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President's Column

I was right about looking forward to sunnier weather when I wrote my column for the previous issue. In case you didn't read it, I was complaining about 12" of snow outside my window. While writing this month's issue, I get to comment on the 90 degree heat wave we're experiencing. Hey, it's always easy to write something about the weather.

It's also easy to write thank yous when our activities really get started. First up on the list is to thank our Driving Events Chairman, Dave Rich. Dave, his assistants and driving instructors put together two great days at Lime Rock. Here's looking forward to another successful school on June 23rd.

Joe Robinson and Danielle Cartolano deserve a thanks for putting together our first Ice Cream Social of the year at Gofer Ice Cream in Greenwich. Outside of two minor problems, there being two venues with the same name and another event happening at the same time as ours, it sounded like it went off ok.

Our first Street Survival school was another successful event. Dave Ortoli, with a host of volunteers from both our chapter, as well Consumer Reports, did a great job. The weather had the potential to be a real spoiler with the rain that had been expected, but it held off for another good day in Colchester.

Since I wrote about the heat in my lead in paragraph, I should mention that there was also a heat wave in the middle of May. Host Dave Mucciacciaro put together our second successful Ice Cream Social in Watertown. Dave said the first heat wave of year made for a crowded evening at the local Carvel.

And to finish, Roger and Jackie Chartier put together another successful Show 'n' Shine picnic at Wickham Park in Manchester. At one point I counted 40 cars on the grass. Thanks again.

In all of the above cases what made the events successful was the time that people volunteered to put the events on. Why not join us at as a volunteer as well?

After all it is your club too.

Willy

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Ice Cream Social - May 18, 2017

May's Ice Cream Social was held for the first time at Carvel & G's Burgers on Rt63 in Watertown. It also happened to fall on one of the hottest days of the year thus far. Although the spectacular weather resulted in parking to be a bit tricky at times, a fun time was had by all. Everyone seemed to find a familiar face to chat with. We even had a few BMW enthusiasts stop by when they saw the gathering of cars. There was a great mix of vehicles, ranging from a gorgeous 2002tii to an E92 M3. I want to thank George, the owner of Watertown Carvel & G's Burgers, for hosting us at his establishment. He has graciously extended the invitation for us to visit again. I think we will take him up on the offer!

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Camping and Beach Party at Hammonasset Beach State Park!

This is the third summer we will be holding our camping and beach party at Hammonasset Beach State Park in Madison, CT.

Come camp with fellow club members **Saturday night, August 12th**, and wake up to a beach party on Sunday morning.

Or if you would just like to attend the beach party on **Sunday, August 13th**, we will be there until the park closes at 8pm.

There will be food and refreshments served, grilling, music and games, not to mention the beautiful beach and trails the park provides.

Please RSVP to **Danielle Cartolano** at dcartolano1122@gmail.com if you plan on camping and/or attending the beach party.

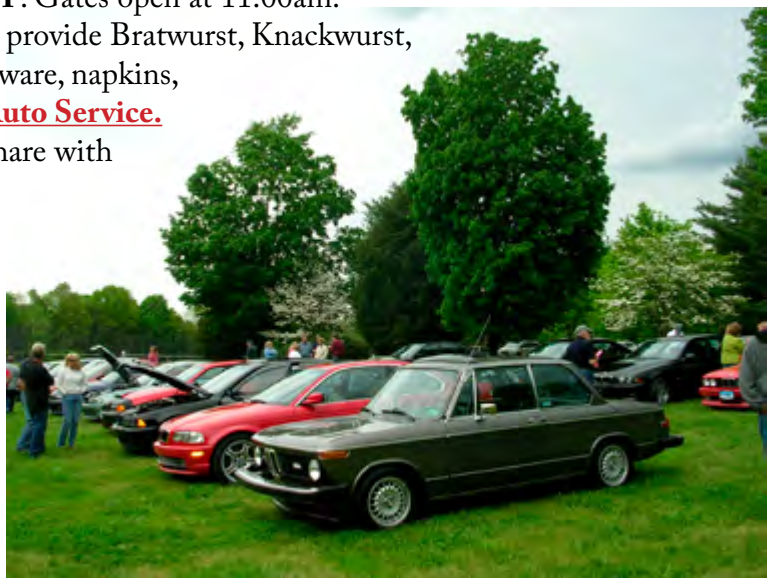
Hope to see you there!

The 44th Annual John Bisset Memorial Humpa Picnic

BMW CCA's longest running annual chapter event.

Forty-Four years and going strong.

Whether it's your first Humpa, or Forty-Fourth, this is a must attend event. We'll have German food, Beer, BMWs, door prizes and lots of socializing. The event will be held rain or shine **Sunday, September 17, 2017** at **JB Williams Park** in **Glastonbury CT**. Gates open at 11:00am. Food will be served around noon. The CT Valley chapter will provide Bratwurst, Knackwurst, Weisswurst, Hot Dogs, Hamburgers Rolls, condiments silverware, napkins, water and soda. Beer will be provided by **Tony's Imported Auto Service.** Each guest or family must bring either a salad or dessert to share with all who attend.



JB Williams Park offers an outstanding family venue to be enjoyed by all. There are hiking trails, playground, two ponds (bring a change of clothes for young ones who get too adventurous) a horse shoe pit and volley ball net. Please bring your own equipment for activities.

There is no fee for this event, however, we hope you will contribute $5.00 or more per adult to the Parkinson's Foundation in memory of John W. Bisset.
John was a charter member of the CT Valley chapter who served the BMW CCA CVC for more than forty years.

Please RSVP Jonathan Bisset at **jeb@pai.necoxmail.com** or **860-633-7868**. Please provide the number of people attending in your group, including children, and if you are bringing a salad or dessert.

For directions and a map **click here**.

We look forward to seeing you in September.

By Jonathan Bisset

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Tire Rack StreetSurvival
May 2017

Although the day was cool and overcast, with occasional sprinkles, another Tire Rack Street Survival school was successfully completed on May 13th at our great Consumer Reports Auto Test facility in Colchester. Thirty-four students got out of bed early to come learn how to become safer drivers, many with their parents accompanying them. Of course, our heroic staff was already on-site to welcome them to registration, tech inspection and **breakfast**.

The collection of vehicles was very interesting this time, with a 1993 Saturn SL1 and a 1997 Nissan Maxima taking honors as the oldest cars. Of course, since they didn't have any of the electronic nannies such as stability control or ABS, those students received a real education in car control. BMW's honor was held up by a single X5, whose driver handled it very well.

Our friends at Consumer's saved the day again for two students, who otherwise would not have been able to complete (or in one case, start) the day. One student showed up with a tire that was past bald, being worn into the steel belt material. As the tire was able to be changed there, it saved what would have been an air loss a short time later when the student was just driving around. The second case required a remounting after cleaning out some dirt that had gotten lodged between the tire and rim. Another benefit of having this awesome location and people – being able to take care of minor problems that arise.

Of course, by the end of the day, the students are all smiles, eager to continue driving. The parents are happy that their decision to enroll their child in the course was the right one. As usual, we had some students whose older sibling had previously taken the course, which is great advertising.

This day would not run so smoothly without the efforts of the entire group of people who volunteered their day, and I truly appreciate all of your individual efforts. Tim Healy handled the tough chore of running the classroom sessions – a difficult task for all who have had the opportunity. I know that some things did sink in from looking at the evaluation sheets. I think the tradeoff of teaching and staying warm may have been worth it. Heather did her usual great job of keeping everything running on schedule and rolling with the changes that always seem to pop up. jerri and the kitchen crew kept everyone well fed, with the soup being a big hit with the cool weather. And I can't have enough praise for the Consumer Reports crew, for allowing us to be there, and for all of the work that they did on Friday and Monday for getting the location ready for us, and for everything during the day. Jen and Jake, you have an awesome bunch of people there.

We will be planning our fall school for late September/early October, and hopefully will have a date firmed up soon.

Thanks again to everyone who makes this a successful event.

Dave Ortoli

Click here to learn about the School on July 29th !

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A Glance In The Mirror

13TH Annual "Bring More Wax" Show n' Shine

Wickham Park, Manchester CT. May 21, 2017

The "on air" radio personality promised one of the "10 Best Days Of The Year"! And was he right! 72 degrees and partly cloudy, and perfect for displaying your *Roundel* pride!

Car turnout was a very respectable 42. Unfortunately, a few late arrivals missed out on qualifying for prizes. You snooze-you lose. And that's coming from an only *partially* recovering snoozer!

Prize winners were decided by vote for the Best 2-Door, Best 4-Door, and Best In Show. A raffle drawing open to show entrants was a prize of a $150 Detailbest.com Gift Certificate. RG-UK Leather Balm conditioner samples were provided by Raceglaze Ltd. Moral of the story remains the same: Entering your car is fun and can be quite rewarding!

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Prizes for the category winners were provided courtesy of Bavarian Autosport and the BMW CCA Connecticut Valley Chapter. The chapter also gave away prizes that included much sought after posters. Results Follow:

Best 4 Door:
George Zinycz
2002 M5 Dinan Stage II

Best 2 Door *and* Best of Show
Jack Zeisz 1988 M6

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Vanessa Conceicao

All this great fun doesn't happen on it's own, so it's time to acknowledge some significant helpers, including Jackie Chartier, jerri & Willy Wiley and accomplished outdoor chefs Claire and Jimmy Raymond!

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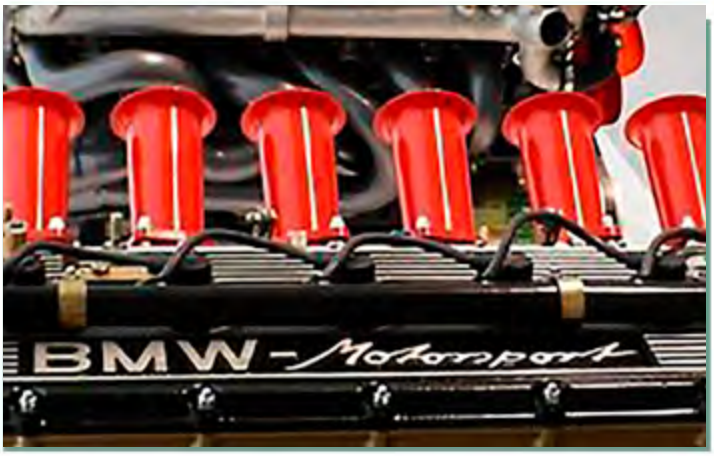

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Rallye for a Cure

Most times when we hop in the car, we have a destination in mind and a pretty clear idea of the route we will be taking to get there. But what if the only way to figure out how to get to our destination is by using a set of clever clues and directional instructions handed to us as the engine is running with no prior knowledge of the route we will be taking? Well, that is the format of a Game-Tour-Adventure rallye, a splendid way to enjoy the day in your favorite car – you know, the one that may spend most of its days coddled in the garage or under a car cover just waiting for that nice day to drive through the scenic back roads of Connecticut.

On Saturday, June 17th, dawned overcast and foggy, but that did not dampen the spirits of 13 teams of BMW drivers and navigators taking part in the fifth annual Rallye for a Cure joined by five teams in Minis and several BMW CCA CVC members in other marques, members like Jeffery Wacker and Julia Metcalf in their 1963 Mercury Comet Caliente! Each year, the Rallye begins with a continental breakfast at Jaguar of Hartford and ends with a picnic lunch and award ceremony at a fun destination. This year that destination was Lime Rock Park during a full program of SCCA races. Thanks to the good graces of the SCCA organizers and LRP, the more than 60 participating Rallye teams were treated to several parade laps around the circuit. That was a highlight capping an already fun day for many of the participants, and it was a giggle to see Jack Hurczyn and his wife Maria circulating the track at an average speed of about 35 mph – admittedly the toughest laps he ever turned there! Some big winners of the day were James Brennan and Brad Lockwood who placed first in the Modern Car category in their 2004 BMW M3, and Paul Frickenhaus and Kayla Hushin, top scorers in the Experienced category (running their fourth event) in a 1997 Z3. Greg and Jan Miller took first place in the Seat-of-the-Pants category in their 2002 BMW M Coupe, while Cyndie and Andrew Eisnor were tops in the Multi-generational category in their 2002 Mini Cooper S. Mark and Peg Taylor racked up a perfect score to win the Novice category in their 2004 BMW 330i! And thanks to the enthusiastic participation of so many BMW CCA teams this year, organizer Bill Wright presented the Connecticut Valley Chapter a one-off trophy recognizing the Club for our significant support.

This year, we comprised about a quarter of the field! So even though this was a "non-CCA" event, it had the look and feel of one of our Club outings, but with the added benefit of knowing we were contributing to a most worthwhile charity.

The Rallye is expertly created and conducted by Bill and Linda Wright and their family each year, wholly to benefit JDRF, the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, a group dedicated to developing treatments and eventually a cure for Type 1 diabetes. The Wrights were inspired to devote their energies to this effort by their son Jack who is himself a Type 1 diabetic and has benefitted from the work of the JDRF. The words "Win or lose, a good time was had by all!" are most appropriately applied to this event. The CCA members who participated this year will likely be back again in 2018, hopefully to be joined by many more Club member teams.

So, keep an eye out for notification of next year's event in an upcoming *DZ* and via a dedicated eblast, and sign up for what is sure to be a memorable day.

Information about the **Rallye for a Cure** and a rich gallery of photos from this and past events can be found at their website, https://sites.google.com/site/rallyeforacure/home and info about the **JDRF** is at www.jdrf.org.

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July 29-30 - **Bimmerfest East 2017** by **ESS Tuning – Raceway Park, Englishtown, NJ (not a CVC event)**

August 12-13 **Camping and Beach Party**
Hammonasset Beach State Park, Madison, CT
Host: **Danielle Cartolano** and **Joe Robinson**

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August 17 **Ice Cream Social Dairy Queen - Monroe - Wileys**

August 19 **Board Meeting** – Host: **Heather Centrella**

September 5 **The 44th Annual John Bisset Memorial Humpa Picnic – JB Williams Park, Glastonbury –**
Host: **Jonathan Bisset**

September 22 - **Board Meeting - Monroe - Wileys**

Saturday, Oct 14 and **Sunday Oct 15** **CVC and Patroon Chapters** hold the **3rd Annual Fall Thrill at Whiskey Hill Driver's School**
at the **new Palmer Motorsports Park**
Host: **Dave Rich**