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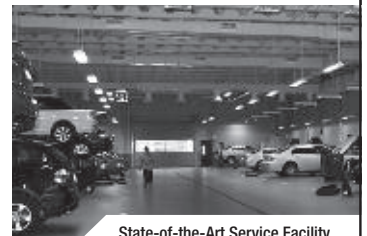
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**Cover:** An M3 negotiating the twisties during the National Capital Chapter's Spring Tour to Asheville & the Tail of the Dragon. Read story on page 12. Photo: Matt Sniscak

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of America**  
National Capital Chapter



## President's Message

The chapter is now a few months into our busy season, and we've already had some great events to remember.

On perhaps the most beautiful day of the year, the 30th anniversary of Deutsche Marque Concours featured the absolute best and cleanest BMWs in the DMV region. We even had a special appearance of Lothar Schuettler's beautiful and extremely rare Z1 that he recently picked up in Germany and was featured in the last *dB*.

Our first Pie Run of the year went without a hitch, and we found some great new roads on which to have some spirited drives. The Spring Tour to Tail of the Dragon was a groundbreaking trip for our club as we had several other CCA chapters join us for a true regional event. We also hosted our Spring HPDE at the Summit Point Main and dramatically improved the driving skills of all students, as well as converting many to track-rat status. Finally, we welcomed many new CCA members at our New Members Party and Ladies DIY at BMW Excluservice in Rockville. Stephane Grabina has been a very faithful NCC member and supporter, and we thank him and his awesome shop for their hospitality (not to mention the 5 lbs. I gained from the wonderful baked goods).

This summer, we will have some great, new events that will surely bring the family out. Come join us for a few nights under the stars as we hit the only two drive-in movie theaters in MD and VA. We've set up a Sunday afternoon Orioles game at beautiful Camden Yards. For a summer finale, we just opened up ticket sales for our Baltimore Grand Prix car corral. Anyone who has attended our race weekend in Charm City will tell you it is by far our biggest and best event that we organize. Our planning committee has worked throughout the offseason to ensure an even-better corral this year. In addition to our huge, home-base tent, catered food/drink, and 300 BMWs parked in our corral, we'll cheer on the BMW Rahal Letterman Lanigan team as they bring the new Z4 GTE race cars to Baltimore for the first time. We'll also host another 'meet and greet' with all the ALMS drivers and hopefully the legend himself, Bobby Rahal. Our tightly packed weekend schedule will also include a live band, Central Liquors tasting tables, and the return of parade laps! That means your Ultimate Driving Machine testing the 12-turn, 2-mile street circuit!

On a sad note, I'll close by mentioning that in April, the chapter lost three members who were pillars in the DMV car-enthusiast community. Michael Villaroman, whose stable included a highly modified E93 and a black Lamborghini Gallardo, passed of a sudden stroke. He was truly one of the most genuine and positive people I've ever met. Mikey would consistently show up for Pie Runs and various meets, and always loved the time he spent with fellow members. Ryan Keller, a service technician at BMW of Silver Spring, was lost to a motorcycle accident. While helping many local BMW owners repair and modify their cars, he also found spare time attending many chapter functions and volunteering on the autocross committee, and was our security chief for the Baltimore Grand Prix. His dedication to our chapter will not be forgotten, and we have honored him by naming our Volunteer Recognition award in his name. Finally, we lost Alfred Schreiber, a longtime BMW enthusiast and the go-to guy for those repairing vintage BMWs. While restoring an old BMWs, occasionally one might run into a part for which the dealer would tell you, "Sorry, we don't have those anymore." Alfred usually knew where to find that part, hidden away and forgotten in one of the BMW/NA parts warehouses here in the US, or in Germany. We will miss them all.



I wanted to take a brief moment to introduce myself, I'm Lisa Haynes and I along with Walter Jones will be taking over the Editor position from Jim Lafemina. It's my understanding that Jim has lead this ship for a few years and both Walter and myself are excited to follow in his footsteps. As expected, it has been an interesting transition for the new editorial staff. We urge all contributors to submit articles by the deadline, namely the 21st of odd months (May, July, and so on). We are a little breathless as the July/August issue goes to press, but nonetheless pleased with the results.

To share a little about me, I've just recently relocated to Northern Virginia with my family within the last six months. I'm the proud owner of a 2007 X5 3.0; I call her Silk, because she's so silky smooth. I'm also a brand new member of the BMW CCA. As a Freelance Writer I was eager to jump in and help out when I learned of the need for a new editor for the *dB*. I'm excited about the opportunity of meeting new people that are into the same things I'm into...loving our Bimmers. I took delivery of Silk at the Performance Center, completed driving school and I've joined in on a few BMW Experiences offered by my dealership. I'm looking forward to participating in my first NCC event the upcoming June Ladies' DIY.

Walter, my trusty co-editor

which many of you already know, wanted to share that every time there is an incident (think off-road), he's really glad to be in a vehicle made prior to the introduction of "run flats." Additionally he keeps trying to experience different aspects of the NCC though he's not sure he'll ever qualify for a Vintage Tour. But one never knows....

Lastly, as summer is upon us, Walter and I wanted to offer a few summer safety driving tips as you hit the road, courtesy of Allstate.com. For many of us, summer means packing maximum activity into each day — from long Memorial Day weekends and road trips to graduation celebrations, pool parties, and barbecues. And since all that activity can translate into a lot more driving, it's especially important to have a plan to protect yourself, your passengers, and other drivers.

### DESIGNATE A DRIVER FOR SAFE FUN

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), nearly 11,000 people die in drunk-driving crashes every year. That's about one every 50 minutes. Call it "drunk driving" or "driving impaired" — operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs is responsible for thousands of car crashes every year.

So if the day's plans include a gathering where alcohol is served, make sure your group has an agreed-upon designated driver — someone who pledges to avoid alcohol and remain able to drive safely. If you have trouble finding a designated driver you can always hire a taxi — or even a limousine or bus for larger events — to travel safely from one event to another. In larger cities, you may even be able to hire for-profit designated driver services.

### NAVIGATE SEVERE STORMS SAFELY

Whether it's a thunderstorm that's been on the radar for hours or a pop-up torrent of rain, summer scrambles sometimes necessitate driving in rough weather. That's why it's so important to prepare yourself for handling your car in bad weather conditions. If staying put simply isn't an option, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) offers these useful tips for safely navigating summer's storms:

- Tune in to your radio to stay informed of the storm's progress and/or monitor approaching storms.
- In rain, be sure to use your headlights' low beams, slow down, and allow extra distance for braking.
- If rain is too heavy, pull safely onto the shoulder of the road away from any trees that could potentially fall on

your vehicle. Remember to use your emergency flashers.

- In the case of lightning, avoid contact with any metal conducting surfaces either inside or outside your car.

### PRE-PLAN YOUR LONG DRIVES

Drowsy driving can also be dangerous. And it's happened to a lot of us on long road trips—the combination of miles clicking by becomes almost hypnotic, especially if you're already on the sleepy side. So when you're manning the wheel during a long, multi-hour car journey, it's key to make sure you're well rested and alert.

### WATCH OUT FOR MOTORCYCLES, BICYCLISTS, AND PEDESTRIANS

On average, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) estimates a pedestrian is killed in a traffic crash every 113 minutes and injured in a traffic crash every 8 minutes. As a driver it's critically important to keep an eye out for motorcycles, bicyclists and pedestrians. When you pull out of side streets, be sure to emerge slowly as you verify the area is clear. Also, be sure to yield appropriately, leave plenty of distance between your car and riders, and be careful when opening the car door!

## Shout-Out for the Ladies' DIY

The NCC is known beyond its boundaries for the variety of events we sponsor. In particular, our DIYs cover many more aspects of car care than other chapters. One where we are unique is the Ladies' DIY. Recently this inspired a letter in *Roundel* touting the value of the program, written by one of our very own members, Al Romanosky. To quote from his letter in *Roundel*, "I would like to give a shout-out to the National Capital Chapter DIY program. I have been a BMW CCA member since 1989, and over the years I have taken advantage of the NCC DIY program."

"One aspect of the NCC DIY program is ladies-only DIY sessions. These sessions have proven a great experience for my daughters in meeting likeminded independent, self-sufficient women as role models, as well as learning about car repair."

"My daughters and I have taken advantage of the DIYs to work on the 1994 E36 318is provided by my brother for my daughters to use. Projects have included replacing the struts and shocks, control arms and bushings, spark plugs, brake pads, and discs."

This program is organized and managed by Kendra Seto, wife of Paul Seto. Kendra, take a bow.



Jill Romanosky

Julie Romanosky

# 2 0 1 3 C A L E N D A R O F E V E N T S

## January

- 3 NCC NoVa Social - Velocity Five, Falls Church - New Location!
- 6 Karting @ Allsports Grand Prix
- 9 January Board Meeting/Social - Hamburger Hamlet Bethesda
- 10 NCC Columbia Social - Corner Stable, Columbia, MD
- 13 Karting @ Allsports Grand Prix
- 27 Karting @ Allsports Grand Prix

## February

- 3 Karting @ Allsports Grand Prix
- 7 NCC NoVa Social - Velocity Five, Falls Church
- 9 Annual Meeting & Holiday Party (Potomac, MD)
- 10 Karting @ Allsports Grand Prix
- 17 Karting @ Allsports Grand Prix
- 21 NCC Columbia Social - Corner Stable, Columbia, MD

## March

- 2 Iconic Drives Annual Bus Trip to the Classic Car and Memorabilia Show
- 7 March NoVa Social - Norton's American Grill, Tysons Corner
- 9 DIY @ At Speed Motorsports
- 10 Karting @ Allsports Grand Prix
- 13 Karting @ Allsports Grand Prix
- 13 March Board Meeting/Social - Hamburger Hamlet Bethesda
- 14 NCC Columbia Social - Corner Stable, Columbia, MD
- 21 March MoCo Social - Miller's Ale House, Rockville - New Location!
- 24 Karting @ Allsports Grand Prix
- 30 NCC Autocross School @ Bowie Baysox Stadium

## April

- 4 April NoVa Social - Norton's American Grill, Tysons Corner
- 6 Autocross @ Regency Furniture Stadium
- 10 April Board Meeting/Social - Hamburger Hamlet Bethesda
- 11 NCC Columbia Social - Corner Stable, Columbia, MD
- 13 Street Survival, Dulles VA
- 18 April MoCo Social - Miller's Ale House, Rockville

## May

- 2 May NoVa Social - Norton's, Tysons Corner (BMW Heritage Showcase)
- 4 Driving Schools @ BMW Performance Center
- 4 Ladies DIY @ BMW Excluservice
- 5 30th Annual Deutsche Marque Concours @ Nottoway Park
- 8 May Board Meeting/Social - Hamburger Hamlet Bethesda
- 9 May Columbia Social - Corner Stable (BMW Heritage Showcase)
- 10-12 Driving Schools @ Summit Point Circuit
- 11 NCC Autocross School #2 @ Regency Furniture Stadium
- 11 Road Race Technologies Open House (\*)
- 11-12 Bimmerworld BMW CCA Club Race School
- 16-20 Spring Tour 2013 Tail of the Dragon/Asheville and Waterfalls
- 8 NCC Autocross Points Event #2 @ Bowie Baysox Stadium
- 23 May MoCo Social - Miller's Ale House, Rockville (BMW Heritage Showcase)
- 24-25 Vintage at Westbend Vineyards (\*)

## June

- 1 Driving Schools @ Summit Point - Main
- 2 Karting @ Allsports Grand Prix
- 6 June NoVa Social - Norton's, Tysons Corner (BMW Heritage Showcase)
- 8 Street Survival (Sykesville MD)
- 13 June Columbia Social - Corner Stable (BMW Heritage Showcase)
- 15 NCC Autocross Points Event #3 @ Bowie Baysox Stadium
- 15 Swap Meet (Bowie Baysox Stadium)
- 16 Karting @ Allsports Grand Prix
- 19 June Board Meeting/Social - Hamburger Hamlet Bethesda - New Date\*

- 20 June MoCo Social - Miller's Ale House, Rockville (BMW Heritage Showcase)
- 22 Ladies' DIY @ Northwest BMW
- 22 Drive-In Tour II -The Family Drive-In' Stephens City, Va
- 29 Karting @ Summit Point Washington Circuit

## July

- 4 July NoVa Social - Norton's, Tysons Corner - CANCELLED
- 6 NCC Autocross School #3 @ Bowie Baysox Stadium
- 10 July Board Meeting/Social - Hamburger Hamlet Bethesda
- 11 July Columbia Social - Champps, Columbia Mall (BMW Heritage Showcase)
- 13 Movie Night at Bengies Drive-In, Baltimore, MD
- 14 Karting @ Allsports Grand Prix
- 18 July MoCo Social - Miller's Ale House, Rockville (BMW Heritage Showcase)
- 20 Bimmerfest East (Aberdeen, MD)
- 20-21 Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix (\*)
- 27 NCC Autocross Points Event #4 @ Regency Furniture Stadium
- 27 Karting @ Summit Point Washington Circuit

## August

- 1 Aug NoVa Social - Norton's, Tysons Corner (BMW Heritage Showcase)
- 3 6th Annual Spring Golf Outing @ Raspberry Falls Golf Club - NEW DATE
- 4 BMW Night at Camden Yards - Orioles vs. Mariners
- 8 Aug Columbia Social - Champps. Columbia Mall (BMW Heritage Showcase)
- 10 NCC Autocross Points Event #5 @ Bowie Baysox Stadium
- 10 DIY @ Curry's Auto Service - Alexandria
- 11 Karting @ Allsports Grand Prix
- 14 Aug Board Meeting/Social - Hamburger Hamlet Bethesda
- 15 Aug MoCo Social - Miller's Ale House, Rockville (BMW Heritage Showcase)
- 19-24 44th Annual BMW CCA Oktoberfest (Monterey, CA) (\*)
- 25 Karting @ Allsports Grand Prix
- 30-1 Baltimore Grand Prix Corral

## September

- 7 NCC Autocross Points Event #6 @ Regency Furniture Stadium
- 8 Karting @ Allsports Grand Prix
- 14 MPact (Camden Yards)
- 21 DIY @ Road Race Technologies
- 22 Karting @ Allsports Grand Prix
- 27-29 Driving Schools @ Jefferson Circuit
- 28 Simeone Museum & Cheesesteaks Tour Philadelphia, Pa
- 28 Karting @ Summit Point Washington Circuit

## October

- 2-5 ALMS @ VIR (\*)
- 5 Driving Schools @ BMW Performance Center
- 6 Karting @ Allsports Grand Prix
- 12 NCC Autocross Points Event #7 @ Bowie Baysox Stadium
- 12 DIY @ Russel BMW
- 18-20 18th Annual Euro Auto Festival (BMW Manufacturing, SC) \*
- 20 Karting @ Allsports Grand Prix

## November

- 1-3 Driving Schools @ Shenandoah Circuit
- 2 Karting @ Summit Point Washington Circuit
- 17 Karting @ Allsports Grand Prix

## December

- 1 DIY @ BMW Excluservice
- 1 Karting @ Allsports Grand Prix

(\*) Not a chapter event.

## July

### **NCC Autocross School #3 @ Bowie Baysox Stadium**

Saturday, July 6, 2013

NCC Autocross will hold our third and final autocross school of the 2013 season on July 6th  
Bowie Baysox (Prince Georges Stadium)  
4101 Crain Highway  
Bowie, MD 20716

Registration opens: 05/18/2013 @ 8:00AM  
Registration closes: 07/05/2013 @ 12:00PM (or when full)  
Maximum registration: 16 participants  
Cost: \$80.00  
BMW CCA membership required

Autocross is a safe, low-speed motorsport where competitors drive against the clock to turn in the best times as they navigate a driving course defined by orange parking cones in a large, open lot. Our NCC Autocross school is the best way for new and budding autocross participants to learn more about autocross and improve their driving performance through in-car instruction by some of the best instructors in the Washington DC area. Come join us for a fun and educational day filled with safe but adrenaline raising motorsport.

Sessions will include a variety of topics to help novice participants better understand what goes on in a day of autocross, and what they will likely be seeing and hearing around them as they participate in the motorsport. Instruction on how to prepare both the car and driver for autocross, how to register, tech inspect, work a course, and safety topics will get you up to speed with the day-of operations for participating in autocross. Then, drivers will learn how to make the most of their runs by examining techniques like walking the course to determine good run lines, throttle modulation (your gas pedal is not an on-off switch!), and when to brake. Discussions will also cover basic handling conditions such as oversteer and understeer you may have heard of, and how to correct them, and try to prevent these issues to give you your best runs.

It's time to put all of your newfound knowledge to work. Get ready to buckle up and drive, as you will get run after run to put your training and skills to the test with a series of handling and stopping challenges as you gear up to run a full autocross course. With one of our excellent instructors at your side, you will continue to receive guidance to improve your performance and lower your lap times. As you learn how to pick your turn-in points, choose your braking zones and work the throttle wisely, you will notice a confident improvement in how your car handles confidently and smartly through the sea of cones.

There is no better way to get started in autocross than with the NCC Autocross school. Whether you've done a few events in the past, or if you've never been out to a course before, you'll find the program educational and the skills you learn useful not just on the autocross course, but for all of the driving you do. Our staff is ready to answer any questions you will have and will ensure you get personalized attention and instruction to overcome any concerns or issues. We are ready to introduce you to the fast and fun world of autocross, are you ready to join?

### **July Board Meeting and Social**

Wednesday, July 10, 2013  
Hamburger Hamlet Bethesda  
10400 Old Georgetown Road  
Bethesda, MD  
301-897-5350

Our Board meetings are open to ALL MEMBERS and this is a great opportunity to meet other NCC members and see what goes on behind the scenes in the club. Our volunteers put a lot of time and effort into planning all of our member events, so for those interested in getting more involved, this would be a great place to start. Please note that alcoholic beverages are paid for individually (not by NCC) and that there will be a nominal \$10-20 contribution to offset the majority cost of dinner/gratuity.

We'll have our own private room and there's plenty of free parking. Please RSVP below so I can get an accurate headcount.

### **July Columbia Social - (BMW Heritage Showcase)**

Thursday, July 11, 2013  
Champps, Columbia Mall  
10300 Little Patuxent Parkway  
Columbia, MD 21044  
443-367-0333

Come on out to one of our favorite hangout spots, Champps at Columbia Mall. We will park at the TOP of the parking garage located between Champps and Nordstroms and across from the AMC movie theatre. Inside, we'll have our normal private area, taking over the entire top upstairs area filled with TVs and overlooking the restaurant and bar area.

July also continues our 'BMW Heritage Showcase' which will feature those chassis that made BMW stand for both practicality and high performance. Each month will focus on specific chassis, and because we love all things roundel, ALL chassis are encouraged to come out and pay homage to our ancestors.

Please RSVP so we can get an accurate headcount.

### **Movie Night at Bengies Drive-In, Baltimore, MD**

Saturday, July 13, 2013  
Bengies Drive-In  
3417 Eastern Boulevard  
Baltimore, MD 21220

Join us for a blast from the past as we head to Bengies Drive-In movie theatre in Baltimore, MD. We had a good turnout and a great time last Fall as we watched 3 current movies for less than \$10. Not only is that a fantastic deal, but you'll be hanging out amongst your BMW brethren under the stars watching films on the BIGGEST MOVIE THEATRE SCREEN in the US. Very cool!

Showtime begins around dusk and you can leave whenever you want (no requirement to stay for all 3 movies). Check Bengies website for more information and their house rules.

We are working on a caravan and meet location so we can ride in together and fill the parking lot with BMWs.

### **Karting @ Allsports Grand Prix**

Sunday, July 14, 2013  
NCC Roundel Karting 2013 at Allsports Grand Prix  
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(www.allsportsgp.com)

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Once the NCC Winter Karting League competition series concludes in March, the Roundel Group begins a series of kart race meetings at Allsports Grand Prix every other Sunday for the rest of the year. These races are for fun rather than a points competition and are attended on an "as available" basis. Each Monday before a race, an email is sent out as a reminder to register at Motorsportreg.com if you would like to attend to following Sunday.

Roundel events are a great place for those new to karting to give it a try, gain experience, become familiar with the different track configurations and get some tips as to how to get the most out of the karts. For more experienced drivers it is an opportunity to do some competitive racing on a regular basis at a very reasonable cost.

START TIMES: We will start at 2:30PM and we ask that you ARRIVE 30 MINUTES PRIOR TO OUR STARTING TIME to

register, get suited up, attend a drivers' meeting, and be ready to race.

New Concepts: This summer we plan to experiment with several concepts in attempt to increase passing. Based on attendance, we may randomize or invert starting grids and varying race lengths. We will continue to race on modified course layouts ranging from tight technical to flowing open, high-speed configurations.

NEWCOMERS WELCOME: If you've never done this before, you should not be intimidated even if you have never before raced with us, or anywhere else. We see newcomers learn very quickly and come up to speed during the Roundel season to prepare for the Winter League. More details about the track, the karts, and the facility are at [www.allsportsgp.com](http://www.allsportsgp.com).

This event offers online registration and payment through MotorsportReg.com.

### **July MoCo Social - (BMW Heritage Showcase)**

Thursday, July 18, 2013  
Miller's Ale House  
1471 Rockville Pike  
Rockville, MD 20852  
301-770-8535

Come join us at our great MoCo location, Miller's Ale House in Congressional Plaza on Rockville Pike. With the warm weather, we hope this spot will bring out more area members so come check out some of your favorite BMWs and grab some food.

July also continues our 'BMW Heritage Showcase' which will feature those chassis that made BMW stand for both practicality and high performance. Each month will focus on specific chassis, and because we love all things roundel, ALL chassis are encouraged to come out and pay homage to our ancestors. For both July and August, we'll have several raffies for the following BMWs that come out and show their car: E31 - E34, ALL X series, and ALL Wagons (regardless of chassis)

### **Bimmerfest East (Aberdeen, MD)**

Saturday, July 20, 2013

Bimmerfest is back for the 3rd year on the east coast at Ripken Stadium on July 20, 2013! Last year was an INCREDIBLE year with the number of BMW enthusiasts showing up for the event. Come on out with your BMW, family and friends to help us make this the best show possible!

Let us know that you are coming to the show by pre-registering here: <http://www.bimmerfest.com/bmw-events...2013/register/>

More details will be coming in the next couple months; stay tuned to the Official Bimmerfest East 2013 event site here:

<http://www.bimmerfest.com/bmw-events...est-East-2013/>  
We look forward to seeing you on July 20th!

### **Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix (\*)**

Saturday - Sunday, July 20-21, 2013  
For more information <http://www.pvgp.org/bmw/>

### **NCC Autocross Points Event #4**

Saturday, July 27, 2013  
Regency Furniture Stadium  
11765 St. Linus Drive  
Waldorf, MD 20602

Registration opens 8:00 AM on Saturday, June 22nd, 2013. You can register online, ahead of time, and get a \$5 discount. Online registration is highly encouraged and save you from waiting in line! Or, if it's a last minute decision, you can still walk-up. Walk-up registrations will be for PM session only!

Registration closes 12:00 PM on Friday, July 26th, 2013  
BMW CCA is now requiring all NCC Autocross participants (for both events and schools) to be registered BMWCCA members.

All DaySession (Online Registration Only!): Members:\$45.00.  
Walk-up registration is \$35.00 (PM Session Only Credit/Debit

Card Only!)

Please register using Motorsport Reg here. Online registrations are done securely. Walk-ups are limited!!!

The NCC Autocross program uses a BMW-centric customized classing structure which pits your BMW or MINI against similar performance models in 3 levels of trim: Showroom, Tuner, and Modified. There is also a simple classing structure for non-BMW competitors. You can check out the full details at [nccautocross.com](http://nccautocross.com).

Our program is beginner friendly, offering in-car instruction, guided course walks, and a dedicated group of organizers who are happy to answer any questions you might have or show you the ropes. Also, there are free loaner helmets available for use, so if you don't have your own helmet there is no need to go out and buy or rent one just to get a few fun runs in! So whether you're a longtime BMW CCA veteran or never been to an autocross before, come check it all out online at our website: [www.nccautocross.com](http://www.nccautocross.com)

Please contact us at [info@nccautocross.com](mailto:info@nccautocross.com) with any questions you might have. We'll be happy to answer your questions. And check out our messageboard to discuss the event with other attendees!

See you on the 27th and thank you for autocrossing with us!!

#### Event Schedule:

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- 12:15 PM - Course Opens for Walk
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- 12:40 PM - Drivers Meeting (PM Session)
- 12:50 PM - Grid Cars (PM Session)
- 1:00 PM - First Car Off (PM Session)
- 4:00 PM - Course Cold (PM Session)

#### Karting @ Summit Point Washington Circuit

Saturday, July 27, 2013  
NCC Karting at Summit Point Kart  
Summit Point Motorsports Park  
201 Motorsports Park Circle  
Summit Point, WV 25446  
([www.summitpointkart.com](http://www.summitpointkart.com))

This will be a 4 session event. Cost - \$80

#### Format:

- Session 1: Qualifying 1 (~11 minutes), RX-7 karts weight equalized
- Session 2: Qualifying 2 (~11 minutes), RX-7 karts weight equalized (Different kart assignment than Qualifying 1)
- Session 3: Race 1 (~11 minutes), Top 6 qualifiers (best of 2 sessions) get RX-250 karts
- Remaining drivers continue in RX-7 karts
- Session 4: Race 2 (~11 minutes), Top 6 qualifiers continue in RX-250 karts
- Remaining drivers continue in RX-7 karts

START TIME: We will start promptly at 7:00PM and we ask that you ARRIVE 30 MINUTES PRIOR TO OUR STARTING TIME to register, get suited up, attend a drivers' meeting, and be ready to race.

This event offers online registration and payment through [MotorsportReg.com](http://MotorsportReg.com).

#### August NoVA Social - (BMW Heritage Showcase)

Thursday, August 1, 2013  
Norton's American Grill  
7943-B Tysons Corner Center  
Mc Lean, Virginia, 22102

Come join us at our NoVA location, Norton's American Grill. Centrally located in Tysons Corner, we'll hangout on the main floor of the Terrace C parking lot, right near the bus stop on International Drive.

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Get there early to get a good spot; we'll hangout starting at 6pm (weather permitting) and go inside by 7pm.

#### 6th Annual Spring Golf Outing

Saturday, August 3, 2013 - NEW DATE  
Raspberry Falls Golf Club  
41601 Raspberry Drive  
Leesburg, VA 20178

We will hold our 6th Annual NCC Golf Outing on Saturday, August 3rd @ 12pm, at our new location, Raspberry Falls Golf Club in Leesburg, VA. Raspberry Falls is consistently rated as one of the best courses in the Mid-Atlantic area and designed by Gary Player. We've had an excellent turnout and outstanding time the past few years, and thanks to PGA Pro and fellow NCC member, Willy Lutz, this year definitely won't disappoint.

#### Format: Stroke Play

Cost: CCA members \$60, Non-members \$70

Our golf outing includes green fees, cart w/ GPS, practice balls, dinner, and dedicated parking area. We'll also hang out with the cars after golf/food too, so bring your cameras!!!

This will NOT be a handicapped event. It will be no pressure, stroke play. Just a leisurely afternoon playing a great game in a non-competitive environment. Its all about having fun and hanging out with fellow BMW owners!!!

This event will be first come, first serve, with a maximum of 32 players. Our event has always sold-out so sign up ASAP. In case of a rain out, we will re-schedule for another weekend.

Registration: Get your foursomes ready!!! If you don't have one, no problem; just let me know who you want to play with and I'll make it happen. Online payment required during registration, but credit cards will not be charged until a few days before the event.

#### August Columbia Social - (BMW Heritage Showcase)

Thursday, August 8, 2013  
Champps Columbia 10300 Little Patuxent Parkway  
Columbia, MD 21044  
443- 367-0333

Come on out to one of our favorite hangout spots, Champps at Columbia Mall. We will park at the TOP of the parking garage located between Champps and Nordstroms and across from the AMC movie theatre. Inside, we'll have our normal private area, taking over the entire top upstairs area filled with TVs and overlooking the restaurant and bar area.

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#### NCC Autocross Points Event #5

Saturday, August 10, 2013  
Bowie Baysox Stadium (Prince Georges Stadium)  
4101 Crain Highway  
Bowie, MD 20716

Registration opens 8:00 AM on Monday, July 29th, 2013. You can register online, ahead of time, and get a \$5 discount. Online registration is highly encouraged and save you from waiting in line! Or, if it's a last minute decision, you can still walk-up. Walk-up registrations will be for PM session only! Registration closes 12:01 PM on Friday, August 9th, 2013.

BMW CCA is now requiring all NCC Autocross participants (for both events and schools) to be registered BMW CCA members.

We realize that not all of our past event attendees are members. To help offset the cost of membership new BMW CCA memberships are entitled to one free NCC Autocross points event!

BMW CCA membership is \$48 which is a great deal. BMW-CCA members enjoy a multitude of benefits such as discounts on hotel rates and towing services. Plus if you're a BMW or MINI owner you get the extra benefit of dealer discounts at most MINI/BMW dealers and several local shops in the area.

All Day Session (Online Registration Only): Members: \$45.00.

PM Session Only: Online registration is \$30.00. Walk-up registration is \$35.00.

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Please contact us at [info@nccautocross.com](mailto:info@nccautocross.com) with any questions you might have. We'll be happy to answer your questions. And check out our message board message board at [nccautocross.com](http://nccautocross.com) to discuss the event with other attendees! See you on the 10th and thank you for autocrossing with us!!

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## DIY @ Curry's Auto Service

Saturday, August 10, 2013  
Curry's Autoservice  
616 South Pickett Street  
Alexandria, VA 22304  
703-539-5309

The 2012 Do-It-Yourself (DIY) program allows National Capital Chapter (NCC) BMW Car Club of America (CCA) Members to work on their own cars under the supervision of expert mechanics and technicians provided by the DIY Sponsor. The purpose of the DIY is to learn and practice proper maintenance and repair techniques that you can routinely complete within a two-and-one-half-hour (2.5 hour) time period.

There are typically several NCC members who can assist you when an extra pair of hands or advice is needed. We are happy to show newcomers the joys of working on your own car. Most events start at between 8 am and 9 am and typically finish at 3 pm. Lunch for the event is provided by the club.

The DIY Program Webpage is here [www.nccbmwcca.org/content.php?119-diy](http://www.nccbmwcca.org/content.php?119-diy)

This event offers online registration and payment through MotorsportReg.com.

## Karting @ Allsports Grand Prix

Sunday, August 11, 2013  
Allsports Grand Prix  
45915 Maries Rd.  
Dulles, VA 20166  
(www.allsportsgp.com)

Super Karts & Track Layouts!  
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Cost - \$70/event  
Qualifying: 15 laps  
Micro GP: 4 x 20-lap races

See previous listings for more information. More details about the track, the karts, and the facility are at [www.allsportsgp.com](http://www.allsportsgp.com).

This event offers online registration and payment through MotorsportReg.com.

## August Board Meeting and Social

Wednesday, August 14, 2013  
Hamburger Hamlet Bethesda  
10400 Old Georgetown Road  
Bethesda, MD  
301-897-5350

Our next board meeting will be held Wednesday, August 14th at Hamburger Hamlet Bethesda. It's located right off 495 or 270 at the intersection of Democracy Blvd and Old Georgetown Road (near Montgomery Mall); very convenient location for those coming from either VA or MD.

Social starts at 7pm and meeting begins at 8pm sharp.

Our Board meetings are open to ALL MEMBERS and this is a great opportunity to meet other NCC members and see what goes on behind the scenes in the club. Our volunteers put a lot of time and effort into planning all of our member events, so for those interested in getting more involved, this would be a great place to start.

Please note that alcoholic beverages are paid for individually (not by NCC) and that there will be a nominal \$10-20 contribution to offset the majority cost of dinner/gratuity.

We'll have our own private room and there's plenty of free parking.

## August MoCo Social (BMW Heritage Showcase)

Thursday, August 15, 2013  
Miller's Ale House, Rockville  
1471 Rockville Pike  
Rockville, MD 20852  
301-770-8535

Come join us at our great MoCo location, Miller's Ale House in Congressional Plaza on Rockville Pike. With the warm weather, we hope this spot will bring out more area members so we can check out some of your favorite BMWs and grab some food.

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## BMW Night at Camden Yards - Orioles vs. Rockies

Sunday, August 18, 2013  
Section 286 - Camden Yards  
W Lee St, Baltimore, MD 21230

The National Capital Chapter (NCC) of the BMW CCA has secured discounted tickets in Section 286 of the Picnic Perch for our members and friends to enjoy a day at the ballpark. Each \$40 ticket includes a reserved Club Level seat and all-you-can-eat hot dogs, nachos, garden salads, peanuts, popcorn and ice cream through the 7th inning.

Alcoholic beverages are not included, but can be purchased with proper ID for those 21-and-over.

Please note: parking is not included - you will pay \$10 cash when you arrive to the stadium's lots

PLEASE NOTE THAT REGISTRATION WILL CLOSE JULY 13 @ 12PM. We need all ticket orders reserved and paid more than a month in advance to take advantage of this offer, so please register ASAP.

<http://www.motorsportreg.com/index.cfm/event/event.advert/uidEvent/01DFCC30-BAC8-87A6-8F49057BB1B7904E#UaQF90AT92I>

## 44th Annual BMW CCA Oktoberfest

Monday, August 19 - Saturday, August 24, 2013  
Monterey, CA (\*)

## Karting @ Allsports Grand Prix

Sunday, August 25, 2013  
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## Baltimore Grand Prix Corral

Friday, August 30 - Sunday September 1, 2013

The National Capital Chapter BMW Car Club of America (NCC BMW CCA) will once again host the BMW NCC Corral for the American LeMans Series (ALMS) / IZOD IndyCar Series races being held Labor Day weekend in Baltimore, Maryland.

We're back - and ready to see some great racing over the Labor Day weekend in Baltimore! The NCC Board and BGP volunteer team are committed to have an event even better than last year as we welcome all BMW CCA members to the NCC hospitality corral. We hope you will join us, along with your family and friends, as we support the new Rahal Letterman Lanigan Racing Z4s that will be out to win in 2013!

Here are the ground rules for this event.

1. Registration closes on Friday, August 1st at Midnight or when our limited ticket allotment is sold out.
2. The BMW National Capital Chapter Corral will be adjacent to and have access to the ALMS paddock.
3. Access to the Indy & Indy Lights paddocks, located inside the Convention Center, requires a separate paddock pass if you purchase a General Admission ticket. If you are interested, you may purchase that pass through the BGP website at: <http://raceonbaltimore.com/tickets-and-schedule>.
4. Registration is open to all BMW CCA members, including Associate members. Members can bring non-members with them, but registration and payments must be done by a BMW CCA member. If you are not a member and want to spend the weekend with us at the BGP, becoming a member is easy. Simply call the BMW CCA National Headquarters at: 1-800-878-9292 and sign up over the phone. Then register with MotorsportReg.com and include your CCA Member # in your profile information. That's it - you're now set to register for the NCC BGP and enjoy all the benefits of BMW CCA membership for the next year. More information about the BMW Car Club of America can be found at: [www.bmwcca.org](http://www.bmwcca.org).
5. Get an idea of what we offer by reading the 2011 and 2012 BGP NCC Corral highlights from the *der Bayerische* at: [http://db.nccbmwcca.org/2011/2011\\_1112.pdf](http://db.nccbmwcca.org/2011/2011_1112.pdf) and [http://db.nccbmwcca.org/2012/2012\\_1112.pdf](http://db.nccbmwcca.org/2012/2012_1112.pdf).

NCC BGP Race Ticket options:

- Includes Reserved Grandstand seats with BMW fans, great view of the track (turns and straightaway) and seats across from the Jumbotron with live viewing of the race - includes ALMS & GT3 Paddock Passes.
- Two-Day Grandstand Seating -- \$85 per person.
- Three-Day Grandstand Seating -- \$115 per person.
- General Admission Tickets - - includes ALMS & GT3 Paddock Passes. Indy pass must be purchased at BGP website or on-site at the race.
- Two-Day General Admission Tickets -- \$60 per person.
- Three-Day General Admission Tickets -- \$70 per person

NCC Car Corral Access options: See chapter website for more info.

A map of the track and event activity locations is available at the following webpage:  
[http://raceonbaltimore.com/res/pdf/M..GRAND\\_PRIX.pdf](http://raceonbaltimore.com/res/pdf/M..GRAND_PRIX.pdf)

6. All event information will be communicated by email. Make sure you have a valid email address in your MotorsportReg.com profile.
7. Registration questions should be sent to Doug Verner at: [NCCDSRegistrar@me.com](mailto:NCCDSRegistrar@me.com).
8. Sponsorship inquiries, catering proposals and other questions related to NCC BMW CCA Car Corral and/or race weekend activities should be sent to Kelsy Hill at: [kelsy@nccbmwcca.org](mailto:kelsy@nccbmwcca.org).

(\*) Not a chapter event.

# Please Make This Year's Oktoberfest Raffle Grand Prize the 2014 6 Gran Coupe

By James Chew

As with most of us, I support the annual Oktoberfest raffle by purchasing a few tickets. I haven't won and until last year, never knew a fellow BMW Car Club of America member who had. But even if I had won, it would be an easy call – I'd take the money. It's not that I wouldn't like to have a BMW M vehicle in my garage, but the realities and costs of today's M vehicles would give even the most ardent BMW fan some pause.

But if ever offered as the Oktoberfest raffle grand prize, I've found the BMW vehicle that I

would keep. After spending a weekend in the new 2014 650i xDrive Gran Coupe Individual, I have to agree with our humble *Roundel* editor's evaluation – I want this. In fact, since the 2007 debut of the BMW CS Concept, I've wanted this car. In my humble opinion, it's the spiritual successor to the E32/E38 7 Series. Even though I am a fan of the E65/66 and F01/02 7 Series, the product seems to focus on competing with the Mercedes S-class on Mercedes's terms rather than focus on being an Ultimate Driving Machine.

The BMW

CS Concept brought back the spirit of the E32/38 7 Series. The perfect transformation of that concept in to reality is the new 6 Gran Coupe.

One is immediately drawn to the athletic presence of the 6 Gran Coupe. This car screams for your attention. It's like a beautiful woman or a handsome man – your eyes are naturally drawn to it. This is the type of car one would associate with Steffi Graf, Heidi Klum, Michael Schumacher, and Niki Lauda.

The exterior design will become the subject of many design schools. Long, low, and sleek. The flowing design smoothly incorporates large 19- or 20-inch wheels that tastefully fill the wheel wells. What's special is that

this design makes the vehicle look small. At first sight of the 6 Gran Coupe, you think that you're approaching a vehicle the size of the previous generation M3. It's not until you're next to a 3 Series do you realize that you're driving a vehicle that is the size of a BMW 7 Series!

Of the several exterior design cues that give the 6 Gran Coupe a more upscale presence than the 7 Series, the most prominent are the low, sleek profile and the front and rear designs. The 6 Gran Coupe seems to be more of an Aston Martin Rapide S and Maserati Quattroporte peer than a Mercedes CLS, Audi A7, Jaguar XF, and Porsche Panamera competitor. The 6 Gran Coupe is the type of vehicle that Silicon



Valley executives, successful entrepreneurs and successful Hollywood producers would drive.

Our test vehicle was equipped with the 4.4-liter twin-turbo V-8 that produces 450 horsepower. Coupled with an 8-speed steptronic transmission, the engine is responsive and smooth. We had no problem with impressing a Lamborghini and a Ferrari driver during our drives up and down the Southern California coast. An added bonus was the Efficient Dynamics "stop start" feature. Allowed us to achieve a combined fuel economy of 20 miles per gallon. Our test vehicle did have xDrive and we had a hard time keeping the 6 Gran Coupe under 100 miles per hour on the Southern California freeways, which adversely affected the fuel economy. You may recall that we tested a 640i convertible with the 3.0-liter 315-horsepower twin-turbo six a few months ago, which we thought performed quite nicely. We appreciated the extra horsepower from the bigger engine because the 6 Gran Coupe seemed to always be fully loaded with people and "stuff".

The attractive 6 Gran Coupe interior design was the reason why our test vehicle was always fully loaded. In my opinion, it is the first BMW interior



(Above) The now familiar "twin turn" graces the engine cover of the 4.4-liter V-8. (Below) The Gran Coupe looks sleek and upscale from every angle.

design that easily tops Audi. The contrasting piping color, the leather dash, and the Alcantara headliner provided an inviting look. Once seated, the driver and the passengers were treated to very supportive seats and individual climate controls. The rear seat passengers can control the power rear and side window sunshades. The lower profile did present some entry and exit challenges, but once inside, you never wanted to leave!

And the 6 Gran Coupe has a very useful trunk. Gone are the days of the BMW "golf-bag-loading" diagram. The 6 Gran Coupe's trunk can easily accommodate four golf bags with plenty of room to spare. We were also delighted to discover that loading four adult sized suitcases was not a problem.

BMW's are all about the driving experience. And as expected, the 6 Gran Coupe excelled in this area.

As we wrote earlier, the 6 Gran Coupe seemed most comfortable cruising at 100 miles per hour on the long stretches of open freeway. We drove Gran Coupe on some of the Southern California mountain and canyon roads, where we found the vehicle to have M vehicle-like driving dynamics. The outstanding handling, brakes, powertrain, and very quiet interior gave the



## The 2014 650i xDrive Gran Coupe Individual



comparisons serve is to give these hacks access to cars that they will never be able to afford.

So if anyone from the BMW CCA Oktoberfest raffle committee reads this article, please consider having the grand prize be a 6 Gran Coupe Individual. I'll buy lots of tickets. Really. With my luck, the raffle committee will put me in a perfect dilemma. They'll have an M6 Gran Coupe be the grand prize!

*(Left) The new "Individual" interior design tops anything from Audi. (Below) The large trunk easily accommodates four golf bags. (Bottom) The 6 Gran Coupe combines the lines of the Concept CS and spirit of the E32/E36.*



driver and the passengers the confidence that this vehicle could handle any paved road, with the xDrive adding to that assurance.

Again, we noticed that the wheels were not coated with brake dust after an afternoon of spirited driving. BMW must have changed their brake pad composition. We didn't notice any difference in braking performance and were

quite grateful for not having to deal with dirty wheels!

Some of the buff book hacks have criticized BMW for the "Individual" options. They feel that these options make an expensive vehicle even that much more expensive, throwing in doubt the value. Here's another perspective – the "Individual" options make a vehicle that's a "10" in to an "11". The 6 Gran Coupe is a statement vehicle and nothing could be better than making it a personal statement.

These same hacks will com-

pare the new 6 Gran Coupe to the Mercedes CLS, the Audi A7, the Jaguar XJS, and the Porsche Panamera. These vehicles are their respective manufacturers' interpretation of the ultimate performance luxury sedan. Because they are intended to appeal to the loyal brand enthusiast, there is very little cross shopping in this select market segment. From my observations, when the drivers of these vehicles meet on the road, they generally give each other a nod of approval. The only purpose these





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# Bimmers, Asheville, and the Tail of the Dragon

By Algie Livingston | Photos by Matt Sniscak, Harald Reichel, David Mitchell, Mark Rosenberg, Keith Wotherspoon

After hearing many comments, such as “It can’t be done” and “It is too far” over the course of a few years, I decided a year ago to start planning the National Capital Chapter’s Spring Tour to Asheville & the Tail of the Dragon. You see I have always been the “Ooooo YEAH!!!” (folded arms, one eye closed with brow furled – picture Calvin from “Calvin and Hobbes”) kind of hard head. I mean how hard could it be? It’s the Dragon. Get a few rooms, plan a lunch, plan a dinner, and yell from the Beltway “We’re going to the Tail of the Dragon!!!” and...BOOM!!! We’re off. Not so fast, grasshopper. There were times during the planning stage I thought “Hey kiddo, I think you bit off a little too much this time.”

After making umpteen inquiries for group rates at hotels, calling the Biltmore, calling Steven Schlossman, calling a plethora of restaurants and waiting for contracts from venues, we had a plan. Or so we thought. A few inputs from a few Dragon vets about the day we were going to the Dragon and a request from the Biltmore to choose another day meant we needed to rethink the schedule and call venues to see if they were able to accommodate our change in schedule. Ok, NOW we had a plan. Then there is the dry run to measure out the mileage to each stop and attraction. \*whispers\* “I see miles-o-plenty.”

Our trip was planned for 16–20 May 2013. Registration opened and we had 58 co-conspirators, umm...I mean people ready to embark on a



long weekend of fun. “The 58” included two from Allegheny, two from Delaware Valley, four from Sandlapper, two from Tidewater and two from the Tarheel Chapters. What a crowd.

## 16 May Departure

Departing from Dumfries, VA, we had a few registrants join our rolling caravan on I-85; a few more met up with us at our first break just over the NC/VA state line. A few more joined us at lunch and the rest would meet us in Asheville.

All gas stops were measured out to accommodate our “M” brethren. We did get plenty of attention from the locals. How often does one see 25 BMWs spanning four and a half decades filling up at the same time? I don’t think they have ever

sold that many gallons of premium go juice at one time.

The next question was, “How much longer to lunch?” Our lunch stop was the Hillbilly Hideaway in Walnut Cove, NC. We dined on southern fare starting with fried chicken, mashed potatoes, stewed beef, green beans, hoecakes, creamed corn, sweet tea and strawberry shortcake. The décor is one that draws you in, making you feel like you are eating at mom’s dinner table. You are met with a screen door which, if you have family on a farm, you had recollections of “Don’t let that screen door slam” as you run out, letting the door slam.

After announcements, including where the gas stop was located for the last half of the trip, leaving a little NCC memento on the rusty

pick-up in front of the restaurant and requisite pictures of this eclectic eatery, we were off and traveling toward the Blue Ridge Parkway. We passed the exit for the venue for the Vintage. I sense a side trip next year.

On to the Blue Ridge Parkway. How some of you folks missed the big Shell station next to a huge McDonald’s is beyond me. Two franchises sharing the same color scheme next to each other and you drove right by it (LOL).

As we meandered south on the Blue Ridge Parkway, some stopped at scenic overlooks, while others made use of the curvy road which make up the parkway. It was nice to have long stretches of time without cell service to take in nature’s beauty. One casualty claimed by the trip: an alternator cut one car’s trip short on the Blue Ridge Parkway in Little Switzerland.

Whew! Glad I chose a restaurant a mere three miles from the hotel, because I don’t think anyone was in the mood for anything farther. Dinner was at Tupelo Honey. Again, we were treated to southern fare, this time with a different spin. The food was excellent. And the biscuits...ohhh WOW!! After dinner, some of us sought out the touchless car wash I found during the dry run to prep the cars for their debut at Biltmore the following morning. It was close to midnight before we closed out the day in preparation for an early rise on Friday.



**17 May Biltmore and Downtown**

The Biltmore Estate, America's largest home, was built in 1895 by George Vanderbilt (yes, of those Vanderbilts). It is a 250-room chateau-style mansion with 43 bathrooms. All of them with indoor plumbing. The whole house was wired for AC and DC current. They were not sure who would win the power race. Think Betamax/VHS and HD-DVD/Blu-Ray wars. The tour gives you insight into the people who lived and worked at the estate. Outside the house you can explore the gardens and grounds designed by landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted.

Entering the estate, one is greeted by a two-mile long driveway which curves through part of the grounds and ends at the city block-long lawn. We were able to display our cars there for the morning as we toured the house and the grounds.

Shortly before noon the cars paraded through the gardens, over a couple of bridges, past a lake and a barn yard, for the three-mile drive to a private lunch at Deerpark Restaurant.

After lunch we headed over to Antler Hill Park to the winery. The village is an area on the estate where one can grab a bite to eat at a bistro or tavern, do a little shopping, and view exhibits including a 1913 Stevens-Duryea Model C-Six purchased by George Vanderbilt. The village also houses an adventure center: rent mountain bikes, take a carriage ride, participate in a guided Segway tour, try your skill at clay shooting, or enjoy

the estate via horseback or from the front seat of a Land Rover.

The remainder was left to chance. Some of us went back up to the house and gardens (guilty as charged), others went back to the hotel for a much-needed power nap. In the evening downtown Asheville was our playground. Some folks found the drum circle, some enjoyed "Downtown after 5", some partook of the offerings in the myriad of micro-breweries, some indulged in the gastronomic paradise of eateries and restaurants, some did...I think you get it. There was no shortage of activities.

As the night grew to a close, there were rumors of a hangout called the "White Car Bar" back at the hotel. Some say it was legend, while others say they have seen it with their own eyes.

**18 May Rain Delay, Waterfalls and a friendly BMW dealer**

Soooo...today was a blessing and a curse. We awoke to rain which had been forecast to end during the overnight. This presented a problem because we would have to forgo two of the waterfalls which could only be accessed via a dirt gravel road. It would take a few hours to recalculate the mileage on the turn-by-turn directions and reprint them (Yes, I did bring a printer). While waiting for the directions to finish printing, we held our drivers meeting.

Departing a mere two hours late, our first stop was DuPont State Park to visit three waterfalls. We saw

only two of the three, BUT those two were an awesome sight. This was the aspect as the rain gave the waterfalls more life.

The first stop was a covered bridge perched atop High Falls. We then moved on along a 1/2 mile trail to the bottom of High Falls. We were presented with a wall of water cascading down a flat mountain face. After twenty minutes of continuous camera clicks, we moved on about 1/4 mile down said trail to a sight fans of the "Hunger Games" would recognize.

Triple Falls is aptly named for it three waterfalls in one. In our haste to get to the bottom to start snapping pics, I don't think many considered the walk back to the top. At the bottom, out came tripods, polarizers and graduated density filters. We probably spent a good 45 minutes inventing new ways to photograph this beauty.

After the "after thought" ascent back to the top and thoughts of "ohhhh that burns", "no pain no gain", "feel the burn" and "I'd like to meet the sadist who built...man am I out of shape," we all made it to the top. The comedy continued as we sounded like a Lamaze class in the middle of the woods trying to catch our breath.

We made it back to the parking lot in about 20 minutes. After a visit to the various trunks for water relief and to the bathroom, our next stop was to Looking Glass Falls in Mount Pisgah National Forest. This was definitely the easiest of all the falls to access. Step out of the car and voilà, roadside scenic stop.

A mile up the road was Moore Cove Falls. A fifteen-minute walk up and down a trail ends at a spectacular sight as water cascades off a cliff far enough you can walk behind the falls. Again, the overnight rain was a blessing as it made the falls come to life.

Due to the late start some choose between Moore Cove and another waterfall called Whitewater Falls in Nantahala National Forest. Whitewater Falls is a 411-ft. creation which can be viewed from an observation deck after descending 154



(Opposite page) Dragon sculpture at Deals Gap, NC. (Top) Harald & Joy Reichel at Deals Gap (start of the Dragon"). (Above) David Mitchell & Eugenia Nesterenko at Triple Falls in Dupont State Park. (Bottom) Parked on front lawn of Biltmore House.





**19 May There's a Dragon in them thar hills. Seek it at your own risk. Possible hail warning.**

Some of us awoke at dawn, while others required more recovery time from the past days' events. Still others needed even more recovery after their quest for the "White Car Bar" was quenched.

After the drivers meeting, one where the Dragon vets tried to educate the noobs as much as we possibly could about how to run the gauntlet that is the Tail of the Dragon. Get a little too frisky and you will be bitten.

The Tail of the Dragon is part of an 11 mile stretch of US129 on North Carolina / Tennessee border nestled in the Smoky Mountains. Yeah...ok...big deal!! I have driven mountain roads before. WELL NOT ONE so tightly curled it has 318 curves. Trying to describe the PURE JOY this road gives you is akin to trying to describe the nirvana that is der Nürburgring. You really cannot verbalize the emotion other than RIDICULOUSNESS.

As we made the right turn onto 129, we pulled over for a quick stretch and a discussion of the rumblings' from our stomach. We decided to stop at the first place we came upon for much needed sustenance. That place was Huddled House. So...we Huddled for some eggs, pancakes, sausage, grits, toast, OJ, coffee, and cheese omelets. After another short meeting we headed off in search of adrenaline.

As we drove successive runs, we spied the "more recovery group" coming in the opposite direction with

giant smiles that would have star billing in a toothpaste commercial.

The Dragon is surrounded by the Cherohala Skyway and the Moonshiner 28. The Cherohala Skyway is a mile high in some parts road that stretches 36 miles between NC and TN.

On the other side of the Dragon is the Moonshiner 28. This road could be a runner-up to the Dragon. At some point during the day we were advised there was a bad storm headed our way with possible hail. That was our cue to head back to Asheville.

The final evening we dined at the Black Forest restaurant. No better way to end a four-day trip with great stories with new friendships made and old ones rekindled than over food from the Bavarian homeland. You know I heard the "White Car Bar" was poppin' that evening. I think I will have to seek it out next year. Yes, there will be a next year and a year after that.



*(From Top Left) Attendees at BMW of Asheville's reception. Old truck at Hillbilly Hideaway in Walnut Cove, NC with a little NCC "we were here" reminder. Quick "stretch stop" at the bottom of US129 just south of Robbinsville, NC. Harley store at the end on the Dragon on the southern side. (Above) Scenic overlook on Blue Ridge Parkway. (Bottom) Across from Harley store.*

To see the rest of the pics from the trip, visit the Tours section on the forum at [ncbwmcca.org](http://ncbwmcca.org).







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# A Man, an M3, and a Dream to go Fast

By Kelsy Hill | Photos provided by Rob Clark

Greetings fellow track fans! I must preface this article by saying that I am writing this under the presumption that you love the movie *Talladega Nights: The Legend of Ricky Bobby* just as much as I do; quoting numerous lines about Sweet Baby Jesus and having a new found appreciation for Shake n' Bake. The success of our HPDE, Tours, Autocross and Karting programs also leaves me to believe that just as in the movie, our members 'wanna go fast!' and they want to do it with their friends.

Since this is a car enthusiast magazine written by members for members, I would like to share with each of you the legendary tale of one of our own members who overcame his fears and went fast at the May 11 & 12 HPDE.

Many of you have had the pleasure of meeting NCC member Rob Clark at our events, so you naturally are thinking that I am writing this article about him because of his car. In some regards, you are correct. But the real reason I am writing about Rob is that I believe,

much like the fictitious NASCAR legend Ricky Bobby who finds friendship and glory at the track, there is a Rob Clark in each of us.

A consummate gentleman, Rob always greets you with a handshake, hello and a warm smile. And boy-oh-boy does he have something to smile about! If you can't put a face to the name, I'm certain that you will recognize his beautiful 2013 Lime Rock Park E92 M3 from NCC photos, possibly even from your dreams. Spectacular enough to have its own dedicated webpage on [bmwusa.com](http://bmwusa.com),

this limited-edition M3 leaves you feeling as though you just experienced love at first sight – your heart skips a beat thinking about the capabilities of that monster V8 all wrapped up in a beautiful Fire Orange exterior, topped off with a carbon fiber body-kit and 19" ZCP Competition Package wheels. I can't help but feel fortunate that our club has 1 of the 200 produced on our roster. It's icing on the cake that the car just happens to be owned by one of the nicest guys in town. Are we lucky or what?!



BMW calls his car, and I quote, 'the most aggressive M3 to date.' Now, Rob is the least aggressive person I've ever met. When I witnessed his beastly M3 pull into the Hamburger Hamlet for a Board meeting earlier this year, I couldn't help but laugh when the window rolled down only to unveil Rob, his ever-present smile, and a friendly wave because I thought to myself, "Heck yeah! I'm calling you Robbie Bobby from here on out because you wanna go fast!"

Only 199 other people can say that they are just like Rob in owning that monster machine. Thankfully many more of us can say that we are just like Rob and are the proud owners of a BMW, aka the Ultimate Driving Machine. But with great power comes great responsibility. Owning a limited-edition BMW adds another level of responsibility, as you have something in your possession that cannot be replaced—ever. This fact has been known to cause quite a bit of worry about every pothole in the road and possible ding in a parking lot. Put yourself in Rob's shoes – would you take his car out on the track, for the first time, without any prior high-speed driving experience aside from what you've learned on the highway simply because you thought it was a good idea? Yeah, I probably wouldn't either.

Never one to give in when faced with a challenge, I added enthusiasm to my statements of hope that he would bring his limited edition work of art down to the track so that we could see it in action. "Rob, you'll be fine... You won't even realize you're going over 100 miles an hour on the straightaway... Don't worry about the car..." It was when I said something along the lines of, "It's a Lime Rock edition M3, Rob – you owe it to the car to do to it what it was born and bred to do!" that I saw a mixture of both pride and fear on his face. Therein was the problem: Rob saw himself as the owner, yet I



(Opposite page) Rob tackling Turn 1 of 10 in at Summit Point's Main Circuit. (Above) The 2,900 ft (880 m) straightaway allowed Rob all of his Lime Rock M3's 414 horses run free.

saw him as the owner *and* driver. And that, my friend, is why I was so pleased to see that Rob had signed up for the HPDE weekend. Certainly Rob was proud to own his M3 – really, who wouldn't be? However it was the lack of experience that caused the fear and held him back from fully appreciating his car. With the proper education he too shared my view of him and at the end of this session's first day I couldn't help but smile as my prior vision of the legendary driver 'Robbie Bobby' had finally arrived!

With a new swagger in his step that is fueled by pride in his gorgeous M3 and backed with confidence in his own driving abilities, Rob has this to offer about his HPDE experience:

***"I had a great time at the Chapter's HPDE! I have so much to learn to be a better driver; the driving and classroom instructors work hard to make this a valuable learning experience. I can't wait to go back in September. Yep, I've already signed up.***

***While the track is all about speed, the skid pad training offers a chance to learn how to avoid situations***

***where one would otherwise lose control of their car. I'd sign up for a day of nothing but skid pad driving if such were offered.***

***I want to thank Kelsy for her encouragement as well as that of my friend, John Hodges. Both were instrumental in assuring me that I would do fine. I would also like to thank driving instructors Paul Bylis and Gary Ketner.***

***If you've ever considered going to the track, stop thinking about it and sign up now!"***

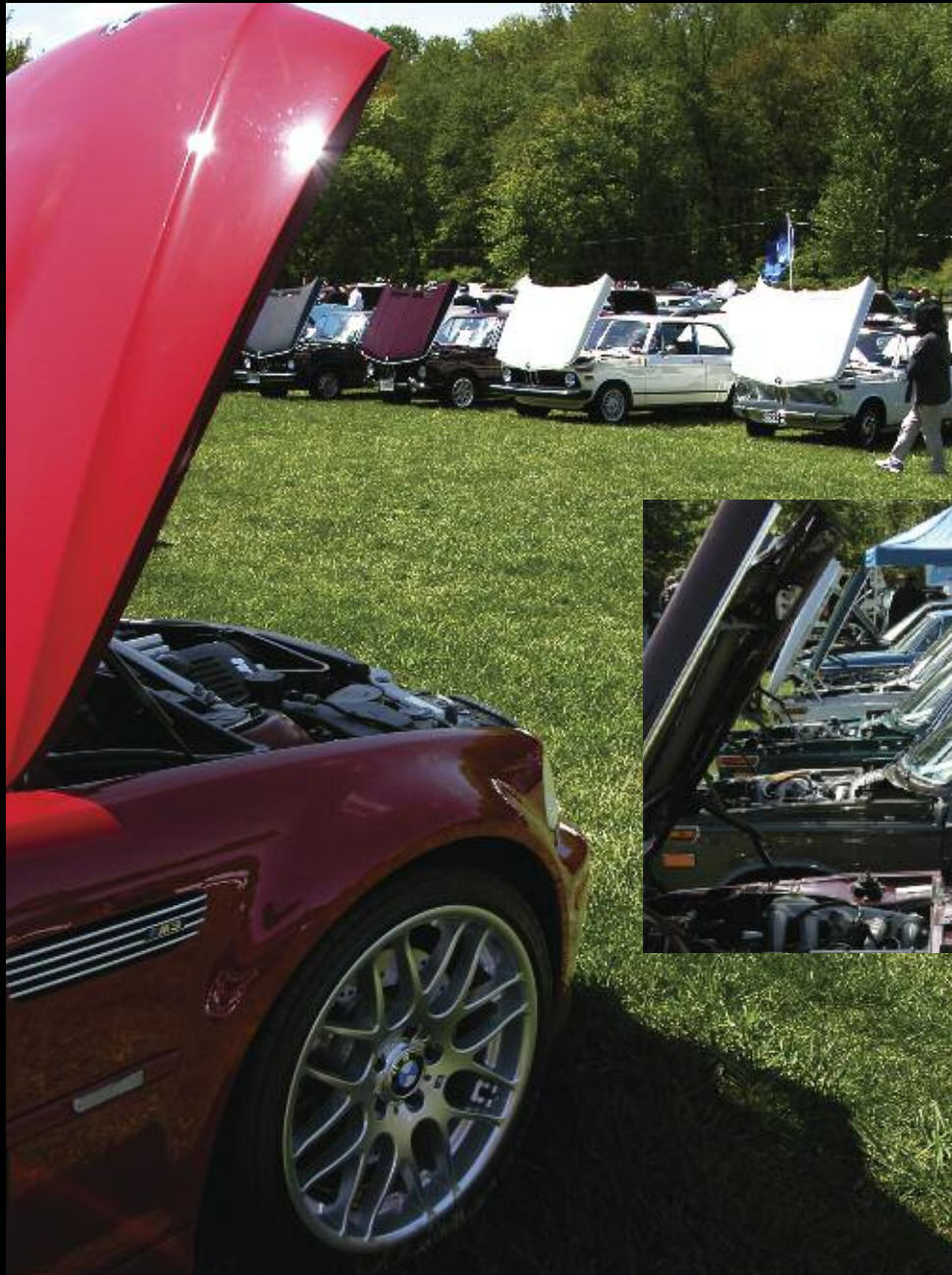
In closing, I'd like to share the perspective of another May HPDE first-time attendee, Lidia Buzek. Lidia was befriended in a parking lot by Nancy Miller who spotted Lidia's bright blue 2002 E36 M coupe, another hard to replace and beautiful Bimmer. Lidia found herself in the similar situation of Rob, weighing the pros and cons of attending the weekend with her beloved BMW, as well as her own ability to drive the track without any prior experience.

***"My initial reaction was "Heck YEAH I want to "race"***

***my car!! I LOVE to drive fast! Then, I was concerned: how much wear and tear was there going to be? Dramamine is recommended?!? I need Special Insurance? What if I banged up my baby? Then -- back to HECK YEAH! I'm doing it. Early birthday present to myself.... When I arrived, I was blown away by all the rumbling cars, but definitely overwhelmed at the first in-class lesson – I had pretty much no idea what inside/outside tracking was, pit-in/pit-out, hitting the apex? But once I got behind the wheel with my WONDERFUL instructor, all was good. A really fun weekend, great people too – but a lot of hard work. I'll be honest, I was not completely hooked – not until after the event. When I drove home, and driving around town the next few weeks, I was seeing and experiencing the road in a whole new light! I can't WAIT to do it again!"***

And there you have it – our members do wanna go fast and they want to go fast with their NCC friends, old and new. I know I speak for the club leadership in promising you that we will always keep friendship, top-notch driving education, and memorable experiences at the core of our HPDE weekends. If you want to learn to love your car a little more, come on out and join us at the two remaining sessions on September 28/29 and November 2/3. Remember, there will always be once-in-a-lifetime cars you can purchase, but it takes an HPDE weekend to appreciate that you're not just a BMW owner, you're a legendary driver too.

Oh, and if you haven't seen *Talladega Nights* yet, it's great for a lazy afternoon. It will never, ever in a million years win an Oscar or any sort of critical acclaim, but it certainly will make you laugh. Shake n' Bake!



## What a Difference a Day Makes!

By John McWilliams | Photos by Raine Mantysalo

Without a threatening cloud to be found for the first time in recent memory, a record crowd turned out for the 2013 Deutsche Marque Concours at Vienna's Nottoway Park. In a show of solidarity, the

three Marques represented were grouped together on the display field, a change that drew favorable comments from the attendees and spectators.

The 2002s and their variants

made a good showing, with eleven models present; including Bob Warren's 1600 Voll Cabriolet and Pegah Sadeghi's 2000 Touring. Four flawless E30 M3s were parked together, along with a pair of Z8s.

The modern cars (1990s and newer) were well represented, with a fine mixture of M models. Lothar Schuettler's recently acquired 1990 Z1 was also on display at the entrance to the brigade of BMWs.



(Above) Best of Marque, David Landow 's 1974 2002tii.

### BMW CLASS WINNERS 2013

#### Vintage Class

1. Doug Dolan 1972 M3.0CS
2. Wayne Killen 1973 3.0CS
3. Michael Balling 1979 320i

#### 80's Class

1. Michael Powers 1986 325es
2. Willy Lutz 1991 M3
3. Paul Tartaglione 1991 M3

#### 2000's Class

1. Peter Swiek 2006 M3
2. Richard Kempf 2007 335i
3. Byron Derringer 2003 M5

#### People's Choice

(voted on by attendees)  
Tina Daiyaan 2001 M3

#### 2002 Class

1. David Landow 1974 2002tii
2. Raine Mantysalo 1976 2002
3. Mike DiAndrea 1974 2002tii

#### 90's Class

1. Stephen Di Giulian 2002 M5
2. Kyle Baca 1995 M3
3. John Soos 1997 740iL

#### Meister Class

(first-place winners from 2012)  
Robert Warren 19681600  
Vollcabriolet

#### Judges' Choice

Don Shive 1978 630CS

#### Best of Marque

(highest overall score)  
David Landow 1974 2002tii

## Traditions

**BY** Marc Caden

**PHOTOS** Raine Mantysalo  
Marc Caden

# The Vintage 2013 - the 10th Anniversary Celebration

**Winston-Salem, North Carolina, May 24-25, 2013**

The Vintage is an annual BMW gathering in Winston-Salem, North Carolina for classic BMWs manufactured through 1991. This year marked the event's 10th anniversary and a return to Westbend Vineyards as the host venue. Several hundred vintage BMWs were in attendance, including some rare models – such as a 507, an Isetta, 1600 GT, and 2000CS.



*1967 1600 GT - Axel Coelin, Norwalk, Connecticut*



The Vintage is the largest gathering of classic BMWs on the East Coast and one of the largest gatherings of its kind in the country. People come from all over North America and this year one owner drove 2400 miles from Arizona. Owners are typically recognized by the smudges of grease under each fingernail and by their left arm (e.g., the window side) being several shades tanner than their right arm. While the main event is a one-day car show, the activities consume the entire weekend.

The festivities kicked off with an autocross on Friday. Among the many participants were our chapter members, Marshal Lytle and Jim Gerock, both donning their race helmets and dodging cones in their nimble-bodied 70's era 2002s. In a field that included some fast times posted by an E30 M3 and E24 M6, the fastest time posted by any vehicle was laid down by a 2002 running an upgraded M10 engine.

The main event occurred on Saturday at Westbend Vineyards in Lewisville, North Carolina. The highlight of the show this year was a rare 507 brought by a local collector. The car was restored as a tribute to the 507 that had campaigned in the 1957 Mille Miglia. Although

buyers like "the King" himself, Elvis Presley. This slick-looking roadster was the inspiration for the BMW Z8 designed by Henrik Fisker.

Another unusual vehicle in attendance was a Farmobil brought by Willy Wiley, a former president of the BMW CCA's Connecticut Valley Chapter. The Farmobil is German-Greek agricultural machine powered by the same air-cooled engine used in the BMW 700. It was intended to be a simple, low-cost vehicle to be used on or around farms. In Germany, it was badged as a BMW and there were less than a thousand manufactured.

This was also one of the largest gatherings of E28 M5s that anyone could recall – with a whopping 18 in attendance. However, as you might expect, over half of the cars in attendance were some variant of either the 2002 or E30 3 Series, but there were also strong contingencies of E9s and E24 big coupes.

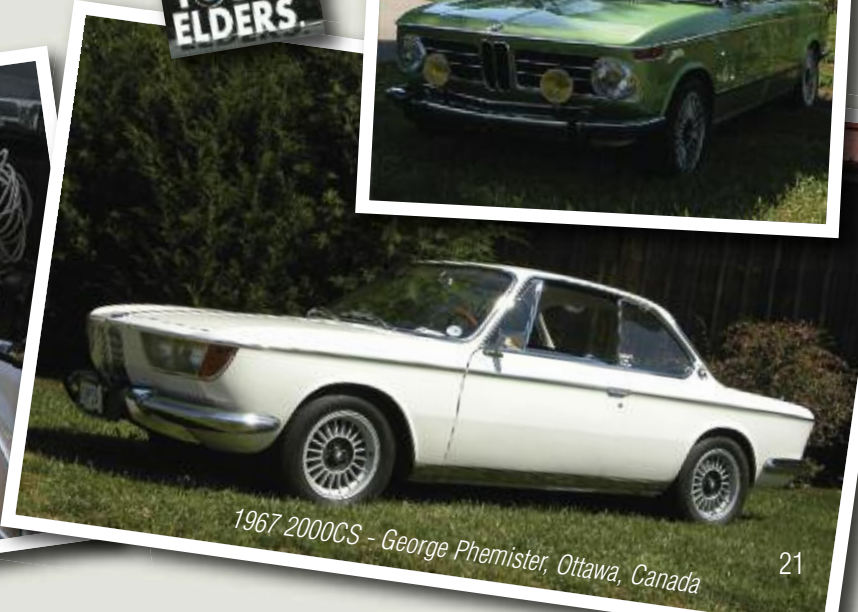
Although the trip is over 300 miles each way for most of our attendees, there were no reported incidents other than a leaking coolant hose (fixed in a Chipotle parking lot after lunch) and failed wheel bearing fixed in the hotel's parking lot. This event is truly special



(Above) A 1959 Isetta 600 was parked in front of the complimentary Biergarten (left) provided by Spaten. (Below Left) 1957 507 Mille Miglia tribute.

most in the crowd have been hanging around BMWs for decades, few had ever seen a 507 in person. There was a very limited production run of just 252 and its superb styling attracted some well-known

and, if you haven't done so already, it should be included on every Bimmer nut's bucket list.



1967 2000CS - George Phemister, Ottawa, Canada



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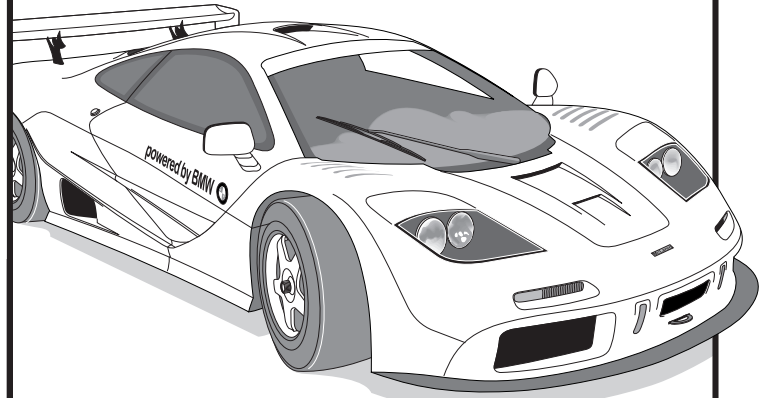
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# DIY at Russel BMW

By Marc Caden | Photos by Eric Hall

As a parent, there are certain unforgettable life moments you experience, like hearing your baby's first word, the shedding of training wheels, a ballet recital, scoring a first hockey goal, and so on. These are precious moments that I can probably count out on two hands or less. I recently added a new entry to this list of special moments that I wanted to share with you, as I think only a club member could understand this one.

It was getting late on a school night and my eleven-year-old son came to me to discuss our potential bedtime reading material - usually a novel of some sort. However, this time he asked "Why don't we read *The Roundel* tonight?" It is true that he is a car enthusiast like me, but I still responded in disbelief, "are you



(Top) A Lime Rock Park Edition M3 coupe (1 of 200 manufactured) on the lift for a visual inspection. (Below left) Adam Sayani draining the coolant on his 2007 335i. (Below right) Brothers Al and Joe Romanowsky replacing the guibo on Al's 1994 318is, formerly owned by his brother Joe.

serious?" To which he reassured me that he was quite serious (I had no idea that he even knew the name of

the club magazine). He wanted to read about the LeMans Series Z4 GTE that we are hoping to see later

this summer at the Baltimore Grand Prix and we skimmed a review of the new 3 series GT model. I was in pure heaven. And, so it happened – my boy asked me to read *The Roundel* at bedtime. Another precious moment etched into my brain and for which I was proud.

Family moments can also happen at our chapter's monthly Do-It-Yourself (DIY) events that occur at various host repair facilities. In recent months, we have had brothers change a guibo (see below), a father and his teenage daughter replace rear shocks, and even spouses attend as a way to spend time together (giving new meaning to "date night"). This is the kind of family bonding you might have done with your Dad in the driveway when you were a kid, but is no longer commonplace. These events



are a chance to pay the memory forward, teach or learn a valuable skill, and perhaps save yourself a repair bill.

Our chapter's April DIY was held at Russel BMW located in Baltimore. Russel is a terrific DIY host because their large facility can accommodate literally dozens of vehicles on their lifts at the same time. And since our theme this month is *family*, Russel is one of the few remaining family operated BMW dealerships in our area. Being a family run business sets them apart from many of the corporate dealers in the area. For example, the parts and service director, Jeff Sterry, is the brother-in-law of the owner, Melanie Russel Sterry.

Russel has roughly thirty service bays and offers a steep club discount of 20% off parts and labor. They also offer free (yes, FREE!)



installation for BMW accessories purchased in their store. Loaner vehicles are complimentary and your car will receive a free car wash before being returned to you. As Jeff Sterry explained, "People come here because we take care of them." I know several club members who drive long distances to have their car serviced at Russel (rather than closer facilities) and this may explain why.

This month The Brothers Romanowsky, a.k.a. Al and Joe, took on one of the more significant tasks of the day – replacing the guibo on Al's 1994 E36 318is. A guibo is a flexible rubber coupler that joins the transmission output shaft and the driveshaft. It looks like a large rubber doughnut and it is present in many BMWs. Upon inspection, this particular guibo had several cracks in the rubber that could result in a sudden failure. Getting to the guibo on an E36 involves, among other things, dropping the muffler/catalytic

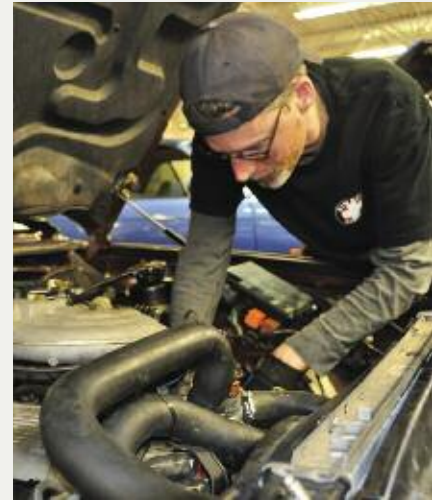
converter assembly, removing a protective heat shield, and disconnecting the driveshaft. It was a lot of work for these DIYers, but having a lift certainly made it easier to get the job done.

Harry Reichel changed the transmission fluid and deleted the clutch delay valve ("cdv") in his 2009 128i Cabriolet. There was a recent article in *The Roundel* on how to do a cdv delete and this is a worthwhile task for any DIY event. It will take you less than one hour to complete the job and it may provide you with the crisp clutch engagement that you always wished for.

Cliff Brody flushed the brake fluid and changed the oil in his 2001 540i. DIY regular Tim McNeish changed the oil on his 1999 M Roadster. Charles Sanderson replaced an alternator and changed the differential fluid on his 1986 528e (which was also the oldest car in attendance). Adam Sayani changed the oil, drained the coolant, and

replaced both the cabin and engine air filters on his 2007 335i. New member Eric Hall brought his impossibly clean 2004 330i ZHP to swap its winter wheels/tires for the stock M135 wheels sporting some very aggressive summer rubber. Thanks also to Eric for taking pictures for this event!

A nice pizza lunch was served and Russel BMW provided gift bags with goodies for all attendees. It was a fine ending to another great DIY event coordinated by Phillip Cummings and hosted by Russel BMW. We hope to see you at a future DIY event.



(Above) Charles Sanderson replacing the alternator on his 1986 528e. (Left) Rob Hollister changing the oil on his 2005 M3.





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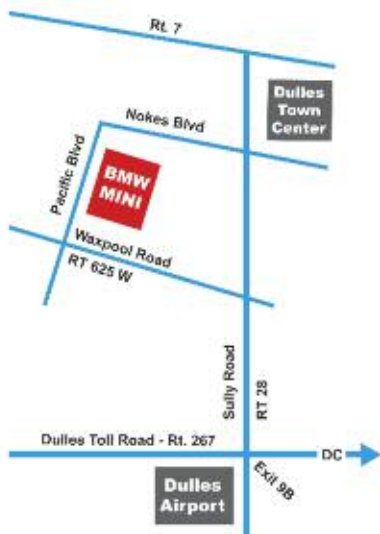
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