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**NEW JERSEY MOTORSPORTS PARK**

**IT'S ALMOST HERE.**

**AUGUST 23RD - 25TH**

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## NEW JERSEY MOTORSPORTS PARK

The next Del Val BMW CCA Drivers School Event is planned for  
**August 23rd - 25th**  
at New Jersey Motorsports Park  
in Millville, Nj.

Registration is open online at:  
**www.Motorsportsreg.com**  
Registration is limited so sign up right away!

Come join us and have a great time while you learn!

# EXTRA! EXTRA! Read all about it!

It's hard to believe that the first Del Val High Performance Driving Event at New Jersey Motorsport Park's Lightning circuit didn't take place until 2009, but in the short time since then it's quickly become the flagship driving event for our chapter.

This year, to celebrate the 5th anniversary, we're kicking things up a notch! Leading the initiative is the industrious James Murphy, who's spent several months assembling a team of volunteers, organising sponsors and vendors, and plain just making things happen. Thanks to all those efforts, this will truly be an event to remember!

So, what makes this so special? Well, there are more details elsewhere in this special issue of the newsletter, but this is going to be an event you won't want to miss.

If you're into driving schools, on Saturday and Sunday (24th and 25th August) we have 2 days on the Lightning circuit for you to hone your driving skills, featuring the usual high-quality tuition from our in-car and classroom instructor team. Sign up now at <http://dvc.motorsportreg.com/>

Have the experience for something more spicy? On Friday, 23rd August we have an open-track experience available for racers, instructors and advanced solo drivers. Sign up now at <http://dvc.motorsportreg.com/>

For the racing crowd? Not only do we have the sprint races on Saturday and Sunday that have been a hallmark of our event (and this year we have Premier status for these races), but we're also hosting only the second ever BMW CCA Club Racing Endurance Race on Friday.

And no matter your interest, we have a great time planned, with sponsors demonstrating their products, a hospitality tent, great races to watch, and, most important, we're making our annual charitable contribution, which this year will again be donated to the B+ Foundation, supporting children and the families of children with cancer. Best of all, on Saturday, we'll be visited by some of the kids and families that B+ supports.

So, make your plans to be at NJMP in August. I guarantee it'll be an event to remember!

**August 23, 24, 25, 2013  
DeVal HPDE, Club Racing and  
The B+ Children's Cancer Foundation  
Sponsored by Otto's BMW**

**What**

The Delaware Valley Chapter has an extraordinary event planned for the fourth weekend of August 2013 at New Jersey Motorsport Park's Lightning race track. So... grab a drink and a comfy chair and I'll tell you all about a weekend to remember.

Let's begin by stating that this will be a 3 day event; Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. The event will be presented in a totally new and expanded format for the enjoyment of members, HPDE students, racers, family, friends and guests because...

BMW CCA's addition of an Endurance Race Series (presented by Turner Motorsports) to the 2013 Club Sprint Racing calendar has provided DeVal with the opportunity to expand the event's on-track and social activities. Friday begins with an open track for qualified participants from 9:00 AM to 3:15 PM, followed by the 3:45 PM start of DeVal's inaugural hosting of a BMW CCA's 4 Hour Endurance Race. While they race, you are encouraged to enjoy the shelter of a 30'x60' tent and "grid" for the 5:00 PM start of the Endurance Party. Enjoy free food and refreshments under the tent and get ready to celebrate with the winners at the 7:45 PM checkered flag and 8:00 PM podium ceremonies.

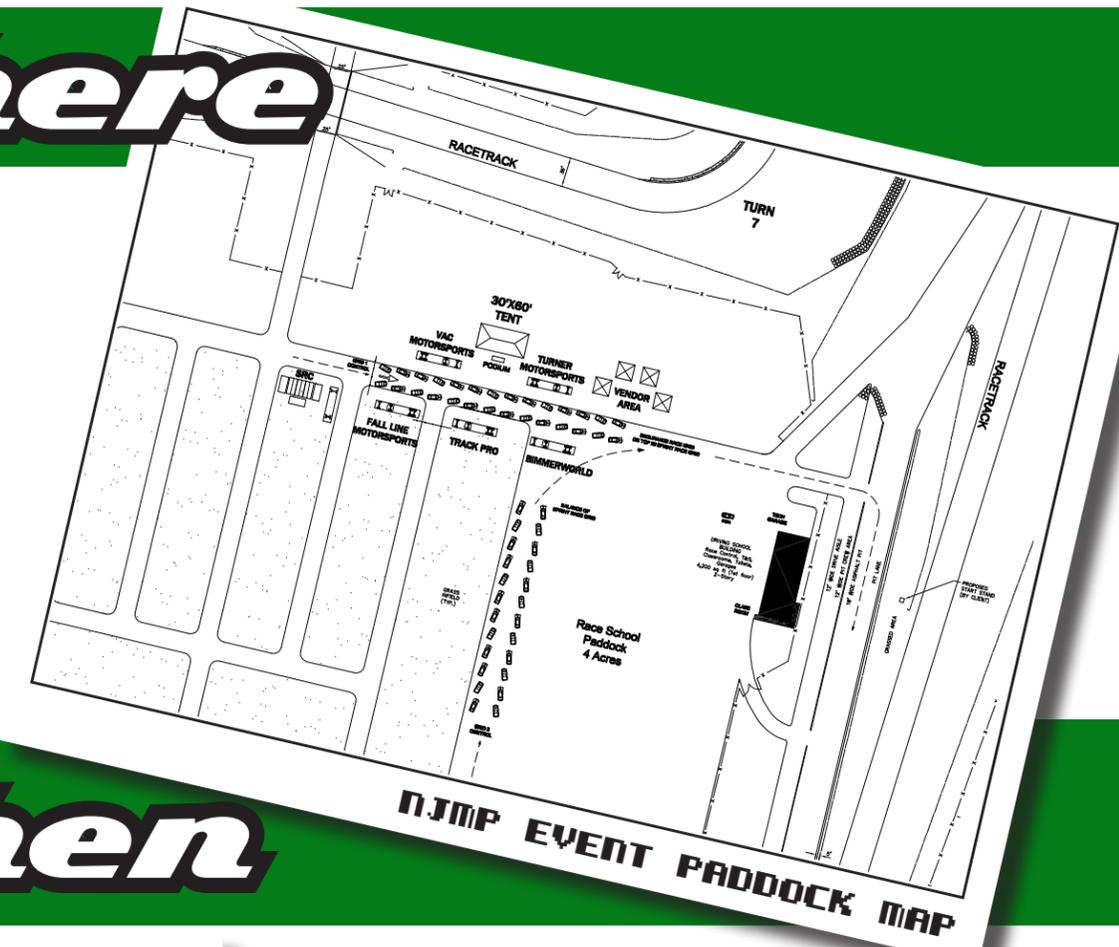
On Saturday, DeVal host's our fifth annual NJMP Lightning High Performance Driving Event and "Pinky's Out" Banquet sponsored by Otto's BMW of West Chester, and the 1st of 3 BMW CCA Sprint Club races. Because of the significance of this event, BMW CCA's Club Racing committee has sanctioned DeVal with a "Premier Event" status for the Club Races so racers from the entire East Coast and Canada will be there participating for the enhanced point awards available at this special event.



Also, on Saturday we will be hosting our first "Andrew McDonough B+ Foundation" fund raiser to fight childhood cancer. Join us and The "B+ Heros" - children with cancer and their siblings for events throughout the day including Grand-Am driver meet-n-greets, track rides, lunch and outdoor B-B-Q. Cars participating in the track rides include the "Back to the Future Movie Car", Vintage BMW's, race cars... and you? At the Saturday evening Otto's BMW sponsored Banquet, DeVal will present The B+ Foundation with the event proceeds plus a significant financial contribution from the DeVal Chapter membership. Guest hosts and Grand-Am drivers Hugh Plumb and Al Carter will be on hand to assist in the festivities, raffles, auction, and awards. There will be a unique collection of items up for auction so bring your checkbook.

Then on Sunday August 25th, there's still more... a second day of the DeVal High Performance Driving Event and 2 BMW CCA Sprint Club races. After that, I'm telling everybody to go home...

**Where**



**When**

Thursday Schedule		
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Registration		
Friday Schedule		
8:00-10:00 Racer's Tech Open		
8:00-9:00 Open Track Tech Open		
9:00-11:00 Racer Registration		
9:00 Open Track Meeting		
12:45 Enduro Rookie Meeting		
12:00-1:00 Lunch		
1:00 Enduro Racer's Meeting		
Time	Activity	
9:00	Open Track	
11:20	Closed Track	
11:30	Enduro Qualifying	
11:55	Closed Track	
12:00	LUNCH	
1:00	Open Track	
3:15	Closed Track	
3:00	Enduro Grid	Gue
3:45	Enduro Race Start	
7:45	Enduro Race Finish	
5:00	Endurance Party Start	
8:00	Podium Ceremony	

Saturday's Schedule		
7:30 Instructors' Meeting		
7:30 Students' Meeting		
8:30 Racers' Meeting		
Time	On Track	In Classroom
8:30	Instructors	Red
8:55	Yellow	
9:20	Green	
9:45	Red	
10:10	Racer's Practice	Yellow
10:35	Instructors	Green
10:55	Yellow	
11:20	Green	
11:45	Red	
12:10	LUNCH	
12:10	B+ Track Rides	
12:40	B+ Lunch	
1:30	Racer Qualifying	Yellow
1:55	Yellow	Green
2:20	Green	Red
2:45	Red	
3:05	Club Race (45 min)	
4:00	Yellow	
4:20	Green	
4:40	Red	
5:10	Instructors	
6:30	Otto's BMW Banquet and B+ Presentation	

Sunday's Schedule		
7:30 Instructors' Meeting		
7:30 Students' Meeting		
8:30 Racers' Meeting		
Time	On Track	In Classroom
8:30	Instructors	Green
8:55	Red	Yellow
9:20	Green	Red
9:45	Yellow	
10:10	Racer's warm up	
10:30	Instructors	
10:55	Red	
11:20	Club Race (30 min)	
11:55	LUNCH	
12:55	Yellow	
1:20	Green	
1:45	Club Race (25 min)	
2:15	Instructors	
2:40	Red	Racer Awards
3:05	Yellow	
3:30	Green	
3:55	Red	
4:20	Yellow	
4:45	Green	
5:10	Instructors	

# Why

## THE ANDREW MCDONOUGH B+ FOUNDATION

The Andrew McDonough B+ Foundation honors the memory of Andrew, a 14-year-old athlete and 'A' student from Wilmington, Delaware. January 27, 2007, Andrew helped lead his team to victory in a state championship soccer tournament. Within 48 hours, he was in cardiac arrest. The diagnosis was Leukemia (AML). The doctors didn't expect Andrew to live through the night. Amazingly, Andrew fought for 167 days and went to Heaven on July 14, 2007.

Throughout Andrew's illness, he inspired thousands of friends and families. We learned his blood type was B+, which became our motto throughout the fight, to "Be Positive." B+ reflected how Andrew lived his life and how he inspired others to do the same. Inspired by Andrew's caring attitude and positive outlook, we established The Andrew McDonough B+ Foundation.

The B+ Foundation is now present nationwide and since 2011 uses their auto racing program with Al Carter, Hugh Plumb and Fall-Line as one of the ways to increase awareness of the foundation and raise money to eradicate childhood cancers. In the last two years, The B+ Foundation awarded over \$1,000,000 to families of children with cancer while giving over \$500,000 to support research efforts.

## EAGLE B+ FOUNDATION RACING FOR A GOOD CAUSE!

Started in 2011 by cancer survivor and race car driver Al Carter, the Eagle B+ Racing Program is now in its third season. Al Carter and co-driver Hugh Plumb are racing in the 2013 Grand-Am Continental Tire Sports Car Challenge series.

Before races, Al Carter and Hugh Plumb visit children fighting cancer at key children's hospitals in the market where the race is held. When possible, B+ also invites children to attend the race and sometimes some of the kids end up on the podium with Carter and Plumb.

You can donate to The B+ Foundation by texting "FIGHT" to 80 000



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Patrick Dempsey and some of our B+ Heroes at NJMP in 2012.

# EVEN More to DO!

## NEXT LEVEL DRIVING

Welcome to Next Level Driving, the new standard in coaching to advance your driving abilities and race performance.

The Next Level Driving staff is comprised of true industry professionals, each with years of coaching experience. We use a very active and encompassing approach, combining observation, demonstration, data analysis, and in-depth theory discussions to speak to

each individual client and create "ah-ha" moments. Our only focus and only measure of success is your improvement. Whether you are an experienced racer working to break through a plateau or a new driver looking for the fast-track program, contact us to take your driving to the Next Level.

**James Clay, Seth Thomas, Greg Liefoghe, and ... professional driving coaches will be available to hire for Open Track and HPDE coaching sessions.**

Contact James at the Student Resource Center [src@delvalbmwcca.org](mailto:src@delvalbmwcca.org) for scheduling and pricing.



Grand-Am driver Hugh Plumb of Fall-Line Motorsports has offered coaching services during Friday (must be qualified for Open Track) or Saturday to a very lucky participant in exchange for a \$1,000 donation to the B+ Foundation.

# Banquet Auction & Raffle

Guest hosts, Grand-Am drivers and B+ Spokesmen, Hugh Plumb and Al Carter, will be on hand to conduct the Banquet raffles, auction, and awards. There's a unique collection of items up for auction so bring your checkbook.

### Event Artwork

We are offering 50 limited edition prints of the Brochure Cover Artwork signed and numbered by the Artist, Erwin Dazelle, for a contribution to the B+ Foundation of \$100 per print.

### Auction Items

Framed NJMP Lightning Track Map

- Signed by the Grand-Am drivers at the June 29 and 30, 2013 Watkins Glen Race weekend.

New White SA Racing Helmet

- Signed by the Grand-Am drivers at the June 29 and 30, 2013 Watkins Glen Race weekend.

Framed BMWCCA Club Racing Flag

- Signed by the Grand-Am drivers at the June 29 and 30, 2013 Watkins Glen Race weekend.

### Silent Auction Items

**MOMO LESMO SEAT** - Retail Price: USD 849.95 (donated by MOMO USA)

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**STEERING WHEEL MOD 30** - Retail Price: USD 229.95 (donated by MOMOUSA)

**PITSTOP FURNITURE GRAND PRIX CHAIR:** Retail price \$499 (donated by RacingGadgets.us)

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### Raffle Items

Raffle items generously provided by Event and DelVal Sponsor Otto's BMW of West Chester and DelVal Premier Sponsor VAC Motorsports

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**AiM Sports Data Acquisition** www.aimsports.com  
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**Bimmerworks**  
Steve Snow established Bimmerworks as a local shop for BMW enthusiasts looking for an honest, reputable service center offering all the services of a BMW dealership... and turning stock BMWs into race-ready custom performance cars. Bimmerworks is a long time sponsor of the DelVal Car Club Chapter. If you want to catch Steve at NJMP you better be on track... and fast.



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The Delaware Valley Chapter BMW Car Club membership would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude and appreciation to Michael G. Vadasz, Lisa Thompson and the extended "Otto's Family" for their sponsorship of the August 2013 DelVal HPDE, Club Racing, Saturday Night Banquet and B+ Children's Cancer Foundation event. We would also like to recognize Otto's for all the years of support they have shown our Chapter through their unquestioned generosity and openness.



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# Delaware Valley Chapter Resources

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

## UPCOMING EVENTS!

Delaware Valley and other  
BMW Car Club of America events of interest

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event Description</u>	<u>Event Details</u>	<u>RSVP to:</u>
8/23/2013	NJMP Lightning HPDE	8/23-8/25	www.motorsportsreg.com
9/7/2013	Bimmergate	Tredyffrin Township Park	socialevents@delvalbmwcca.org
10/5/2013	Pocono Raceway HPDE	10/5-10/6	www.motorsportsreg.com

*Have an idea for an event? Send an e-mail to [socialchair@delvalbmwcca.org](mailto:socialchair@delvalbmwcca.org)*

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**Michael Dion**  
PO BOX 385  
Flourtown, PA 19031-0385

### Chapter Lending Toolbox

The Chapter Maintains a club accessible "lending" tool box that contains some special BMW specific tools. These are tools you may want to borrow, rather than own for yourself. This valuable service is available to DVC members in good standing. Contact Tool box coordinator James Murphy.

610 687-0760  
or  
[toolbox@delvalbmwcca.org](mailto:toolbox@delvalbmwcca.org)

### Free Used Car Purchase Inspection

As a great support of the DelVal Members Otto's BMW offers a free pre-purchase inspection of ANY used BMW. Call for details or to set up an appointment.

### Free Pre-track Inspection

Free tech inspection is available at Otto's BMW prior to any HPDE Event for DelVal BMW CCA members. Call to set up an appointment before your next HPDE event.

# SO THAT'S WHAT EVERYONE'S TALKING ABOUT!

WRITTEN BY:  
CHRIS HOLIDAY

For the first year or two, I am an armchair Delaware Valley Chapter CCA member mostly reading the Roundel and going to a picnic or two when the weather is nice.

One day, the chapter newsletter says they're doing a covered bridge driving tour through the beautiful horse country near where we live; "Hey honey, we gotta try this...". Nice people, these Delval types. Friendly. Welcoming. We find we have a lot in common as we chat after the fun rallies, picnics and meetings. A couple more years in, and now we're joining the annual banquet! Even with all the cool cars these people have, and the tons of great swag they give away at every event (the BMW businesses are amazing chapter supporters), it is the people in this club who keep us coming back.

We are enjoying these events, but it is clear that these people have a bond with each other which goes beyond

just meeting every month or two to meet or drive around the country side – these people have been experiencing something transcendent together, and it appears to be centered around these four track events they run every summer. Figuring, I do not have a track car, I had dismissed these track events as not for me; I'd stick to the street driving events. But, they keep showing pictures at the banquet, and they keep telling me my street car is a fine choice for these "High Performance Driving Schools".

So, we pick Watkins Glen for our first HPDE because it is a beautiful area that we love from our time in Ithaca and my wife has been induced by some of the other Delval member's wives to join in plans for enticing off-track activities.

How to prepare? Get Bavarian Specialties to go over the car, refresh the brake juice and friction parts - check.

New-ish PS2 tires - check. Now, what to bring. Let's see, the chapter track newbie manual lists the proper helmet, basic torque wrench, a few tools.

Throw in the GoPro and something to put all the stuff in and to cover it with.

I establish my ground rules before I arrive at the track: STAY within MY comfort zone. Bringing the 325iT insures the focus is on listening, watching and learning, not on the speed. Speaking of insurance, I go ahead and buy the on-track event insurance, so as to put my mind at ease in case I really am a knuckle head after all.

All that shoved into my head and into the back of



the Touring and we are off to upstate New York.

I arrive early, find my way to the paddock and try to figure out where to be – looks like it's going to rain, when, ahh, there's James Murphy's trailer. Oh that's right, he's setting up the Delval chapter Student Resource Center (SRC). James, Dave Wollman and Gerry cheerfully invited me to stash my "stuff" in the trailer. What a relief! Familiar faces, a place under cover for this especially poorly equipped student and all the advice and support that three guys on a mission to prep their e36 IP-Racer for the next Endurance Race could give – which was anything I needed!

Until that moment, I had never realized what a valuable perk the Delval SRC was to members like me. The Delval SRC gives me a workable base of operations and access to some of the most seasoned instructors at the event. Free lunch for all the first timers and all the bottled water I needed at any time meant this oasis was popular with all of us noobs. We have got to get the word on this SRC idea out to the CCA masses – it made a huge difference to my ability to enjoy this first event!

Turns out, there are all kinds of ways to equip yourself for these events, including bringing all your stuff within the confines of your car like I tried to do. I had no idea what the right stuff to bring was until I had spent some hours that weekend walking around talking to all the nice folks who knew what they were doing. Looks like I don't have to go out and buy a dually and trailer right away! I took notes and will be a whole lot better at this when I attend HPDE #2.

"Not too fast; focus on getting familiar with the track, but stay off the paint and the glassy smooth wet parts of the pavement, those are slick" advises Walter as we exit Outer Loop headed into the boot. We make our way through the no-helmets first touring session that they give us special people in the "Red" running group. This is going

to take a while to gel. Luckily, I have about an hour before my next session and I resolve not to overthink it. I will see how much sticks with me the next time out – just go with it and let the experience accumulate.

Session two is on a drying track, and now we're putting some heat in the spinning parts down below. I finish that session feeling like I got more of what was going on, and enough laps that I can now imagine a whole lap with the turns in the right sequence in my head. Walter had counseled that I go somewhere quiet and replay the track turn-by-turn in my head. This turns out to be really helpful in being prepared for the next session.

By day two, I am getting a bit of that "other state of being" feeling that I think draws people to this. Working closer to the interface between the tire's static and dynamic friction coefficients than I have yet done in 36 years of street car driving, I am seeing how intensely these Bavarian cars can be driven. Nibbling at ABS engagement to knock off 50 mph from 90 to 115 mph seven times per lap for eight or nine laps with no discernible brake fade, convinces me that my little factory sport-pack grocery getter is no ordinary car, and makes me love its stealthy performance car personality even more.

James rides with me for one of my last sessions of the weekend and afterward, he does a creditable job of applying some pretty sincere-sounding flattery about my first-time out progress. Truth be told, James is the reason I pulled the trigger on doing the event in the first place. And the SRC cemented the impression; these CCA people do go out and do an amazing thing together and are eager to introduce and share the experience of on-track driving with others who have not. Now I'm on to this, and have shared in an experience way beyond a Sunday drive in the country with these people. Now I know what they are all really talking about at the picnics and meetings.



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