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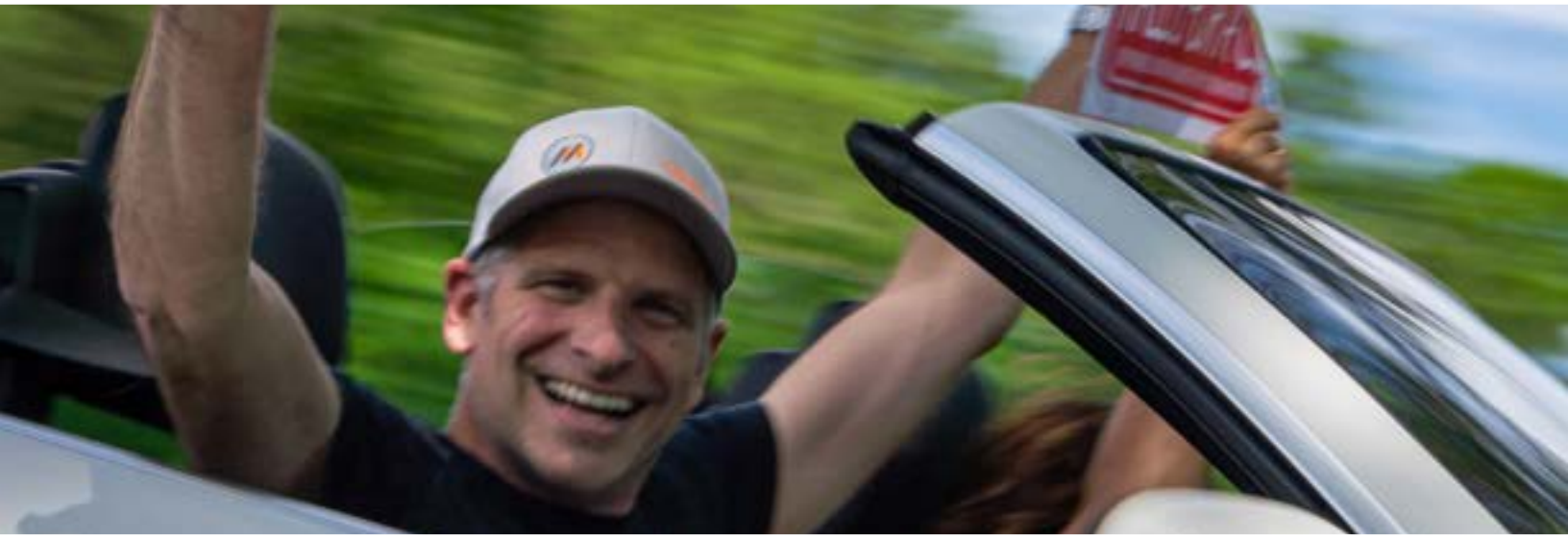

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WELCOME ONE AND ALL!

Whether you are new to the Club or have been one of the nearly 1,700 members of the Connecticut Valley Chapter for years or even decades, there are many diverse opportunities for you to enjoy the fellowship of Club members and our shared appreciation for fine cars by participating in Club Events throughout the year. Beyond reading DZ, BimmerLife and the Roundel magazines to keep in touch with what's going on, you are heartily welcomed to become an active part of what we do. Here are some things you may consider:

- Show up at any of the events you'll find on the Chapter's Calendar
- Offer an idea for an event for members to participate in whether it's automotive-related or not. Board members will happily help you get these going!
- Volunteer to help out at events like Street Survival, High Performance Driving Schools or the Hospitality Compound at Lime Rock Park. We always welcome enthusiastic helpers – no experience necessary!
- Share on the Chapter's social media sites: Facebook, Instagram. The handle is @ctvalleybmwcca
- Write an article for the DZ or one of the national magazines. We'll get you published!
- Join a committee to work with board members on specific areas like advertising, sponsorship, publishing, event planning and more.

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Summer has come to our area this year like it really means it. Sun, heat, humidity in abundance. Rain? Not so much. There have been many opportunities to enjoy automotive endeavors on streets, tracks, parking lots and parks. We hope you have taken advantage of some of these - be they BMW CCA-related, non-Club events or even adventures of your own design and choosing. This edition of DZ looks at some of our recent get-togethers, and invites you to take a glimpse at our Calendar which will guide you to upcoming ones.

Perhaps the most beneficial benefit of our Club is the chance to socialize with other members at events such as on-track experiences, road rallies, car shows, picnics, open houses at automotive-related businesses and as part of our steadfast support of the Street Survival program for new drivers.

We always welcome our members not only to attend these events, but to step up and volunteer to help run them. Myself and the other Board members invite you to share your suggestions and ideas for fun things to do and places to go. Just get in contact with us and we'll work with you to make it happen!

Looking a bit further over the horizon, O'fest is coming to our area in 2023. Newport, Rhode Island is the locale! We are now working with the BMW CCA National office to support this event. Also our Chapter, as one of the oldest in the BMW CCA, will be celebrating its 50th anniversary. There will be plenty of opportunities for CT Valley Chapter members to participate in the festivities and to volunteer as well!

And if you'll permit me...

One special note of recognition I'd like to make is to Kayla Hushin, a CT Valley Chapter member and avid Mini driver. Kayla has stepped up to design and organize Die Zeitung for us, beginning with the last edition and continuing now. She brings her talents for graphic design and publishing to us to help keep all CT Valley members interested, involved and up-to-date with the Chapter's goings-on. Thanks Kayla!

—Paul

Note from the DZ Newsletter Designer:
Comments and critiques welcome for future newsletters. Send your comments ***here.***

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SPOTTED...

Have an automotive related picture or video that makes you think, chuckle or just say "wha...?". Send us your newletter-worthy image and it might make it into the next newsletter. And here we have the ***Cool Prius.***

Contact any of our members at our website! Click here.

CT VALLEY CHAPTER'S SOCIAL MEDIA PAGE

REMINDER

We are very excited to now have an active presence in the Facebook / Instagram realm. Our ultimate goal is to utilize the FB / IG platforms as memory banks to help nurture our community through BMW-related posts of life events, not just CVC sanctioned events.

We invite your submissions for both CCA and non-CCA event-related photos - not limited to any particular culture. We request BMW themed subjects such as family photos (road trips, birthdays, camping trips, sports, picnics, rallyes, etc.), enthusiast builds, car care, photoshoot images and the like. The idea is for these shared photos to be posted periodically (as received), allowing our large community to coexist vicariously through them.

Please send anything you would like shared / posted to any of our Social Media Coordinators via e-mail, **Facebook Messenger** or **Instagram Chat.**

We wholeheartedly welcome your contributions so we may continue to grow our great online community, building stronger networking at our in-person events!

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THE JDRF RALLYE FOR A CURE

A Popular Event Attracting Dozens of BMW CCA Members

By PAUL FRICKENHAUS

Photos By DANTE DIMAURO

Each year for the past decade, car enthusiasts have come together to have a great time and support a worthy cause. If you are one of those who have participated, you know what a fun day it is, and if you have yet to join the fun, you owe it to yourself to give it a go in 2023.

The JDRF Rallye for a Cure was started by a small group of British car enthusiasts ten years ago with a couple of dozen cars running in the inaugural event. In this, the tenth year of the Rallye, teams in 153 cars participated - boosted in no small part by enthusiastic BMW CCA members and sponsorship from New Country BMW in Hartford, now the official starting point of the rallye. Thirty-three of the teams this year were piloting BMWs, more than the next two marques (16 Corvettes and 15 Porsches) combined, and all the British cars in the field together totaled 23.

The Rallye for a Cure is a Game-Tour-Adventure (GTA) Rallye. Each Rallye team consists of a driver and a navigator in one car. During the drive, teams record information about the route, in the style of an in-car "scavenger hunt," finding answers to clever questions about places, people and things seen along the route. Trophies are awarded for the most correct answers recorded in several different participant categories. This year, participants navigated from New Country BMW in Hartford to Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park for laps on the track! The day also includes a snack pack to keep teams refreshed during the Rallye, an online auction, an Awards Ceremony and lunch at the finish line.

Besides the hundreds of smiling faces enjoying a spectacular summer day cruising scenic Connecticut by-ways, $20,000 was raised for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation this year alone!

This has become a “must do” event each year for a growing number of BMW CCA members, their families and friends. Keep an eye on the CVC Calendar and your email inbox for notification of next year’s event. In the meantime, if you want to learn more about the event and see photos of all the participants, on road and track, you can go to the **RFAC Website**.

Trophy or not, everyone is a winner in this thoroughly enjoyable event! Hope to see you next year! ■

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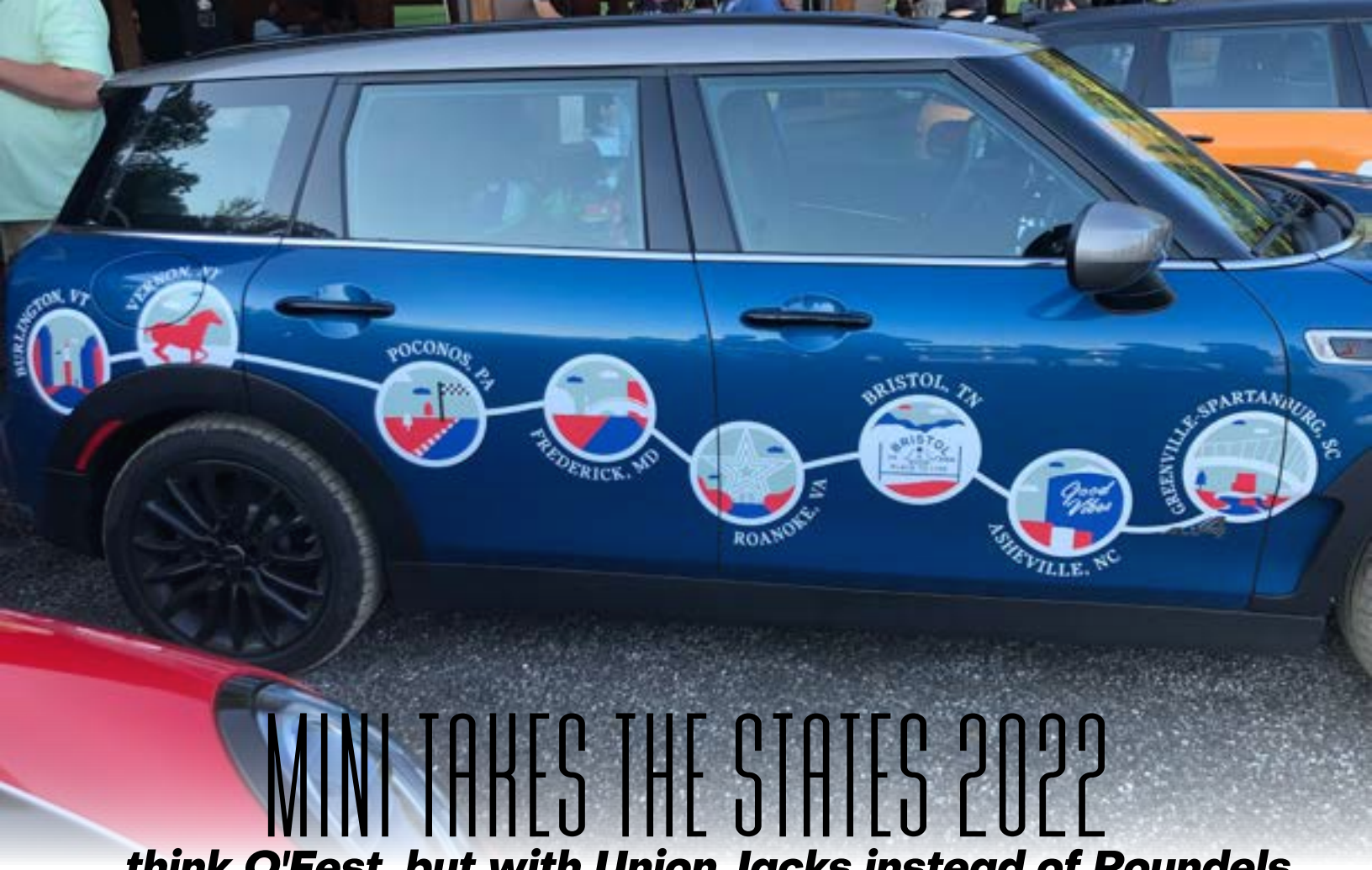

MINI TAKES THE STATES 2022

... think O'Fest, but with Union Jacks instead of Roundels

By DAVE ORTOLI
Photos By DAVE AND FRED ORTOLI

This is not the start of a joke...

What is it called when over 600 cars travel around 250 miles each day for eight days just for the fun of hanging out with a bunch of like-minded enthusiasts? No, it's not O'Fest from twenty years ago. It's the 2022 running of MINI Takes the States (postponed from 2020), the 8th installment of this rolling fun-fest. Most of you are probably, like I was, not really familiar with the event. Every two years MINI USA sets up a multi-day driving tour in a different part of the country with plenty of scenic roads and interesting places to stop and see. Reminiscent of the early days of BMW in America, where the brand was rare and appreciated by a relatively small but avid group of drivers, there is a cadre of enthusiastic MINI owners who share the love of a particular brand of car and who get together to recreate and celebrate.

This year, the route went from Burlington, VT to Spartanburg, SC, with stops in Vernon, NY; Pocono Raceway; Frederick, MD; Roanoke, VA; Bristol Motor Speedway; and Asheville, NC. Two lane country roads made up the majority of the route, with city and highway roads only being used when necessary. Every model of MINI was visible at some point in the tour, along with MINIs pulling trailers, three original "Classic" MINIs, and pets traveling with their owners – imagine having two yellow Labradors sharing the back seat!

Thirteen MINIs met at New Country MINI on July 8th to get organized and set off to MINI of Burlington for official check-in and registration. I was driving with my brother, Fred, in his 2021 John Cooper Works hardtop 2-door. I got my first taste of the level of MINI owner enthusiasm when meeting the group, which included three couples who had their MINIs shipped from Texas to a friend's house so that they could participate. There were also official caravans up to Vermont from Chicago, Dallas and Jacksonville, Florida, adding many more days and miles to their total journey.

The official route was a little over 1,700 miles!

MINI owners' intense love of their cars was shown in several ways. As mentioned, owners were willing to drive long distances to and from the rally just to participate with other fun-loving people. There were a fair number of participants who had driven in many of the events over the years. MINI owners love to personalize their MINIs in fun ways - like wrapping their cars in special designs. One was decorated

to look like a ladybug! And then there were the vanity plates: WWWEEE, F1 MINI, ITLN JOB, MYY MINI, UNION JAX and ELLO SIR were just some of the ones spotted during the nine day event. Waving to on-coming MINIs is a common ritual. (Sound familiar to some people – like those of us who drove BMWs "back in the day"?) Due to the amount of customization possible through the ordering system, the two British gentlemen representing the plant where MINIs are made in Oxford, England said that you truly do not see two completely identical cars come down the production line.

The format of the tour was basically the same every day. Between 600 and 1,000 MINIs would arrive at some type of large venue for the Rise and Rally session, where the activities included breakfast, swag collection, some raffles and speeches, and getting the route instructions for the day. Then at the designated start time, we would begin rolling out, often with police assistance. People who were traveling together would usually find a spot a few miles out from the start to get the group together, keeping in contact via walkie-talkies. The group we ended up running with was my brother and I, four others of the original Connecticut pack, and a great couple from Nebraska who joined us on the second day.

The only day that was different was the last day in Spartanburg which, instead of the morning meetup, offered a selection of activities to do. These included a few scenic drives, BMW plant tours, visits to the Zentrum, visits to the BMW Ultimate Driving Museum, and a 2-hour session at the BMW performance center (for just $25!). We went to the Zentrum and then spent time in the Museum, with old and new staff people, taking in the superb Power of M exhibition. We then went to play with various MINIs at the Performance Center where we got to experience the off-road capability of a Countryman AWD. Then it was off to the BMW Test Track for a blast to 131 mph with an instructor chauffeuring three passengers in a JCW Clubman, followed by a chance to drive JCW 2-door cars in a lead-follow session.

9 States over 9 days

Each day of the event offered something a little different – packs of MINIs chasing each other up and over the Green Mountains in Vermont; going across the Adirondacks twice in New York; great open roads in Pennsylvania, with a never-ending ribbon of curves and rolling hills well suited to MINI's handling capabilities; heavy traffic in seemingly most of Maryland; and beautiful scenic views on Skyline Drive and the Blue Ridge Parkway. We were able to park in the pit lane at Pocono, and take a parade lap around the Tricky Triangle on our way out of the track. At Bristol, after again lining up in the pit lane all the way around the infield, we took what was possibly the slowest (0 – 3 mph) lap around "The World's Fastest Half Mile". We also got to experience both the Tail of the Dragon

(318 curves in 11 miles) and the Back of the Dragon (438 curves in 32 miles). I got lucky on my turns behind the wheel on these roads – I had a completely traffic free run on the Back of the Dragon when two of us decided we needed to drive it as opposed to being a passenger, and had fun chasing and catching three Mustang GTs on the Tail of the Dragon. Surprisingly, I saw very few BMWs on these two roads.

In true MINI fashion, the final night ended up with a buffet/2-band concert/laser light show which had everyone rocking and thoroughly enjoying themselves, as they relived the previous eight days. Repeat offenders got to see old friends again, while newbies got a chance to meet new friends and start new traditions. Facebook groups are already started for 2024, even though MINI has not announced anything official yet.

MINI always partners with a charity for each tour, this year's being the Best Friends Animal Society, dedicated to bringing an end to euthanizing dogs and cats in America by 2025. Through the daily raffles and donations, more than $90,000 was raised!

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JULY 9 – JULY 17

MINI
TAKES THE STATES
2022

Some of the highlights that MINI provided after the conclusion include:

- **The official route was a little over 1700 miles through 9 states over the course of 9 days (we added on about 260 miles up to Burlington, and a little over 800 miles on the 16-hour blast home from Spartanburg)**
- **About 2,000 people participated, with almost 50 percent completing the entire route**
- **There were over 1,000 MINIs involved**
- **There were at least 80 pets that came along for the ride ■**

EVENTS CALENDAR

Check out our website for upcoming events and happenings organized by the CT Valley Chapter.

Stay updated on current events at our website! Click here.

BMW of Bridgeport Wins Center of Excellence Award

BMW of Bridgeport was recently named by BMW of North America as one of the 2022 Center of Excellence winners, based upon their performance in 2021. The dealership was one of 32 BMW dealers across the U.S. recognized for having delivered exceptional results in sales, service, and customer experience. The Center of Excellence awards are the highest honor a BMW center can receive for overall customer satisfaction and operational performance. This is the third year in a row that BMW of Bridgeport has received this honor.

Congratulations to the Team in Bridgeport!

TIRE RACK STREET SURVIVAL RETURNS!

By DAVE ORTOLI STREET SURVIVAL COORDINATOR
Photos Courtesy of FCP EURO AND FRED ORTOLI

We're back! After a layoff since September, 2019, the Tire Rack Street Survival program is alive and well again in the Connecticut Valley Chapter. On Saturday, July 30, we hosted a school at Rentschler Field in East Hartford, a location we had not been to since 2012. With our dedicated and experienced group of volunteers, the school ran as smoothly as if it had only been a few months since the previous one. This was our 22nd school, with now over 650 teens attending and becoming safer drivers.

Twenty-two teens, *SOME* of whom were not thrilled about being there at 8:15 in the morning, showed up for registration, vehicle check and breakfast. The group included two sets of siblings, which produced some interesting head-to-head competition for bragging rights. The vehicles ranged from a 2008 Buick Lucerne to a 2019 MB GLC 300. The large group of parents who attended were generally more awake and interested at the start of the day than their children. We had our usual smattering of students from Massachusetts, New York and New Jersey, but the school also had a student from Florida, winning the long-distance award.

After a quick introductory talk, the students were divided into two groups to begin the day's program, which had them moving between classroom, demonstration and driving exercise modules. The blank looks on the students' faces first thing in the morning kept changing to more and bigger smiles as the day progressed, and by lunch time, everyone was in a happy mood. At the end of the day, the parents had an opportunity to ride with their child and the coach to see up close how much the students' confidence and driving skills had improved.

We were lucky to have three strong local groups working with us. One of the demonstrations involves becoming aware of how to interact with a large truck, including being aware of its blind spots. This exercise is usually more of an eye-opener for the adults, who have been on the road for many years, than for the students. We are very fortunate to have an extremely supportive professional truck driver involved with us. Tony Spero has been driving for over 40 years, the last 30 or so with ABF Freight System, during which he has accumulated over 3 million accident-free miles. Tony has attended every one of our schools except for one since our Spring, 2012 event.

The Connecticut State Police, who have also been long-time supporters of the program, had a presence again this year. Although the "Convincer" seat belt demonstrator wasn't available, we did have an appearance by Sargent Thomas Gorman, who is the chief driving instructor at the state trooper driving academy. Finally, Street Survival partner FCP Euro sent over their digital media specialists JR and Adonis to take photos and video for posting on their social media pages.

I want to thank all of the volunteers, including one who drove all the way from Maine, for all of their efforts to keep the students safe, fed and happy, while imparting a whole lot of driving knowledge on them. Without our staff working so smoothly, the program couldn't happen.

I think the best way to describe the success of the school is in the words of the students and parents, so here are some quotes from the evaluation forms. We only had 2 parents describe the staff as "weird car people", but did so with a smiley face!

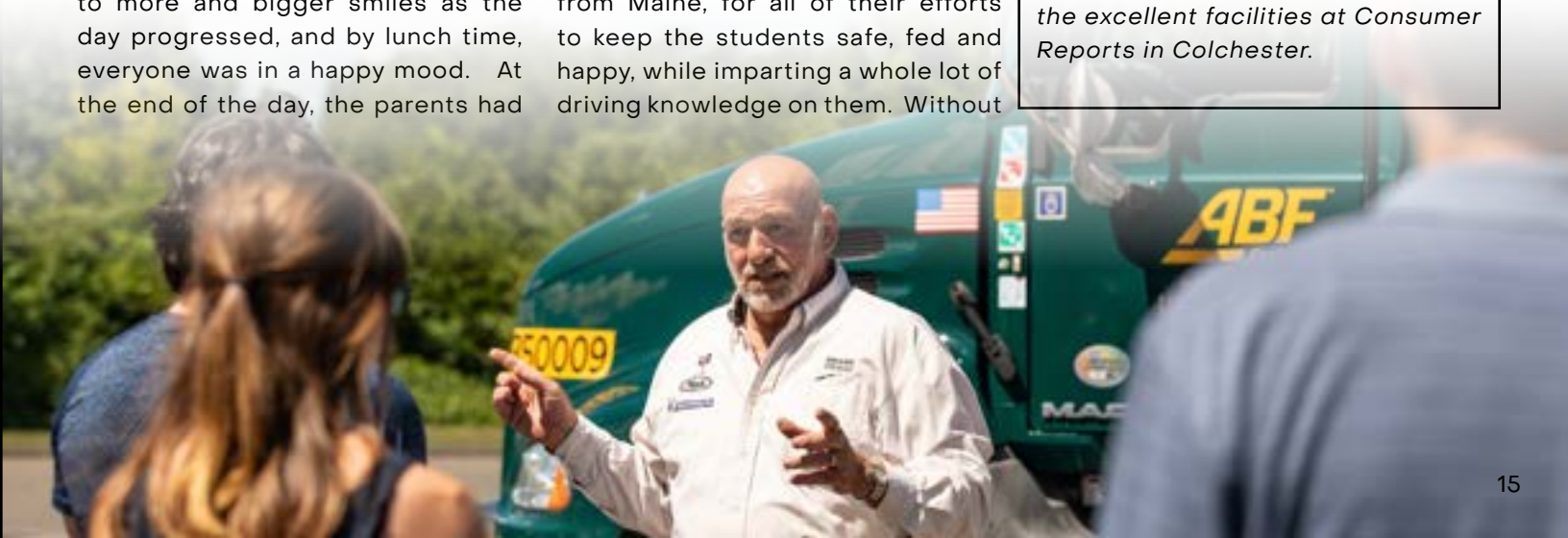
Students:

- I really enjoyed being able to apply what I learned in the classroom on the track
- This taught me a lot more about my car than regular driver's ed taught me. It was extraordinarily helpful
- My car coach was very helpful and informative. He pushed me a bit out of my comfort zone, which was great, and helped me to practice what I need to be able to do in an emergency

Parents:

- Everything was so much better than anticipated! Wonderful!
- The people! Great instructions. Excellent facilities.
- (The program) is awesome and I think every new driver should take this course ■

Editor's Note: *An extra **BIG** thanks to Dave Ortoli for his masterful job of organizing, coordinating and managing the return of the Street Survival program to our calendar. Next year Dave's goal is to stage two schools – hopefully returning to the excellent facilities at Consumer Reports in Colchester.*



CARS & COFFEE

@ New Country BMW of Hartford

By PAUL FRICKENHAUS
Photos By BOB MORIN AND DAVE ORTOLI

Hot coffee and hot cars were the order of the day on an equally hot Sunday morning, August 7th, at the cool New Country BMW facility in Hartford. New Country Vice President, Tim Parker and General Manager, Brandon Short welcomed the CT Valley Chapter members and friends to gather there for a fun and casual get together. Thanks to the power of social media, word got around and the parking lot quickly filled with cars full of enthusiasts. There were dozens of BMWs on display, ranging from a one-owner 2002, a showroom- quality E30 Cabrio, to Tim Parker's gleaming Calder Art Car Homage in the showroom itself. Beyond that there were Mercedes, Porsches, Corvettes and even the odd (or should we say unique) Ferrari , McLaren and an Ariel Atom. Throughout the morning, scores of folks came to feast their eyes on the machinery outside and grab a snack from tables filled with breakfast munchies inside. Despite there being two other car-gawking events going on simultaneously in the area, we estimated well over a hundred folks came by to chat and share their shiny chariots with one another while snapping photos of some special cars. Lots of smiles! Here are some shots from the day.

Thanks again to Tim and Brandon for hosting this happy event! ■

Showroom E30 'cabrio

Ferrari

Thing 1 and Thing 2 (Ariel Atom and Dodge Viper)

New Country BMW VP Tim Parker and the Calder Art Car Homage

Original Owner 2002

BMW CCA DAYS AT LIME ROCK PARK

for the FCP Euro IMSA Northeast Grand Prix *BY BOB MORIN*

Once again this year, the Connecticut Valley Chapter played host to the North Atlantic Region of the BMW Car Club of America with our corral and hospitality tent at the mid-July IMSA Northeast Grand Prix at Lime Rock Park. Thanks to the very generous support of both of our sponsors, BMW of North America and New Country BMW, BMW CCA members (and their guests) enjoyed corral parking, and the hospitality tent that included a boxed lunch, water and soft drinks all day, each day. Our guests received one complimentary beer or wine, with a cash bar available for those who were a tad thirstier. There were two closed circuit TVs under the canopy so we could monitor the on-track action while also following the live timing and scoring, and all that from an excellent viewpoint overlooking the Sam Posey Straight, Big Bend and the left hander from high on the hillside. The tent provided a welcome place to visit with fellow members from all over the North Atlantic Region and also seek shelter from the sun or rain (which thankfully was not an issue this year). Members attended from as far away as North Carolina. North Atlantic Regional Vice President, Larry Engel was also on hand for those who wished to mingle with one of our National Officers.

New Country BMW and Chapter members helped add some eye candy to our display as New Country Vice President, Tim Parker brought his Calder Art Car tribute, while the dealership provided a 2022 iX and a 2022 i4, to pique our EV curiosity. Additionally, CVC Driver's School Coordinator, Pat Delany had his awesome M3 track car on display with the park-bench sized rear wing and snowplow front splitter, and Rai Blanchette brought an i8 on Saturday.

Our guests were also entered in a drawing for door prizes that ranging from two $325 Lime Rock Park Autocross Day Gift Certificates, to some $50 Turner

Motorsport Gift Cards, $25 Shell Gas Cards and $25 Restaurant Gift Cards, along with various BMW and M gifts and accessories. Every guest who was present during the drawings went home with a prize thanks to the generosity of our door prize donors (in alphabetical order):

BMW Car Club of America
Bob and Sheila Morin
Connecticut Valley Chapter
Lime Rock Park
Tim Healey
Turner Motorsport

Last, but certainly not least, our sincere thanks go out to our volunteers for this event. Their help and hospitality garnered very positive comments from our guests. In alphabetical order they were: Rai Blanchette, Dave Boone, Anne and Pat Delany, Paul Frickenhaus, Tim Healey, Kayla Hushin, Alex Psillos, and Team Sartwell – Elly, Lindsay and Nathan. Special props to Elly, our youngest volunteer, who dutifully announced to each guest at registration the times lunch would be served and door prize tickets would be drawn. And finally, thank you to my wife, Sheila, who helped throughout the entire process, beginning way back in February. ■

Editor's Note: *Three Cheers for Bob Morin whose modesty prevents him from taking well-deserved credit for the success of this endeavor. Once again, he applied his energy, experience and at times diplomacy to pull the many moving parts of this event together to the benefit of all our happy guests. Thanks Bob*
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WHAT I DID ON MY SUMMER VACATION

By TOM SWEENEY

After sheltering for quite a while due to the Covid pandemic, my wife and I decided on a road trip on the Skyline Drive in Shenandoah National Park and the Blue Ridge Parkway. Of course, we needed a destination goal and what could be a better destination than Greer, South Carolina? Depending upon the level of membership you select, either the soft or hard cover book about the exhibit will be included as a perk of membership.

We planned several days at the new Hampton Inn in Greer while we toured the BMWCCA Foundation Ultimate Driving Museum, took a factory tour of the BMW Spartanburg X-car manufacturing plant and I registered for the one day M School at the Performance Center. Greer itself is a great small town with excellent restaurants a block away from the Hotel.

The Museum has a current exhibition of M cars celebrating 50 years of M. This exhibit was well described by Bob Morin in the last quarterly newsletter. The exhibit compared street cars from most vintages with corresponding race cars from the same series. All the cars were immaculate and the exhibit included detailed histories of each individual car.

The factory tour was equally impressive. The place is immense: we actually got lost trying to find the parking area by the Zentrum which was the start of the two hour tour! We were bussed between various tour stops due to the vast size of the production facility. No photographs were permitted at any area of the plant past the Zentrum. BMW manufactures most sizes of SAV's from the X-3 to the X-7 for domestic and export markets. Average production is about 1,500 cars a day from this plant with any particular car requiring 28 hours from rough parts to complete, running cars. Around 750 robots are used for welding and assembly. The robots do about 90% of the work on the lines and move like a coordinated ballet. It's an interesting tour and the time flew by.

The M School starts with instructor and student introductions in the initial classroom session. Our group of 18 students was divided into three groups of six and our time was split between M2's, M3's, and M4's. The classroom instruction is familiar to anyone who has done CCA track days, although with professional audio/visual aids.

Thankfully the cars were already running with full AC on (close to 100F outside) and no open windows, helmets, or long sleeves were necessary. My group started in M2's at the wet skidpad with two cars on the pad at any one time. Instructors were in the car for this exercise and illustrated understeer and oversteer until a drift or a spin. Exciting but really quite safe!

Exercises in the M3's and M4's consisted of lead/follow sessions in various sections of the track incorporating slalom, low and high speed turns with practice in braking and the correct line. Instructors were not in our cars but were teaching remotely via walkie talkies to the entire group of six. They maintained proper spacing between cars by "pitting" cars as necessary.

Our session ended with a "rat race" of two students trying to catch each other on a small oval with wet pavement

The finale of the day were "hot laps" with students as passengers while the instructors drove. We obviously still had a lot to learn!

While expensive, the ability to get professional instruction in modern M cars (that weren't ours!) was well worth it. I'd recommend this or any of the other Performance Center classes to anyone who's looking to improve their skills or to anyone who just wants to have fun. Complete information is on the **BMW CCA website.** ■

High Performance Driving School

BMW CVC Lime Rock Park HPDE - Oct. 14, 2022

Come out and join the Connecticut Valley Chapter for an all-day High Performance Driving School at Lime Rock Park on Friday, October 14, 2022. We are sharing the track with another group and we have alternating one hour time slots on track starting at 10:00 a.m. All run groups will get four, 20 minute track sessions with traditional in-car instruction. All drivers are placed in a run group based upon their track experience and Instructor recommendation.

Click Here to Register

- Registration is limited to 50 students!
- Cost is $375.00 per driver.
- Registration closes when the school is full or midnight October 9, whichever comes first. (Students will be placed on a wait list once their class (run group) is full.)
- A Congratulations letter and detailed event information will be emailed to you upon your acceptance into this school.

Special Note: *This school comes with a 100% COVID related refund guarantee if you are unable to make it for any reason related to a COVID issue. Cancellations for any other reason will incur a $50 cancelation fee.*

Questions?:

Registrar: **Patrick Delany** 860.794.4935

Chief Instructor: **Michael Menatian** 860-561-1677

Important: Emails tend to get quicker responses.
If calling please call between 6:00-8:00 pm ONLY

We look forward to seeing you at the track!

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CVC Visits the Housatonic Boat Club

By DAVID MUCCIACCIARO *Photos By JOE ADAMS AND BOB MORIN*

The CT Valley Chapter returned to the Housatonic Boat Club (HBC) in Stratford for a "Car-B-Q" after the great turnout of last year. David Schrader, Commodore of HBC, and Scott Marino, HBC Manager, were gracious hosts and helped our club put on another great event. The overcast skies in the morning kept some home, but the rain held out for everyone to make for some great pictures.

David, a local of the area, has been a member of the Boat Club since he was a young boy. He has a vast knowledge of the Club and its surrounding area. He even shared a memorable tidbit with us about Shakespeare Park across the street from the Club. The American Shakespeare Theater, built in 1955, was located in the park and showcased the likes of Katharine Hepburn among other famous artists from its opening until 1982. During that time it was a destination to see the biggest stars on the Connecticut stage. Tragically, it burned down in early 2019.

While David gave us an in-depth tour of the Boat Club, the rest of his team, including Scott, Charlie, and Joe, helped put on a great meal for us, including various wursts, German potato salad, drinks, and for the first time ever for me, a Tabouli salad. Nobody went home hungry! The hospitality, food, and company were top-notch. The Club's grassy parking area overlooking a marsh is an awesome spot for picture-taking of the grounds and our cars. Joe got some great photos of our beautiful cars.

Thanks again to David and the rest of the HBC crew for welcoming the CVC to their lovely facility. We will most certainly look forward to being back for more. ■

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