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A full-service resort and track for the serious auto-enthusiast, The Monticello Motor Club is a virtual racing playground, featuring a 4.1-mile track, state-of-the-art facilities and luxury accommodations.



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Finally, the anguished laments of the wealthy, resort-going, exotic car-wheedling juggernauts of the industry have been heard. A mere 90-minute drive from Manhattan (or 25 minutes by helicopter), the exclusive Monticello Motor Club offers auto luxury enthusiasts a place of refuge from stop and go public roadways. Fast, thrilling and lapped only by the verdant swells of the Catskill Mountains, the MMC is predicated on a 4.1-mile track conceived by international race legend Brian Redman and track engineer Bruce Hawkins. This unique circuit of grand hairpin corners and some of the fastest straightaways in North America challenge the owner of a '66 Ferrari SP 206 Dino to put down his checkbook and stomp on the accelerator.

In July, the club celebrated its grand opening and extended the challenge to join to an elite pedigree of automobile aficionados. Among the first to brave the \$125,000 initiation fee were Jerry Seinfeld, Jeff Gordon and Mario Andretti. Of

course, members of the MMC are also asked to pay an annual due of \$7,500, which isn't a bad exchange for a facility that boasts climate controlled storage and onsite technicians to keep the tanks full and the gaskets sealed. In fact, members can call ahead to have their vehicle prepped and their favorite helmet polished for the track 200 days out of the year. But that's just the beginning of the amenities. The impeccable luxury of Monticello spans all 650 hilltop acres and encompasses a 30,000 square-foot clubhouse, a state-of-the-art spa and fitness facility as well as a five-star restaurant and private condos for a long weekend. Sure, with a restricted membership cap of 500, the MMC is America's newest and most expensive private track, but with 22 turns, 12 distinct configurations and over 1.5 miles of straights, who can complain? And if that doesn't get the lead pumping to your foot, club members have the opportunity to be pitted against each other in the kind of multi-car racing action that is normally reserved for the pros. —Tristan Fischer-Smith