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# Editor's Ramblings

For some time now, I've been trying to figure out what made me buy a BMW. I know why I <u>own</u> a BMW--it's because it's the best sports sedan on the market, and it <u>does</u> live up to its motto "Freude am Fahren," which translates to "joy in driving." In fact, if I may indulge myself a little, driving my 2002 feels as good as sipping Johnnie Walker Black on the rocks. It's a moving experience (sorry about the pun).

Back to the subject at hand: why did I buy a BMW? As far as returns on my investment in the realm of status, the BMW is not a good buy. When I walk into the office and say "I own a BMW 2002," I am greeted with blank stares--no one, except fellow sports-car fanatics, knows what the damned thing is. When I describe my car in terms of handling, power, economy, and especially price, I get a lot of wows, but when my office novices actually see the car, they usually say, "Oh, isn't that <u>cute</u>!" Now how's that for a descriptive word? Cute. Cute, like a puppy, or, to borrow David Steinberg's words, Cute, like Tricia Nixon. As far as status goes, I suppose'I am satisfied with some sort of reverse snobbery--while people ogle other more well-known sports cars, I know that my unogled little BMW is as good as any of 'em.

Perhaps it was the recommendations of friends; perhaps it was all those nice things <u>Road and Track</u> says about the car. In any case, I bought one, and hoped for a lot of attractive members of the opposite sex to jump in the car and melt like putty in my hands. Such has not been the case.

In any case, I have not resolved the question that began this column. I must rest on the fact that BMWs are worth buying, as is proved in the driving. After all, what other car can make driving to the supermarket exciting?

I'd be interested to hear from my fellow members--what destined you to buy such an agonizingly beautiful car?

#### Note

While sitting around wondering why I wasn't getting scads of articles this month, it occurred to me that many people may not know where to send articles. The best place to send them is to me--David Roach, 10425 Edgewood Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20901.

### On the Cover

Most likely, BMW will import three models next yearthe 2002, the 3.3S, and the 530i, which is pictured here. The 530i body is in between the 2002 and the 3.3S in size and will probably be offered in two and four-door models. The price, as you might expect, is between that of a 2002 and that of a 3.3S. The 530i features a three-liter, fuel-injected six cylinder engine.

## Minutes

The September meeting was brought to order by Vice President Nancy Stutsman after the club tour through the Carling Brewery.

For Council, Chet Kingsbury reported that three dates for the club's championship rally and autocross must be submitted for next year. A fund has been set up to give donations to the Epilepsy Foundation in memory of George Burhoe. The Council will be making a donation. The Lotus Championship Autocross has been disqualified due to mismanagement.

Dave Roach, substitute newsletter editor, has asked for more articles, especially tech articles.

New Business: Chet Kingsbury brought up the possibility of silk screening T shirts to sell nationwide. A new logo would be fashioned, and at least four colors would be available. To make a profit and keep prices down, at least 12 dozen would have to be purchased. A motion was made to have the club subsidize the venture. Discussion was held: It was pointed out that last year's shirts were very popular. Treasurer Jim Blankenship reported that the club does not have the money to buy the T shirts. The cost would run about \$450 to purchase 12 dozen shirts and make up a new logo. An amendment to the motion was made: The club would go 50/50 with Chet Kingsbury on subsidizing this venture. The amendment was tabled until an Executive Meeting could be held. The final decision will be made as soon as possible in order to have shirts ready to sell at Oktoberfest '74.

After a buy and sell, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30.

Denise Price

ED. NOTE: As of this printing, no executive meeting has been held.

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# Nember Memorabilia

We have five new members this month. They are all local citizens so we hope we'll be seeing them all at future meetings. Let's welcome:

N. Golden and Thelma Jensen, 1301 S. Scott Street, Arlington, Va. Golden (isn't that a nice name) and Thelma have a 1974 2002.

Lt. Geoffrey Pope, SC, USN, 507 Constitution Ave. N.E., Washington, D.C. Geoffrey also owns a 1974 2002.

Carl Spaulding, 4390 Lorcom Lane, Arlington, Va. Carl has two BMW's - a car and a bike. They are a 1971 Bavaria and a 1971 R75/5.

William and Carmen Hinton, 6100 Marlin Lane, Camp Springs, Md. Bill and Carmen have two BMW's also both cars. They have a 1972 Bavaria and a 1974 2002. Capt. John and Carolyn Allen, USN, 611 North Overlook Dr., Alexandria, Va. John and Carolyn own a 1973 3.0 Bavaria - lucky folks!

Note: When moving, please send our club your new address and your new telephone number. You don't want to miss any newsletters, do you?

Gretchen Blankenship

### Treasurer's Report

Sept. 1	Balance	\$3	310.90	
		In		Out
Dues		\$128.00		
Newsletter	prize	25,00		
Club store		100.00		
Autocross		.65		
T.A.A.			\$	42.10
Insurance				96.70
Stamps				57.56
Newsletter				21.00
BMWCCA				55.00
		\$253.65	s	272.36
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August 1	Balanc	e \$	292.19	

Jim Blankenship

### Club Store

I have a wide variety of fall tuneup items for all cars. Inventory is currently \$698.

I still have 2002 clutches and front mufflers and a resonator for a 2002.

I also have a good quantity of BMWCCA grille badges. (You might want to install one before your trip to Oktoberfest--Ed.)

Paul MacInnis

## **AutoXtacy**

Well, the autocross season is almost at an end. The last Championship to be held is on October 27 and is sponsored by the Saab Club. Individual members have done pretty well this year, and it appears the team will end up the same as last year--fifth place. Not too bad, in a field of 22 teams.

With the end of the championship season comes the beginning of the winter series. MDSCC again will hold their wintercross series for the sixth year. There will be four events, two in January and two in February. Check the <u>Stopwatcher</u> or this newsletter for exact dates. Again, all events will be held in Frederick, Maryland. These are some excellent events for the beginning autocrosser. So, if you've thought of autocrossing, but never have, this will be the time to start. Hopefully, the University of Maryland will hold their winter moneycross series again this year, but as of now, there is no information regarding such.

Ric Cavallero

rally, Nancy Stutsman and Dave Roach finished first in senior unequipped class, and the BMW team actually beat another club! Also, Bob and Pat are currently in first place in the overall (year's) standings for novice driver and navigator in the MWCSCC.

Kathy Leeper

### Candidates for Office

Elections for officers for next year will be held at the November meeting. You must be present to vote.

It's not too late to run for office--nothing has been done in the way of campaigning. If you want to run for office, call me at (703)525-4094, and come to the next meeting to make your intentions known.

As of this writing, the following candidates are in the running:

President - Ric Cavallero

Vice President - Chet Kingsbury, Jack Rolfe

Secretary - Bob Critchlow

Treasurer - Ron Beavers

All of these people should be at the October meeting, so come on down and talk to them.

Nancy Stutsman

### RAIIY Box

With Oktoberfest coming up [and with it a rally], perhaps a reminder about the cardinal rally rules is in order. First, it is essential to know the general instructions, especially the course-following priorities. Second, stay on course. Worry about speed if you like, but being at the right speed and time is always secondary to being on course. Third, if there is any aspect of the rally or its follow-up that is not perfectly clear in the generals, it is the rallyist's responsibility to ask for a public clarification before the event.

Our championship runs November 17. The flyer is drawn, and wait till you see it! Workers in all areas are needed. Checkers will be necessary within a week or two. Please call Mike Leeper at 430-3320 to volunteer your aid. See Dave's article, "Workers, Unite!" for further information about working a control.

Judging by a quick glance at the generals, the Oktoberfest rally could be fairly complex. That may be a rash statement, but...

WRC will have its winter rally ceries beginning January 18 with a rally seminar. Further info will be available soon.

Congratulations are in order to Bob and Pat Critchlow for a fine first-place finish on the WRC Championship rally a few weeks ago. In the same



# Technical

#### Output Flange Bolt

Does your car shift roughly and sometimes grind when you go into second? It could be the output flange bolt on the back of your transmission.

Apparently these boits were not properly torqued at the factory on some 72 and 73 2002s. If left unattended, this loose flange could cause a lot of damage in the transmission, and we all know how expensive transmissions are.

To solve the problem, or at least to cure your curiosity, follow the following steps:

- 1. Disconnect the exhaust and move it out of the way.
- Take the four bolts that connect the rubber Hardy disk to the output flange.
- 3. Remove the lock tab.
- Check to see if the flange bolt is loose. If it is, remove it and check the flange for wear.
- 5. While holding the flange with a pipe wrench, torque the flange bolt to 100 ft. lbs.
- 6. Install a new lock tab, and reassemble. It's a good idea to either get new ny-lock nuts for the Hardy disk or else to use some lok-tite, unless you enjoy retorquing those nuts every few thousand miles.

If the bolt is tight when you get to it, at least you'll know for sure.

#### TECH SESSION

I'm planning to hold a tech session at my house in Barnesville sometime in November. It would be just a general tech session, with no particular theme. Details will be published in the November newsletter.

Rick Price

#### Workers Unite!

As you know, our championship rally is scheduled for November 17. What we need more than anything else is workers--checkpoint crews, registration runners, party planners, and so on.

Benefits of volunteering to work are: being able to attend the workers' party, prerunning the rally, our ' eternal thanks, seeing one of our club's two most important public events come off smoothly (and possibly win the trophy for best rally of the year, as we almost did last year), and avoiding being drafted at the last minute.

We need lots of people to work. You needn't have any experience to qualify. To volunteer, call - I'm chairman of controls - at (301) 593-1875.

Dave Roach



### Service Reports

Some time ago, I wrote a scathing editorial dumping on those club members who have been remiss in sending me service reports. The article was written at least a year after I became service reports chairman. Subsequent to this, I received a letter from a member, which both ticked me off and made me laugh, even more so in light of my article. It is quoted below and is, the essentially complete:

"...I was very upset when I read your notation regarding the quality of service in your area. VOB rates a flat zero with me and Motortech an A+! Your criticism concerning the problem with Motortech should never have been printed. You neglected to gather your data before formulating your conclusion. Shame! [sic] "Motortech just completed my 24,000mile service and they did an outstanding job. If you wish me to furnish details, please phone me. Would be happy to speak with you...."

Mary Elizabeth Price

Well, lady, where the heck have you been when I was asking people to fill out service reports? Well, why shouldn't criticism be printed...if that's what I get from the people who do take the time to fill out the reports? What am I supposed to do, get the membership list and call up people? Despite all of this, Beth had never and still has not bothered to send me a report on any dealer beyond what you see above.

I have gotten a good report on Manhattan Auto in Fairfax from Mark Feroglia. They did good warranty work on his front brake discs and clutch master cylinder, taking the work without a squabble. They have consistently kept his Tii in excellent tune. Tidings in Annapolis, though quite cooperative and conscientious, were unable to tune the car, despite several tries; and it wound up worse than when it went in. (I think it's a question of experience; give them time.

I got good reports on two bodywork places: Humphreys in Prince Frederick (from Mark Feroglia) and Beacon Auto Body in Silver Spring (from Paul Schauble--Beacon has worked on his car three times!)

Motortech did a "special tune" job on Raleigh Neville's Bavaria and they apparently blew his mind: "It was worth every penny," he said (\$120). He finds them, however, slow and expensive. He pointed out that "being slow, of course, makes them more expensive." He was troubled with the fact that their work almost invariably comes out costing more than they quote, and with no satisfactory explanation. A friend of mine and nonmember, Bill Rueb, also has had some experience with Motortech. On a recent trip, he related to the job writer his problem and what he thought was wrong with the car. He was apparently ignored because they did not, so he said, look at the things he wanted them to look at. Consequently, the problem went uncorrected. It was the same sort of communication failure with the job writer that lead to the difficulties that Rick Price had with Motortech. Bill has since taken his car (a 2002) to Motortech and has come away satisfied.

The difficulty in conveying the car's problems to the mechanic via the job writer appears to be an occasional problem with VOB, much to the dismay of several of our members. It appears that if you can get to Lothar,

you're in pretty good shape, though. This definitely should not be, however; the guy who receives your car should not have to be the boss to get the job done correctly.) One member was very negatively impressed and his comments are as follows:

"I would not let them touch my car again with a 10 foot pole. One tuneup necissitated 6 trips back (from Va. no less) just to get the car running almost as well as it was before I took it in. To top it off, they damaged a right rear quarter panel (for which they said they were sorry) and their work is outrageously expensive. Never again! I'd sooner trust my car to a gas station." [Wow! But I must say I have been satisfied with every dealing I have had with VOB--Mel.]

The member quoted above has found Heishman to be absolutely excellent. He says they do their work every bit as good as Motortech and are consistently less expensive and faster. (Perhaps they are less expensive because they are faster.) I have yet to get a bad report on Heishman.

I got two good reports on Paul's Frame Service on Route 1, to add to one on file. Dave Roach got excellent service there and so did I. John Coon's car was in there getting serviced when Dave was there. I expect a report from John.

I also got a good report on Motorhaus in Vienna, Va., from Dave. The mechanic (old Rick Price) did a good job and the charge appeared to be minimal. One of the owners, Chuck, was quite courteous and explained everything to Dave. Dave felt the other owner was a little rude and did not even say good morning. A shop may charge low prices and do excellent work, but, if the people turn the customers off, all that other stuff can be for nothing.

Jim Blankenship sentme a pleased report on North Star Motors in Rockville. I still have mixed reports on the shop and need more data. It is significant that the bad report was the first one only.

Mel Morganstein

## Acknowledgements

It's time to praise some unfamous people. They are the folks that gather once a month for an afternoon or evening of insanity in putting together this nefarious newsletter. We usually have a pretty good time.

Jim and Gretchen Blankenship always appear, right on time and ready to type, proofread, and run out for food. As if all this isn't enough, they also maintain the mailing list and help in collating, stapling, addressing, and stamping the 225 or so newsletters we send out.

When Ric and Patti Cavallero arrive, the joint stafts jumping. Ric usually manages to write two or three articles and carry on six conversations, all at the same time! And when Patti sits down and starts typing, she has the poor typewriter smoking after one page. Ric and Patti have edited the newsletter from its

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inception through last year. The only explanation for their continued support we can think of is a bad case of masochism.

Nancy Stutsman, the club's Vice President and leading free-lance bassoonist, often appears at out soirees to type. Estelle Watts is frequently called on to create a vast amount of artwork and type at the last moment, and the best part is, she always comes through. Rick Price can be counted on for a good cover picture from his collection.

Of course all these efforts would be wasted if we had nothing to type and print; our club officers are to be commended on the most part for their endeavors.

For all of the above-mentioned people, especially the staff, we are very grateful. It is their constant devotion that keeps this newsletter--and consequently this club--operating smoothly.

# etc.

#### FLASH!

According to <u>Der Spiegel</u>, a German magazine, Max Hoffman is giving up his franchise as importer of BMW automobiles. The job will be taken over by the Bayerische Motoren Werke themselves.

### PRACTICE YOUR CHRISTMAS CAROLS...

THE NATIONAL CAPITAL CHAPTER'S CHRISTMAS PARTY WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, AT PRESIDENTIAL TOWERS IN ADELAHI, MD. STARTING TIME IS 9 RM. COST IS CHEAR. SET ASIDE THAT DATE FOR CAROUTING WITH YOUR CAR FRIENDS.



#### Schedule of Events

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Thursday, October 17, 3:30 p.m. - National Capital Chapter Caravan leaves from Holiday Inn Parking Lot, 10,000 Baltimore Ave., College Park, Md. Take the beltway to exit 27 (U.S. 1 North), then left into parking lot. Estimated arrival time at the Red Bull Inn--10:30 p.m., including a short stop for dinner. (The floor is open for suggestions about where to have dinner.)

Friday, October 18

\*7:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. - Drivers' School, Lime Rock Park, Conn. Lime Rock is about an hour from Waterbury, so you'll need to get up plenty early. Schedule:

7:30 - registration	9:45 - drivers' meeting
8:30-10 - tech	10:00 - walk the track
9:00-10 - flagging seminar	11:00 - runs begin
9:00 - instructors' meeting	5:00 - finish

\*Friday night we're on our own. There will be numerous impromptu parties, so B.Y.O. and take your pleasure where you find it.

Saturday, October 19
\*9:00 a.m. - Time-speed-distance rally (this is the
only rally). Seat-of-pants class only (no calculators
or computers). Schedule:

9:00 - registration 9:30 - dirvers' meeting 10:01 - first car off

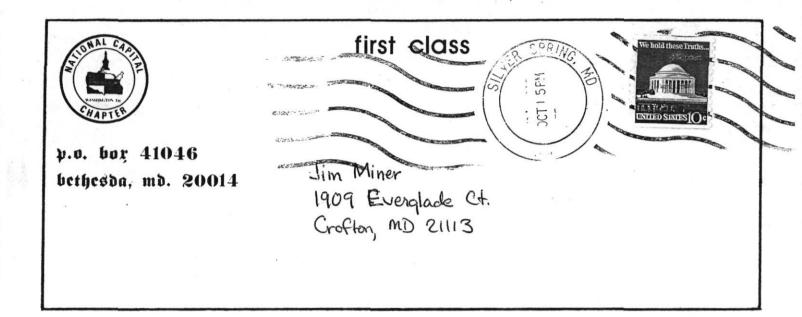
\*6:00 p.m. - Bierfest (supper, door prizes, Bavaria
r\*ffle)

#### Sunday, October 20

\*9:00 a.m. - Clean car contest (for BMWs registered as 1971 or earlier models) and Concours d'Elegance (for all BMWs) at the Red Bull Inn. \*2:00 p.m. - Tech session with Michel Potheau \*4:00 p.m. - Awards Banquet (If you won an award but don't want to stay, you can get someone who is staying to act as courier and bring it back for you; of course there's no guarantee you'll ever get your award away from the courier.)

#### Tech Checklist for Driver's School

-Metal-to-metal seat belts -Helmet in good condition -No excessive play in front wheel bearings -Brake fluid level topped -Brake pads in good condition -No excessive fluid leakage -Tires must have at least 1/8" tread -Non-radial tires must have tubes -Tires must be inflated to at least 32 psi -Check tightness of lug nuts -Sound test (no excessive exhaust noise) -All loose items removed from inside car -Headlights taped -Stoplights operable -No hubcaps or loose objects on outside of car -Gas cap must not leak -Shocks in good condition -Clean windshield -Throttle must not bind -2 rear-view mirrors required (e.g., 1 inside, 1 out) -Driver's window must be open (sic !!!) -Seat belts for passenger seat



# NCC Calendar

#### October

- 13 USCC Cherished Date Autocross will be held at the MEMCO lot, Rockville Pike, Rockville, Md. O.D. Jim McCracken (301) 927-4156.
- 13 MGCC Cherished Date Rally starts Congressional Plaza on Rockville Pike, Rockville. Reg. 11:00 a.m., FCO 12:01 p.m. Registrar is Dorothy Lewis (703) 532-3471.
- 15 BMWCCA Monthly Meeting, Brickskeller Restaurant, 1523 22nd St. N.W., Washington. 8:00 p.m. See map this page.

18-20 Oktoberfest '74 - Waterbury, Conn.

20 PCA - 20th Annual Autumn Color Rally Starts at Gaithersburg Square Shopping Center, on Rte. 355 just south of Montgomery Village Ave. Registration 9:00 a.m., FCO 9:31. O.D. Rick Holt, 977-0787.

November

- 1 Newsletter deadline, send articles to Dave Roach, 10425 Edgewood Ave., Silver Spring, Md. 20901.
- 17 BMWCCA Championship Rally. Chairman of Controls is Dave Roach, (301) 593-1875. Registrar is Ron Beavers, (703) 360-7212.
- 19 BMWCCA Monthly Meeting

#### December

14 BMWCCA Christmas Party, Presidental Towers, Adelphi, Md.

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### next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 15 at the Brickskeller Restaurant, 1523 22nd St. N.W., Washington. Don't look for any signs - there are none. Just find the red canopy on 22nd St. between P and QSts., go in the front door, and take the first or second right, downstairs, to the Brickskeller. Follow the noise to the back room. Why not come early and have a Brickburger?

