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February 4

The Annual Dinner and Election of Officers with Special Guest Speaker

Alex Roy!

The Lodge at Maneeley's in South Windsor, CT.

by Heather Centrella and jerri Wiley.

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President's Letter

Another year has gone by, and by most counts, it was a successful one. And by the time you read this, we'll already have started our planning for the new one.

Before I get too far, I'd like to extend a big thank you to Dave Rich. Dave has decided to leave the office of Treasurer after having served in that position for the last eight years. During his tenure, he not only served as the Treasurer, but he was also our driving events chairman. While Dave has ended his watch as Treasurer, he will still remain our driving events chairman through 2017. Dave has already approached a possible one of our members at large as his replacement. However, we would still be willing to hear from anybody else who might have an interest as well. Dave did a lot of work for the chapter, so he really deserves a thank you from all the members.

I'd like to apologize for the delay in getting the election results out in the DZ but its' quarterly publication just means that there'll always be that kind of a lag. The publication of a written newsletter like most printed items nowadays, is an expensive luxury, which is perhaps better served as an electronically distributed edition.

As a desire to leave on positive note, we are looking to put on the same amount of activities as last year. If anyone wants to suggest something new to put on, just let us know. We're willing to try.

See you out there.

Willy

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World's Largest Karting Arena is now in Montville, Connecticut!

Slated to open in mid-December (so, by the time you are reading this, you can go check it out!), the world's largest indoor karting arena will be open in our very own Connecticut! That is, Montville, Connecticut, to be exact.

NasKart Karting and Trampoline Park (that's right, the place will also feature a trampoline park, as well as a café and full bar), will feature two tracks totaling a half mile with go-karts that can go as fast as 45mph.

But no drinking and go-karting, as everyone will have to take a breathalyzer test before they can race.

The only requirement to drive is to be over four feet tall and under three-hundred pounds.

And the fun will not stop here! The company plans to build and open more go-kart tracks in and around Connecticut.

If you are interested in karting events this winter here or at On Track Karting in Brookfield or Wallingford, please email Joe Robinson at jrobinson@ctvalley.org

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INFORMATION ABOUT *DIE ZEITUNG*

Hopefully, we have gotten your attention and everyone who has received this newsletter will read this article. If this is the only article that you read in this DZ, it may be the most important thing you'll read in this issue!

Each Chapter of the BMW Car Club of America is Chartered from the National Club and receives the Chapter's portion of the dues from the National Club, in order to have money from its members to operate the Chapter. To retain its Charter, each Chapter has certain criteria it must meet and certain benefits that it must provide for its members, in order to be in compliance, and one of those requirements is that each Chapter maintain communication with its members via some sort of newsletter.

As technology has evolved, National has revised the newsletter criteria and several years ago, National changed this criteria to allow the default method of delivery of the newsletter to be e-mail, while maintaining that members could opt in to receive a paper copy of the newsletter at their request, for any reason. At the time, your Chapter's Board discussed this, but felt that we preferred to continue to mail out a "hard copy" of the magazine, but offered members to opt out of the hard copy and receive the newsletter electronically, at their request. When that option was offered, some members did take advantage of the electronic offering and no longer received the hard copy, but the majority still get the "snail-mailed" DZ.

We have begun to look at 2017 budget items however, and the Die Zeitung is our largest net expense item. While this has always been the case, it was felt that it was also an important expense, since it is one benefit to membership that all members receive, whether active or just members with whom we have no other contact. However, the time has come to seriously consider whether we would all be better off with the default newsletter distribution to be electronic and allow members to opt to ask for a paper copy if they are unable to receive electronic copies, or wish a paper copy for some other reason.

The purpose of this article is to solicit thoughts from the membership to influence our decision on this matter. We have set up a separate e-mail address to receive your comments, or votes one way or the other. If you are unable to do e-mail, you may also snail mail your comments to the Chapter P.O. Box.

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If we do go with electronic distribution as our primary form of issuing the newsletter, then we will of course look at other methods to return those savings to the membership by improving events or adding others.

Thank you for taking the time to read this article and for your considered responses. We hope to hear from all of you. If we do not hear from a sufficient number of you to the contrary, this may be your last printed copy of the Die Zeitung!!

Bob Morin

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Averill Farms BMW Tour

On the bright, crisp Fall afternoon of October 23rd, twenty-five BMWs met at On Track Karting in Brookfield, Connecticut to take a drive to Averill Farms, the oldest apple farm in the state.

The group was led by Carol Miller, a club member, who was the organizer of the event. "It was exciting to see the parade of BMWs behind me," commented Carol. For the most part the group managed to stay together as they made the half hour journey to Washington, Connecticut.

Arriving at the windswept, hill top orchard to magnificent views, the cars parked in a large field. A few other BMWs joined the group that had traveled from other locations. There were apples and pears, pumpkins, cider, maple syrup and other delicacies to appreciate, however, the biggest hit seemed to be the apple cider donuts fresh from the oven.

After an hour or more, the group dispersed to explore the local communities of Washington Depot, New Preston, Litchfield, Kent and New Milford.

It was a wonderful Sunday afternoon enjoyed by all.

By Carol Miller

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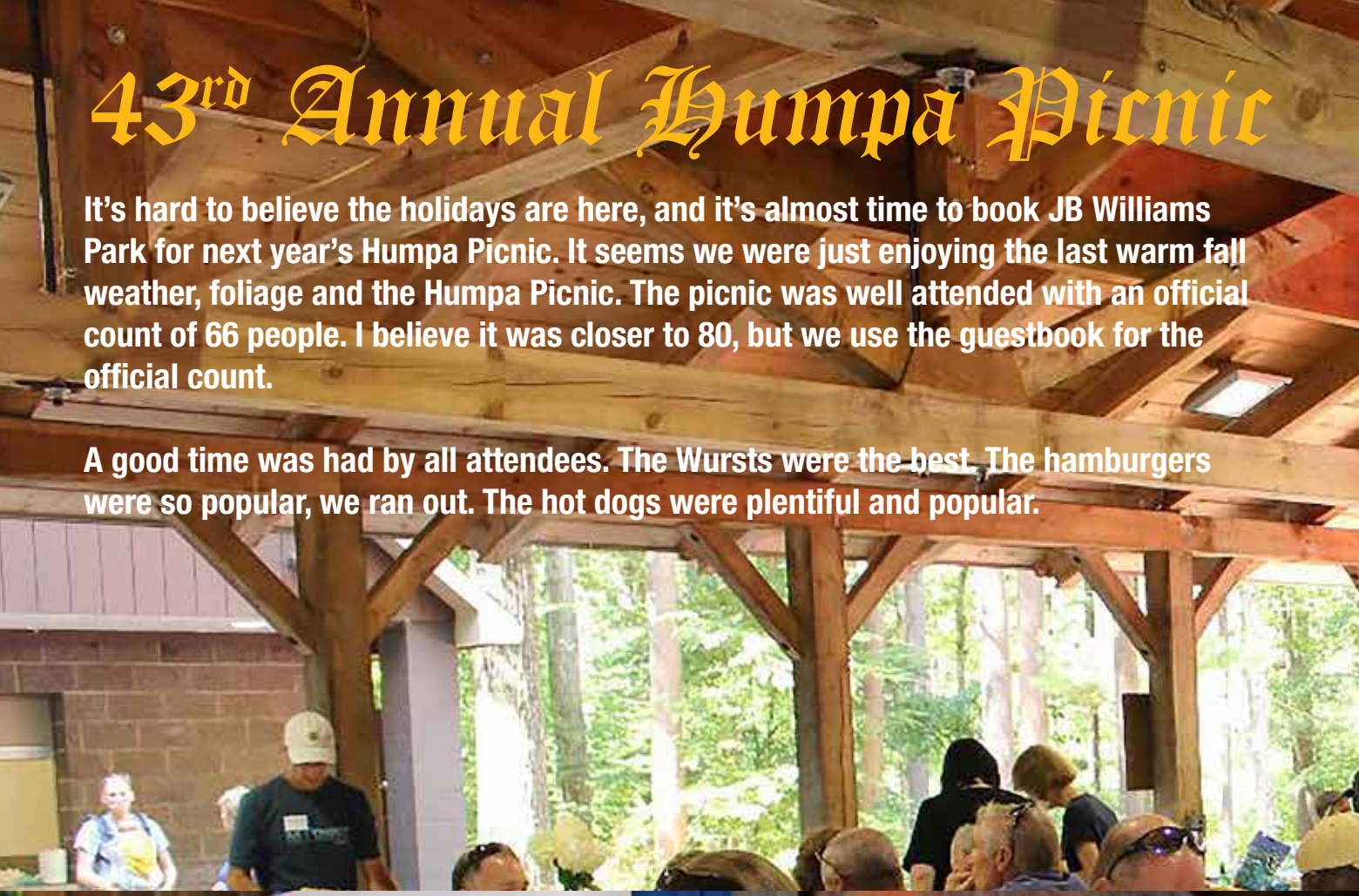
43rd Annual Humpa Picnic

It's hard to believe the holidays are here, and it's almost time to book JB Williams Park for next year's Humpa Picnic. It seems we were just enjoying the last warm fall weather, foliage and the Humpa Picnic. The picnic was well attended with an official count of 66 people. I believe it was closer to 80, but we use the guestbook for the official count.

A good time was had by all attendees. The Wursts were the best. The hamburgers were so popular, we ran out. The hot dogs were plentiful and popular.



Everyone attending brought a salad or dessert. There was even chili and sauerkraut among other culinary creations brought by guests.

The Humpa wouldn't be as successful without the generosity of our sponsors and all the hard-working CVC board members. A special thanks to all our sponsors; BMW NA, BMW CCA Foundation, BMW CVC, Detailbest and Performance Automotive. The Oktober Fest beer was provided by Tony's Imported Auto Service, who have been doing so for more years than I can remember. Please consider showing your appreciation for our sponsors by shopping or using their services.

Thank you to all who attended. We look forward to seeing everyone next year.

Palmer Motorsports Park Driving Event with Patroon

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Michael Menatian
Chief Instructor

It was only fitting to have our last CVC Drivers' School at Palmer Motorsports Park. The Palmer track,consisting of 2.3 miles with 14 turns, is a serious roller coaster of a ride and has easily become my favorite track in the region. The last hurrah was a two-day weekend event that we jointly sponsored with our sister BMW chapter, Patroon. There were plenty of reasons why this event was extra special. First, Bridgestone Tire was our event sponsor. We were one of only seven High-Performance Driving events which they sponsored throughout the country. Bridgestone was on hand all weekend to assist participants with tire tech and analysis. Second, Turner Motorsport sponsored our beer and pizza social on Saturday night. Will Turner spoke about the TMS race program, and it was great to have him and the TMS team behind our efforts. Third, several TMS staff members drove their cars in our instructor run groups including Kevin Holmes, Crew Chief of the 96 TMS M6 GT3, Jason Gannett, the TMS Service Manager, and Brew Charles, one of the TMS Master Techs. Lastly, and best of all, Will had the team drive up with a TMS transport which brought a new M235iR race car, as well as the 97 M6 GT3. He also drove both cars on track with our instructors. I have to say it was remarkable to see the M6 drive with us on track.

Dave Rich, our Driving Events Coordinator did a fantastic job as always in the organization of the event. In addition, our volunteer staff was on point and did a great job. The only major issues we had were a few on track incidents: one minor incident in the instructor run group, and two fairly major shunts in the student run group. Both incidents in the student run group were in turn seven. Fortunately, we had in-car video from one of the cars, so after the second car went off in the same place we called an instructor meeting to review footage, and thereby better learning this challenging turn.

Dave Rich and I are putting together the DE schedule for next year. We plan to continue our Lime Rock and Palmer events as we did this year. We will let you know when we finalize the schedule. Both Dave and I would love to have more of you involved with organizing and running our events. If you are interested and can assist us, please send us an email. Looking forward to seeing you all back on the track next season!

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Holiday Party!

Aside from ending up with a pair of women's pajamas, the CVC's Annual Holiday Dinner was a great night for me!

First of all, the food was awesome! Maria Hurzyn had the catering connection that is making my mouth water just writing this. Roger and Jackie Chartier came in with all of the soda, wine and beer we could ask for, and it was top shelf!

The guests brought desserts and appetizers which of course disappeared quickly!

Jane Bate played the most beautiful Christmas music all night and Barbara ran the Yankee Swap!

The Yankee Swap is of course where I ended up with the PJs! I had my eye on a couple of Radio Controlled cars and a hat that sang and danced, but I would have also gone for the wine condoms.. You had to be there I guess, and if you weren't, we hope to see you next year.

Thank you for all those I've mentioned and all those who just helped out in general.

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