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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.



**Ike Neilson, President
Genesee Valley Chapter
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FALL: A TIME FOR REFLECTION

As I have said in the past, “Life has a funny way of leading you in different directions.” Our move to Charleston, South Carolina was uneventful. Coming from Rochester’s relatively cold temps I was not used to days where you can have 95 degrees with 100% humidity, yet no rain. The pace of things down here is also a bit slower and more relaxed, and I have learned that NOTHING happens on a Friday afternoon. The only time you will see a contractor on a Friday afternoon is if he wants to be paid. Western NY has the Bills, and Syracuse has basketball, but they pale in comparison to the die-hard college football fans of the Southeast. I met an 85 year- old woman who has only missed two Clemson football games in her entire life!

My trusty E90 M3 has found a new home in Fairport, and I have an amazing new car--a 2018 McLaren 570GT. I christened it by picking it up at McLaren of Greenwich and driving straight to Watkins Glen to instruct for an entire week. I had to wait till the car had 1,000 kilometers, or 650 miles on it before I tracked it, but that went by quickly and WOW what a car! Yes we talk about the rapid pace of advancement on mere mortal performance cars, like the great M2, M3, M4; but, at the real pointy end of the performance spectrum the cars are simply ludicrous. The only thing I bemoan is that I now have to give up my membership card in the Manual Gearbox Preservation Society, as the 570GT has

a seven speed seamless shift gearbox.

I did something that in the 28 years of coming to Watkins Glen I had never done; I hiked the gorge. FINALLY some of you may say. I was shamed into it by some of the staff of the Seneca Lodge. If you have yet to hike the gorge, I really recommend making the trip in the fall to enjoy the foliage. Bring some good shoes that you don’t mind getting wet and have fun. Make the trip; it is well worth it.

Our 100th school celebration with the Boston Chapter was a HUGE success. The turnout and activities were fantastic. The walk down memory lane at the Saturday night dinner at the Glen Club brought many a tear as folks reminisced over the early days of the club.

We had another sellout Tire Rack Street Survival Teen Driving School at a cold, wet, foggy Watkins Glen International. The traction these schools are getting in the area is very gratifying. While the weather was technically yucky, it was the perfect environment for the teens to learn the limits of their cars in the safety of a parking lot where the worst thing that can happen is that they hit a cone.

It has been an honor to be the president of the club that has given me so many fond memories over the years. I will be back in the summer, but, when you are in the depths of winter, just look at the weather in Charleston, SC and you will understand why I moved.

“Life has a funny way of leading you in different directions.”

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Joe Ajavon,
Jim Tulloch.

2018 JOEL AYITE AJAVON SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

by Jim Tulloch

Farhiya Mohamed is the winner of this year's Joel Ayite Ajavon Scholarship of \$2,000. Farhiya graduated from Wilson High School and is now a freshman at St. John Fisher College, majoring in Biology.

Farhiya was born in Somalia and her family moved to Kenya before immigrating to America. She is from a large family and was required to assume significant family responsibilities while maintaining excellent academics and contributing to her school and community.

A participant in the International Baccalaureate program, Farhiya

graduated with an unweighted cumulative GPA of 4.04 (on a 4.0 scale). Her community service included:

- Muslim Youth Group: 3 years
- Teaching within the Somali community: 1 year
- Unity Hospital Volunteer: 1 year
- MCC Autism Walk

Her school activities included three years of Math League, two years of Outdoor Club and two years of varsity golf. She was a member of the National Honor Society and received an Urban Black Scholar Award.

On her application, a teacher and program director wrote, "Farhiya's leadership style is powerful because it comes from a well-developed moral sense. I have had the pleasure of having Farhiya in a philosophy class, and her input into discussions often swayed many students into thinking about the common good. Outside of school, Farhiya has worked diligently facilitating understanding of the Muslim community. Quite simply Farhiya is a very strong informal leader. She is very approachable."



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GVC BUFFALO OKTOBERFEST

By Harry L. Warren

Friday evening, October 19, members of the club met at Mr. Best Wrench's shop on Grand Island. Plentiful food and drink were available, including adult beverages, sausage, and German potato salad.

The shop had a 1950's Willy's military jeep in for repair which was thoroughly examined. A unique vehicle and forerunner of the modern SUV.

After dinner, over cocktails and a BMW valve cover themed chocolate "cake," (shown above) we watch the 80's movie Talladega Nights. Definitely a "unique" cinematic experience. (Stretching it a bit far to call it a car-themed movie I think).

Thanks again to Rod and Adam for volunteering the shop for the meeting. Whether they will host a Christmas/Holiday event is still up in the air.

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GVC HOLIDAY PARTY

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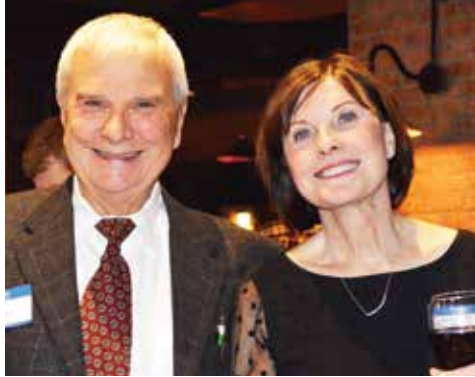


WOW...all GVC Club members and guests who attended this year's sold out Year End Party had a great evening including:

- Music by Isabella Barbagallo
- The comedy of Sky Sands
- Great food and drink
- A Silent Auction for charity
- A gift bag including a portable charger

This was an event to be remembered. There was a significant number of new faces among the crowd. The entertainment was a combination of music before dinner and comedy afterwards. A silent auction raised \$2,181.29 to donate to the Center for Youth Services "Crisis Nursery."

A HUGE thanks to Christa Barbagallo and Gale Ajavon for organizing the event. They really know how to put on a show!





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President: Jim Tulloch
Vice President: Ian Dickerson
Secretary: Adam Gerken
Treasurer: Andy Blake

Members at Large:
 Karl Hughes
 Christa Barbagallo
 Harry Warren
 Dan Neal

Congratulations to all!
 Officers and Members at Large will be posted on the GVC web site with their contact information soon.

Attention GVC Members:

Please help us! If you did not receive an election ballot by email, the club may not have your current email on file. Please take a moment to send the club an email to GVCBMWCLUB@gmail.com. Include your name, current email address and phone number.



2018 FALL FOLIAGE TOUR

with Tech Talk by Mike Miller

By Ian Dickerson

Photos by John Craddock and Michael Harrif

The 2018 Fall Foliage Tour got off to a rocky start. Initially, we planned to meet at a bakery in Victor that we had used before as a meeting point for previous drives. However, I was informed that the bakery had been closed and replaced with a car wash. While that would have facilitated clean cars at the start of the drive, it wasn't quite the beginning I was looking for. So we moved the start point to the Apple Farm in Victor. Except I was then informed that the Apple Farm had burned to the ground the previous year! Sure enough, when I visited to check out the location, there was a backhoe digging up scorched earth that was still smouldering and the storefront had moved to a new building. Nonetheless, the owners assured me that they would be ready for us when we arrived in early October.

Through the efforts of GVC member Scott Brown, we had a special treat for this year's tour. At the end of the drive we would have a question-and-answer talk by Mike Miller, the

Chief Technical Editor for the Roundel. Mike drove his Dinan-prepped e46 325iC up from his home in Pennsylvania the Friday before the Tour, and did the drive with us on Saturday.

We met up at the Apple Farm and were welcomed by friendly staff, but also with gray skies and intermittent rain, with more rain forecast for the morning. After enjoying coffee and apple fry cakes, 17 cars set out at a relaxed pace with Mike Miller driving the lead car while I navigated the back roads that would take us down through the Finger Lakes, meandering between Honeoye and Canandaigua Lakes, until we reached Naples. From Naples we headed west until we reached Wayland and turned north to run along Hemlock Lake. Along the way the sun came out and the drive finished up in sunshine and glorious fall colors. We headed north until we reached Lima, at which point we hopped on I-390 and drove north to The Little Speed Shop in Rochester, who hosted Mike Miller's talk.

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While at the Little Speed Shop we had lunch provided by club member Gary Matteson and his "Gary's Dog N It" food truck. And then we had a free-form discussion of all things Bimmer, from general issues like fluid changes and maintenance, to specific problems brought up by the audience. It was terrifically informative and fun, and Mike Miller provided expertise and experience that is rare to find outside of a dealership. Mike is a practicing lawyer in Pennsylvania who worked as a mechanic through school, and has funneled his passion for BMWs to create a unique resource for BMW CCA club members. Mike writes the monthly Tech Talk column in the Roundel, answering questions that are submitted by club members via email. In addition to publishing selected questions every month in his column, Mike answers every email he receives, which can run to 30 per day. Mike represents an amazing resource for club members, and he was a hit with all who attended his talk.

Also a big thanks to Kevin and Jill Van Valkenburgh, owners of The Little Speed Shop, for hosting our event.



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By Charles Stancampiano

Welcome back foolish mortals.
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What is going on with car colors these days? My very own Plum Crazy (metallic purple) Plymouth Duster now looks very flashy when driven in traffic. I certainly didn't expect stares from other drivers when I bought it! Why did car colors get so boring?

Signed,
Magenta in Machias



Plum Crazy
1974 Duster
[Barett-Jackson.com]

Dear Magenta,

Dr. Bimmer agrees that car paint jobs have become boring. About 70% of all cars are now black, white, gray or silver.

To be fair, one can still order bespoke colors on a Rolls and end up with the color scheme of "Moonbeam over Magnolia," but most people are not so courageous.

To clarify, the reader should not confuse Plum Crazy with Purple Haze or Black-Eye Purple which are MINI colors or with Gloss Plum Explosion shown here on a BMW i8.



E38 7-series
with Navarro Violet interior.
[BimmerForums.com]

"Plum Crazy" is a Plymouth code name for Paint Warranty Repair.

The explosion in color blandness is a mystery since everyone knows the color that yields the highest auto resale value is YELLOW and not black, white, gray or silver. See www.forbes.com/sites/jimgorzelay/2014/06/17/new-car-

colors-that-boost-resale-values/#29f483c59144. Remember when you could buy a 7-series BMW with Aubergine paint and lavender leather? What BMW fan could forget Golf, Taiga, Turkis or Inka?

Cars are now boring for the same reason all homes have beige walls; people are afraid the next owner won't like bold color statements. Perhaps we should all be such caring human beings that we think about the sensibilities of the next owner? We are against such thoughts unless the next owner is a five-year old.

Jerry Seinfeld's show "Comedians in Cars Getting Coffee" provides a bevy of interesting cars (and colors) to illustrate what we have lost. Dr. Bimmer has painstakingly modified the Wikipedia list of 48 episodes to include the colors of nearly all the cars in that series. In a few cases the color could not be determined beyond "black" or "silver," but in most episodes, Seinfeld calls out the factory color name.

Season 1 (2012)

# Overall /Season	Title	Guests	Car Model(s)	Color
1/1	"Larry Eats a Pancake"	Larry David	'52 VW Beetle	Azure Blue
2/2	"Mad Man in a Death Machine"	Ricky Gervais	'67 Austin-Healey 3000	Ice Blue
3/3	"A Monkey and a Lava Lamp"	Brian Regan	'70 Dodge Challenger T/A	Light Blue
4/4	"Just a Lazy Shiftless Bastard"	Alec Baldwin	'70 Mercedes-Benz 280 SL	Signal Red
5/5	"A Taste of Hell From on High"	Joel Hodgson	'63 VW Karmann Ghia	Sea Blue
6/6	"Unusable on the Internet"	Bob Einstein	'70 Mercedes-Benz 300SEL 6.3	Black
7/7	"You Don't Want to Offend a Cannibal"	Barry Marder	'66 Porsche 356 SC Cabriolet	White
8/8	"I Hear Downtown Abbey Is Pretty Good..."	Colin Quinn	'76 Triumph TR6 & Mario Joyner	Tahiti Blue
9/9	"I Want Sandwiches, I Want Chicken"	Carl Reiner & Mel Brooks	'60 Rolls-Royce Silver Cloud II '70 Porsche 911 S	Silver Blue Metallic Emerald Green
10/10	"It's Bubbly Time, Jerry"	Michael Richard	'62 VW Double Cab Pickup	Primer, Rust, Blue

Season 2 (2013)

11/1	"I'm Going to Change Your Life Forever"	Sarah Silverman	'69 Jaguar E-Type Series 2	Opalescent Blue
12/2	"I Like Kettlecorn"	David Letterman	'95 Volvo 960 station wagon	Regent Red
13/3	"No Lipsticks for Nuns"	Gad Elmaleh	'50 Citroën 2CV	Gray
14/4	"You'll Never Play the Copa"	Don Rickles	'58 Cadillac Eldorado	Glen Eagles Green
15/5	"Really?!"	Seth Meyers	'73 Porsche 911 Carrera RS	White
15/6	"Kids Need Bullying"	Chris Rock	'69 Lamborghini Miura P400S	Arancio Borealis

Season 3 (2014)

17/1	"Comedy, Sex and the Blue Numbers"	Louis C.K.	'59 Fiat 600 Jolly	Coral Orange
18/2	"How Would You Kill Superman?"	Patton Oswalt	'81 DeLorean DMC-12	Stainless
19/3	"Comedy Is a Concealed Weapon"	Jay Leno	'49 Porsche 356/2	Silver
20/4	"So You're Mellow and Tense?"	Todd Barry	'66 MGB	Tartan Red
21/5	"Feces Are My Purview"	Tina Fey	'67 Volvo 1800S	Red
22/6	"The Over-Cheer"	George Costanza	'76 AMC Pacer	Ugly Green*
23/7	"The Last Days of Howard Stern"	Howard Stern	'69 Pontiac GTO	Orange

Season 4 (2014)

24/1	"A Little Hyper-Aware"	Sarah Jessica Parker	'76 Ford LTD Country Squire	Red
25/2	"Two Polish Airline Pilots"	George Wallace	'65 Buick Riviera	Burgundy Mist
26/3	"Opera Pimp"	Robert Klein	'67 Jaguar Mark 2	Light Green
27/4	"It's Like Pushing a Building Off a Cliff"	Aziz Ansari	2012 Prevost Car X3-45 VIP	Silver
28/5	"The Sound of Virginity"	Jon Stewart	'78 AMC Gremlin	Yellow

Season 5 (2014)

29/1	"You Look Amazing in the Wind"	Kevin Hart	'59 Porsche RSK Spyder	Silver
30/2	"I'm Wondering What It's Like to Date Me"	Amy Schumer	'71 Ferrari Daytona 365 GTB/4	Fly Yellow
31/3	"Smoking Past the Band"	Bill Burr	'70 Ford Mustang Boss 302	Medium Red
32/4	"Happy Thanksgiving Miranda"	Miranda Sings	'60 Austin-Healey Sprite	Old English White
33/5	"I Wasn't Told About This... with Special Feature: I'm Dying, Jerry"	Fred Armisen	'65 Saab 96 Monte Carlo 850	Olive Green
34/6	"I'm Going to Take a Percocet and Let That One Go"	Ali Wentworth	'70 Mercedes-Benz 280 SE Convertible	Tobacco Brown
35/8-Jul	"The Unsinkable Legend - Part 1 & Part 2"	Jimmy Fallon	'56 Chevrolet Corvette	Cascade Green
36			'94 Land Rover Defender 90	Gray?

Season 6 (2015)

37/1	"I'll Go If I Don't Have to Talk"	Julia Louis-Dreyfus	'64 Aston Martin DB5	Silver Birch
38/2	"Always Do the Banana Joke First"	Steve Harvey	'57 Chevrolet Bel Air	Onyx Black
39/3	"We Love Breathing What You're Burning, Baby"	Jim Carrey	'76 Lamborghini Countach	Tahiti Blue
40/4	"The Comedy Team Smug and Arrogant"	Bill Maher	'79 VW Beetle	Green and White
41/5	"That's the Whole Point of Apartheid, Jerry"	Trevor Noah	'85 Ferrari 308 GTBi	White
42/6	"Cut Up and Bloody but Looking Good"	Stephen Colbert	'64 Morgan +4	Brilliant Blue

Season 7 (2015-2016)

43/1	"Just Tell Him You're the President"	Barack Obama	'63 Corvette Sting Ray	Silver Blue
44/2	"If You See This on a Toilet Seat, Don't Sit Down"	Steve Martin	'54 Siata 8V	Red
45/3	"Stroked Out on a Hot Machine"	Kathleen Madigan & Chuck Martin	'72 BMW 2002	Baikal Blue
46/4	"It's Great That Garry Shandling Still Alive"	Garry Shandling	'79 Porsche 930 Turbo	Cashmir Is Biege
47/5	"I Don't Think That's Bestiality"	Sebastian Maniscalco	'69 Chevrolet Camaro Z28	Hugger Orange
48/6	"Mr. Ferrell, For the Last Time, We're Going to Ask You to Put the Cigar Out"	Will Ferrell	'70 Plymouth Superbird Blue or Blue	Corporation Fire Metallic



Seinfeld in the Mjuira ... [Photo from vimeo .com/70492818]

There are lots of non-boring colors in this list, but the winner has to be Arancio Borealis as worn by the beautiful 1969 Lamborghini Miura P400S. It is the color aliens would paint their galactic cruiser (if it were Italian). "It is incredibly masculine and incredibly feminine at the same time." — Jerry Seinfeld

So the next time you hear someone gushing over the looks of a gray Kia Sorento, stick this Lambo under their nose. Gently. You wouldn't want to scratch the Arancio Borealis.

That's all for now. Gut Zündfolge! — Dr. Bimmer

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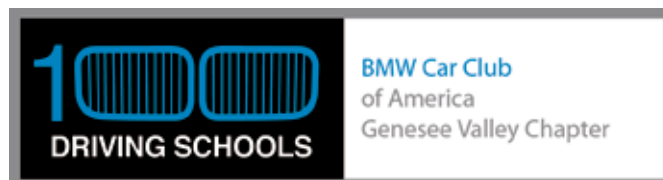
GVC'S 100TH ULTIMATE HIGH-PERFORMANCE DRIVING SCHOOL AT WATKINS GLEN

By Ian Dickerson

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On the weekend of September 22, the Genesee Valley Chapter (GVC) of BMW CCA hosted our 100th high performance driver education (HPDE) school at Watkins Glen International Raceway. We were graced with beautiful weather, great cars, great drivers, and a wonderful weekend driving the historic racetrack.

This event was co-sponsored by the Boston Chapter of BMW CCA, and the weekend was completely sold out with over 130 students and 100 instructors. GVC Chief Driving Instructor Bill O'Neill and his co-conspirators Dave Lanni, Adrienne Hughes, and Jeffery Gabel, were joined by Boston Chapter president and DE director Simon Cooper and Co-Chief Driving Instructor





Andy Thayer. The full run groups provided many fun passing opportunities and high camaraderie in the paddock.

While our schools attract a wide selection of cars from a variety of marques, the majority were BMWs of various vintages, including recent M cars like the F82 M4, E92 M3, and E82 1M, middle-age models such as the E46, and elderly Bimmers like the E30 M3 and the venerable E10 2002, which were the cars of choice at our earliest track schools in the late '80s. One of the favorite track cars of the moment is the E36 M3 manufactured from 1994-1999. They were out in force for the 100th event, with 18 participating in an impromptu group photo (see cover).

Saturday evening GVC hosted a special banquet in the Jack Daniel's Glen Club to commemorate the 100th driving school. It's hard to imagine that first GVC school weekend 35 years ago, the first of its kind at the re-opened track

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emerging from bankruptcy in 1984. Driving School Co-Director Dave Lanni regaled us with stories of these early track days, beginning just two years after the chapter was founded. It got started in the early 1980's when GVC members started participating in driving schools at Lime Rock Park in Connecticut and Mosport in Canada.

GVC member Stan Parker, proposed to the Board of Corning Glass (the new owners of Watkins Glen) that GVC might host such a school at the Glen. GVC proceeded to rent the track for that inaugural HPDE, but then had to find instructors. Joe Ajavon recruited Bill Kane of the Patroon Chapter to help organize some of the early BMW CCA driving schools, and Bill became Chief Instructor at the inaugural school in the fall of 1984. Charlie Goodman from the Trillium Chapter of BMW Clubs Canada, who, along with Derek Hanson, was running Driving

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Schools at Mosport, was also recruited. Charlie served as Chief Instructor, and shepherded the GVC schools for quite a few of the following years, ultimately turning the reins over to Stan Parker. Derek Hanson provided classroom instruction, and Charlie and Derek brought along many Trillium instructors to help GVC get rolling. The Canadians under Charlie and Derek ran excellent programs that established the high standard of professionalism and safety that GVC incorporates to this day. GVC provided instructors including Stan Parker, Bill O'Neill, David Lanni, Patti Perkins, Gene Skic, Mario DeFrancisco, and Gordie Britton, while Joe Ajavon ran the activities in the pits. They were soon joined by a cadre of instructors mainly from other NA region BMW CCA chapters such as New Jersey, Boston, Connecticut Valley, Patroon, New York, and Delaware Valley. Charlie Goodman organized one of the first formal Instructor Training Schools that was attended by GVC members.

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The curriculum for this course inspired GVC to offer its first formal Instructor Training School in the early 2000's, which evolved into the current officially sanctioned BMW CCA ITS.

One of the students in that first driving school in 1984 was Jim Dresser, who has been the registrar for all the GVC schools since 1985, as well as an instructor. Back in the day, everything was hard copy. Jim was one of the first GVC board members with a computer (there was no web in those days). Jim handled all the registrations (submitted by snail-mail); helped create and print the rosters, car numbers, track schedules, course descriptions and maps; sent out welcome letters to both students and instructors; and, along with a few hardy GVC volunteers, would stuff and label over 200 packets the night before each event.

Nowadays of course we have a GVC website (directed by Jim Dresser), online registration and

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“Vintage” photos from GVC archives

tracking through MotorsportReg.com, and a highly organized system for running the HPDE. But some things remain the same. The events are run by dedicated volunteers who go to great lengths to ensure that students have a safe and fun weekend exercising their Bimmers. So, as we celebrate the past 100 GVC Ultimate Driving Schools, we look forward to the next 100 at Watkins Glen, a track rich in American sports car racing history, and for the last 34 years, an integral part of our chapter’s life story.

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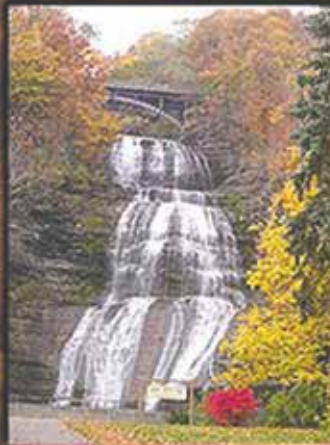
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