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*Merry Christmas*

The Bey Em Vey Club, a club for enthusiastic BMW owners, publishes das Kummet monthly and meets each third Tuesday of the month at the Janaf Branch of the Norfolk Public library at 7:30 P.M.

The Bey Em Vey Club is an independent group of BMW owners and is not associated with the manufacturer, importer or dealers of BMW automobiles.

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Jim Rhyne  
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## Activities

December 5 - Technical Session

December 11 - Meeting & Party

## President's Column

Fortunately, this column will be much shorter than the November meeting. We probably set a local club meeting endurance record the 16th that will stand until BMW wins the 2.5 Challenge Series. Your patience was appreciated as well as your attendance.

All of you BMW owners out there with twisted arms and beaten brows - we've done it. We have (at last count) 16 members of BMWCCA in the club. Work on the application for a charter from BMWCCA is proceeding post-haste. We'll be a chapter soon if National will take us.

Elections. We at last have two candidates (not all eager) for most offices. Volunteers for offices were scarce. Let's hope everyone votes.

Remember - a little meeting and a lot of party December 11th.

Jim Craig

## Minutes, November 16, 1971

The meeting was called to order by president Jim Craig at 7:35 P.M. The treasurer reported a balance of \$29.51.

Jim Rhyne presented Jim Craig with a toy BMW as his prize for placing first in the October rally.

Tom Sundstrom reported that he has ordered 24 NGK spark plugs from Universal Tire at 58¢ each. Jim Rhyne made a motion that the club sell the spark plugs to members for \$1.00 each and that the price for non-members for the spark plugs and other parts sold by the club be 90% of the retail price. Ken Browning seconded the motion; it was voted on and passed. Because of the recent availability of transmission oil at the dealers, the price of the oil sold by the club was lowered to \$1.50 for members, \$2.00 non-members.

*Happy New Year*

## Minutes, continued

Ed Phillips reported that he had purchased and delivered a fifth of scotch to Stuart Saunders, attorney. Vic Shunkwiler has compiled a list of all radio stations in the area which will broadcast club meeting dates.

Activities scheduled for the remainder of the year were reviewed. The rally is on November 20, the tech session on December 5, and the combination December meeting and party on December 11 at 7:30 P.M.

Jim Rhyne reported that he had inquired into the price of jacket patches, but that he needed a design before getting an estimate. Collis Ackiss offered to work up some designs and it was suggested that others who wish to do so bring their designs to the January meeting. Jeff Dane offered to have the final approved design worked up into camera ready art.

Jim Craig made a motion that the club accept dues after November 1 of each year for the next fiscal and calendar year, and that they apply for the remainder of the year. Mary Cottrell seconded the motion; it was voted on and passed.

BMWCCA has asked our club to obtain a post office box address - it was suggested that this be delayed until after the election of new officers, so that the location will be suitable to them. The club now has fifteen members who belong to the BMWCCA and will apply to become a chapter immediately.

Nominations were made for officers for 1972. They are - President: Fred Andrew, Jim Craig; Vice President: Ed Phillips, Basil Smith, Tom Sundstrom; Secretary: Rose Marie Sundstrom; Treasurer: Mary Cottrell, Linda Smith; Events Chairman: Vic Shunkwiler, Jim Rhyne. All members will receive a ballot in the mail with their newsletter. It is to be mailed to the Sundstrom's or brought there the night of the party.

Jim Craig presented a letter which he proposed be sent to the three BMW dealers in the area. A motion was made, seconded and passed to send the letters, signed by the officers, club members, and as many other BMW owners as possible to the dealers as read.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 P.M. to view slides of Oktoberfest and BMW films.

Rose Marie Sundstrom

## CLUB ACTIVITIES

### November 7th Tech Session

The Ridgeways and John Perry showed up on November 6th so a miniature tech session was held - without the frost bitten hands and ears which were to characterize the next day's session. We had a fourteen car turnout (counting the two on the 6th) and a good time was had by all. The club has gone through five gallons of gear oil in the last two months - wonder why? Motor oil and hypoid oil were found in transmissions again, but no ATF this time around. Interchanged fill and drain plugs as well as some strange looking trash were found in another transmission. One nearly dry differential and three broken spark plug connectors were also discovered. Reid Wimer's 1600 now has heat and Dick Bouvier is a valve adjuster par excellence. Bob Rist still isn't sure of what spark plugs to put in his Bavaria, but he keeps trying. Ken Browning discovered that a 70 degree dwell angle and retarded timing don't do much for performance on a 2002.

Let's hope the December session is not any colder than this one!

### November Rally Results

A field of thirteen cars assembled on the asphalt at Pembroke Mall on November 20 to be sent out one by one to thrash about in the wilds of Pungo in search of obscure signs. Although the rally was 55 miles long, the average distance traveled was nearly 100 miles with the average speed of 30 mph. By 1:00 A.M. all the cars were accounted for, the scores compiled and results posted as follows:

1. Dan & Pam Walters
2. Vic & Terri Shunkwiler
3. Jim & Theanne Rhyne

## December Tech Session

There will be a tech session on Sunday, December 5 at noon at Vic Shunkwiler's, 1089 Kempsville Road, Norfolk. Phone: 497-6117. Tools, all lubricants, all tune up parts, workshop manual and help available. If you need work done on your Bimmer, come on out. Vic promises to have heat and light in his garage (barn?) for this session.

Wives and children are most welcome, and there will be free pony rides for the kids.

## December Meeting And Party

The monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, December 11 at 7:30 P.M. It will be at the Sundstrom's, 5712 Chippewa Rd., Virginia Beach. Phone 497-2814.

A short meeting featuring election results will be followed by our First Annual Christmas Party (tradition has to start somewhere). There will be plenty of mix and good things to eat, but if you have a favorite drink, please B.Y.O.

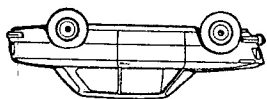
### Meeting & Party Checklist:

1. Saturday at 7:30
2. Casual dress
3. Bring your ballots
4. Bring your booze
5. Bring your Bimmer

## Oktoberfest Report

A report on BMWCCA's Oktoberfest '71 was to be included in this issue, but the slides shown at the November meeting provided a more complete report than could a page in the newsletter - hence no written report. This also lets the would be author off the hook.

## Vielen Dank



The Bey Em Vey Club wishes to thank Bruce-Flournoy Motor Corp. for the use of their BMW films at the last club meeting. It was depressing to see so many BMW's destroyed, but quite comforting to note how well the cars survived the brutal treatment. Thank you.

## Confessions Of An Alfisti

It has become clear to me that even the most narrow-minded, stubborn and loyal of people can be persuaded to change their minds....occasionally. Now this is not to imply that merely because I owned four different Alfa-Romeos in so many years am I narrow-minded, stubborn, etc. Nor is the fact that everyone.... my Father, Mother, wife, children, have all suffered at one time or another because of my addiction any indication of an abnormality on my part.

My father once drove 200 miles to pick up a near-junk Alfa Spyder for me ...towing it back...in winter. I never used it. Did he complain? No. My wife learned to live with a neon Alfa-Romeo sign I hung in the living room. Did she complain? No...but hanging it in the bedroom was going too far, she said. Did our little girls ever complain about the tiny back seats, poor heaters, and drafty ragtops? They dared not.

It was all part of the game. In our four years of living, loving and hating Alfas, we have many memories to look back bravely upon. The time Mary (the wife) snuck \$30 out of the bank to improve the kitchen...because the Alfa district rep was paying us a visit, and she wanted everything to be so perfect. Or the times a certain Alfisti would come around and ramble on for hours about Alfas, only to leave the room if the subject dared to be changed.

Sadly, almost, those days are over now. I have one Alfa for sale, a closet full of spare Alfa parts, and a new BMW 2002 sitting out front. How did one so hung up on Alfas change his mind?

An Audi 100LS would have been nice, but it was a little too big and not sporting enough. That left the Alfa 1750 Berlina and the BMW.

Being an enthusiast, and also realizing all too well the Federal Governments plans for villians like us, I knew I had to buy one new car....a good one that would last. Those fearsome words from Road & Track kept coming into my head..."Buy your new car now and keep it up." Not words to be taken lightly. So it was, above all else, the workmanship and quality that turned me to the BMW. Service and price were secondary considerations. The two are different but almost equal...yet the BMW had it

all over the Alfa when it came to longevity. No one in the world builds better cars than the Germans, and despite a still flaming fondness for Italian cars, logic and reason got the better of me. Once it had become clear in my mind I did not hesitate.

Nor am I sorry. The BMW's performance and quality easily overcomes it's lack of...well, shall we say beauty. This is something that the Berlina TI I had over a year ago could never do. I felt like an old man in it. It's Renault-like ugliness and stodginess could never quite be overlooked. The 2002...by merely being a BMW, commands a decent amount of respect. And driving it makes me feel young again...old I am not, but having three kids can make one drag his feet. I embarrass myself by laying rubber like a teenybopper in a 4-4-2. I scare myself by taking corners twice as fast as in the Alfa. I am ashamed, but happy. This car, like no other I've ever driven, really does bring out those dormant Fangio traits, just like the magazine said. I haven't had so much fun in years.

So we have joined the ranks. We can look forward to even fonder experiences as BMW owners. And now, maybe I can get my wife to let me hang my BMW sign up in the bedroom.

Pete Vack

BITS 'N' PIECES

The Latest News From Dick Cummins  
(Welcome Back Dick!)

Cummins Motor Sales will soon be entering the racing accessory business.

2002tii, 2002touring and 3.0 Bavaria are due in late December or early January. Orders are now being accepted.

BMW may officially enter American racing to maintain the BMW performance image. (Let's hope!)

Cummins is now in the top 15 BMW dealers in the U.S. as far as parts inventory is concerned. Dick Cummins doesn't say where in the top 15, but it's probably #1. Their parts inventory rivals that of the factory. If you need anything Cummins has it.

A turbocharged, fuel injected BMW is envisioned in the not-to-distant future (2002ttii ?)

Tire Rotation (An Opinion)

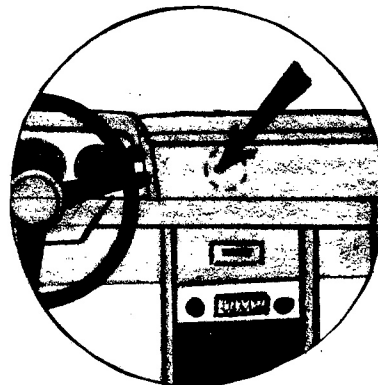
You will save time, trouble and money if you do not have your BMW's tires rotated every 8000 miles. The trouble and cost of having the tires rebalanced after rotation negates the benefits of slightly extended tire life. Keep the tires inflated to the correct pressure (28p.s.i. in all four tires - both 4 cyl. and 6 cyl.) and your tires will deliver maximum mileage with evenly distributed wear.

Jim Craig

TECH TIPS

Gauge Installation

The BMW 2002ti and 2002tii have a factory installed clock on the dashboard just to the right of the instrument cluster. All 1969 and later BMW 1602/2002 models have a pre-cut vinyl covered hole in the dash suitable for gauge installation. To locate the hole open the glove box, stick your right arm in and run your hand along the inside of the vertical portion of the dash. About the middle of the dash you should feel the hole. Pressing the vinyl covering from the rear will enable you to locate the hole from the outside. To facilitate gauge installation and wiring it may be necessary to remove the console and under-dash covering panels. Cut the dashboard vinyl carefully - one slip and you've got a real mess!



## Winking, Blinking, or Just Not Working

My BMW! A dream of a car until I found out about her electrical system. My problem was the turn signal indicator on the dashboard. So some poor soul won't have to go through what I've been through, along with Jim and Tom, who will have to get unlisted numbers if I have anymore trouble, I'll describe my ordeal by light.

When the lever was first engaged, the initial surge triggered the indicator. After that, nothing. The outside lights were all working properly. I jury-rigged all kinds of alternate circuits trying to isolate the problem. Finally I bypassed the flasher relay and voila a light on yon dashboard. Problem solved? No. After installing a new relay, my trouble, time, and expense remained unrewarded. My bulb was good, my wiring was good, my relay was good, but my patience and nerves were shot. Help, Jim and Tom! Now on my last straw, which was in a splint, I began jiggling wires behind my outside turn signal lights. This is the way all good electricians trouble-shoot gear. Haven't you seen them? They pick up a radio or stereo and shake it, and with a \$35 labor bill smile on their face, they say, "I'll have to take it to the shop for a better look at it." No offense meant to electricians. I am trying to be one. My method is just like the big boys. Now - back at the front left turn signal where wires are being jiggled, I notice an intermittent green light in the cockpit. A bad ground! Naw--that would be too easy. After much thought (about five seconds), I concluded that it was a bad ground. BMW is so designed that rather than give the driver and passengers a bad ride, the body and components take the road shocks. Thus the reason for the loose ground connection. Rather than tear all the paneling out to reach the wiring on the inside, take a quick check on the outside. It may save frustration.

Basil Smith

## Loose Bolts

The output shaft of the transmission is connected to the drive shaft with bolts which pass through a rubber doughnut. Several 4 cyl. BMW's have been found with these bolts loose. Don't wait until they fall off, tighten them now.

Bud Simonton -5-

## Gas Cap Gasket

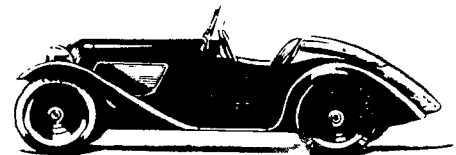
Following last month's tech tip you installed a new type neoprene gas cap gasket on your car. Now you say you can't get your gas cap off the fender without using a hammer? The neoprene gaskets will expand upon being exposed to Amoco premium and some other gasolines. Once you've removed the cap take the gasket off and trim about an eighth of an inch or so from the outside edge. Keep cutting until the cap is reasonably easy to tighten and remove. You could purchase a second gasket and use it as a guide to trim the expanded gasket to its original size.

Tom Sundstrom  
Jim Craig

## Carburetor Jet Modifications

Club member (and automotive expert) Don McGee has found that drilling out the idle jet on the 2002's Solex from 0.016" to 0.020" smooths out performance. Combining this with an X-165 main jet and a 140 air correction jet as recommended by Cummins Motor Sales (World's Best BMW Dealer) should provide a good performance boost.

## OUT OF THE PAST



BMW 31511 Touring Sport  
(1934-37) 1½ litre six

## CLASSIFIED

Wanted: Indoor location for January and February tech sessions. Help, or we'll freeze our axle boots off!

Wanted: Lefthand portion (belt-harness) of seatbelt for driver's side of '69 2002. Jim Rhyne 547-5644

Sell: 2 Cibie series 90 under bumper Q-I driving lamps. Basil Smith 583-0049

Sell: 1970 BMW 2002. Performance Cars Ltd. (Mr. Bunch) 596-9205

PARTS AND SERVICE UPDATE

Printed below is a relatively complete listing of good people to know about. Also included are comments on what these people have to offer. We'd appreciate any comments from readers.

<u>Abbrev.</u>	<u>Name</u>
BMWCCA	BMW Car Club of America P.O. Box 96, Boston, Mass. 02199
BMW	Bey Em Vey Corporation 4906 Johnson Ave., Portsmouth, Virginia 23701 Phone 488-6843
ADD	Addco Watertown Rd. & East St., Lake Park, Florida 33403
AC	Arnolt Corporation Warsaw, Indiana 46580
AW	Auto World 701 N. Keyser Ave., Scranton, Pennsylvania 18508
BLV	Blythe-Anderson Co. 1260 39th Street, Newport News, Virginia, Phone 245-6565 Hours: 5:30P.M. - 9:00 P.M. weekdays & 9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. on Saturday
BMWACA	BMW Automobile Club of America P.O. Box 1312, Garden Grove, Calif. 92642
BMW	BMW Alpina Burkard Bovensiepen KG 895 Kaufbeuren-Postfach 102 W. Germany
BM	Barr Motors 513 Washington Blvd., Williamsport, Penna. 17701, 717-323-4844
BT	Belle Tires 12190 Grand River, Detroit, Michigan 48204, 313-834-3880
BSM	Brooks-Shorter Motor Corp. 501 Virginia Beach Blvd., Va. Bch., Va. 428-6161
BFM	Bruce Flournoy Motor Corp. 7520 N. Military Hwy., Norfolk, Va. 583-2331
CEW	CEW Dist. Co. Ltd. 3449 N. Military Hwy., Norfolk 855-1981
CT	Circle Tire Co. 111 Route 9, Natick, Mass. 01760 617-235-6838
CM	Columbia Motor Corp. 136 W. 21st St., N.Y., N.Y. 10011
CON	Conti Enterprises Inc. 163-15 46th Ave., Flushing, New York 11358
CMS	Cummins Motor Sales 100 E. Pike St., Cannonsburg, Penna. 15317 412-745-2150
DA	Da'Lan Automotive 20 Garland Rd., Clemsford, Mass. 01824 617-256-9188
DI	Diesel Injection Brambleton Ave. & Tidewater Dr., Norfolk 622-5691
DR	Delfosse Racing 11760 Sorrento Valley Rd., Suite P, San Diego, Calif. 92121 714-755-7901
FEC	Foreign Engine Co. 67 Chelsea St., Everett, Mass. 02149 617-387-6300
HPM	Hyde Park Motors 3443 W. 43rd St., L.A., Calif. 90043 213-778-8230
ICC	Imported Car Center 4815 Colley Ave., Norfolk 489-8429
JCW	J.C. Whitney & Co. 1917-19 Archer Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60616 312-939-3282
KAS	Kempsville Auto Supply 5266-C Princess Anne Rd., Va. Bch. 497-3539
MA	Midgette's American Oil Service Station 4000 Portsmouth Blvd., Chesapeake 488-9948
PCL	Performance Cars Ltd. 10162 Jefferson Ave., Newport News 596-9205
PP	Performance Products 16129 Leadwell St., Van Nuys, Calif. 91406 213-787-7500
PDC	Peters Distributing Co. 1041 W. 45th St., Norfolk 489-4965
PDT	Phillips Discount Tire Center 3535 N. Military Hwy., Norfolk 857-1201
PFAW	Porsche Foreign Auto Wrecking 217 E. Artesia Blvd., Gardena, Calif. 90247 213-327-6324
RR	R & R Rally Team 6363 San Felipe Apt. 328, Houston, Texas 77027 713-781-5875
SM	Schwing Motor Co. 3326 Keswick Rd., Baltimore, Md. 21211 301-243-1300
TF	Thompson Ford 1020 W. Mercury Blvd., Hampton 838-0222
UTC	Universal Tire Co. 14622 Southlawn Lane, Rockville, Md. 20850 301-762-1371
VDO	VDO Instruments 116 Victor, Detroit, Michigan 48203
VP	Vasek Polak 2901 Pacific Coast Hwy., Hermosa Beach, Calif. 90254 213-376-0935
VSC	Vaughn's Servicenters Inc. 31st & Atlantic, Virginia Beach 428-4121
W	Wilco P.O. Box 1128, Rochester, N.Y. 14603
WFC	Williams Foreign Car Service, Ltd. Route 1 Box 145, Prince George, Va. 23875 458-5588
YLCD	Your Local Chevrolet Dealer
YLVWD	Your Local VW Dealer

Service	Abbrev. & Comments
Airconditioning	VSC Frigiking at lower than dealer price.
Clubs	BMW Local BMW fanatics. Meets on third Tuesday of every month at Janaf Branch of Norfolk Public Library at 7:30 P.M.
	BMWCCA Largest national club of BMW fanatics. Excellent monthly newsletter. Club discounts available. Oktoberfest!
	BMWACA Factory controlled. Underwritten by Hoffman, not much to offer.
Dealers	BSM, BFM, BM, CMS, HPM, SM, TF, VP
Floor Mats	AW, JCW Coco fiber mats.
Gauges	VDO
Gulp Valve	BSM, YLCD, Chevy part #7033546 \$12
Headers	HPM, CON Ansa headers. 180 degree system rather than 4 into 1.
Lights	UTC Cibie at discount prices.
	PCL Cibie
	Sears Hella
	AW Hella
	CM Marchal
Mechanics	BSM Bud Simonton, otherwise do it yourself
Metric Hardware	YLVWD
Oil	PDC Wholesale prices on Castrol. Nice people to do business with.
Oil Filters	4 Cyl: BMW Purolator PC-201 Purolator PER-50 Fram PH-46
Paint & Body	ICC Aubrey is a magician.
Parts (performance)	BMWA, BM, FEC, HPM, VP This includes - Webers, cams, swaybars, limited slips, 5-speeds, oil coolers, wide wheels, quick steering boxes, green springs, heavy duty radiators, etc..etc.....
Parts (Bosch)	BLY, CEW, DI, KAS
Parts (BMW)	BSM, BFM, TF
Parts (used)	CMS Mail order from an extremely well stocked parts department.
Rally Equipment	CT, PFAW, WFC
Shocks	RR PCL 10% off on Konis BLY 12% off on Konis
	DR Bilstein. Caution, may require larger hubs and bearings on front.
Solex Parts	AC
Spark Plugs	BMWCA, BSM, UTC NGK BP-6ES for 4 and 6 cyl. cars. (Champion N9-Y if you must buy American.)
Sump Guard	DA, RR
Sway Bars	DA 3/4" Dia., \$24-\$25 each. Best bargain available anywhere.
	BMWA, FEC, HPM, VP Very expensive, but nice.
	ADD Positively the worst sway bars in the world.
Tires	BT Most brands (no XAS), good prices
	CEW Semperit
	PCL, PDT Vredestein, discounts given
	UTC Pirelli at good prices
Tools (metric)	PP, Sears, W
Transmission Oil	BMWCA we have 80 wt. gear oil.
	PDC
Turbocharger	DR, SM 200 HP, \$975, "Bolt-on" Turbo-May from Germany
Webers	BMWA, BM, FEC, HPM, VP
Wheel Balancing	MA Alemite System, they know what they're doing.
Wheels (wider)	BMWA 5" & 5½" steel wheels
	FEC 5½" & 6" Borrani steel wheels
	CEW 5"-6" Cosmic mags
	CON 5"-6" BWA mags, 10% off to BMWCCA members, free shipping
	Best looking wheels available.
	Opel rims fit ( 5" wide )