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# EDITOR'S NOTES. . .

Happy 7th Anniversary to the National Capital Chapter! For those who may not know, this month is the 7th Anniversary of our chapter. To celebrate this festive occasion, we're having a PARTY at this month's meeting. (Tues., Feb. 21, 8:00 PM, Diamond Head). Please try to attend and celebrate the club's achievements over the past seven years. (Why don't you come early and have dinner with fellow members as a token of our appreciation to the Diamond Head for the use of their meeting room?) Also, Chet Kingsbury hopefully will have some slides he took at 24 hours at Daytona, Feb. 4th and 5th.

I would like to extend thanks to Jane Touzalin, our past editor, for her help with the newsletter. Without her help, the newsletter would never get mailed—literally. She does wonders with the mailing labels and those multi-colored mailing symbols. Thanks, Jane!

Our newsletter is in need of a photographer. If anyone is interested, please call me or see me at the meeting.

As a result of recent elections, we now have three new officers. But—as of printing deadline, we still didn't have a vice president for our club. Surely someone can find the time to help out. Who knows, you might enjoy it. If you are interested, or would like to nominate someone, give Bill Riblett a call or see him at the meeting.

Speaking (typing?) of Bill Riblett, he is our new president. Bill has many exciting plans for the coming year. If you have any additional ideas or suggestions on what you'd like to do this year, tell him. Chances are, you'll find many others with the same interests. Again, to have a club where everyone has a good time, we all have to participate. After all, no one can read minds. Our other officers are: Secretary, Chuck Garrish and Treasurer, Mike Greenbaum, both of whom will prove to be beneficial for our club. As mentioned before, we still do need a vice president.

Again, happy 7th Anniversary, and see you all at the celebration!

Vicki

# CALENDAR

- February 12 WRC/SCCA Winter Rally #2 (see rally article)
- 12 CVCC Winter Autocross, York Mall, York, PA. Register 8 AM.
- 21 BMWCCA monthly meeting: 8 PM, Diamond Head Rest., 6900 Wisconsin Ave., Chevy Chase, Md.
- 26 WRC/SCCA Winter Rally #3
- March 5 BRANDED Championship Rally
- 6 DER BAYERISCHE Deadline
- 12 WRC/SCCA Winter Rally #4
- 21 BMWCCA monthly meeting

- April 4 DER BAYERISCHE Deadline
- 9 SCSA Championship Rally "GO-GO".
- 15-16 Bob Ridges Memorial Rally
- 18 BMWCCA monthly meeting
- 23 PCA open "club" rally

# NOTICE. . .

If you have not yet renewed your membership to BMWCCA, this will be your last newsletter until your membership renewal is received. Be sure to send it in so you will continue to receive this newsletter.

Also, the deadline for next month's *der bayerische* is March 6. Articles, reports, etc. can be turned in up to that date. Any items received after that date will not be guaranteed publication for the March issue.

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# FROM BEHIND THE GAVEL. . .

been looking forward to the year ahead as president of the National Capitol Chapter because there are so many things I really want to do. But I'm also approaching the year ahead with a certain amount of trepidation, (as I suspect my predecessors did) for the same reason. January, 1979 may seem a long way off (it's really hard to think about next winter just now), but the time will pass quickly and there's much to be done.

The club had a pretty good year in 1977 despite the insurance problems which forced cancellation of our rally and autocross. (These problems have now been solved so we'll hope to sponsor such activities in '78). My regret, though, is that only a small number of members were involved in planning and running most of the club activities. I guess this is a perennial plea (not only in this club), but I do hope we can get a lot more people involved this year. Putting on events and participating in them can both be a lot of fun. And our membership includes a diverse and interesting bunch of people, who have in common an interest in their BMWs, and who seem to have a good time and find lots to talk about when they get together with others having the same "per-version".

I suppose I should say a few words about myself. When I'm not a BMW fanatic, I'm a bureaucrat. My wife and I bought our first BMW in 1972 (we picked it up on Halloween and it was Inka orange, so it of course became The Great Pumpkin), and we now own a '74 Tii (as well as three "project cars"). I've been a BMWCCA member since 1973, and I've operated the club store for our chapter since 1975. My strongest interests have been in repairs and restoration, although we're starting on our third season of sporadic rallying. But mostly we enjoy driving our car on long, scenic trips and on jaunts along challenging country roads. The other half of the "we" I mention is my wife Carolyn Reed, who is really my partner in the club venture.

There are a number of things which I'd like to see happen this year. I want to reach as much of the membership as possible, including the so-called "paper members" who have their primary contact with the club through the *Roundel* and *Der Bayerische*.

Those of you who have contact with the club primarily through the written word are important to us, and I hope that the local chapter can effectively meet your needs through some expansion of the scope of *Der Bayerische*.

We also hope to have a respectable number of social and motor-sport activities for the membership, which we'll plan on discussing at the next chapter meeting on February 21 at the Diamond Head. The calendar is still evolving so I'll really appreciate your input. Our current ideas include the ever-popular wine-and-cheese and Christmas parties; spring and fall driving tours; a ski trip; a family picnic; caravans to east coast IMSA races (Lime Rock, Road Atlanta, and Mid-Ohio); a trip to Oktoberfest in New Orleans; a driver's school; and a couple of tech sessions.

Some of the topics under consideration for programs at the monthly meetings include: sports car races (slides and presentations by participants); technical material on car maintenance and repair; activities of BMWCCA (national) and of other chapters and car clubs; automobile-related governmental programs and plans; and introductory programs on such motorsports as TSD rallying, autocrossing, and performance rallying.

We'd like to see a good crowd involved both in putting on these activities and in participating in them. But at this point in the year we'd especially like to have your ideas about the direction in which we should be moving. It's my hope that during the next few weeks we can put together a fairly firm calendar for the rest of the year, so that the activities can be publicized and the members can plan ahead to participate. This is the time, then, to let me know what you'd like to see happen, especially with regard to the content and format of the monthly meetings. Chat with me at the February meeting or call me at home (652-9013—please leave a message if the machine answers).

I also hope you'll view *Der Bayerische* as your chapter newsletter. Send in your articles, letters, tech reports, and "Swap or Sell"

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# 1978 BMWCCA CANDIDATES

## The Election of '78

By Dick Neville, President, BMWCCA, Inc.

Finally, in 1978, BMWCCA will have an election with some candidates! I'm running for reelection as President of BMWCCA, and after once being swept into office on sea of apathy, actually have an opponent this year! So I'm glad to have an opportunity to discuss my views with the members of the National Capital Chapter through the pages of *der bayerische*.

I'm running again because I feel one year isn't enough to make any lasting impression on a Club like BMWCCA. It's become so big, so diverse, and so spread out that it takes a year just to get to know everybody. So I see 1978 as a year for consolidation of our Club, not just a year for further growth. We need to return to the basic objectives of any car club—having fun with our cars—and determine how BMWCCA can better help each individual member do this.

Some of our chapters can use help in organizing better programs for members, and this is one area where National can really help. We know what works well and can offer many helpful suggestions to chapter officers. I plan in 1978 to implement a program of chapter officer contact that will provide them with specific plans they can implement in running their chapters. After all, a program that's worked well in Windy City can also benefit the National Capital Chapter.

I plan to continue to try to accommodate all types of members in our club. There's room for the 1600 owner, the prewar BMW collector, the member who owns a 2002 and plans to run it forever, the buyer of a '78 BMW, and all in between.

I will also insure that the *Roundel* continues to be the club publication anywhere. Since I was its editor for half a year in 1976-77, I know what's involved in making deadline, improving content, and getting advertising to cover many of our costs.

It was my privilege to serve as your president in 1977. I would like to continue and consolidate the gains we made during that year. May I count on your vote in the 1978 Club election? Thanks very much.

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## Bence Means Work (for You)!

By Bence Boelcskev

Hello! My name is Bence Boelcskev, and I am running to be your President. This year is my second year on the National Board of Directors, serving first as Member-at-Large and currently as Vice President and Ombudsman. I am running for President for a number of reasons, some of which I'll discuss briefly.

The National Board is elected by and should be responsive to your and me, the dues paying member. Therefore, the National Board can only serve you well if the emphasis is on services you want. The tone of the Board is set by all the Board members, but it is guided by the President. When was the last time the National Board asked you what you wanted from our club?

From discussions with many of you as your Ombudsman, one message comes through loud and clear. You did not join CCA to become a number in a card file; you joined as a person who

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## Candidates (con't)

enjoys belonging to a club composed of *people*. If I am elected President, here are a few of the projects I will support to make the club more responsive to you—the individual member.

1. *National Questionnaire/Survey*—as President of Buckeye Chapter I sent a questionnaire to all chapter members. The response shaped the course of chapter growth. Emphasis was placed on those areas that most members wanted. I plan to do the same thing as National President. The club *will work to be* the same thing as National President. The club *will work to be* what you want it to be!
2. *The Roundel*—is one service from which we all benefit. I will work to continue to improve the technical content of the *Roundel*, with heavy emphasis on "How To" articles and technical tips. I would also investigate publishing technical tips in the center four or five pages of the *Roundel*. This would allow you to remove the technical pages from each issue, and keep a separate file on technical tips alone; or print extra technical pages to be mailed from our National office at nominal cost. Additional features that you request in the Questionnaire/Survey will be incorporated in the *Roundel*.
3. *Integrate the Vice President and Ombudsman offices*—as Vice President/Ombudsman, I have been someone you could call or write if you had a car or club problem. At a recent Board meeting, I proposed placing on the upcoming ballot a change in our by-laws to permanently integrate these offices. To my great disappointment, the proposal to present this issue to you for your vote on the upcoming ballot was narrowly defeated. As President, I would again propose this change for your approval or disapproval. I firmly believe that you have a right to someone on the Board who can speak as your individual advocate. Currently the Vice President has few defined tasks. That person, therefore, has the time to devote to the Ombudsman services (currently averaging 2-3 inquiries per day). Is it a valuable service? I believe it is, but ask one of the members who has used it.
4. *Officer Availability*—your officers are elected by you, therefore, you should be able to reach each officer to personally discuss your needs. As President I shall continue to urge all officers to publish their phone numbers in the *Roundel*. I have published my number for the past year and have met many of you in this way.
5. *Coordinate a Car Club Council*—as President, I will work to establish a Council of Car Clubs. I believe that car clubs as we know them, must begin to pull together. Gas pricing, insurance costs (private and club-related), safety legislation, etc., affect every one of us. We must work together to preserve what we enjoy—fine motor cars and safe driving.
6. Thanks to the past Secretary, Holly Lenhardt and the Board, we now have available "Friends of BMW". I support this type of service and will support additions and revisions to this. Included in the next edition will be C-B call letters and emergency phone numbers of all Highway Patrol agencies.
7. *Activities Director*—as President I plan to support reactivating the position of the Activities Director at the National level to assist with O'fest and local chapter Fall fests.
8. *Regular Monthly Financial Updates*—I will insist on publishing in the *Roundel* a monthly financial update on all budget categories, as well as updates on all national projects. Why do this? I feel you have a right to know how and where your money is being spent.

I would like to thank you for this opportunity to share some of my thoughts with you. If the platform I've described is what you want, I would appreciate your vote. If you would like to discuss these points or others, please call or write me at anytime. My phone number and address are on the *Roundel* masthead. Freut euch des Lebens!

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## Rob Brooks

In response to the Charlottesville member inquiring about local events (or those in Baltimore), I should hasten to suggest that if these outlying members can front the effort to hold regional meetings and events, National Capital has a choice. On the one hand is to operate in a fashion such as Buckeye Chapter with defined regions within the chapter, each with its sub-officers, the leader of which is, of course, on the Chapter board of directors. On the other hand is to petition National to cut-away from National Capital and incorporate a distinctly separate chapter. Read the National by-laws out there in the country, it's easy enough to do, but carries a lot of responsibility, time, and effort as well—ask any officer. Perhaps the most feasible approach is that of the subchapter for the time being. It's good to hear of interest "out there"!!

Item two—in case you don't know, I will be running for Vice President of BMWCCA in the forthcoming election. Your vote will be appreciated. Your questions, comments, gripes, and whatever are always welcome. After all, I don't know if you won't say, and National officers can only be responsive when they are informed—and it's up to the membership—every individual—speak up.

A complete list of candidates will probably be appearing in the next *Roundel*. Stan Simm will be running for my present office of Atlantic Zone Governor. A good choice even if he does run unopposed. Current Vice President and Ombudsman Bence Boelcskev is challenging Dick Neville for the office of President. Bence made Buckeye the member oriented chapter it is, with consistent heavy turnouts for all their events. As Vice President of BMWCCA he has organized and carried out an enviable Ombudsman program. Bence feels, as I do, that the club is not a business as much as it is a gathering of tremendous people with a common interest, and that the goal of the National Board should be to develop an intense interaction with local chapters, to help them, rather than be an inscrutable band of unknowns dictating fiscal policy. I'm sure he would appreciate your vote also. Watch the Soapbox column in the *Roundel*—and VOTE, because your vote does count.

## GAVEL (Con't)

ads (free to club members) to the Livingstons. Vicki is doing a tremendous job of putting the newsletter together, and Barry is filling it with ads, but we need your contributions of letters and articles to complete the picture.

Finally, on behalf of the chapter, I'd like to express appreciation to last year's officers and to acknowledge the fine job they did. I know that the 1978 officers look forward to the continued involvement of the old officers in this year's club activities.

See you at the February meeting! It's the chapter's 7th anniversary and we'll have a party! We also hope to have a slide from Chet Kingsbury's trip to the 24 Hours of Daytona, February 4th and 5th.

Bill



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By Barry S. Livingston

A number of us have had to move to a new city, and, as on the purchase of one's first BMW, have had the traumatic experience of trying to find a reliable service institution, which not only provides satisfactory results, but is also a thrifty value. Most of us have had to rely on trial and error, or by word-of-mouth, such as stopping a fellow comrade in his Bimmer and, in sixty seconds or so, getting a complete run-down of various shops in the area. Good news and high praises travel very slowly, but bad service establishes itself like the plague and spreads like a forest fire. Exposed recipients of unsatisfactory service will generally offer their story without hesitation.

My phone number is somewhat public in *der bayerische*, and as a result, I seem to get a number of calls, questions, complaints, and an occasional praise. Judging from the variety of questions and the weight of complaints or lack of recommendations, some facts develop which is the basis for how I advise members. What should one look for in getting quality service? For one thing, let's face it, the more regularly one services a particular type of car, especially one as technically designed as the BMW, the better one will be able to diagnose problems. Also, if one depends on maintaining a good reputation in the service jungle, you better fix it right the first time and have the customer leave with the feeling that the work done was worth the dollars paid.

Usually, the owner/mechanics of their own garages that work on BMW exclusively, respond very well to satisfy a majority of problems. Dealerships, possibly because of the piece work capability of their mechanics, normally have to keep themselves isolated from verbal feedback that the service advisor/manager absorbs. My information of service administration varies from a few princes to \*&!?!&\*!! The mechanic who works on your

car should know the results. The misunderstandings which develop are too numerous to mention. Communication is the biggest problem I can point out. Make sure that you explain your position completely. What's wrong? Well, write down what's wrong. How much do you expect to spend? When you have your view expressed, make sure it is on the work order as interpreted and also a firm limit with telephone authorization. A phone call should clear things up fast.

Normally, because of the number of autos to the amount of service available, the ratio is always lop-sided. Waiting to have work done on a car can be pretty trying. Making an appointment is mostly the case, but the appointment can be made conveniently if both parties are working from the same calendar.

Some shops will stop work when the job is done, while others are strictly eight to five, Monday thru Friday. Judge for yourself by what type of business you're in, and on what type of service your customers/clients would expect.

The best advice I can find is simply biased. Take an interest in your car. Learn about its needs; read your owner's manual—knowing it can mean the difference between better gas mileage, longer engine life, and an overall safer car. Get in the habit of changing the oil regularly and checking the fluid levels. I further suggest coming to the club meetings regularly. Most likely, after attending a few meetings and tech sessions, you'll be amazed at how much more knowledge you'll have about your car, how much better it will run, and the increased enjoyment you'll receive from your Bimmer.

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## BMWCCA Goes to Germany

BMWCCA is planning to make available to its members reduced air transportation to Germany in late June 1978, in conjunction with the BMW Factory-Sponsored Driving School at Nurburgring. Although entries in the Driving School will be limited to at most 60 persons, we hope to have many more participate in the trip as either companions to those entered in the Driving School or as pure vacationers.

### The Tentative Schedule is as Follows:

Saturday, June 17—Depart U.S. (New York or Boston)

Sunday, June 18—Arrive Munich

Monday, June 19—Free Day

Tuesday, June 20—Tour BMW Factory and Museum. Evening meeting for Driving School participants and companions.

Wednesday, June 21—Driving School participants and companions leave for Nurburgring Circuit.

Thursday, June 22—Driving School

Saturday, June 24—Driving School

Sunday, June 25—Drive back to Munich

Monday, June 26—Free Time

Sunday, July 2—Free Time

Monday, July 3—Depart Munich

Monday, July 3—Arrive New York (or Boston)

### Tentative Costs:

A. Round Trip Air Fare—New York (or Boston)/Munich/New York (or Boston): \$450 per person.

B. Driving School—\$250 for drivers, \$80 for companions.

C. In addition to quoted costs, each member will be responsible for his/her own travel from residence to departure point and return, and for any costs in Europe not specifically included below.

D. All Driving School participants (and companions) must travel to and from Germany with charter group.

Driving School fee includes all costs of the three day school at Nurburgring, room and board for three of the four nights at the Circuit, car rental fee, gasoline used (cars will be shared by two participants plus companions), insurance for the event, films in the evenings, technical instruction, fitness instruction (you should bring gym clothes), prize-giving ceremony and dance.

We plan to include with the 1978 Election Ballot mailout in late February a response form. This *must be mailed with a deposit*, and will include such particulars as number of people, preference for Driving School, and whether you will join the trip as a vacationer if you do not reserve in time to be included in the Driving School. We hope to have available sixty (60) positions in the Driving School, but there might not be that many available. All requests will be treated on a first come, first served basis. All replies must be mailed, with full completion of the form.

**SAVE YOUR MONEY. PLAN YOUR 1978 VACATION NOW!**

## TRY RALLYING...

Interested in rallying? Not performance rallying, but what is commonly known as T.S.D. (time-speed-distance) rallying, is featured in the Washington Rally Club's "Winter Rally Series" (sic). The objective of T.S.D. rallying is to follow a predetermined course using directions based on a carefully defined set of rules and maintaining specified average speeds. It is not a race. Along the course, your progress will be measured both in staying on course and keeping on time. Scores are based on penalties for being either early or late at each control. Competitors are separated into classes based on their experience, so that those with limited experience compete against other beginners rather than the experts.

Each season the "Winter Rally Series" has traditionally led the rally schedule with several rallies oriented toward beginners. They also provide those with some experience a chance to get ready for the coming season. Although the first rally has been, there are still 3 to go. Dates are: Feb. 12, Feb. 26 and March 12, all Sundays. Cost is \$5.50 each. For registration or further information, contact the Humphries at:

9008 Orange Hunt Lane  
Annandale, VA 22003  
(703) 978-8241

## FRIENDS OF BMW

Now that Friends of BMW is well on its way to becoming a best seller, we are assembling the second edition which will be released in 1978.

The delay in releasing the original booklet was caused by a major printing problem but we feel that the second time around should be quite a bit smoother. As you can see on the form, we are now soliciting information which will better pinpoint whatever help a Friend could offer.

For those of you who were included in the first booklet, we again ask that you re-submit your information to us so that we can be sure each edition will be as up-to-date as possible. Of course, you will automatically receive the new booklet if you are listed.

Since we want the new version out a little earlier in the year to be more responsive to the needs of people who travel during the peak vacation season, we need your forms right away. Let's make this edition twice as helpful as the first!

Holly Lenhardt

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Please return this form to: Friends of BMW Director, Holly Lenhardt, 10 Hibernia Road, Rockaway, N.J. 07866.

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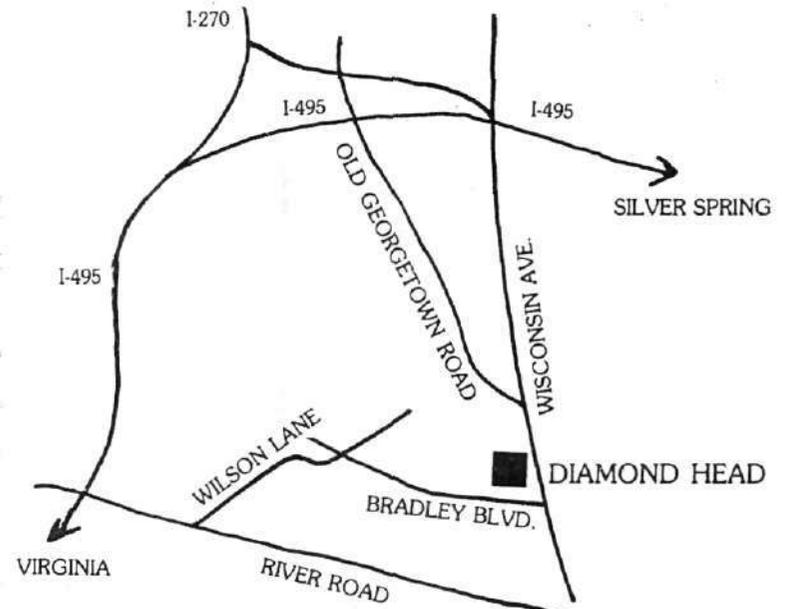
**NEXT MEETING. . .**

**Date:** Tuesday, February 21, 1978

**Time:** 8:00 P.M.

**Place:** Diamond Head Restaurant  
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