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### Ed Note

It seems that the seat belt interlock system that the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has forced upon us is unpopular with more than just parking lot attendants. To date, some 25 bills have been introduced into the House of Representatives to remove the interlock requirement. One such bill was recently proposed by Rep. Louis Wyman of New Hampshire along with 17 co-sponsors. Rep. Wyman is also the author of a bill that would remove emission control devices from most cars, except in certain designated high-pollution areas. This man has some good ideas and could use some encouragement. The gas mileage penalty of the current emission control is well known, and although I am more likely to drive without my pants than without my seatbelt, I have had problems when carrying things in the passenger seat. (Did you ever try to strap in a large dog??) I suggest we write to Rep. Wyman and tell him to keep up the good work.

### Transfer of Control

The press of business is going to take me out of the area for the months of September and October and part of November. Since it will be a bit difficult to assemble a newsletter from Arizona, Dave Roach has graciously consented (after a bit of arm twisting) to edit these issues. I hope that all of the people will give Dave as much help as they have given me. My thanks especially to Denise Price and Kathy Leeper, who have been models of promptness in doing their columns.

*Paul Schauble*

### ABOUT THE COVER

This month's cover photo is one of the two Hurtig Team Libra 3.5CS. This car and its teammate finished 4 and 5 at Mid-Ohio in June. Photo by Karl Esch.

## ACTIVITIES

Trophies for the 29 June Fun Rally will be given out at our next meeting, 20 August. The first and second place cars will receive trophies. Dix and Owen Griesemer took first place with 1417 points. Second place goes to Barb and Al Ferguson with 1604 points. If you people can't make our meeting, please contact me so we can arrange for you to receive your trophies.

*Ron Beavers*

## MINUTES

Another club autocross will be held on the weekend of June 20th at the Memco lot in Rockville.

Ron Beavers reported that another club rally is in the making for sometime in September.

Five new members were introduced at the meeting.

For the newsletter, Paul announced that a newsletter contest will be held again this year with three issues from August to December needed as an entry. First prize is \$100. Also, a new meeting place is desperately needed to put the newsletter together.

Kathy Leeper mentioned several upcoming rallies, notably the PCA Friday Night Rally and the Mad Hatter Rally on Aug. 8.

A tech session will be ready in two weeks for a place in Southwest D.C. More details soon.

Dave Roach reported on the Chapter Congress held July 13-14. A dues increase of \$5.00 for National Membership was brought up. The primary purpose of the increase would be to pay the salary for a full time Executive Secretary. It would also pay the increased printing costs for the Roundel.

New business: A motion was made to award a trophy for best overall finisher from our chapter at this year's Oktoberfest. The motion was seconded and voted upon. Another motion was made to have the Executive Committee take responsibility for determining the cost of the award. Motion was seconded and voted upon.

After a short buy and sell break, Phil Dermer from Motortech spoke and presented a slide show.

*Denise Price*

## Treasurer's Report

JULY 1	Balance	\$131.37	
			<u>IN</u> <u>OUT</u>
Dues			
New		125.00	
Renewals		128.50	
Ralley		18.00	
BMWCCA			75.00
Stationary Supplies			27.62
Newsletter			116.17
S.C.			1.15
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		271.50	219.94
Net		51.56	
AUG 1	Balance	\$164.93	

### BMWCCA Autocross

On a bright, sunny Sunday in July (the 21st, to be exact), a bunch of maniacs gathered on the MEMCO parking lot in Rockville to put on an autocross. To a stranger in these parts, it might look like some sort of bizarre religious rite, but all the locals (local sports car fanatics, that is) knew it was a great autocross in the making.

The course was perfect for BMWs, and BMWs did well-- Harry Bacas took second in C/S; a silver CS took second in D/S and a Bavaria, driven by Steve Vandivere, took third in D/S; and Chet Kingsbury took second in E/P. In addition, Rick Price (the O.D.) was rumored to have an official FTD (Fastest Time of Day) in his almost-IMSA 2002, but his only witness claims he drove only from start line to finish line, missing most of the course.

BMWCCA members turned out in great numbers to assist in making the 67-car event a grand success. The O.D. is grateful for the particular assistance of Chet Kingsbury and Ric Cavallero in laying out the course. Cavallero also took fourth in A/P in his screaming yellow Porch 911. An apparently outstanding party occurred after the event at the Cavallero's residence.

Finally, the O.D. wishes to particularly not thank Libel Productions for their part in writing this desperate attempt at humor, and who have signed the article, not with their own name, but with that of the poor O.D.,

*Rick Price*

## Rally Box

Stupendous rally support has been available from the club in recent events. Ron Beavers' club rally, as reported at the last meeting, was greatly enjoyed by both rallyists and workers. A jolly time was had by all at the end rehashing the course. Everyone got to the end without major mishap and compliments flew for Ron.

The MCMC Championship rally had five club cars running, an exceptionally good turnout. As we go to press, official results are not available.

Dave Roach served as a checkpoint captain on the Virginia Reel National Rally the 27th of July. Paul Schauble, Ron Beavers, and Jean Frane also worked on Dave's control. The crew actually ran two checkpoints with super efficiency and no upheld complaints. Unfortunately, one of the two controls was thrown out due to a course error, which is somewhat disheartening for a checkpoint crew. There were some really heartrending moments when it was learned that there was a course protest submitted on the other checkpoint too, but it was disallowed to everyone's relief.

### Upcoming events:

Championship Rally--The Mad Hatter, SESCA, August 18, FCO 10:01 a.m., \$5, Registrar is Barry Blanford, 319 A St., NE, Washington, D.C. 20002. The club has numbers 4, 7, and 11 reserved for a team.

PCA Friday Night Rally #4, Sept. 13, Registrar is Ruth Nelson, 299-2971.

*Kathy Leeper*

### THE VIRGINIA REEL

The seventeenth running of the area's premiere rally occurred on the 27th of July. Seventy-six cars braved the early hour and dense fog to try their hands at the infamous Virginia course--following in this year's Virginia Reel.

A National rally in SCCA's rally championship series, the Reel is the oldest continuously run National rally in the nation. The rally has varied from a very easy event (as late as 1968) to a real cruncher like last year's. This year's rally, engineered by Bill Gronning (who builds Zeron computers) and yours truly (who was trying his first national) and rallymastered by Dick Lieberman, attempted to put the best of both worlds into a crowd-pleasing event of moderate difficulty.

The morning run went from Manassas up through the hunt country around Middleburg, through a break in Marshall, and down to lunch at Warrenton. The

afternoon section went from Warrenton southeast toward Fredericksburg before turning back toward the finish at Manassas. Traps were the order of the day, with a few new twists to spice up the old, tried-and-true Virginia roads. There was a trap on every leg. Some were simple and some were subtle, but with 25 controls (i.e., 25 traps) in 260 miles of rallying, they came fast. Nobody got through the whole day without buying at least one.

Lots of smiles and applause at the end suggested that the rally was a success. Some apparently thought it was too easy and others undoubtedly felt the opposite, but the general feeling seemed to be enthusiastic acceptance of the concept and the operation of the event. The attempt to make it easier than last year was an obvious success: the winners this year had fewer than 300 points, while last year's victors had over 2000.

What does all of this have to do with BMWCCA? The club was represented by one competitor and one checkpoint crew. The former, Harry Bacas, did fairly well, capturing the best BMW trophy (no, Chet, they weren't the only BMW) as well as some other silver. The control, captained by Ashley Roachclip, did extremely well; no timing hassles, two shiny BMWs on display, cool heads and steady hands--all marks of success. Unfortunately, their first control (they worked two) was discarded (not scored) due to problems on the course. C'est la guerre!

*Mike Leeper*

The membership business seems to be booming. We have 11 new members this month. Let's welcome:

Dean Merrell, 3242 S. 28th St., Alexandria, Va. Dean has a 1968 2002.

Keith Nichols, 701 Quincy St. NE, Washington, D.C. Keith's car is a 1969 1600-2.

Jack Rolfe, 9039 Sligo Creek Parkway, Silver Spring, Md. Jack has a nice new 1974 2002.

Gordon & Kathleen Kimpel, 9832 Fairfax Sq., Fairfax, Va. The Kimpel's have a 1973 2002.

Fisher & Lanelle Jones, 3530 S. 6th St., Arlington, Va. Fisher & Lanelle have a 1969 2002.

B.S. & Suzanne Wright, 5236 Macomb St., Washington, D.C. The Wright's own a 1972 Bavaria, must be nice!

Keith & Cecilia Woodard, 6817 Persimmon Tree Rd., Bethesda, Md. Keith & Cecilia are owners of a 1973 2002.

James Ryland, 2115 Country Fair La., Sykesville, Md. Jim has been a member of the National club and is joining our chapter. Jim's car is a 1973 2002 tii.

Sanford & Marcia Mirman, 8194 Inverness Ridge Rd., Potomac, Md. Sanford & Marcia are the lucky owners of a 1974 2002tii.

Bill Reichenbach, 7125 Willow Ave., Takoma Park, Md. Bill's car is a 1970 2002.

Bradley Green, 3220 McKinley St., Washington, D.C. Bradley has an oldy, but goody. He has a 1967 1600-2.

Welcome all of you lucky BMW owners. Now a little unpleasant business for the old members. There are several of you who have not paid you annual dues yet. I am going to strike the following people from the rolls unless I hear from them by the next newsletter printing.

Ed Alber	Charles Bradley
Paul Kaplan	Richard Cohen
Grahame Reffell	Dalton Potter
Frank Shap	R.D. Gibson
Conway Wilson	Charlie Frankfort
William Woodward	Nori Laboree
James Farriss	Lewis Lipnick
Knox Felker	Geroge deSosio
Ed Freedman	Bill Mason
Jack Kuhn	Mary E. Price
Chris Romine	Myron Levy
Malcolm Stephens	Jeffrery Frank
Michael Meyer	Gordon Baskerville

*Gretchen Blankenship*

#### Autocross School

In conjunction with the University Sports Car Club, BMWCCA will sponsor its second autocross school on Sunday, September 1 at parking lot 4 of the University of Maryland. The first car will be off at 10 o'clock.

As in the past, BMWCCA members will run registration and tech inspection (you must have at least 30 pounds of pressure in your tires), and USCC members will set up the course and do the timing.

An instructor will walk the course with you, drive you and your car through the course (if you want him to), and then the instructor will ride through with you. Finally, you'll be on your own, with the instructor watching to suggest improvements.

The event should be fun for all. The cost is \$1 for 4 official runs (\$2/4 runs for non-BMWCCA members), with a good possibility of "fun runs" afterwards. Come out and learn how to handle your Wundercar better!

#### Hot Gossip from Libel Productions

Ed Alber will shortly have the fastest 2002 on the block. Terry Luxford is rebuilding his block, and the redline on the car before Terry did the block was *nine grand!*

Prosperous BMW/Honda owners Jim and Gretchen Blankenship have finally finished redoing the living room of their Bethesda mansion. The official housewarming should be soon.

Rick Price has just started working on not one, but two racing cars. He's preparing the '68 for B/Sedan SCCA racing and the '74 for IMSA Baby Grand. Dave Roach will co-drive.

Paul Schauble heads west soon, in hopes of entering a road rally in Arizona. Either there's a great difference in the length of the rallies, or else there are some strange instructions ("Left after the 2,336th center dash line since the beginning of the rally").

It is rumored that John Buffum and Paul Newman are the guests of honor at the annual BMWCCA Christmas Party. Also attending should be Raquel Welch, Ali McGraw, and a case of Coors as a door prize. (Well, we did say rumored.)

Chet Kingsbury is planning a swimming party sometime in September. Details will be in the next newsletter and at the next meeting. (Wait a minute! This is a true rumor! How'd that get in here?)

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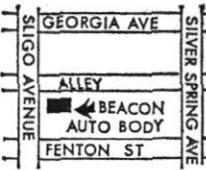
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### NCC CALENDAR

#### AUGUST

- 11 - LOTUS CHAMPIONSHIP X-cross
- 18 - SESCA MADHATTER RALLY
- 20 - BMWCCA MONTHLY MEETING
- 25 - PCA CHAMPIONSHIP X-cross

#### SEPTEMBER

- 1 - BMWCCA AUTOCROSS SCHOOL
- 1 - NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
- 8 - AJSTC FUNCTION IV RALLY
- 13 - PCA FRIDAY NIGHT RALLY
- 13-15 - MONTE CARLO WEEKEND/RALLY & AUTOCROSS
- 18 - BMWCCA MONTHLY MEETING  
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## Next Meeting

The August meeting will be held at the BRICKSKELLER, 1523 22nd St. N.W. see map. The program will be films of the Press on Regardless Pro Rally.

The September meeting will be held on the 18th, WEDNESDAY, at the Carling Brewery. Details and directions will be in the September Newsletter.

The October speaker will be a representative from Quaker State Oil.

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Current word is that both of the Hurtig Team Libra BMW 3.5 CS racing cars are for sale, one of them available immediately. The problem is not speed, since the cars have been doing quite well, but lack of money.

