environment. ADL skills help students to learn how to live independently. This new apartment complements a home economics room directly across the hallway. The combination allows us to teach activities in the areas of using alarm clocks, establishing a morning routine, personal grooming, meal planning and preparation, clothing selection and care, house cleaning and care, consumer skills, travel and entertainment, and safety. This helps students to be a productive part of our society and helps to lower their reliance on State aid and State programs. As a result of the creation of this apartment and our teaching of ADL skills, we've already had an increase of seven students in our student population since school opened two weeks ago!

- Over the years, The BMW Car Club of New Jersey has made it possible for students to:
- o attend summer camp (more than 50 students over the years)
 - o receive "Student of the Year" awards
 - o go on field trips
 - o hear guest speakers
 - o attend recreational programs
 - o attend assemblies and public service training (seatbelts, road rules)
 - o use a portable gymnasium
 - o use supplies purchased to start and enhance our Pre-Employment Training Skills ("PETS") program's retail center (the Westlake Corner Store), hospitality center, graphic arts center, and print shop
 - o use Ellison machines and die cuts to create pads and lettering for bulletin boards (a wonderful way to teach students to stay on task, follow directions, and maintain quality control, all vital vocational skills)
 - o use software like Writing with Symbols®, enabling the students to type a word, phrase, sentence, or story, with the text and picture symbol automatically appearing, making the words truly meaningful to beginning readers and writers
 - o view/hear information on DVDs, tapes, cassettes, and CDs
 - o learn about artists and art techniques from a video series
 - o observe chicks hatching over a two-week period
 - o work with therapy dogs
 - o participate in a bowling league
 - o see productions at the State Theatre in New Brunswick and at NJ PAC

For our very medically involved students, a special apparatus was gotten for a student to have computer access via breath control and/or head movement, and a pair of adaptive head pointers enabled quadriplegic students to communicate on-line, which opens up another world for them.

Our Annual Carnival has grown over the years from student-made "booths" to renting "real" carnival booths, games, inflatable bouncing tents, and a dunk tank.

Very often, due to lack of proper transportation and/or a family's inability to take their disabled child out into the community to experience these things, Westlake School affords the students an opportunity to participate in activities and at places "regular kids" do and go to routinely. The smiles and joy seen in their faces makes it all worthwhile. And it is greatly because of your organization's generosity that all these

things have been made available to our students, over and above what we as a school can provide for them.

In these difficult economic times, especially these past few years, you have continued to support our students, not only with monetary gifts, but with the ability for some of them to enjoy your annual race at Lime Rock and now at NJ Motorsports Park.

We are truly grateful.

Best wishes for clear weather, good driving, and safe travels!

Very truly yours,

Cathy J. Patla, Ed.D.
Principal

c.c. William Presutti, UCESC Superintendent

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