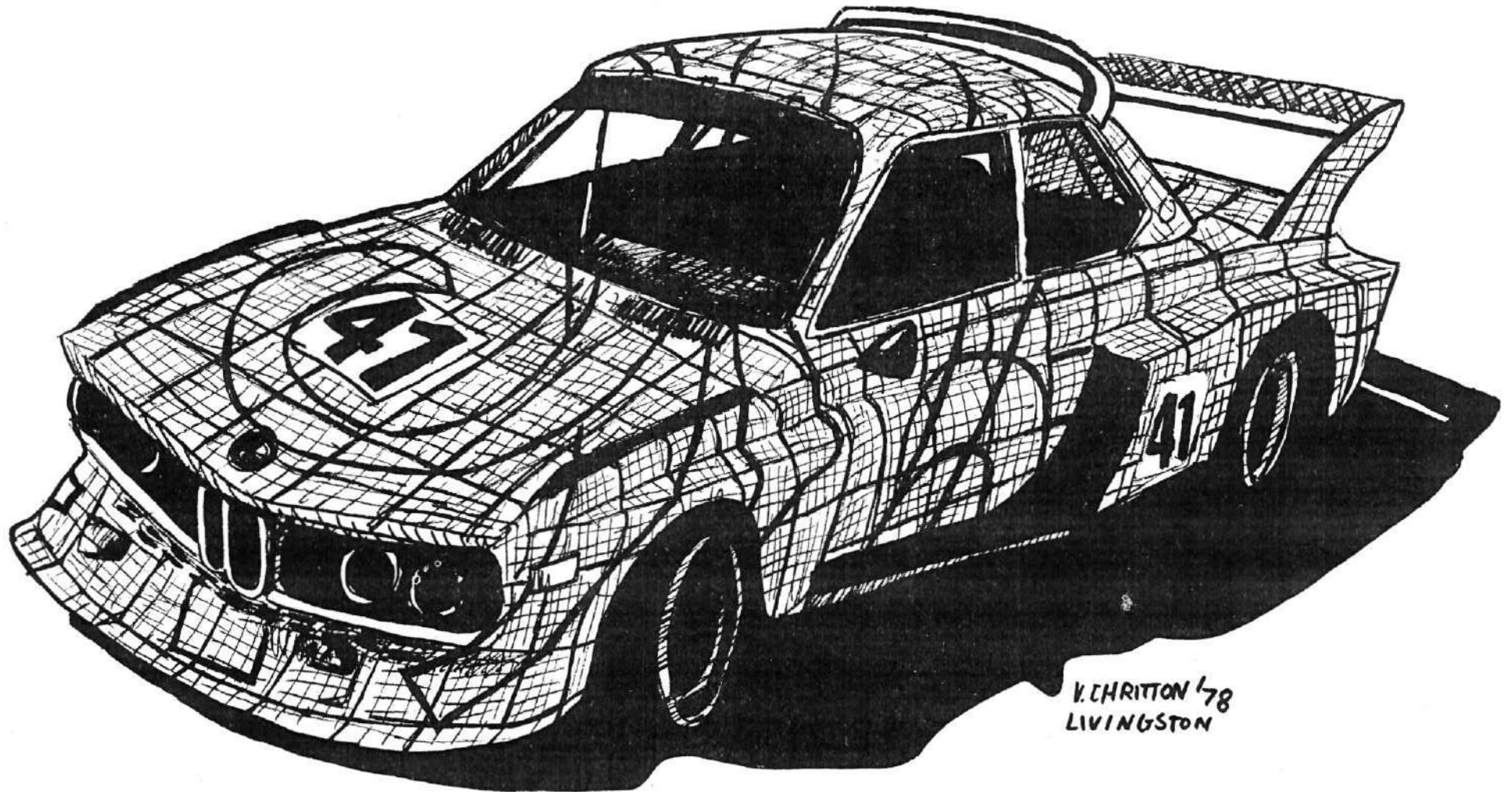




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## EDITOR'S NOTE . . .

Well, here it is March already and a large number of members have not renewed their memberships. How come? Are you dissatisfied with the club for some reason? Did you forget to send it in? If you're unhappy about something, let us know and we'll do what we can to rectify it. If you just forgot, *please* try to remember to send it in as soon as possible.

This month's meeting is 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 21, at the Diamond Head in Chevy Chase. Jerry Liebes, our new Vice-President (and new member) has acquired Jim Kerrigan from Quicksilver Racengines as this month's guest speaker. The evening should prove to be both interesting and informative.

I'd like to thank David Smith, a member of the Boston Chapter (as well as ours), for his art contributions and nice compliment on *der bayerische*. I really appreciated the note and artwork. Oh, yes, he said to tell Dave Toy "howdy".

Thursday, April 27, is the deadline for next month's *der bayerische*. In an attempt to make sure all of you receive your letter before the meeting, I have moved this and all future lines back a week. So, especially to you in Maryland, don't give up hope yet!

Again, I urge you all to send in your membership applications if you haven't already. Also, thanks again, David. See you all at the meeting!

Vicki

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## CALENDAR . . .

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### MARCH

- 12 WRC/SCCA Winter Rally #4
- 21 BMWCCA Monthly Meeting: 8 P.M.,  
Diamond Head Restaurant  
6900 Wisconsin Avenue  
Chevy Chase, MD  
PROGRAM: Jim Kerrigan—Quicksilver Racengines
- 31 DER BAYERISCHE Deadline

### APRIL

- 9 SESCO Championship Rally "Go-Go"
- 15-16 Bob Ridges Memorial Rally
- 15-16 IMSA Races, Road Atlanta, Georgia

### April (Cont.)

- 18 BMWCCA Monthly Meeting.  
PROGRAM: Bill Scott, Racing School
- 22-23 SCCA Races, Summit Point
- 23 PCA Open "Club" Rally
- 27 DER BAYERISCHE Deadline
- 30 BMWCCA Spring '1 our (Details—April 1)

### MAY

- 16 BMWCCA Monthly Meeting
- 28 BMWCCA Cherished Date Autocross
- 27-29 IMSA Races, Lime Rock, Connecticut
- 31 DER BAYERISCHE Deadline

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## FROM BEHIND THE GAVEL...

The first meeting is over and it was a lot of fun. We had a beautiful cake, saw a lot of faces not seen in some time, and had a good give-and-take session with Bence Boelcskev, currently National Vice President/Ombudsman and candidate for President.

We've found a Vice President! His name is Jerry Liebes, a new member whose enthusiasm will especially be appreciated by me! Jerry's first contribution is the program for our March meeting: Jim Kerrigan from Quicksilver Racengines, who will describe the services available from his firm. Our treasurer—Mike Greenbaum, is with us now and will provide a more complete report on our finances in the next issue. At the moment, the club treasury totals just over \$1,500.

Carolyn and I have started work on the Spring Tour, scheduled for Saturday, April 29. We're looking for some nice BMW roads and a nice day's tour in the Spring countryside.

Looking to the future, our first big event will be the autocross in May. Bob Hoey is hard at work finding a suitable location and he'll develop the course. However, we will need help to run this event. The date is Sunday, May 28. That is Memorial Day weekend, but if you are going to be in town, Bob can sure use your help to tech cars, run the start and finish gates and act as course workers. None of these tasks are difficult and your services can be useful for periods of 2-3 hours. We'll have more on the autocross in next month's issue.

One of the devices that makes this club work is support from commercial concerns. They provide our monthly meeting place and advertising support *der bayerische*, among other things. Please let them know we appreciate their support. The Diamond Head Restaurant has let us use their meeting room for 2 years now at no charge. The owner, Mr. Shao, asks only that we make enough use of the bar so that it is worth their while to stay open. If everyone had a beer, a coke, or a drink, he would be quite happy. They would also be delighted to serve you dinner in the dining room before the meeting.

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Hopefully by now you have all received your ballot for the elections of national officers. VOTE! This year we have some choices and they will determine where the club is going and what it will provide you in the future. Also, the annual meeting is coming up on March 18. If others are interested, let me know and we'll caravan up together.

### Activities

We plan to offer a broad range of activities this year, in addition to our monthly meeting programs. These should cover the spectrum from autocross through beer and wine tasting, rallies, social events, technical sessions to tours.

The first will be the 3rd Annual Spring Tour. Carolyn and I are busy searching for nice roads, nice scenery and more. Details in next month's issue. Mark your calendars for Sunday, April 30.

Following the May meeting, we'll have our autocross, directed by Bob Hoey, on Sunday, May 28.

Other planned events and their tentative dates are:

June 11—Picnic, Rally & Car Show

July—Crab Feast

August 18—Wine & Cheese Party

September—Brewery Tour

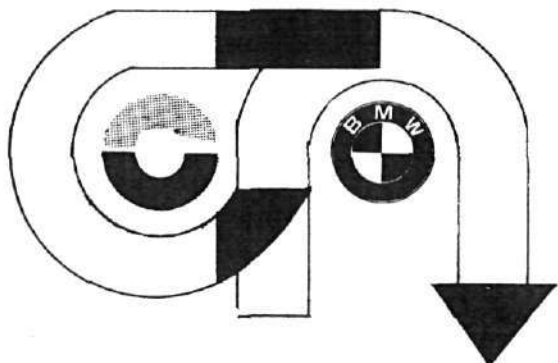
October 22—Fall Tour

December 15—Christmas Party

We also intend to have several tech sessions, a club rally and, hopefully, autocross and rally schools. Give me a call if you're interested in helping put these on.

Bill Riblett

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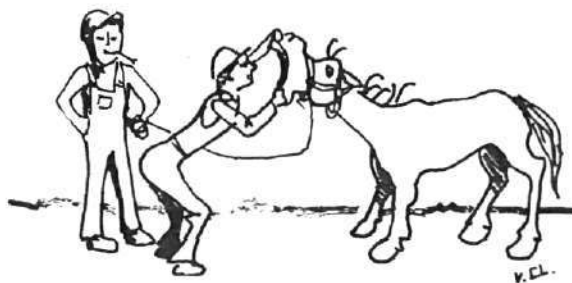
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### 2002 Head Gasket Tip

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—Central Florida Chapter

### Dirty Headliner?

Cleaning the headliner of your Bimmer can be frustratingly ineffective. I've discovered that Fantastic spray cleaner, applied with a sponge (pour it on the sponge so you don't spray the whole inside of the car) and brushed vigorously with a not too stiff brush, does a better job than anything else I've run across. But be sure you wipe it thoroughly with a damp cloth until no more suds are left. Then dry it with a clean, dry cloth. Voila!

—Judy Erickson, St. Louis Chapter

### Self-Destructing Flywheels

Word is that early '78 model 320i's are subject to a defect which can turn their flywheel into an instant buzz-saw. Seems all '78 320i's have cast-iron flywheels, which by definition are more subject to stress fatigue; and some (noone knows which ones) early ones came with flywheel-to-crankshaft bolts that were too short, which places stress on the bolt holes and raises the distinct possibility of the flywheel cracking and chewing up everything in sight. A fix exists but they have to find the cars first, right?

—Dennis Cloud, Tarheel Chapter

### Tii Owners, Rejoice!

You don't have to have fuel leaks and burn! Volkswagen dealers are stocking a superior replacement 8mm fuel line. P/N is 202811. You'll need 9 feet at \$2.34 per foot, which equals approximately \$21.00! Expensive? Inexpensive compared to the alternatives. Remember to replace the 3 lines at the rear; the two at the fuel pump and one at the tank.

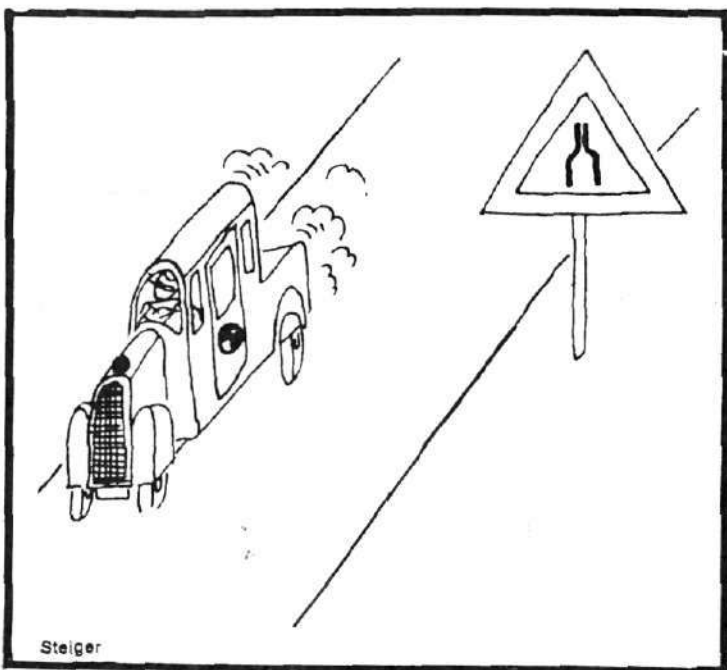
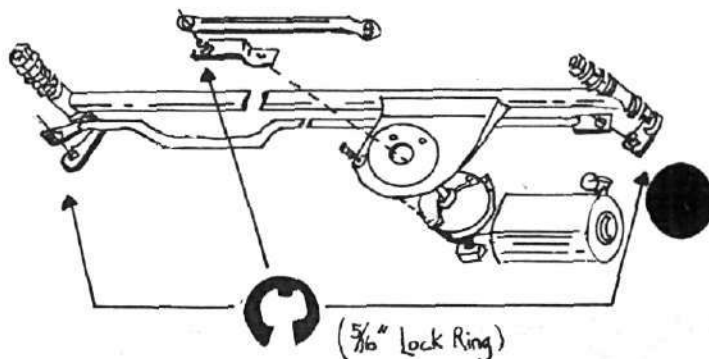
—Herb Challis, Central Florida Chapter

### Windshield Wipers—Fail Safe

A relatively inexpensive (50¢ or less!) method of insuring that the windshield wipers on your 6 cylinder BMW (as in 2500/2800/Bavaria/3.0/s/si/cs/etc) will not quit because the linkage has fallen off is the following: Purchase 3 5/16" flat E-rings as shown in the sketch below (10¢ to 15¢ each at your friendly hardware store) and install them on the wiper linkage as indicated in the sketch. As a point of curiosity, the pivot bearings for the linkage already have a circumferential groove which simply begs to have a lock ring in it—why doesn't it have one from the factory?

I am not implying that the wiper linkages fall off all that frequently, but it is not all that uncommon either. It would be a good idea for owners of other BMW models to check their cars for a similar quick preventive fix.

—Jim Craig, Tidewater Chapter





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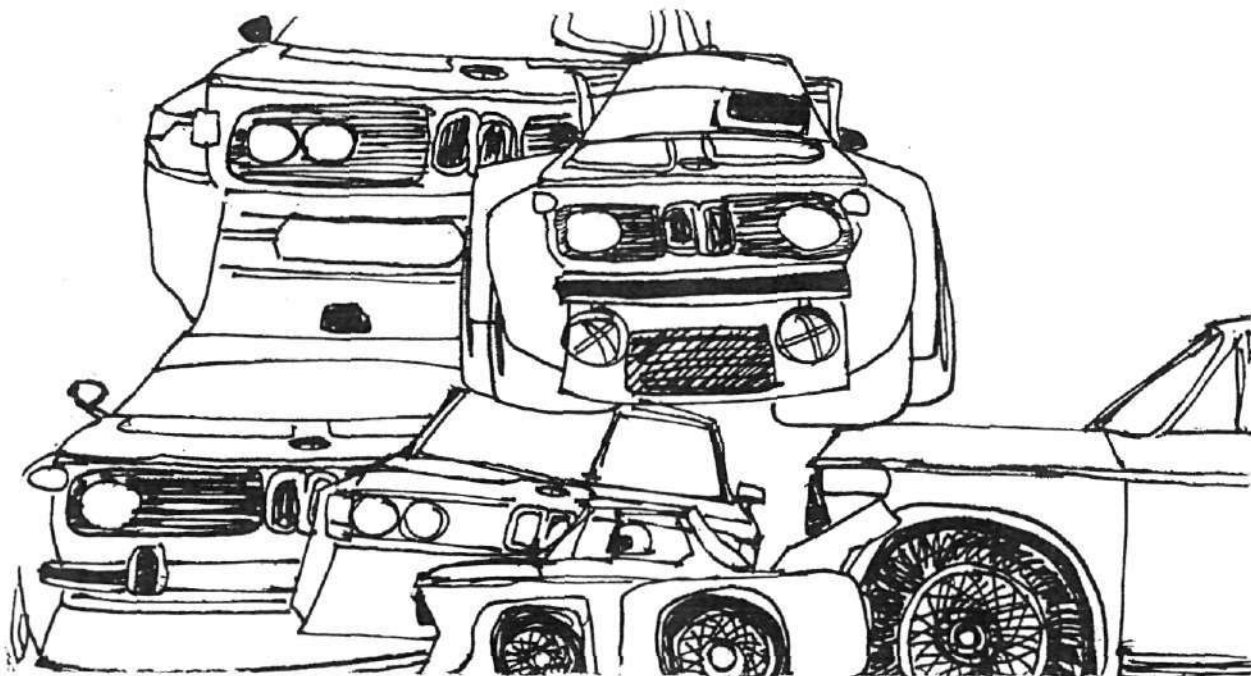


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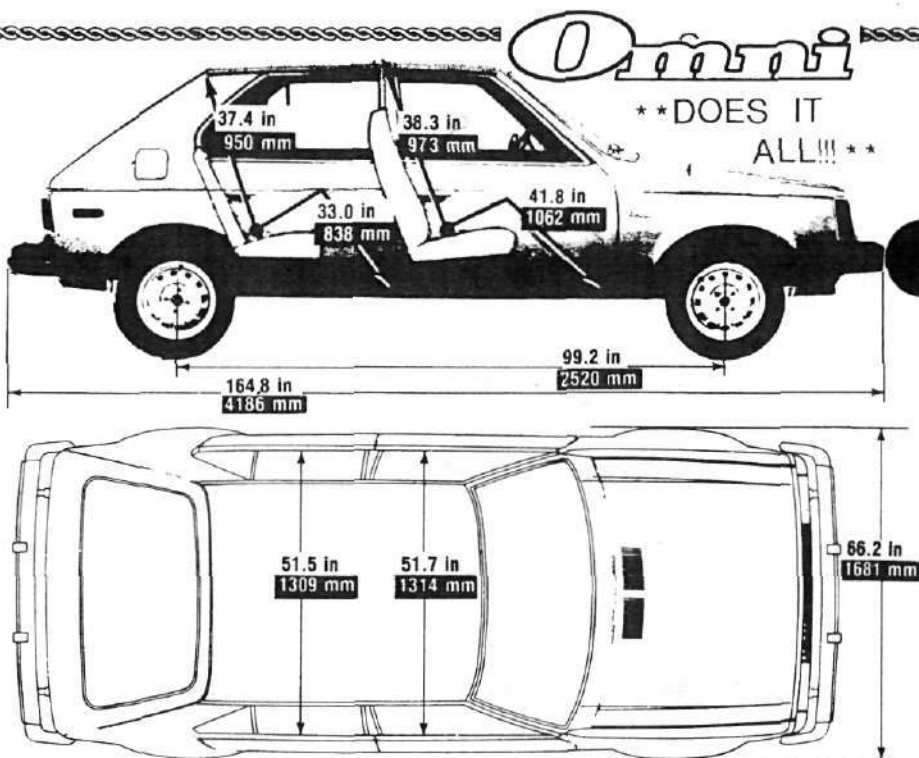
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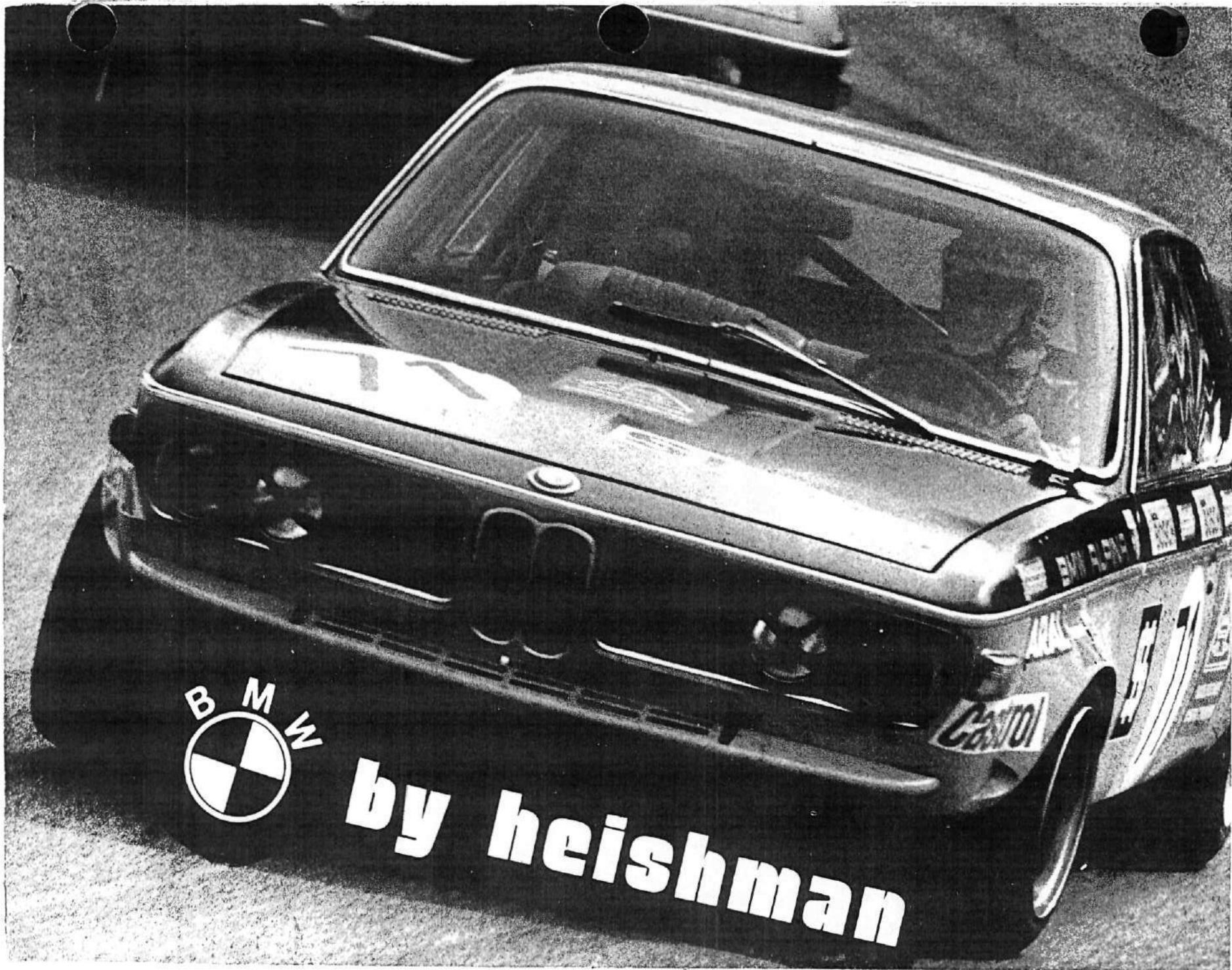
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### The Tentative Schedule is as Follows:

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)

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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.
- E. 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.

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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!

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# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please accept this application for membership in the BMW Car Club of America and the National Capital Chapter.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Your check payable to BMWCCA must accompany this application.

Joining during:  
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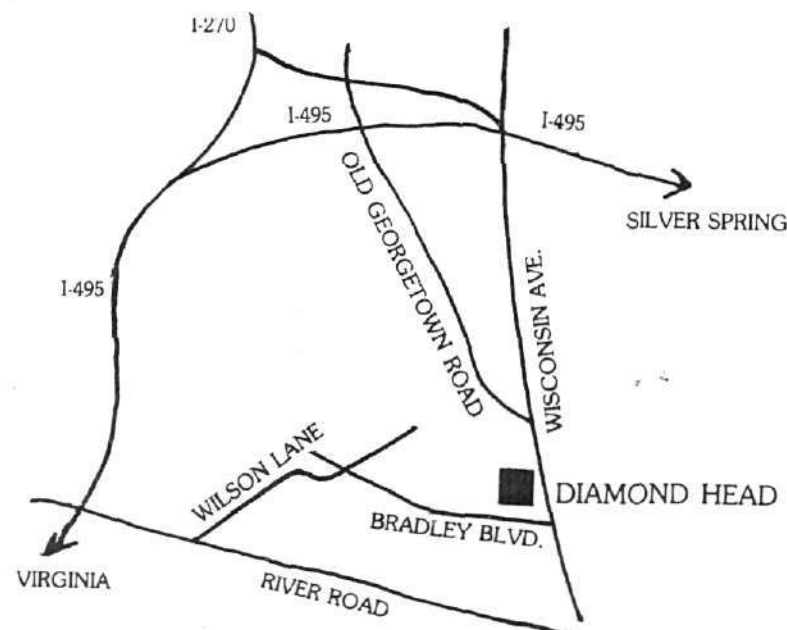
**Guest Speaker:** Jim Kerrigan, Quicksilver Racengines

**Date:** Tuesday, March 21

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

**Place:** Diamond Head Restaurant  
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