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Editor's Notes

It's time to start computing taxes...you are have trouble putting the right date on checks...BMW prices are UP again...your car club has a new set of officers...DER BAYERISCHE has a new editor--it must be a new year. The new year is time for a new level of participation in publishing your club's monthly newsletter. The National Capital Chapter has about 400 members, each of whom undoubtedly has some experience with his or her ultimate driving machine--good or bad, pleasurable or annoying, embarrassing or envious--some experience you wish to share with other Bimmer owners. Have you already spent \$999.99 in unwarranted service on your 733i? On the other hand, maybe you put 387,000 miles on your 1600 before changing spark plugs. Here's your chance to tell all.

This year, DER BAYERISCHE will make a regular feature of owners' reports. These may be general reports boasting good or bad service from your BMW and/or specific reports on specific products. Many suppliers offer after-market modification or replacement parts. DER BAYERISCHE will be looking for reports on the luck you have had with your car and parts you have added or had added to it. Send your comments, in any legible form, to the editor.

Also, send your photos (black and white). It may be interesting to read about other peoples' Bimmers, but it is always exciting to look at them. The editor will not be hoarding these owners' reports and photos to wallpaper his garage. He promises to share them with you in DER BAYERISCHE.

Any other auto-related articles will also be welcomed. For those bored reading pleas for help, read on, the editor has done all the pleading he expects to do in 1979. The rest of his effort will go toward interesting and informative newsletters.



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CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 20
BMWCCA Monthly Meeting
8:00 P.M.
Diamond Head Restaurant
MARCH 2
DER BAYERISCHE Deadline
MARCH 20
BMWCCA Monthly Meeting

ON THE COVER:

Clean Bimmers ready to begin Fall Tour through the scenic Virginia Mountains

MEET THE OFFICERS

President--Barry Livingston--'67 2000Ti
Barry joined BMWCCA in '76 and became aware of how exotic his Bimmer is. In '77 and '78 Barry served as ad manager and assistance editor of DER BAYERISCHE.

Vice-President--Vicki Livingston--'71 2002
Obviously shares Barry's Bimmer interest. Has served as graphic artist and editor of DER BAYERISCHE.

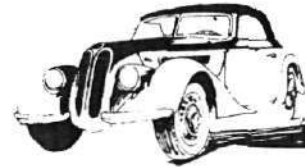
Secretary--Chuck Garrish--'78 320i
Chuck's a 10-year BMW man, starting with a '68 2002, then a '72 2002Ti, a '76 2002, then about a year ago, the 3er. Chuck was secretary last year and tends the club store.

Treasurer--Michael Greenbaum--'71 2002, '74 Bavaria. While keeping track of the chapter's money, Michael's managed to take his 2002 odometer to 147,000 and plan some suspension modifications for his Bavaria.

Editor--John Hartge--'75 2002
The switch from Saab to BMW was no sob story. Joined CCA in '75 and bimmered 77,000 miles since, and still revving like new.

FED PHONES

Need federal help for your Bimmer or any other car? Ralph Nader's Washington-based Public Citizen Group has released the following auto-related government Hot-Line numbers:



Auto Safety Complaints or questions about Recalls? The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration should be able to help. 426-0123 in D.C. area or 800-424-9393.



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BIMMER BUFFET

The National Capital Chapter started the new year with an "All You Could Eat" buffet at the regular meeting room in the Diamond Head restaurant. About 30 members attended the January 19 event.

While everyone wine(d) or beer(ed) and dined, President Barry Livingston introduced the 1979 officers (see page 3) and brought up two matters for discussion--the night of the club meeting and the location. It was generally agreed that those who want to attend the meetings will make the effort, no matter what the time or location. However, the officers are hoping to hear more on meeting time and location, especially from any members who would like to attend meetings but find the current arrangement inconvenient.

Spring and Fall tours are planned again this year. Technical sessions are under consideration along with a variety of programs for the monthly meetings.

The lateness of the first issue of DER BAYERISCHE was explained. Organizing a new staff and gathering ads delayed it. The usual 11 issues are still promised, with a little help from contributors.

The January program included a film on BMW's Junior Racing Team. Not everybody kept those turbocharged 320's on the track, but, as the narrator pointed out, everybody has to learn sometime. (A film on the 733i is planned for the March meeting.) Then there was the grand drawing--4 door prizes awarded to the holders of the lucky numbers. The prizes--wax kits and a BMW fender cover to protect the newly waxed finish from the Saturday mechanic.

Chuck Garrish described the lavish club store neatly tucked away in his Annapolis home. He wants your suggestions on what to stock (filters, plugs, the usual, or the unusual--323i's?).

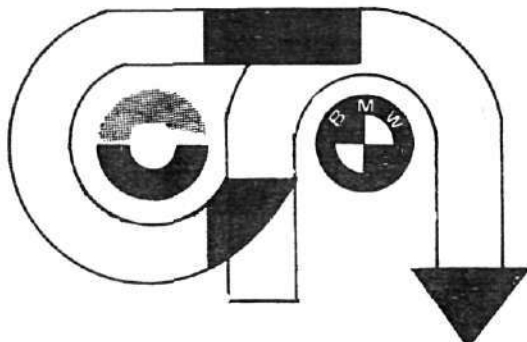
The meeting-buffet was concluded with fortune cookies (an obvious reference to the cost of a new BMW).

next issue:

TECH TIPS

SWAP AND SELL (Get your parts and/or car ads to the editor by the deadline, Mar 2)
THE 55 MILE LIMIT, A REASSESSMENT

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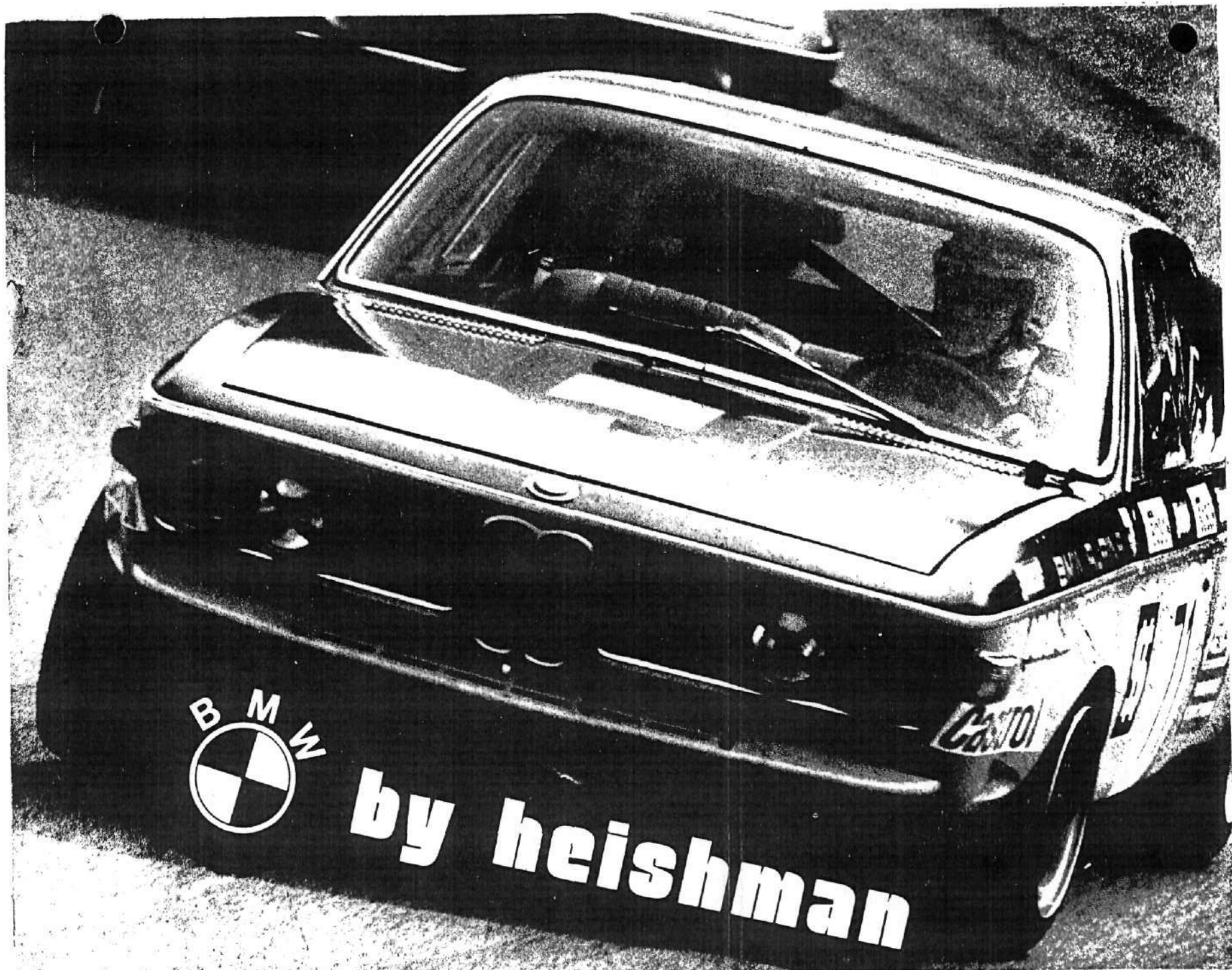
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VIRGINIA LEMON AID

By Barry Livingston

All of us at one time or another have had to take our cars into an auto repair establishment. The result is sometimes less than desired.

The Virginia General Assembly is reviewing auto repair establishments under senate bill # 515. This proposal would make it mandatory for auto repair shops to give written estimates and to keep within those estimates by 10% unless there's additional customer approval. Also, it would be necessary to furnish a receipt or repair order listing the work that was done and what parts were replaced and to return those replaced parts. Very importantly, a statement of guarantee and or warranty of service and parts duration would be required. Finally, this law would have to be displayed in shops with an explanation to the customer.

This bill is still under consideration and not yet law. But its possible impact on the auto repair business should not be all that disconcerting. For the most part, repair facilities that want your continuing business will make sure that you are satisfied.

The most common complaint individuals have with auto repairs is not with the repair work done: it's with the general performance and quality of the auto. What could be done to correct that?

The majority of the public feels that the automobile manufacturers are producing poor running, thrown together, unacceptable examples of an automobile. BMW owners should consider themselves fortunate to have the ultimate driving machine. Most of us remember the auto of years past (about 12 years ago) and that must bother a few of us. We were used to having a car that would idle smoothly, would accelerate strongly without knocking and pinging, and would cruise without surging. When taken in for a tuneup for \$25 the car would run like a bat out of hell. Today, the same tuneup costs about \$75 and the car still knocks and takes 60 seconds to merge onto I-95.

One unnamed individual summed up the situation quite well, "It is a real crime that consumers have to put up with the junk coming out of the American auto industry. It's a sorry state of affairs when one spends money he's yet to earn for a car, thinking his problems are over, only to find that they've just begun, because the car he's purchased is defective in so many areas. (He's referring to the manufacturer that has America singing.) I can assure you I am singing the blues and will continue to do so until it becomes economically feasible to rid myself of this *&#%*+ car."

This proposed bill (Senate # 515) should make the medicine of auto repairs easier to take. If you think this bill is to your advantage, write your appropriate Virginia state senator and urge its passage.



55 mph plus 10

(Cheyenne, Wyo.)--The Wyoming state senate has given final approval to a proposal to raise that state's speed limit to 65-miles an hour. It seems some of the lawmakers do not like poking along the endless highways of that sparsely populated state. One said, "It's time to tell the feds where to go." If Wyoming, or any other state, ignores the 55-mile-an-hour limit, Washington will ignore that state when it's time to hand out federal highway money. A 65-mile-an-hour limit could cost Wyoming \$52-million dollars a year. The state house has tied the higher speed limit up in committee and the governor may not sign the bill. In addition to raising the speed limit, the Wyoming bill would levy a mere 5-dollar fine on any speeder doing up to 75-miles-an-hour.

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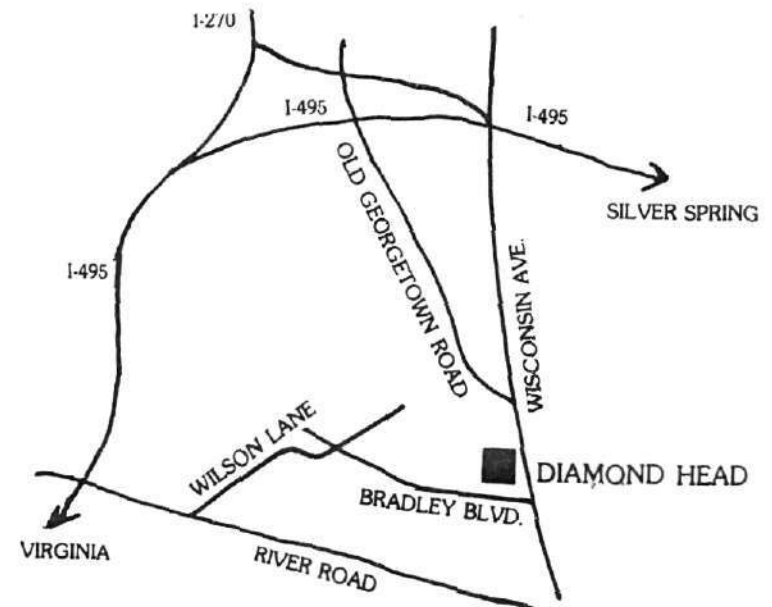
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DATE: FEBRUARY 20, 1979 (3rd Tuesday)

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