

The first meeting of the National Capitol Chapter of the BMW Club was held on February 26, 1971 at the New Carrollton City Hall. The organizers of the club suggested that they serve as officers until June of this year, when new officers will be elected. The present officers are:

Matt Daley, President
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Landover Hills, Maryland 20784
Telephone: 773-5623

Ric Cavallero, Vice President
Pat Cavallero, Secretary
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New Carrollton, Maryland 20784
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Terry Baker, Treasurer
2001 Fordham Street
Hyattsville, Maryland 20783
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If you are interested in running for one of the above offices, please send your name and the office you are interested in to the club address. Prior experience is not a prerequisite -- interest and perhaps a touch of masochism will suffice.

NEW MEMBERS

So far we have 28 charter members. If you have a friend that is interested in joining the club, bring him or her to the next meeting. Total cost for the first year is \$15.00. The money goes for national fees \$5.00, initiation fee \$5.00 (paid once only), and chapter dues \$5.00.

MINUTES

Henceforth, minutes will be published in the newsletter so they won't have to be read aloud at each meeting. The following are the minutes for the March 24, 1971 meeting:

The meeting was called to order by the president, Matt Daley, at 7:45. He then appointed the nomination committee.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Pat Cavallero, Secretary, reported on membership. The club had eighteen members as of March 23, 1971.

Terry Baker, Treasurer, reported a balance of \$54.00 in the club treasury and also explained the dues.

The Vice President, Ric Cavallero, explained the general duties of the officers and suggested that anyone who wanted to serve as a club officer should send a resume to the club.

The President talked about means to make the theft of your BMW more difficult, and requested that anyone having additional suggestions place their ideas in the hands of Nick and Sterling Voigt for publication in the newsletter. The national

BMWCCA organization is scheduled to vote on April 2nd on our petition for a charter. On March 28th there will be a seminar for tech inspectors and an autocross sponsored by Prince George's County Community College Sports Car Club. The first championship autocross will be held on April 4th at Montgomery Mall. Terry Baker will contact those interested in being on the autocross team. John Lusher was appointed chairman of the tech committee. The suggestion was made that future meetings be held at the Italian Gardens on US 1; a decision was postponed until the next meeting. Members are encouraged to stop by the Italian Gardens in the meantime and check out the facilities. The next meeting will be on April 29, 1971 at the New Carrollton City Hall.

Following a five minute break, Ric talked about coming events. The club will sponsor a rally (TSD) during the summer -- more information will be available at a later date. A movie will be shown at the next meeting. Decals will be given to those who have not received one from the National organization and will be sold to those who desire extras.

Between 8:35 and 8:45 there was a buy and sell period.

The speaker of the evening was Boyd Finkel, of Universal Tires in Rockville who gave an excellent presentation. Universal Tires also handles Cibie lights, Cosmic wheels, and other interesting items at a very good price.

The meeting was adjourned to Lum's at 9:30 p.m.

NEWSWORTHY NOTES

DO YOU WANT TO SOUND OFF -- DO YOU HAVE INFORMATION YOU THINK THE MEMBERS SHOULD KNOW -- DO YOU HAVE THE URGE TO BECOME AN AUTHOR -- If so, we are looking for you. We want the newsletter to be of special interest to each and every member and as the title suggests, Nick and Starling Voigt should be editors, not authors. So if you have the urge to write an article or a column, please don't hesitate to contact them.

In future issues we hope to have a Buy & Sell section for auto parts and accessories. However, due to the abundance of auto parts held by some members, we ask that no more than three items per person be submitted for each issue.

Please send any information concerning the newsletter to --

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COMING ATTRACTIONS

April 25 WRC will sponsor a rally starting from the Capitol Plaza Shopping Center. Reg. 8AM, FCC 9:01 AM preregister with Ethel Mason, 703-KE 8-4531.

SESCA Championship Autocross, at Montgomery Mall, Reg. 8AM, FCC 9AM

May 2 SCCA Championship Autocross (?) Exact status of this event is in doubt. Hopefully, more details will be available by the time of our next meeting.

CLUB EVENTS

April 29 Monthly meeting at the New Carrollton City Hall

May 15-16 BMW Caravan to Cumberland Races (more details at next meeting)

TECHNICAL

THEFT PROOFING

1. Install an electric fuel pump with a hidden switch under the dash. The mounting should be in the rear in either the turn or under the right wheel well. (Splice into the fuel line under the right wheel well). Remove the drive rod from the mechanical fuel pump and save.
2. Splice into hot lead (12V) to distributor points. This wire runs along the firewall and you should find a place to make the splice branch wire invisible. Run the wire to the hidden switch and through a resistor to ground. Closing the switch shorts out the ignition system so it cannot be hot wired. The resistor is absolutely necessary to prevent burning out the ignition. With the switch closed you can run normally. When you open the switch, the car will run for a few seconds and shut off when the fuse blows. Try different values to get the right one and carry spares.
3. For a quick fix, remove the rotor from the distributor and/or the drain plug from the float chamber of the carburetor.

PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE

1. The design of your BMW may permit particles of paint to run through the fuel system and clog the carburetor jets. This can entail a moderately expensive repair. To avoid the problem, install an in-line fuel filter between the firewall and the fuel pump or between the fuel pump and the carburetor; the latter location is probably better. Cost is low, and the only tool needed is a knife to splice the filter into the fuel line.

DEALERS AND MECHANICS

This is a tough area to discuss. Lets start with the premise that even the best wrench will blow it on occasion, as will the best dealer. Over a period of time, both mechanics and dealers will establish a reputation for themselves -- this may be a source of pride or of dismay depending on the operation in question. For the first issue, a positive approach is in order. You can, fortunately, find a good wrench in this area. Lothar of VOB has to be considered one of the best technicians on the East Coast. In an age when mechanics are considered extensions of parts departments, Lothar has established an enviable standard for others in the business. He is well known to BMW owners, so we won't go into details. Members who are familiar with other top rate technicians or dealers should forward a blurb to the editor.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please accept this application for membership in the BMW Car Club of America, Inc., and the National Capitol Chapter, P. O. Box 2413, Hyattsville, Maryland 20784. I agree to abide by the by-laws and all rules and regulations of the Club.

Signature _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____

Cars owned _____

Year _____ Serial number _____

A check for \$15.00 made payable to the National Capitol Chapter must accompany this application. \$5.00 is your initiation fee; the balance is annual dues.

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