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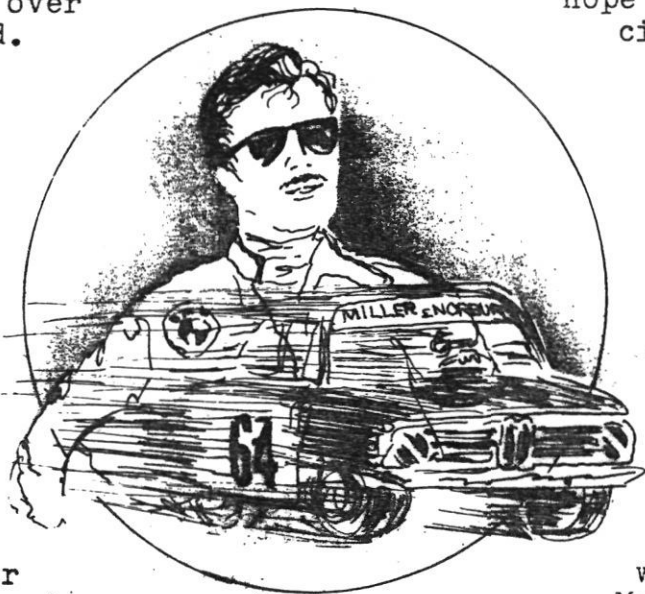
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NICK CRAW WINS 1975 RS SERIES

Nick Craw, long-time and honorary member of the National Capital Chapter, won the 1975 IMSA / B.F. Goodrich Radial Challenge series at Daytona International Speedway in Florida over Thanksgiving weekend. Craw drove all the way in the 250 mile race and placed second to beat Amos Johnson in series points.

Going into the finale at Daytona, Craw held the series lead by 17 points over Johnson. With first-place points totaling 20 per race, Johnson had to win and Craw had to place 9th or worse for Johnson to win the series. Craw's victory seemed safe enough on paper, but external factors made it touch-and-go; an almost identical situation existed last year between Craw and George Alderman, yet Craw's car broke and Alderman won. Until 1975 Craw had never finished at Daytona in his BMW. The jinx was broken as he came from ~~sixteenth~~ to finish second. Johnson dropped out late in the race with electrical problems.

Nick Craw drives the number 64 Miller-and-Norburn prepared BMW 2002, the winningest car in IMSA Radial Challenge history. We congratulate him and his crew & hope to see another exciting season for BMW in 1976.



In the IMSA / Camel GT challenge this year at Daytona, BMW Motorsport entered three 3.5 CSLs, driven by Hans Stuck, Jr., Brian Redman, & Sam Posey,

These cars qualified fourth, fifth and sixth, behind the "monster" Corvette of John Greenwood and two Chevrolet Monzas, but ahead of the myriad Porsche Carreras. At the end of the race, Redman was second and Posey third. The two Monzas, along with Stuck's BMW, dropped out with various problems. John Greenwood's Corvette surprisingly held together, and Greenwood crossed the finish line 36 seconds ahead of Redman. Peter Gregg again won the Grand Touring Over 2.5 Liters Championship in his Carrera.

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Editor's Note

WORD OF THE YEAR IS NEW

My wife, Dianne, and I are new BMW owners, new BMWCCA members, and I'm your newest editor doing this new looking newsletter. But better than that is our newly elected president, Estelle Watts, and her able staff to bring us into this year as host chapter for the newest and only "Bi-centennial" Oktoberfest of BMWCCA.

As a new member, I see a fine club with many interesting, informative and fun people as members and it surprises me that a larger percentage of the total membership do not come to the monthly meetings. This is going to be a big year for this club, so stop by and see what's happening. New members are very welcome and can get involved, I know!

- Editor.

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1976 Officers Elected

As noted in Bob's November meeting minutes, the four 1976 club officers will begin their terms this month.

Next month's Der Bayerische will have interesting biographies, by Chet Kingsbury, on each of our newly elected officers.

- Editor.

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Letter to the Editor

MORE ON SIDE MARKER LENSES

Dave Roach's note in the November Bayerische concerning side marker and rear reflector lenses for BMW's stated that just the lens is unavailable. This is not correct. Heishman BMW stocks an assembly consisting of plastic lens, chrome holding strip and screw for \$4.85, list price. BMW part number is 63 14 1 352 952.

Joe Anderson

Technical Report

On Saturday, December 6, 1975, a tech session was conducted at the facilities of Tischer BMW, located at 3225 Ft. Meade Road in Laurel, Md. The intent of the organizers was to provide introductory and routine maintenance procedures to the average, untrained owner, while at the same time giving more experienced individuals a chance to probe more deeply into the operational and maintenance aspects of their vehicles.

The format of the session was as follows:

Four classes were conducted concurrently under the direction of four instructors; participants were free to listen in on any or all classes they wished; more importantly, attendees were urged to actually get their hands dirty and not merely look on; afterwards, question and answer periods were held to round out the schedule.

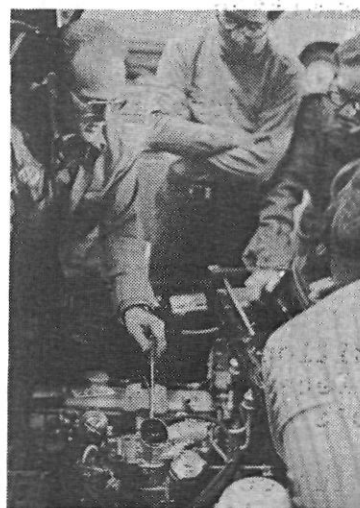
Approximately 25 members took part in the session. Dave Toy conducted one of the classes, concerned with basic organization of the power train, identification of the various components of the vehicle, and preventive maintenance. At the same time, Chet Kingsbury held a class on tuneup procedures, valve lash adjustment and related topics. In another session, Ken Wright

discussed the braking system organization and maintenance and demonstrated brake pad replacement. Doug Stuart, ace BMW repairperson at Tischer, discussed a variety of technical matters with the participants and provided invaluable professional expertise to the other classes. It is believed that the participants found this a worthwhile experience.

Thanks are due to Mike Anderson and Doug Stuart for their assistance in organizing and conducting the tech session. Particular appreciation is extended to the owner of Tischer BMW, Mr. Rudolf Tischer, for making his excellent facilities available to us. And lastly, we should like to thank the instructors for contributing their time for this purpose.

Future tech sessions will be organized along the same general lines, with 4 concurrent classes: A. Basic components of the vehicle. B. Tuneup procedures. C. General question and answer; and, D. One detailed analysis of a vehicle subsystem (rotating through braking, ignition, fuel, electrical, cooling, and drivetrain subsystems). Tech sessions will be conducted at least 3 times per year, the next one being held this Spring. Send comments & opinions on this session to the technical chairman for the planning of future sessions.

Ken Wright, Technical



Doug Stuart
Tischer BMW mechanic



Ken Wright



Dave Toy



Chet Kingsbury

Meeting Minutes

BMWCCA Monthly Meeting
November 18, 1975

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Chet Kingsbury at 8:45 p.m.

Dave Toy announced a tech session to be held at Tisher BMW on Saturday December 6th, at 10 a.m.

Chet Kingsbury and Estelle Watts gave a combined autocross report, describing the upcoming SCCA "5 Minutes of Maryland" autocross as being "different" and a lot of fun.

Estelle Watts gave a council report: Estelle has tickets for the council banquet (January 10th) at \$12 per couple. The new council autocross rules are available and anyone interested in seeing them or in obtaining a new rule book should contact Estelle. Changes in council rally rules are to be decided upon at the next council meeting. Dates for our club's 1976 events have been set: autocross - March 28th; rally - August 15th.

New members were introduced.

Dave Toy gave a tech report and Bill Ribblett gave a storekeepers report.

There was no old business.

New business: The Xmas party will be at Dave Toy's home on December 20th. The price is \$2.50/single and \$4.00/couple, which will provide beer, mixers, munchies. Bring your own hard stuff and RSVP by December 13th to Dave Toy.

A buy-and-sell session was held.

Elections for 1976 chapter officers were held, with the following results:

President - Estelle Watts
Vice President - Dave Toy
Secretary - Bob Critchlow
Treasurer - Carol Kingsbury

Prior to the election, a question arose over the status of people who had recently sent their membership application and dues to National, but had not yet been officially acknowledged by

National as members: Were these people officially members of the club with voting privileges? Chapter bylaws do not define when one becomes a member. Chet and I (who were the only executive committee members present) decided informally that anyone who had paid their dues could vote for club officers. I suggested that the executive committee clear up this matter.

Bob Critchlow, Secretary

In keeping with tradition, the monthly meeting for December was replaced by the club's annual Christmas Party.

Dave Toy, who volunteered his house for the occasion, stated that it was a qualified success. This is to say, in light of insufficient advance notice or promo, the turnout was not too much less than expected. As a fairly new member, I personally felt it was a great atmosphere for many of the members to meet and get acquainted in a relaxed and "non-meeting" atmosphere. - Editor.

Treasurer's Report

DECEMBER 1 BALANCE	\$159.37
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Income:

Dues	
(renewal)	6.00
Dues (new)	53.50
Gas for	
Summit Pt.	10.00
Xmas Party	26.00
	\$ 95.50

Expenses:

Newsletter	71.96
Xmas Party	50.21
	\$122.17

JANUARY 1 BALANCE	\$132.70
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Carol Kingsbury, Treasurer



The National Capital Chapter has been chosen by the National BMWCCA to host Oktoberfest '76 in the nation's capital.

We have planned a four day event from October 25 at the Washingtonian Country Club, the convention site.

Briefly, the following main events have been scheduled:

1. Drivers School at Summit Point, West Virginia.
2. Concours D'Elegance (Clean Car and Vintage Car Contest).
3. Autocross.
4. Rallye.

Since 1976 is the nation's 200th birthday, the Oktoberfest Committee thought it appropriate to incorporate the bicentennial theme with O'Fest '76. We are offering a variety of activities such as tours through the White House, Capitol, Smithsonian Institute, museums and galleries.

For relaxation, the following social events have also been planned: Get acquainted party, beer fest and Bavarian buffet, Maryland crab feast, Awards Banquet, golf and tennis tournaments.

As you can see, O'Fest '76 will be our Chapter's number one event of the year. For this reason, the O'Fest Committee is appealing to you to come join the festivities and try to work at least an event or two. Without your support, it would be impossible to make Oktoberfest '76 the Superfest we have planned.

Chet Kingsbury,
Chairman, Oktoberfest '76

Service Reports

WAGONWORKS, 3126 Jeff Davis Hwy., Arlington. Stu Broad took his '72 2002 there for body work. (Actually, from the extent of the damage, \$2,500, it was carted there). They took an incredibly long four months to fix the car. They seemed to be very unresponsive, but were quite polite during the four months it took to get the parts. (It's hard for me to determine whether the Wagonworks could have done anything to remedy the delay--surely, if they tried hard enough, they could have gotten the parts more quickly!) Stu was still missing a rear override when the job was "done."

I did get a satisfactory report from another member on Wagonworks, however. I misplaced the envelope and all I have is a letter, mysteriously signed "WB". After going through the membership roster and finding: Walter Barquist, William Beardsley, William Bergman and William Brewster, I decided to give up and allow this person to remain a mystery. Anyhow, WB found the job done by Wagonworks to be quite satisfactory and he was very happy with their work.

I need more data!

HEISHMAN'S: I also got a very pleased report about Heishman's from the mysterious WB.

Bruce Spinney was not so pleased, however, with Heishman's, both for his 4000 and 8000 check-ups. (This is the first negative report on Heishman's.) He brought it in at 9850 miles with a slightly sticking throttle. It would idle at 3000 rpm until he kicked the throttle. (It didn't do this until he had taken it in to them for an 8000 mile check.) It appeared to be the choke sticking. When he left, the engine idled at 200 rpm cold and 650 rpm hot. They charged him \$40 for a choke adjustment, oil filter change and brake pad replacement and the choke wasn't

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fixed. He also felt the brakes were pulling unacceptably, but they thought it was ok. It was corrected with new Repco Pads and re-finishing the discs. Bruce said he felt the service was poor and he won't take the car back again. "Joe's a nice guy but offers too many excuses!"

NORTH STAR MOTORS: 1820 Chapman Avenue, Rockville, MD. Jim Blankenship took the 39,655 mile old 2002 into North Star for a "3000" mile checkup. I put that in quotes because it had been tuned all of 10,000 miles and 12 months ago. When North Star checked the car over and called Jim to give their normal report prior to actually servicing the car, they told him that he apparently had a relatively new (1,000 to 2,000 mile old) set of plugs in the car. The only other service station to touch the car during the past 12,000 miles was Heishman's, when at 36,500 miles, they serviced the transmission. Apparently, he got a new set of plugs along with the job! North Star gave Jim the service for a reasonable \$18, replacement of front brake pads for \$14.35 parts and \$9.50 labor.

NEXT MONTH: A big report on VOB; mixed results.

Mel Morganstein

Service reports are open to anyone to pass information to other members. Contact Mel Morganstein, (301) 384-5858.

✱59 is now a BMW

As Porsche pulls out of IMSA/Camel GT series after the TubroCarrera was banned, Peter Gregg moves behind the wheel of the BMW. Car number 59 is no longer a Porsche.
- Editor.

Membership

We are alphabetizing names and updating phone numbers of all chapter members. Please contact me regarding any changes.
Patti Cavallero, Membership

Classifieds

For Sale - 1972 Bavaria, std., air-cond., Malaga, 59,000 miles. \$5500. Call Steven Petersen at 948-1754 or 926-7025. (area code 301).

Suspension packages for BMW's are now available featuring Bilstein shocks (street or sport), DaLan stabilizer bars (19 or 22mm), bushings, hardware, etc. Installation instructions are available. Prices for members of BMWCCA are the lowest anywhere. Installation, suspension lowering and body work available at very reasonable rates. Also: Fiberglass fenders, flairs and air dams are now in stock! Superior quality hand laid panels by Dietel Enterprises are aesthetically beautiful and will clear 8 inch wheels. Discount prices prevail for BMWCCA members. For information, please contact Dave Toy, 10604 Democracy Lane, Potomac, MD 20854. Phone (evenings & weekends) (301) 299-3363.

Wanted: - White (or green) springs for rear of 1972 Bavaria. Post card to S. Vandivere, 309 Maple Rd., Lexington Park, MD. 20653; or call (301) 862-2453 evenings.

For Sale: 1973 2002tii, Riviera Blue, 43,000 miles. Heishman serviced. Perfect. \$5,000 firm. Jim Ryland, Sykesville, MD 21784 (301) 795-3736.

For Sale - BMW 2002 IMSA RS Sedan. (half prepared) Most necessary components available. Assembly & license required to compete for the contingency money offered by BMW of N.A. for 1976. Will ~~consider~~ trade or cash offers around \$5,000. New house forces sale. Serious inquiries to Dave Toy (above addr. & phone no.)

For Sale - Late 69 2002, Koni's M401's (5) Runs great, 68k miles. Needs some cosmetic work. \$1300. Dave Toy (301) 299-3363.

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President's Message

Five previous president's have had to write that first article of the year. The article which is supposed to be the key or guiding light for the year to come. The introduction of the president's ideas for the future.

Well here I am trying to write a fantastic, emotion-filled, action-packed preview of 1976, an inspirational plea to compel BMW owners to become new active members and for old members to appear from the woodwork to rededicate themselves to the cause. This cause being Oktoberfest '76. Next, I should repeat some great promises that all presidents make such as "Sauerbraten in every pot and a BMW in every garage." (Note, we will need to locate those garages first.) Finally, I should thank all of you for giving me the opportunity to

have this great year (minus the late night calls, the bitten fingernails when the treasurer reads her report in the red, or the activities chairman wins a trip to Mexico the same weekend as our Driver's School).

There is a lot of truth in all that nonsense above. I am hoping to see new faces and more old faces back to participate and enjoy all our events. We do have a full year of activities for everyone to become involved in. There is a place for people interested in social, technical and competitive events. I need feedback from the membership to know what can be done so everyone enjoys the club. 1976 is a celebration time for this country. Let's make it a celebration time for BMW owners as well.

Estelle Watts, President

Meeting Notice

Meetings are held on the Third Tuesday of each month.

The next meeting will be held on January 20th, 1976, at the Diamondhead Restaurant 8:00 p.m., 4600 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, Maryland. (Between Bradley Lane and East-West Highway on the west side of the street.)

There will be an AUCTION OF MANY BMWCCA NOSTALGIC BEER MUGS AT THIS MEETING!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!