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Member Memorabilia

Even with the Christmas rush, you members found time to recruit! Amazing!! Since the last newsletter was published, we gained 15 new members. What else can I say, except, "Keep up the good work!"?

The following people joined the ranks of the club:

William and Catherine Beardsley, 5104 Westpath Court, Sumner, Maryland. The Beardsleys own a 1972 Bavaria.

Norman and Sally Blumenthal, 3604 Spring Street, Chevy Chase, Maryland. Norm and Sally drive a 1973 2002.

Doug and Cheryl Brautigam, who live at 3738 Nile Road, Davidsonville, Maryland, own a 1973 2002.

Gene and Judith Dechert of 8507 Lakinhurst Lane, Springfield, Virginia drive a 1972 Bavaria.

John and Pia Emerson, 411 Cedar Ridge Drive, Oxon Hill, Maryland. The Emersons own a 1971 1600.

Major Joseph C. Heffernan, Warrenton, Virginia, drives a 1971 2800CS.

Robert Kautsky of 3823 Greenly Street, Silver Spring, Maryland, owns a 1973 Bavaria.

Joseph Kelley, Jr. 2 Langley Place, McLean, Virginia. Joseph owns a 1973 Bavaria.

Robert Knetl, who lives at 1900 S. Eads Street, Arlington, Virginia, drives a 1971 2002.

Robert and Sarah McDonald, 1610 N. Springwood Drive, Silver Spring, Maryland. The McDonalds own a 1973 2002.

Raleigh and Susan Neville, 302 North Lincoln Street, Arlington, Virginia. Raleigh and Susan own a 1971 Bavaria.

Thomas and Beverly Sherwood, 14804 Harold Road, Silver Spring, Maryland. The Sherwoods drive a 1973 Bavaria.

Frederick Weisberg, who lives at 1849 Mintwood Place N.W., Washington, D.C., owns a 1973 2002.

Wallace Welch, 2128 Iroquois Lane, Falls Church, Virginia. Wally drives a 1973 2002.

Thomas and Mary Wilson of 4424 68th Place, Hyattsville, Maryland, own a 1972 2002.

It's been a great year for membership growth....let's try to make 1974 even greater!

Patti Cavallero

Treasurer's Report

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	<u>OUT</u>	<u>IN</u>
Balance on Dec. 1		385.03
<u>December</u>		
Xmas Party Receipts		187.00
Xmas Party Expenses	139.50	
Club Store	60.00	
Totals	199.50	187.00
Happy New Year!		
Balance on Jan. 1		327.30

Jim Blankenship

Pylon Propaganda

AUTO "X" TACY

Well, despite the "gas shortage" it appears there will be a championship autocross series this year. Two lots, Montgomery Mall in Bethesda, and the GEM store in Alexandria have promised us availability of their facilities. Our championship autocross will again be the second event of the series, and is to be held in March. Until then, if you want to try autocrossing for the first time or just want to keep yourself in shape over the winter lull, there are two winter series this year. The first, sponsored by USCC (University Sports Car Club) had the first in a series of four events on December 30. There were quite a few BMWCCA members participating. The official results are not yet public but my notes show our members doing pretty good with John Stavar taking 1st in E Prep.; Chet Kingsbury, 3rd E Prep.; Estelle Watts, 1st Ladies; Rick Price, 4th D Stock; Ric Cavallero, 5th D Stock; Harry Bacas, 6th D Stock; and Dave Roach, 4th C Stock. All the events by USCC are held at lot 4 at the University of Maryland. Call me for directions or watch the STOPWATCHER. Future dates are listed in the N.C.C. Calendar.

The other series is sponsored by the Mason-Dixon Sports Car Club (MDSCC) of Hagerstown. This has been an annual event for many years and is held in Frederick, Maryland at the Zayre Shopping Center. This has always been an excellent series for both novices and experienced alike. These dates also are listed in the N.C.C. Calendar. If you have any interest in autocrossing you should at least attend a few of these events as a spectator and then you will have some knowledge of what to do at our spring autocross school. Need more information? Give me a call.

Ric Cavallero

Racing Here & There

The new 24-valve 6-cylinder car saw its first outing at Kyalami in South Africa. The factory team was attempting to run the bugs out of their system. They seemed to be having cooling problems, as shown by the photos of the car with three radiators hanging off the back end, but with 400 HP were still able to play tag with some of the prototypes.

The factory driver lineup is now taking shape - so far it's Hans Stuck, Derek Bell, Jackie Icks - they're still negotiating with Ronnie Petersen.

After last year's tragic race, the Spa 24 Hours will be for group 1 cars only this season. Aside from that, the ETTC schedule hasn't changed very much: Digon, March 10; Monza, March 24; Salzburgring, April 14; Mantorp Park, May 15; Nivelles, June 30; Nurburgring, July 14; Zandvoort, August 11; and Paul Ricard, September 1. Two other possibilities are Nurburgring 1000km, May 19; and the Spa Cup, May 4.

Jerry Coffey

Council Notes

The last meeting of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Sports Car Clubs (MWSCC) produced a couple of surprises. First was a rule-change voting. Then there was the proposal by one club to cease motorsports activities for six months.

The voting on rules changes was surprising for one reason: it was fast! There wasn't much of the usual haggling and

compromising. The rally rules were done in short order and autocross soon after. Discussion of these changes will follow in future issues of this fine rag.

The hot item was the proposal to impose a six-month moratorium on all motorsports activities - at least those that use gas (parties, picnics, and stuff would be OK). The problem is not how much gas we use (after all, we use less than bowlers) but how much John Q. thinks we use. To use the term thrown about at the council meeting, we have a high degree of visibility. When Gary Gasburner passes a checkpoint or autocross site in his Guzzlegobs V-8, he says "What the hell these fully little furrin cars doing using up my gas for the hell of it?" He doesn't know about our fuel consumption; probably he doesn't want to. Irate citizens can mean hasty laws. Rallying has been banned in Illinois because of this, and Maryland and (I believe) Virginia both already have laws that can stop rallies cold. Autocrosses use less gas, of course, but they may be even more visible.

Critics of the proposal said the moratorium would do no good. They see no sense in cutting out all motorsport, and suggested counterproposals which would reduce the number of events and shorten rallies.

Whatever the decision is to be, it will be made soon. I'll try to keep you posted. Meanwhile, the Washington Rally Club (WRC) has cancelled its winter series and the Bob Ridges Memorial Rally. Damn shame, that, but it may prove to be a wise move.

Mike Leeper



Rally Box

The rally scene is currently pretty grim. The Washington Rally Club (WRC) which has been a major host with its Winter Rally Series and Bob Ridges Memorial Rally in March has decided to delay all rallies and plans for rallies indefinitely, feeling that the fuel shortage places rallying in a poor light. This resolution is not directly connected with the proposal now being voted on by clubs which has been circulated by the Council although WRC did initiate the Council proposal. (See Council report.)

THE STOPWATCHER listed one rally event in the December 21 issue, the most current as we go to press. It is listed below. I understand that VMSC in Richmond plans to keep rallying, though I have no other information currently. Die hards could call Mike Castleberry at 804-320-0108. He would know. I will be in touch with Richmond from time to time, too.

In the Championship Rally Series, our members did quite an outstanding job, especially considering the small number of regular rallyists we have. Mike and Kathy Leeper were eleventh over all and third in the expert class and Dave Roach did an outstanding job in his first full season to win fifty-third over all and third novice navigator. Our team came in ninth (last) with seventy-three points, but we did get team recognition which is not to be sneezed at.

It would be nice to have a pep talk about the upcoming season, but it seems like too much hot air since we don't know if there will BE a season. Instead, on the off chance that there will someday be lots of rallies again, I will be writing some how-to-do-it columns in the next few months. Depending on the situation, it could become an encyclopedia.

The Annual Awards Banquet for MWCSCC will be January 25. Call Mike Leeper

(703-491-3038) for information and tickets which are ten dollars a person. Cocktails and dinner will be served with a cash bar on hand after dinner. It should be a nice evening.

Should anyone decide to run the rally below, a reserve supply of gas is essential. Start with a full tank if possible. It is almost certain that contestants will go more miles than specified on a rally due to off course excursions.

EVENTS

January 26 - 20th Annual All Night Rally, 300 miles, \$15 per car, breakfast included, Coatsville, Pa. - Registrar, Joan Fascenda, 215-GL 9-1668.

Kathy Leeper

Etc.

VASAK-POLAK, a California BMW-Porsche dealer and CAN-AM contender, will field two BMW 3.0CS this year.



Nick Craw, IMSA Baby Grand co-champion (BMW), is scheduled to be appointed Director of the PEACE Corps.



John Buffum will also have at least one and possibly two 3.0CS in the IMSA and TRANS-AM races in 1974.

The only radial tires that still have three ply steel tread belts are manufactured by Bridgestone. This series is considered by many to be the best handling and longest wearing of any radial tire. By way of comparison, Michelin estimates that they lost 10% of the tire life by using only two belts.

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Malcolm McDowell, erstwhile driver of a Durango 95 (you may remember him - and the car - from A Clockwork Orange) owns a BMW 6 cylinder in real life.

Elections Results

At our Annual Meeting in November we held our elections and the results are as follows:

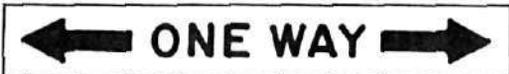
President - Suzie Wyban
V. Pres. - Nancy Stutsman
Sec. - Denise Price
Treas. - Jim Blankenship

Newly appointed committee chairmen are:

Rally - Kath Leeper
Autocross - Ric Cavallero
Technical - Terry Wyban
Membership - Gretchen Blankenship
Editor - Paul Schauble
Council (1) - Mike Leeper
(2) - Chet Kingsbury
Service Reports - Mel Morganstein
Storekeeper - Paul MacInnis
Racing - Jerry Coffey
Oktoberfest - Ric Cavallero

There will be more information about all these people and their respective offices in the February Bayerische.





TRADING POST

FOR SALE: Front floor carpet set for 1600/2002, \$15 (original cost from Auto-Mat, \$25). Grey, high-pile, foam-backed, bound edges, pedal pad. Never used. Exact fit. Call Mike Meyer at 244-0710.

FOR SALE: 2002 items - Semperit 165SR13 radial snows, used 500 miles on wheels and spin balanced, two for \$40; ski rack (holds 4 pair) for \$10; BMWCCA badge for \$2; Roundels since Vol. 1 No. 1 for \$6; spares kit (hoses, rotors, fuses, cap, etc. in case) for \$15; Chiltons Repair Guide thru 70 for \$2.50; trunk liner, prevents stuff from sliding for \$5. Mike Focke, 8306 Highcliffe Court, Annandale, Virginia, (703) 323-7341.

FOR SALE: Stock steering wheel for any BMW 4 cylinder. Zenith black-white television, needs some work. Numerous rear end parts including half-shafts, brake drums, etc. Call Ric at 871-1131.

BMW - 1966 2000CS, with AM/FM radio, electric windows. White with blue interior, brand new Michelin XAS. Body very good, overall car is good. Ed Johnson, (703) 931-2654, Alex. Va. or (703) 755-3426.



The annual NASCAR Daytona 500 will be cut to 450 miles this year in order to conserve fuel. Other planned cuts are the elimination of three of the usual eight practice days and a reduction of the Feb 10 Arca 300 mile event to 200 miles. The speedway also plans to reduce the 24-hour Daytona sports car race to 12 hours and to reduce the distance of all scheduled stock car races by 10%.

The California Highway Patrol warns that some smog devices and safety bumpers may cause problems. The major problem is that the pressure caps installed on fuel tanks to prevent vapor emissions don't always work. When the caps fail, the tank pressure can rise from its normal one or two psi to as high as 80 psi. Then the tank can rupture and spray gas all over. If the car is equipped with shock absorbing bumpers, the gas cylinders can explode with considerable force when heated by the resulting fire. And, if the car has air conditioning, the Freon coolant can release very toxic fumes if the coolant lines burn. Two Highway Patrol cars have been destroyed by fire when the gas tank pressure caps failed.

All Club Officers and Committee Chairmen should attend the monthly Executive meetings....this includes all people listed on the masthead in the front of the newsletter. The date and place of the meeting will appear each month on the N.C.C. Calendar in the monthly newsletter publication.



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N.C.C. Calender

- Jan. 15 - BMWCCA Meeting
- 20 - MDSCC Autocross
- 25 - MWCSCC Awards Banquet
- 26 - 20th Annual All Night Rally
- 27 - USCC Autocross
- Feb. 3 - MDSCC Autocross
- 5 - BMWCCA Executive Meeting
(Ric Cavallero's house)
- 10 - USCC Autocross
- 17 - MDSCC Autocross
- 19 - BMWCCA Meeting
- 24 - USCC Autocross
- Mar. 3 - MDSCC Autocross

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be on January 15, 8:00 P.M. at the Brook Farm Restaurant in Chevy Chase, Maryland. The guest speaker for the evening will be James Kolakowski, representative for Ziebart Rust Proofing. Come early and have dinner.

