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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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## Activities

- November 7 - Technical Session
- November 16 - Meeting
- November 20 - Rally
- December 5 - Technical Session
- December 11 - Meeting and Party

## President's Column

To return from Oktoberfest, elated and exhausted and have a column to write is almost more than I can stand, but here goes.

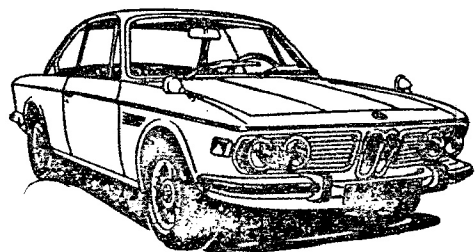
Oktoberfest was bigger and better than expected. The weather wasn't much, but who cares. The planning, work, cooperation and the people were fantastic. Sponsorship for the event was excellent. Local merchants (including BMW dealers) contributed door prizes ranging from key fobs to a set of tires. Uncle Max wouldn't contribute anything or send anyone down to talk to us, but what can you expect from someone who makes such a little profit on cars and parts. Anyway, we only buy everything he sells so who are we? Congratulations to the National Capital Chapter of BMWCCA for a job well done.

Locally, elections are coming up. How about working for your club? Without workers this club will fall apart, as any other group would. Do your share and help provide next year's leadership.

We need three more members of BMWCCA to apply for a charter. See "Honest Wilhelm Is Coming!!" for a further inducement to join this fine organization. Also notice page 2 of the gratis Roundel. The 1000th member of BMWCCA could be you.

To borrow a phrase,

Happy Motoren!  
Jim Craig



Minutes, October 19, 1971

The meeting was called to order by Jim Craig, president, at 7:45 P.M. The treasurer reported a balance of \$41.57.

Tom Sundstrom suggested that since it is possible to purchase NGK spark plugs from Universal Tire for 58¢ that the club purchase some. A motion was made, seconded and passed to that effect.

Jim Craig announced that nominations of officers for 1972 will be made at the November meeting with the election in December.

Activities were scheduled for November. A tech session will be held on November 7 and a rally on November 20. A future activity involving a combination rally-economy run was discussed and will be scheduled if enough interest is shown.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to change the December meeting date so it would not interfere with the holiday season. It will be held on Saturday, December 11 at the Sundstrom's and will be combined with a party.

Jim Craig proposed that the club show appreciation to Stuart Saunders, attorney, for the legal work he did for the incorporation of the club. The motion was passed. Ed Phillips will purchase and deliver a fifth of J&B scotch.

Vic Shunkwiler was appointed publicity director for the club. Vic will check into the cost of newspaper and radio announcements and try to obtain Bud Simonton as a guest speaker at a future meeting. Vic also proposed an official BMW autocross team. He will notify us of the next local autocross so the club can congregate and members can enter and give each other critiques.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

Rose Marie Sundstrom

#### CLUB ACTIVITIES

Skyline Drive was there, where were you?

The club's second drive out was held October 16. Where was everybody? The Shunkwilers and Craigs arrived at Janaf simultaneously at 7:10 A.M. After waiting a half hour for stragglers, late sleepers, etc., the BMW "caravan" (2 cars) headed for the mountains in the fog. A quick picnic lunch was consumed upon arrival at Skyline Drive - and then on to the purpose of the trip. The mountain roads (and the scenery of course) were fantastic. Traffic was light so 35 mph was exceeded on occasion - what a ball.

The excellence of BMW's handling can really best be appreciated in the mountains. A back road to Lurray for a quick tour of the caverns was followed by 110 miles of Skyline Drive with no other traffic. We harrassed the hell out of some poor soul in an Olds Toronado. He thought 30 mph was a fast trip up a mountain road. The speed limit was 55 with curves (love 'em) recommended at 25-30. The Olds was thrashing around when he was suddenly terrorized by two boxy sedans streaking up the mountain at the posted speed limit (pretty close, anyway). When last seen the Olds was at the edge of the road and the driver was kicking a front fender.

Six hundred miles and 15 hours after it began, the 2nd drive out ended. A thoroughly enjoyable trip marred only by Vic's flat tire. Too bad that more people didn't show up for the trip.

Jim Craig

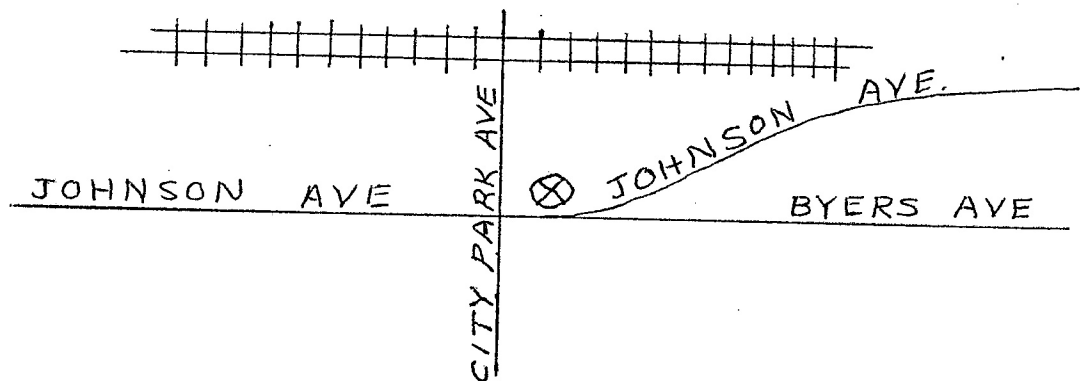
## Think Sunshine

There will be a tech session on November 7, at 12 noon, at Jim Craig's 4906 Johnson Ave. in Portsmouth. Phone 488-6843. Tools, all lubricants, points, workshop manual and help available. If you need work done, come on out with your parts.

**Directions:** From Norfolk: Come through the downtown tunnel and get onto the interstate (I-264). Exit at Victory Blvd. Turn right at the traffic light. You are on Victory Blvd. (Continued below)

From the Beach: Proceed down the toll road and get onto I-264 towards Chesapeake. When you come to the Bowers Hill - Portsmouth fork, turn right towards Portsmouth. Exit at Victory Blvd. Turn left at the traffic light. You are on Victory Blvd. Go straight at the next light. (Continued below)

Now everybody: Go straight at the next light, proceeding down Victory Blvd. in the left lane. Turn left at the next traffic light (you will be facing a Coca-Cola plant). Pass Toyota dealer on your left. Zayres will soon be on your right. Turn right between Texaco station and Shoney's (across from Plymouth dealer) onto City Park Ave. Follow City Park Ave. (it winds around a little) until you come to a traffic light (7-11 on your left). Go straight and bear right to stay on City Park Ave. Turn right on Johnson Ave. - Byers Ave. - City Park Ave. intersection. If you cross the railroad tracks, you just passed the tech session.



## Rally

If you enjoyed (and finished) our last rally, then come and compete again. If you couldn't enter or entered and failed to finish, then give it another try. Prizes will be awarded, including 5 quarts of Castrol XLR racing oil for first place.

This rally is strictly for fun. It is a gimmick rally, not a time-speed-distance. Necessary equipment is a pencil and a flashlight.

The rally is on Saturday, November 20. Meet at Sears Pembroke Mall (Virginia Beach Blvd. at Independence) near the self service post office. Registration at 7 P.M. First car off at 7:30 P.M. Entrance fee per car is \$1.50 members, \$2.00 non-members. For more information call 497-2814.

## December Tech Session

This tech session will be held at Vic Shunkwilers' - 497-6117. More information in the December newsletter.

## Christmas Party

An early reminder - our December meeting (election included) will be combined with a party. If any of the wives would like to volunteer to bring some edible goodies, please call 497-2814 or sign up at the November meeting.

## Notice

Nominations for the 1972 club officers will be made at the November meeting on the 16th. Be thinking about who would be the best candidates for President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Events Chairman. If you don't show up to nominate, you could be a nominee!

## COMPETITION

### Let's Autocross

We can overcome! We have proven that there is sufficient interest to support a successful BMW club in Tidewater. We should now let area sports car buffs know that we are a club to be reckoned with. Each of us drives a potential autocross winner. I think it would be safe to say that a least 50% of our present membership would greatly enjoy pylon competition.

It has been proven that a BMW is virtually unbeatable in an autocross. I have never finished lower than third place in any autocross and that includes events I entered before my car had any modifications. Wouldn't it be great if BMW's took top honors in classes C (2002), C modified and F(1600) consistently!

What I am proposing to you now is a means to that end. Let's form an unbeatable autocross team! Many of you have already started to collect your first place trophies. We all own unbeatable cars. It remains for us now to develop our driving skills and sharpen our competitive spirit to create an autocross team that will overwhelm the competition. BMW UBERALLES!

Vic Shunkwiler  
497-6117

### Tough Break

Datsun wins SCCA 2.5 Challenge. Alfa Romeo placed second in the series with BMW coming in 3rd. This proves that factory sponsorship money can overcome almost any obstacle.

## NEWSLETTER

### Plea

Come on people, this is your newsletter so let's hear from you. You must have something to contribute. This newsletter was not set up solely for the purpose of having the club officers speak at you. How about helping your club's newsletter by contributing?

### Next Month

Parts and service listing update. Any contributions should be submitted before November 25.

## Coming Soon

Watch the newsletter for a complete Oktoberfest report. Jim Craig will describe how it feels to take top honors in the concours two years in a row, and how he took first overall (concours, autocross and rally) this year. Congratulations!

## PARTS

### Honest Wilhelm Is Coming

Bill Mason (Honest Wilhelm) will soon be going into the mailorder BMW parts business for the National Capital Chapter of BMWCCA. Almost any part for a BMW can be obtained for you (if you're a BMWCCA member) at prices you will not believe. A good working rule of thumb is to take the Slippery Max prices and divide them by 2, 3 or 4 to get the Honest Wilhelm prices. "The prices are so low it's almost a rip-off," says Honest with a grin. Honest! Watch the Roundel for more information.

### Support Your Local Volkswagen Dealer

Your friendly local VW dealer has the best (and only) complete selection of metric hardware (nuts, bolts, studs, etc.). Stop by and stock up if you anticipate any do-it-yourself maintenance.

## TECH TIPS

### Gas Cap Gasket

Is your old cork gas cap gasket cracked and falling (mainly into the gas tank) apart? Do you have a gas cap gasket? Now, at last, you can buy a neoprene gasket from your favorite BMW dealer for about 25¢.

Tom Sundstrom

### Spark Plug Connector

Carry a spare spark plug connector inside your spark plug wrench. They break easily and you will be overjoyed to have a spare should you need it.

Jim Craig

### Windshield Washer Reservoir

Take a good look at your windshield washer reservoir and the way it's mounted. Notice the more you push down on the reservoir, the more the mount gouges the sides. Notice that finally a crack appears and your fluid level begins dropping. Notice that a replacement for the reservoir you just ruined costs \$5.39. Notice the sign on my reservoir: "NO LEAN".

Tom Sundstrom

## CLASSIFIED

### For Sale

1969 model Motorola AM/FM solid state pushbutton radio with face plate and console bracket. Speaker and antenna not included. Excellent condition. Make an offer to Jim Craig at 488-6843.