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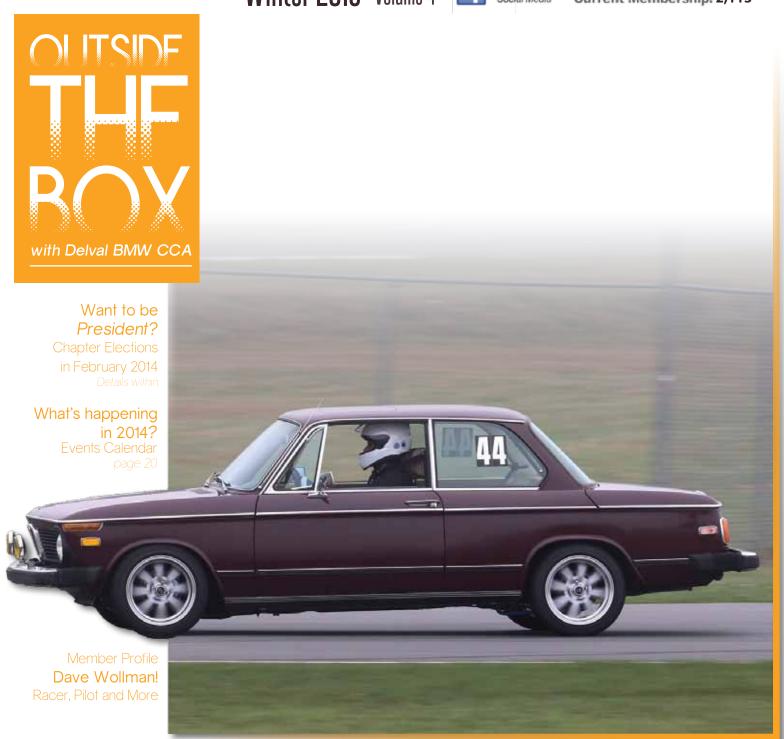








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Welcome to the Club

So You Want to Go Racing?

You've attended a few BMW CCA high-performance driving schools. You get lots of point-bys, and think you're pretty quick. Sure, you're getting a little old, but Fangio was F1 World Champion at 46, so you have a little time to brush up before Jensen Button retires and the phone call comes from Ron Dennis. What's the next step to make sure that you're at the top of the McLaren driver-shopping list?

Well, fantasy aside, if you're enjoying our driving schools, but looking for a little more — and you've watched some races and figure, "I could do that" — then BMW CCA does have an outlet for your ambition. It's a path I followed this year.

I've wanted to race cars since I was in my early teens. After 20 years of driving schools, open track days and instructing, I promised myself that 2013 was the year I would finally scratch that itch. But where to start?

I whet my appetite in February, driving in a Chump Car race at Road Atlanta, courtesy of good friend and former Del Val member and driving school instructor Mike Smith. Chump Car, like the similar LeMons series, is orientated around low-cost racing, with the nominal starting point of a \$500 car. Mike and his buddies in St. Louis had built an e36 325is into a racing car for the Chump Car series, and found themselves a driver short for their first event. I didn't hesitate when the invitation arrived, and the rest, as they say, is history.

I came back from a successful weekend for the team with the racing hook firmly sunk into my psyche. Within a week I'd located a wrecked 325is, assembled a team of co-conspirators, and we embarked on building a Chump Car of our own.

But there were two problems: Our time to build the car was limited, and since the car was, literally, a wreck when we bought it, we didn't even know if it would run, let alone drive. Looking at the Chump Car schedule, the last thing we wanted to do was tow 500 miles for a 14-hour race with a car that wouldn't run. Ah, but there was a solution at hand: The new BMW CCA Club Racing Endurance Series.

Open to all BMWs, including Chump Cars (provided they have windows, and have no more that a nice level of patina) the second race in the Endurance Series was scheduled for our Del Val event at Lightning in August. Perfect! Only an hour away, on a track we all knew, and a relatively short 4-hour race: The ideal shakedown to see what we had in the car.

But there was a rub. No one in our team had BMW CCA Club Racing licenses, or any competition license, for that matter. Fortunately, there was a solution at hand: The excellent BMW CCA Club Racing School program, sponsored by Bimmerworld. There was a school scheduled for the NJ Chapter event at Thunderbolt, so we could all take the school (hopefully pass) and be ready to race.

The Club Racing School program proved to be excellent and a real eyeopener. As well as helping develop critical skills, and being a terrific learning environment, it also provided an amazing shot of adrenaline. It was a great primer for what we'd experience racing, while also disabusing most of us of our F1 fantasies!

With this, the pieces fell into place. We had a team. We had a car. We had our racing licenses. We had an event. All that remained was to drive!

Our event went spectacularly well. Yes, we did have the slowest car, which was no surprise, since as a Chump-spec car we were limited to street tyres and stock suspension, but we didn't finish last. Thanks to solid preparation and consistent driving, we met our goal of finishing the entire four hours. Better yet, we weren't last, or even the last car running.

The Team BullFloEd e36, driven by Dave Flogaus, Mike Dion and myself — with significant preparation assistance from Ed Narewski and Ben Greisler and other friends, and sponsorship from Bimmerzone and assistance with the roll cage and safety gear from VAC Motorsports — might not have been the car to watch during the race, but the feeling of elation from a group of newbies taking a wrecked car to a race-finisher in less than six months still feels good now, sitting at my computer keyboard almost six months later.

What does this mean for you? Well, we built the car in my garage, so except for the professionally built cage, it was a DIY effort by a group of car guys with tolerant wives. That proves that it is doable, within a reasonable budget, to go racing with a BMW.

But a word of caution: Once you do your first event, it gets in your blood. Two of us also drove in the BMW CCA Club Racing sprint races at the same Lightning event. We're even more convinced that Ron Dennis won't be calling up anytime soon, but we now have not just the Chump Car in our racing stable, but also an e36 M3 IS-class racing car - and we're planning on building another this winter.

Oh, and the Chump Car popped its head gasket at the BMW CCA endurance race at Watkins Glen, before we ever got on track, so there's a cloud around every silver lining. But there's a solution to that, too: Rent a racing car. But that's a subject for another column!





DEL VAL CHAPTER MEMBER PROFILE

DAVE WOLLMAN

THE BASICS:

Name: Dave Wollman Member since 1996

Profession: Business executive

Hometown: Grew up in Blue Bell, PA, currently reside in Langhorne, PA

Spouse: Mitzi Wollman

Children: David and Ashley First car: 1972 Triumph TR-6 In garage now: 1995 BMW M3 IP

Racecar, Formula Ford Racecar, BMW Z3, BMW X5, Ford F350 tow vehicle

Other interesting cars owned: 1969 Corvette, 1991 BMW 318is, 1993

BMW 328, 1995 BMW 540 Sport, 2003

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This open house will be held in February when all of our Vintage Group's prized cars are tucked away for the winter. We will supply pizza and soda. This open house is open to ALL club members, not just Vintage Group. Address is 233 Railroad Drive, Ivyland, PA. (Please note that is a new address since last meeting there.)

Rsvp to: vintagechair@delvalbmwcca.org

For more information please contact Bill Foster bimmers beemers@verizon.net 215-990-2087









SUMMER OF VINTAGE A recap of this year's vintage events

This summer has seen several fun events for the Vintage Group. Hot and wet conditions forced us to cancel several events, but we made up for it at several great replacements.

By far our best attendance was our participation in the Deutsche Classic all-German car and bike show in Oley. Of course we are all drawn to our Bimmers and Beemers, but the variety of German brands makes this show a favorite every year. Plan on attending next summer!!!

July 20th saw downtown Doylestown turn into a giant classic and custom car heaven. Although hard to park as a group, we had a representation of Bimmers scattered around town.

An attempt to have a Tuesday evening get-together at the Shady Brook Farms weekly Cruise Night did not get a lot of support. It is a midweek event, so hard for working folks to attend. Still, the few of us who were there thoroughly enjoyed gawking at the 500+ customs and classics. The August 11th New Hope Auto Show had a special treat for us as 6 E9 Coupe owners and their cars all lined up in a row. Definitely a rare site and a real crowd-pleaser. As usual, Barry McMillan was also in attendance with his 1960s BMW 2000 sedan, and VAC had their vintage 2002 race car on display.

August 24th saw 7 Vintage BMWs caravan together to the Millville Army Air Corps "Thunderbolt" museum. The museum honors the brave P47 pilots from WW2 who trained at Millville. We latterly then went next door to NJ Motorsport Park to join in the festivities of our BMW Club Racing and Driver's School. The weather could not have been more perfect, especially for those of us with classic BMW convertibles.

We are considering having a "Fall Foliage" rally, covered bridge tour and picnic in October. Let me know if any of you are up for that kind of event.

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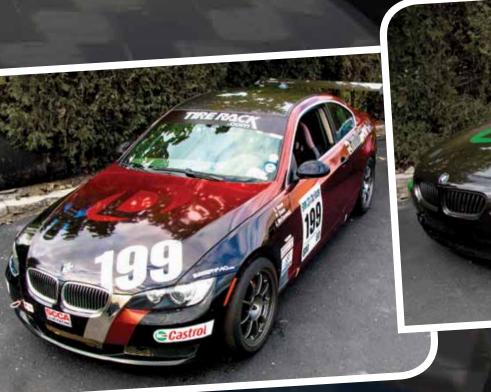
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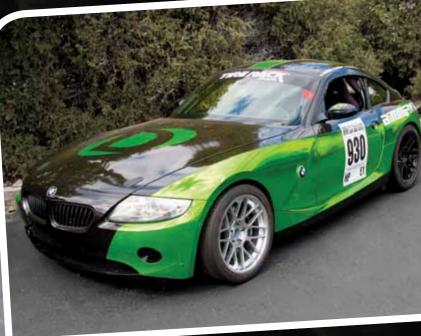
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The 2013 Del Val Driving School season has come to a close. Time to change the oil, put the snow tires on and begin putting together your holiday list for some new "go fast" parts for next season.

This driving school season concluded at Pocono in early October. Although the club has conducted their DE schedule at Pocono for many years, this was the inaugural event at the newly paved 2.5 mile southeast course. It presented us with several technical corners as well as a high-speed, high-banked corner (NASCAR Turn 1). In addition to the new layout, the club moved the hotel and banquet location over to the Split Rock Lodge. Many door prizes were distributed. The Grand Prize donated by Pat and Bob Handwerk was a weekend getaway at the Harry Packer Mansion Inn in Jim Thorpe, PA. Their son Taylor is a BMWCCA member and drives a white e-36 M3.

We would like to thank our many sponsors, including VAC, Otto's and Bimmerworks, who have supported the Club's activities for many years.

After five years as Driving Event Chair, I am pleased to announce that Scott Reiman has graciously volunteered to become the new 2014 Driving Event Chair for Del Val Chapter. Many of you know Scott and his wife Diane. Scott is a club racer and DE enthusiast, and Diane will be supporting him in this new position. I am confident that Scott will bring some new ideas and enthusiasm to this position and look forward to supporting both of them throughout the 2014 transition. The very able support staff will continue to work with Scott including Lisa Mellott as Registrar, Frank Keytanjian as Tech Chair and Mike Dion as Chief Instructor. I look forward to getting back in the car with students as well as conducting various DE classroom instruction. Thank you all for your continued support of the Del Val BMW-CCA Driving activities.

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Re-enact your conquests on the track. Re-tell the same old jokes that have worked for you so many times before. Greet and be greeted. Enjoy the company of your friends that you only get to see at Club events, and some that you get to see all the time, too. Don't be left out of this dependably great party. It's one not to miss. (*Registration details will be forthcoming; please check back later. No, I don't know when. Just later. Trust me.)

More details will be trickling in as we figure them out, er, get closer to the date of the Banquet. Watch for email blasts or simply bombard your Social Events Chair, Dave Wollman, with your questions and emails. (Please, everyone, try to ask him the same questions over and over. He really likes that.) Also, you can check the website for updated info.

As usual, there will be one or more excellent Grand Prizes......IPads, watches, travel bags, TVs?, and other Slightly Less Grand Prizes, but you have to be there in order to win them. And the Annual Elections are sure to be filled with suspense and excitement! It's almost always a tight race.

Questions: Please contact Dave at: socialchair@delvalbmwcca.org

Excuses: Fuggedaboutem!!!

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Official Business: Executive Board

Meeting of the Delaware Valley Chapter Executive Board:

Tuesday, October 10th, 2013

In attendance were: Martin Bullen, President: Dave Wollman, Co-Vice President; Dave Flogaus, Co-Vice President; Mike Dion, Treasurer and Chief Instructor; Bob Kelly, Secretary; Geoff Ehrman, Driving Events Co-Chair; Dennis Brennan, Vintage Events Co-Chairs; Lisa Mellot, Events Registrar; Scott Reiman.

Action Items

- 1. Martin Bullen - Call to Order 6:30 PM
- Martin welcomed everyone. A motion was made to dispense the reading of the minutes from the October 10, 2013 meeting. A motion was made and second to approve the minutes with no changes. The motion was approved unanimously. Martin initiated the Committee Reports.

Summary of BOARD REPORTS AND UPDATES

- President's Report:
- Martin reported on his conversation with Bruce Hazard, President of BMW CCA, relative to the BMW Foundation's \$250,000 Challenge Grant. Specifically, CCA membership has been challenged by an anonymous member/donor to match a \$250,000 grant. This "ambitious fundraising effort is specifically intended to strengthen, expand, and create a permanent home for the Foundation's premier program—the Tire Rack Street Survival program—and also establish a state-of-the-art facility on newly purchased land next to the BMW Performance Center that will house the BMW CCA Library and Archives and create space to present up to 20 cars and other displays significant to the history of the BMW CCA and BMW in America." A discussion followed Martin's presentation and it was agreed that on behalf of Del Val's membership, a match of \$5000 would be appropriate. A motion was made and the matching grant was approved unanimously.
- Martin welcomed Scott Reiman to the meeting. The purpose of Scott's attendance was to discuss his willingness in taking over Geoff Erhman's position as Driving Events Chair when Geoff steps down in December after many years of service. The group welcomed Scott's willingness because of his long term commitment to BMW CCA and his experience as an Instructor and as a

Club Racer. After reviewing the duties of this challenging position and the make-up of the Driving Events support team

that he will be working with, Scott accepted the position and stated that he was exited by the challenge. A motion was made to approve Scott's appointment and passed unanimously. Welcome Scott!

- 4. Treasure's Report:
- Mike Dion reported that the 1. state of the Chapter financials is good shape and the Chapter is prepared to meet all current and future financial obligations.
- Mike noted that on behalf of Del Val's membership a donation of \$500 was made to the American Brain Tumor Association in the name of Geoff Atkinson our dear friend, instructor, and club racer from Connecticut Valley Region. Geoff drove and instructed at nearly all of Del Val's events in recent years together with his wife Jebb. He will be missed.
- Mike also noted that on behalf of Del Val's membership a donation of \$500 was made to GFC Coats for Kids. This donation was made in support of the folks at New Jersey Motorsports Park and one of their preferred charities.
- Mike noted that with almost all of the expenses accounted for at this point in time, Del Val's HPDE, Eduro, Club Race, and Charity weekend at NJMP Lightning appears to have broken even
- The Pocono event while generally approved of for the new course layout, did show a minor loss.
- Driving Events Chair Report:
- 1. Geoff Erhman initiated an open discussion on 2014 Driving Events venues and schedule.
- He noted that Summit Point / Jefferson course is being expanded this winter. He will investigate the impact of the construction on our schedule. He will also check on the possibility of 2-day event at the big track as a replacement event.
- Geoff will also look into New York Safety Track and Pit Race Now (former Beaver Run) as well as Monticello as possible alternative venues in order to "freshen-up" our HPDE school schedule.
- Mike Dion noted that we were asked by Shattenbaum PCA to do a combined club race weekend. Mike will look into this possibility further.
- Tentative schedule dates: 5.
- 9-10 July, Watkins Glen
- 6. 7. 22-24 August, lightning (or Aug 1-3)

- Oct 4-5, Pocono (or May10-12)
- **Driver School** Registrar's Report: Lisa noted that she is getting things ready for next year.

No Report

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Social Chair's Chair Report:

Newsletter Editor's Report:

Street Survival Chair Report:

- 1. No Report
- Miscellaneous:
- Clarification of club communications protocol:
- Anyone interested in communicating or broadcasting Del Val CCA information must use the following contacts.
- It is the responsibility of each chairperson to send any and all communications announcing their committee's activities to each of the individuals below. They will then determine if the pending communication is to be released on their platform.
- Richard Vernick Web Site
 - Dave Flogaus Social Media
- Bob Solomon Constant Contact
- Robbie Byerly Newsletter
- Lisa Mellott Motorsport.Reg

A motion was made to adjourn. The motion was second and approved unanimously

Martin thanked everyone for his or her participation.

The next meeting will be held on January 13, 2013 at location to be determined offices. Banquet February 1, 2013 at the Radnor Submitted by Bob Kelly: Secretary

Instructor Coordinator's Report:

- No Report
- Chief Instructor's Report:
- No Report
- Student Resource Center (SRC) Chair's Report:
- No Report
- Technical Chair's Report:
- No Report
- 4. Race Event Chair's Report:
- No Report 1.
- Vintage Events Co-Chair's Report:
- Dennis Brennan reviewed this past year's events and went over the tentative schedule for 2014.
- Dutch Classic in May
- 2. Trip to Race in August
- 3. Radnor Hunt in August
- 4 Vintage Rally covered bridge tour
- Joint Del Val and NJ event at Simeone museum
- Advertising and Business Manager's Report:
- No Report

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