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THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE Brian Bailey President

I never thought that I would be hoping for rain for quite so long. The only plus has been having the top down on the convertible for 44 of the last 45 days. Convenient, yes - but not so good for the desert wasteland that is our front yard. I am sure that any second now "50% chance" will actually result in 100% rain. As proof of the drought, our Patroon evening out at Funplex Funpark was marked by temperate and dry conditions. This event has often been a reliable predictor for a nor easter. This year it was fun and dry!



While Saratoga was in full swing, another contingent of Patroon members was in Calabogie, Ontario. Kate and I were among this merry band and we had a great time. Although it was seven hours each way, the drive was pleasant with nice scenery. After having driven eight hours to Virginia earlier in July, I would gladly drive to Calabogie 50 times with a smile on my face. I hate I-95! The weather in Calabogie was perfect, and I got to enjoy three wonderful days on the track. My hard-working, 21 year-old car, the "Blue Baron," gave up on the third day. What a perfect chance to begin some upgrades.

Here is a picture of most of the Patroon members at Calabogie 2010 gathered around Bob Martin's race prepared E30 M3. There are some members that were in class or elsewhere when we took this shot: Jamie and Dan Ipsen, Jeff Kanetzky, Matt Zacharewicz and perhaps a few more. The Calabogie event is definitely the ultimate "drive and dine" as a many of us caravanned up and we broke bread together on multiple occasions. Many thanks to our driving school committee and the folks from the Ottowa Chapter for their partnership with



organizing and running this event.

I am proud to say that I begin my new job as Principal of Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School at the end of August and am excited to begin this new adventure. I hope to see you at Guptills for our regular August ice-cream feast. Enjoy the rest of your summer.





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'O2nd IN COMMAND Frank Greppo Vice President

Vintage at Saratoga has passed and it has been labeled a success. People actually showed up! There were some very nice vintage BMWs from as far north as Toronto, Canada, and as far south as Clarksville, Maryland. Representatives from the New York, New Jersey, Boston, Connecticut Valley, Delaware Valley, Pocono, Pinetree, White Mountain, and Green Mountain chapters attended. The show cars included twenty-two 2002s and a 1600 GT. One of the 2002s was driven in by Joseph Perry, the original owner. This car was still pretty much exactly the way it was when Mr. Perry drove it home from Keeler BMW 35 years ago. At the other end of the spectrum was Roy Wicklund's totally modified 2002tii complete with its S14 engine from an E30 M3. If you ever get the chance to see this car be sure to take the opportunity lay down and enjoy the view of the undercarriage. You can read about it in last January's issue of Hemmings Sports and Exotic magazine. You may remember Roy's 1985 Alpina B7 from the Patroon Concours this year. Some cars and owners were familiar to us, like Lawrence Charlemaign's turquoise 2002, and some were seen for the first time, like Jack Fredricks' beautiful 2002 Turbo.

The weekend was kicked off by a spirited drive led by Scott Stowell that left the Auto Museum Saturday afternoon and traveled throughout Saratoga County along the banks of the Hudson River. The vintage cars were joined by the likes of a Z4 and a Dinan-modified Z3 M Roadster, both from the Pennsylvania ZSCCA. It was quite a sight seeing these cars pull out onto the Avenue of the Pines along with vintage Sixes, Fives, 2002s, and a 1600 GT.

On Saturday night 70 plus enthusiasts of the marque gathered in downtown Saratoga to renew old friendships and entertain new ones. The Parting Glass Restaurant was the venue for this "Meet and Greet" and a good time was had by all.

The weather certainly cooperated, as Sunday broke hazy, hot, and humid.

Cars began to arrive at the Saratoga Automobile Museum and the parking crew of Scott Gold, Dennis



Curley, and Tom Burton did a wonderful job arranging and staging these vintage cars for display.

At this point I was personally so busy I failed to notice that our caterer had not arrived. This was to be the only disappointment of the day, but Gwen and Tony Verrengia, Sarah Gold, and Denise Greppo turned even this into a positive. This team put together a fine lunch and even used it to raise money for our charity. If you ever choose to dine at Mike's Hot Dogs in Schenectady please mention that we missed them at the show. There was one other small glitch when my iPod began serenading the crowd with Christmas Carols; I'm still not sure how that happened.

I will take these last words to thank our sponsors, Capital Cities Imported Cars, Quality Foreign Car Care, and Auto Haus Motors. Without their support this never could have happened. I urge you to think of them when your cars need service or when you are in the market for a new ride.

In addition to all this our silent auction and lunch donations were able to raise \$652.00 to support the BMW Foundation. It was good to have some fun and at the same time support a worthy cause.

Next year's goal.... a pre-war BMW!



THE EDITORIUM

Everett A. Mayhew, Jr. Editor

1 Series in Three Parts

First, let me officially tell you this *Half Moon* is, yes, coming to you late...our fault, not the US Post Office's. We have the same problems you do during the summer...too much to do, too little time to do it! Now on with our usual babbling...

BMW is planning to build a car that would fit between the current 1 series and the Mini Cooper. To all accounts, it will be front-wheel-drive. Whether this will be called a "0" series or whether it will be a variant of the 1 series or even if it will replace the current rear-wheeldrive 1 series remains to be seen. In any case,

BMW is sensitive to the fact that when only two wheels move a BMW, they are expected to be in the back. They even give their four-wheelers a rear-drive bias, so that they feel like a rear-wheeldrive.

So the Bavarians felt the need to plow the field with disinformation before they planted the seeds of heresy. With typical German subtlety, CEO Norbert Reithofer informed us in May that BMW had done a survey and discovered that 80% of of 1 series drivers thought their car was front-wheel-drive! I was one of many who thought this was strange, if not unbelievable. I knew that some folks who buy BMWs have no clue what their car is capable of, drive it like a Buick, and only want a status symbol on the hood. But saying 80% of folks buying 1-series don't even know which wheels are moving the car?

Incredulous minds wanted to know more about this survey, and BMW has understandably kept the details close to their corporate vests. But at least one tidbit has leaked out: the survey was done "primarily" in Europe! When this leaked out, the editorial board at Half Moon decided to send a crack investigation team to the continent to ferret out other details.

We flew to Berlin, meeting an operative in a coffeehouse just inside the old Russian sector. For the price of a coffee, we could have further details of the survey. The operative was cleverly disguised as a homeless person. After the requisite coffee, we were told in hushed tones that not only was the survey done entirely in Europe, but in fact it was focused on a small village in Albania. We followed the story to that village.

Arriving in the capital of Tirane, we drove north in a rented Skoda to Puke, a village in the northern reaches of the country. When we arrived we drew many stares from the natives, who, it turns out, were largely on foot or on ox carts. This was a practical adaptation to the highway system probably, which had now degraded to a muddy path barely large enough for our little Skoda. It was a stroke of luck that our Berlin operative, Hermann, could speak Romanian, and had offered to come with us as translator, as long as we supplied room and board. We slithered up the muddy path to the mayor's house, a slightly larger shack than average, with a pigpen holding a couple of emaciated pigs on one side, and a bony cow tethered out front.

Just as we approached to pound on the rough-hewn wooden



door, it opened, and a middle-aged man with a drooping mustache and an acrid cigarette hanging out of the corner of his mouth emerged. I told Hermann to ask him if he knew anything about the BMW 1 series survey. Hermann babbled for a minute to the mayor, in what I suppose was Albanian, although the mayor looked like he didn't have a clue what Hermann was saying. The major responded with a short rejoinder, a puzzled look on his face. Hermann then turned to me and said "The mayor says some German people came with a fancy automobile, rounded up ten of the villagers, and asked something...we couldn't really

understand...while pointing to the wheels of the car." Just to be polite everyone smiled and nodded, except Rexhep and Sali, who strayed off for their daily schnapps with ox blood sausage lunch. Then the Germans all said "danke, danke" and drove off. That's all I know."

Based on this information, the news staff here at the Half Moon can now definitively tell you that BMW got the survey from Puke, and that it may have been skewed by a language barrier, as well as the fact that Rexhep and Sali never did actually differ from their fellow villagers, they were just hungry.

Other 1 series news: BMW has finally confirmed that they will be bringing an M version of the 1 series to the US, perhaps as early as next spring. This strongly interests your editor. Power is rumored to be in the 340-350 hp. range, not a huge



M1

increase over the 306 hp 135i, but it will be 170 pounds lighter, wider, lower, and have all of the hard-core mods common to M cars. It will not be called the M1, since a prior BMW already has that designation (see above). It also will not use the tii designation. It will be called the "1 Series M Coupe". I'm thinking that with the 135i being as much fun as it is, the M version has got to be the biggest hoot since the E30 M3. Stay tuned.

Meanwhile, as those of you tuned to my Facebook page may know, I took the 135i on its first autocrossing

adventure last Saturday (July 24). This was a "test and tune" event sponsored by the SCCA at the large McCarty parking lot, a state government parking lot at the end of I-787. "Test and tune" is SCCA-speak for "practice". You get more runs than you do at an official autocross, and get to ride with experienced autocrossers and have them ride with you. I wish I could have past Patroon President and experienced autocrosser/driver school instructor Bill Bennett shouting "GO, GO, GO" and "BRAKE, BRAKE, BRAKE" from the passenger seat all the time!

The 135i was a delight to autocross. Although it felt bigger than my Z3 (because it is), once I was eliciting squeals from my Dunlops the little coupe did all I asked, with little noticeable roll. The only time I experienced the reputed "push" the car is supposed to have was when I braked too late or too little at the end of the straight and my front wheels pointed left but the car kept going straight, until I scrubbed off enough speed. Still, I avoided

any cones. The Z3 tends to get a bit "tail-happy" when I'm pushing it through a course, and the fat rear tires of the 135i (245 rears, vs. 215 fronts) stayed glued to the tarmac. Of course the raw power in the straight made it feel like I had lit the afterburners! By the end of the day, I had shaved a couple of seconds off my course time, and I was once again becoming acclimated to autocrossing after a few years absence, barring a cameo appearance last year. Unfortunately, after a day of sun, 90° heat magnified by a helmet, and adrenaline I was a limp soggy mess by the end of the day, so when the 6 o'clock alarm went off the next day, Sunday, I couldn't drag myself out of my comfortable bed to get ready for the "real" SCCA sanctioned autocross (even though I had told many folks I would be there). Nonetheless, Saturday was a bonding experience with the 135i and gave me a sense of its handling that one cannot get on public highways (without getting arrested).

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1st	R. Wicklund	1985 Aplina B7	Classic	1 Cleán	
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lst	<u>S. Patel</u>	1998 540i	Late 90's & 00's	1 Clean	
2nd	I. Kroudis	2006 325i 2001 330xi	Late 90's & 00's Late 90's & 00's	1 Clean	
3rd 1st	C. Moe J. Smith	2001 550x1	Late Super Clean	1 Clean 2 Super Clean	
2nd	M. D'Allard	2005 540 2006 M3	Late Super Clean	2 Suber Clean	
2nd 3rd	D. Crandall	2007 Z4	Late Super Clean	<u>2 Super Clean</u>	
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MINI as 2002 Spiritual Successor Zeke Wriaht

By all means, the original BMW 2002tii has a spot reserved in my dream garage. They were quick, nimble cars for their time, the forbearer to the 3-series: the catalyst for a generation of enthusiasts, a club, and BMW's very positioning as Ultimate Driving Machine. But as with any marquee that garners an enthusiast following, each successive redesign stands to lose a certain wedge of that former fanboy demographic – staunch supporters of the outgoing model who profess the latest iteration further removed from whichever qualities initially drew them to the brand.

With our BMWCCA memberships, we have the opportunity to watch this sentiment play out ad nauseam through the letters section of Roundel. One recurrent theme I've found is a yearning for a simpler car – lighter, more affordable, along the lines of the 2002 (or other favorite oldie) – spurning BMW's luxury, dipstickless up-market trajectory.

The MINI brand is sometimes cited as a response to that desire. And I can only imagine how unsatisfying an answer it is to many who place the BMW high water mark at the 2002 or e30. Here is a car British in origin, lacking roundel, small (but still a bit on the pudgy side), and wrong wheel drive to boot. But as with the 2002 virtually creating the sport sedan segment, the MINI has been BMW's opportunity to reinvent the hot hatch in the U.S. and capture a new market – small, affordable sporting cars whose buyers often overlap with BMW's in time. They aren't BMWs exactly (and that's kind of the point), but they do deliver a similarly inspired driving experience. Not convinced?

Anyone who tears into a MINI will soon find Bayerische Motoren Werke stamped throughout, including the juicy suspension bits. The motors have always been puny and collaborative efforts, but they serve to scoot the car capably along without succumbing to today's needless horsepower hikes. MINI gets quality gearboxes passed down from BMW, high out- *continued on p.13*

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Hildi Hijinks Friday July 5th until Friday July 9th Scott Stowell

What do a sawzall, four friends, a 1989 325iX, Sophie Marceau, a high tech metal lathe and German Autoparts have in common? Read on, because you wouldn't believe it if I told you this story over a beer. One of the challenges of owning an E30 iX is that every



60,000 miles you absolutly must change the rubber timing belt or you will lose your engine. Since I knew it was changed in November of 2008, and I had put 20,000 miles on it since we purchased Hildi in July of 2009, I figured I would play it safe and just swap it out to make sure it would not strand us. I went into a local VW/BMW independent repair facility to ask how much a timing belt swap would run. After three minutes of running figures on the calculator I was told it would be \$450. I knew going in that labor was a big part of this job, but I could not justify paying that much to install an \$11 part. Hey, we bought this car because we would be able to work on it!

I got on facebook and chatted with my good friend Pete Savel, and asked him if I could do this job under the shade of the oak tree in my front yard. "No problem, we can do that" came his response. While we are in there, you will want to install a new thermostat and waterpump. I call German Autoparts and spent

\$100 on the parts, some new gaskets and Red Line Water Wetter. As I am talking with Frank Greppo and Scott Gold, they decide to lend a hand and learn how this is done. Since we all have the 5th of July off we decide to gather at 10:00 and plan on a 4 hour job. On the 4th of July I realize I do not have BMW coolant to replace the old stuff with, which could be an issue. Frank comes through with a gallon, and combined with the partial gallon I have we are all set. You never want to mix BMW coolant with other coolant because you end up with sludge, and I was sure we were not going to get all the OEM fluid out of the engine block.

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in preparation for Pete's arrival. I can't believe how easy it is to remove the radiator. I now have no fear about replacing this if we have another one blow like we did last May. By 10:00 Scott and Pete arrive and we are ready to remove the fan. As we pull off the distributor cap and rotar, Pete show me how they are severly worn and should be replaced (\$80). I order it from German Autoparts on Tuesday and pick them up on Wednesday. Now back to the fan removal, it requires we hold one section steady with a screwdriver or a specialized tool while turning the 32mm nut with the biggest wrench I have ever purchased (\$24). This is not going so well, and after an hour we dicide we need the fan clutch tool to get the fan removed, but remember it is July 5th and we will not be borrowing the tool from anyone because of the holiday. Scott Gold suggests we make one, and I look at him like he has two heads. He explains that they have machines at work which will cut steel, so all we need is a CAD drawing and he can build one. After 10 minutes on the internet, Pete has located the specs and we stop work for the day at noon and have lunch.

We meet again Tuesday at 4:30, although Scott beats me to the house. When he arrives he has two of these fan tools ready to go! We head out to the car and proceed to bend the hell out of the first one. We wait for the other two to show up before going any further, but when they arrive we end up bending that one also. Whoever put that nut on the last time this was done really torqued that baby down. Pete says we can cut that off with a Sawzall and I look at him like he has three heads! Not having a lot of options, I run over to neighbor Mike Hetz and borrow his saw. On go the safety glasses and off comes the fan. Now we are going to need a new fan clutch



(\$60) and that means another call German Autoparts Wednesday morning and they have it in stock by Thursday at noon. We pull more stuff off the car, pull the old timing belt, install the new timing belt, have some food and wrap things up by 7:00.

On Wednesday the spouses are starting to wonder what we are doing, as evidenced by two of the quartet needing to be gone by 6:00. Pete and I keep working until almost 8:00 getting the waterpump and themostat replaced, the hoses and radiator installed and coolant filled up. We start the car and run it without the fan, bleed the system and look for leaks. The temperature gauge is registering normal and we see no fluid. This is great! All we are waiting for the the clutch and we are set. Thursday morning dawns and I head off to work. Coming back through Clifton Park I get the fan clutch and get home to have Bev show me the giant pool of coolant under the car. Very uncool... I trace the leak back to a hose connection buried under the distributor. Off it comes,

the clamp gets tightened, and I put the clutch and fan back together and on the car. Friday morning dawns and everything looks dry. I put more coolant in the car, bleed the air out of the system and when everything looks good drive the car off the ramps. This repair has taken way too long, but Pete has tought us a great deal about car repair, we still have saved hundreds of dollars and I have a bunch of new friends at German Autoparts. Sophie Marceau would be very proud of us. *[Scott, you are shameless! Thanks! -Editor and SM fan]*

Hudson Valley Dine and Wine

Jim and Linda Viola

On July 3, 23 bimmerfiles, in eleven BMWs, formed a convoy in their quest for delicious culinary delights, sumptuous libation and great comradeship. By the end of the day, their desires were fully satiated.

From their initial rendezvous in Colonie New York, the group lead by Jim and Linda Viola grew at junctures along the Taconic Parkway and the Hudson Valley. Upon arrival at the Culinary Institute of America, the group enjoyed elegant surroundings and

excellent service as they lunched on simple fare including bourbon brined pecan crusted pork loin with sweet potato gratin, culminating with a brownie cheesecake with chocolate sauce dessert.

Upon becoming properly fortified, the group exercised their vehicles in traveling to wineries via circuitous routes that included undulating and serpentine roadways. At long last, we coalesced in a field belonging to our first stop winery, Clinton Vineyards. (Yes, the same Clinton Vineyards that provided Champagne for Chelsea Clinton's wedding reception, four weeks later.) Owner, Phyllis Feder, met with the group to provide an overview of the establishment and evolution of the winery. She also provided tastings which included a variety of dessert wines and their now famous Champagnes.

Next, the intrepid travelers guided their ultimate driving machines to Millbrook Vineyards and Winery. There, they received a guided tour of the winery operations and an explanation of vinification methods. The owners of premium automobiles



then participated in a premium tasting of the winery's best wines grown in New York, California and Italy.

With our appetites now fully satiated, and our trunks full of wine purchased at the wineries, we set off for home. It was great day—Bacchus smiled upon the group with approval. PS: Thanks to Erwin and Marge Farnett for the photographic support provided for this article.

















MEETING MINUTES

(The Spring into Summer Minutes) Beverly Stowell, Madame Secretary

May 12, 2010

24 members present at the German American Club

The business portion of the meeting was called to order by President Brian Bailey at 7:50pm. Treasurer Kate Deane reported that there was approximately \$11,500 in our treasury and that she was working on filing our tax forms. Driving School Chair Matt Zacharewicz, recovering from his car's having a minor incident at our school at Lime Rock Park, reminded us of our June 14th and 15th dates for our school at Watkins Glen, and that there is an ongoing contest for event t-shirt designs in progress. Half Moon editor Everett Mayhew said that the newsletter has been mailed and that the May Concours edition is coming right up, so everybody needs to get their articles in right away. Beverly Stowell, self-appointed club historian, asked for help in gathering information in documenting the Club's history. Vice President Frank Greppo and Membership Chair Scott Stowell told us about how the format of this year's Saratoga Auto Museum show would be on may 15th, and that the set-up would be different from last year. Saturday was designated as "car club" day, and Patroon members were encouraged to come and park together as a group. Several club members were planning to travel to the "Vintage at the Vineyards" festival in North Carolina over Memorial Day weekend. Our own inaugural vintage festival is scheduled for the third weekend in July. Concours Chairman Scott Gold reminded us that the Concours is in three weeks AND that the new racing game featured on the BMW CCA national website can probably be downloaded onto your work computer.

The meeting was adjourned at one point, but I forgot to look at my watch.

June 9, 2010

34 in attendance at the German American Club

Brian called the business meeting to order at 7:57 pm by asking for a recap of recent events. People who attended "Vintage at the Vineyards" and the annual spring car show at the Saratoga Auto Museum said that these were fun events. Concours d'Elegance Chairs Scott and Sarah reported that the Concours was successful, that we had 33 cars registered representing a wide range of vehicles, and that many of our visitors and exhibitors suggested that shirts similar to the ones given to judges be available for sale next year. Eight new members joined our chapter during our Concours membership drive. Thank you to Keeler Motor Cars for once again offering to pay a portion of club dues for first time members who signed up that day.

Current chapter news included Kate's report that we had about \$9,600 in the treasury. Also, Matt told us that our Watkins Glen Driving School dates were cancelled by the track as they needed to make some repairs to the surface before the big IRL race.

In upcoming business, this Sunday is the deadline to register for the wine tour/ lunch at CIA trip planned by Linda and Jim Viola for July 3rd. To date, 18 have signed up. Our first "Vintage at Saratoga" show is scheduled for July 18th. According to Frank , nearly 60 cars have pre-registered. The Saratoga Auto Museum is our co-sponsor, and they are taking care of registration through their system. The show looks like it is going to be huge, so even if you don't have a vintage car to show, your help would be appreciated. Scott and Bev will be taking Fritz the Six to the antique auto show at the Hildene field in Manchester, VT this weekend if anybody would like to follow along. Ed and Louise Lamby have offered to host us for the second annual "Lake George Getaway" at their camp either the last weekend in July or the first weekend in August. (The date picked was Saturday, July 31st.)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

July 14, 2010

The Annual Go-Kart and Pizza Hut at the Picnic Tables Meeting. 30 people in attendance at the FunPlex in East Greenbush

No official business was discussed, but much pizza was eaten. For one of the few times in recent memory, IT DID NOT RAIN ON US!!!!!!!!

Some "color commentary" in lieu of notes---

How did Kate Deane manage to shove enough pizza and wings for 50 people into her MINI and deliver them to us without spraining anything or staining herself or her car???

Terry Marsh's new track car, a very gorgeous white Corvette, made its first public appearance at the Funplex. He picked it up earlier in the day. Madame Secretary spent so much time eating pizza, marveling over the lack of rain, and oogling the track car that she had no idea what happened on the go-cart track. No blood = no foul?

Until the "Leap into Fall" Minutes...

Beverly Lyn Stowell, Madame Secretary Patroon Chapter - BMW CCA



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put performance models for those inclined, and only a dash of the alphabet soup electronics. You'll be hard-pressed to fault that FWD either, in daily commuting or jaunts through the best of twisties. Those overwrought front wheels tend to grip beyond your front driver expectations, as the MINI shares with

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latest bimmers, you'll hear no complaints of the sort leveled at a MINI.

I play no impartial jurist in this matter. Coming from ratty 15-year-old Saabs, I had no interest in a continuation of rust-bucket wrenching. MINI was my opportunity to buy new much of what BMW has to offer – at a less eye-bulging price point. (Try hard enough and you can spec a MINI to best a 1- or 3-series in cost, although I wouldn't recommend it.)

MINI for me was a holy union of forced induction tomfoolery and precise German engineering, wrapped in a friendly package. It's a car \Box

fore, there were Honda hatchbacks and VW's GTI. Now arguably besting each (including, for better or worse, in the cutesy-wootesy department), there's the MINI.

They'v commiserate!)

Of course, for the more machismo CCA crowd who might consider a MINI purchase, under-stand that the cute factor is one to be $o\Box$

construe this to be wholly negative, as other motorists seem more willing to let you merge when you're driving an affable sub-100" wheelbase car (which will exit the off-ramp faster in any case). Additionally, MINIs in my experience are good for staying under the radar of boy racers and police alike. For proof, I note that my insurance company's 10% "performance vehicle surcharge" for BMWs thankfully does not extend to their smaller brethren.

A MINI makes a perfect companion on the road, pylon-laced parking lot, or track. The community is grand, with all the camaraderie, events, and general goodwill motoring you can shake a stick at. Our only prejudices might include fellow drivers who don't wave, 'verts with their tops up, and those vehicles with bumpers trending toward eye level. Altoid may have the copyright, but in my opinion MINI warrants similar claim to being "Curiously Strong"

MINI warrants similar claim to being "Curiously Strong.".



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The Mini Chronicles

A Commercial Break Jamie and Dan Ipsen

This is the point in the program where we pause to thank the good people of the Patroon Chapter of the BMWCCA. With your support, the Mini Performance Group is now in its third year of organizing and rallying Mini owners from the Capital District and beyond.

many of us feel the need to 'give back' for the privilege of driving such a fun car.

As it states on our Facebook page: The Mini Performance Group is a fun bunch of people who love to go places in their MINIS



Beginning with a chance meeting at Calabogie Motorsports in August of 2008, four Mini fans decided they'd like the company of more Minis – especially on the track. Through word of mouth and guerilla marketing (leaving our business cards on Mini windscreens), we've garnered new autocrossers, trackies and social members. Our regular meetings at the Albany Pump Station (thank you Neil Evans!) continue to hold a strong core of 10-12 enthusiasts who welcome newbies with great joy. It is remarkable how supportive of each other this group has become – from recommending parts & bling, websites, shops & service, installation techniques, twisty roads, even restaurants & hotels, pet sitting, and, of course, to the reporting of any known Mini event anywhere.

Our calendar includes items such as: tech talks, drive & dines, a summer float party, a holiday party, autocross events (MoHud & AMEC), driving schools, national Mini events – Minis on the Dragon, Minis on Top, our signature events – Minis on the Green – the Poker Run, and Keeler Mini sponsored events – Mini Movie Night at the Drive In – Block Party/Tailgate Party – new owner seminars. Since all our members are BMWCCA members, BMW events are promoted as well. Thank you Scott Gold, webmeister, for keeping us all informed.

This year we did realize a goal of more Minis on the track – nine! (it would have been eleven, but fate intervened – that's another Mini Chronicle to come...)

Also, we are planning to increase our charitable donations as

- from track days, to autocross, to road rallies, to drive and dines, to karting - We do it all! Come & join us for some Happy Motoring!

Minis are not BMWs (just owned by them), BMWs are not Minis but the people driving each are wild and crazy about their cars. To our BMW friends, thanks for holding us under your umbrella. Thanks for letting us hang with you. I have to admit, I'm becoming quite attached.



A Nice New England Car Show By Andy Mair

On Sunday morning, July 11, 2010, Oz McKay, in his 1995 Euro M5, Roger Benson, in his 1972 Malaga 2002, and Andy and Marilyn

Mair, in their 1980 (E12) 528i, set out for the Connecticut Valley Chapter (CVC) 2010 "Bring More Wax" show and shine event in Manchester, Connecticut. We arrived at Wickham Park (\$5 admission fee) at about 10:40 a.m. after about a two hour drive from North Greenbush, traveling through Springfield, Massachusetts, and then south towards Hartford, Connecticut. After driving around the park about one and one-half times, we found a bunch of bimmers parked on the lawn and figured this must be it. We lined up in one of the only areas with any shade and began looking at the other cars and talking with the other participants. According to the license plates, it looked like we were the only "out of staters" there. We were greeted warmly and welcomed to the event. Here's how CVC does their show and shine event. Everyone who shows up in a bimmer is entered. The entry fee is one food item to pass at the potluck lunch held in a nearby pavilion, equipped with picnic tables and grills. CVC provides the hot dogs, hamburgers and cold drinks. There is a wide assortment of delicious side dishes and other goodies in ad-



dition to the grilled food items. By the time lunch rolled around, there were about 30 cars on display. The voting is done completely by "people's choice". Can't get any more democratic than that. There are three award categories: (1) Best of Show; (2) Best Two Door; and (3) Best Four Door. The results were announced shortly after lunch. Roger Benson took Best of Show with his 2002 and Andy Mair took Best Four Door with his white E12. Not bad for three guys from New York! Jim Hurczyn of CVC won Best Two Door with his gun metal metallic gray 1988 M3. Our thanks to Mike Zarolinski who not only organized the event, but also cooked the hamburgers, tallied the results and presented the awards. Would we go back next year? You betcha! We all had a great time. Just let us know when and where the next CVC "Bring More Wax" event is being held.









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Upcoming Events

We have looked into our crystal ball and forseen the following: Scott Stowell, Fortune Teller 518-899-5940 StowellBMW@aol.com



Tuesday August 3rd BMW Comparison Drive at Keeler Motorcar in Latham NY

There will be a fleet of BMWs and Mercedes to test drive so you can compare the two brands. You needed to sign up in advance for this, but if you just showed up there may be a chance to test drive cars not assigned to anyone or people who forgot they were doing it.

Thursday August 5th BMW Comparison Drive at Carbone BMW in Utica NY

This wil \Box

BMWs to test drive. They will provide catered lunch, the cars to drive, and we will get to meet some of our western-most members and hopefully get some new ones!

Saturday August 7th Hemmings Sports & Exotic Show at the Saratoga Auto Museum

BMWs are the featured marques for this year's event, so let's show them what we've got. The orange M1 which was parked next to me at a \Box

allowed to display in their own area. We will drive in together so contact me if you are interested in attending and showing your car.

Wednesday August 11th The Fantabulous Guptill's Ice Cream Membership Meeting

We gather at Guptill's Coney Express on Rt 9 in Latham at 6:30PM to share our love of the roundel and sprinkles on a waffle cone. Please bring the family and pets to this annual gathering. Word is a trophy will be awarded to the person eating the largest dessert, but that may not be one you want to win.

Saturday August 21st Pocono Chapter Show and Shine

We are driving down to support our southern neighbors as they have a picnic and show-n-shine at a member's home. We are planning on staying overnight, but we have driven down and returned in one day – it's about a $3\frac{1}{2}$ hour drive. Nice chance to visit some very friendly people, see how a 10 car 2 story barn works for a garage, and possibly see Mike Miller in his native environment.

Monday August 30th Patroon Chapter Driving School at Monticello Motor Club

Patroon visits the new Monticello Motor Club Full Course for what we hope will grow to become a regular event for us. Also a long (3.8-4.1 mile course -and somewhere between 18-22 turns depending on who you talk to) and only a short drive from the Albany or Metro NY area and CT. Entry fee for students is only \$250 -- available at www.patroon.motorsportreg.com

Wednesday September 8th Membership Meeting at the Albany German American Clup

Drinks star \Box plans for the fall.

Sunday September 12th Boston Chapter Concours at Wagner BMW in Shrewsbury

Let's go see how our neighbors to the east run their show. There are a lot of interesting BWMs in the Boston area which we don't often see, so this should prove interesting. This show runs from 4:00PM to 9:00PM so we will have a late night run over the Pike for our return home.

Friday October 1st to Sunday October 3rd Bavarian Autosport's Show and Shine

This will be year 11 for our trip to Portsmouth NH to enjoy the seacoast and this spectacular BMW event. Hundreds of cars parked around their business with the fine folks of BavAuto feeding us and giving out thousands of dollars in prizes all day long. Whether you join us for the weekend or just the day, we would love to share some quality BMW time with you.

Saturday October 23rd Lime Rock Park Drivers School

We finish off the season at Lime Rock. There will be no novice group this time around. The Instructor group is full, but lots of space is still left for students. Sign up at www.patroon.motorsportreg.com.





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