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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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October Activities

- October 1 - Rally
- 10 - Technical Session
- 16 - Drive Out
- 19 - Meeting
- 23,24 - Oktoberfest

President's Column

The Bey Em Vey Club (soon to be also known as the Tidewater Chapter of BMWCCA) has been very active recently and October finds us even busier. On our October schedule are a rally, tech session, drive out and monthly meeting. Three activities and a meeting in one month make us the most active club in the area and the most active BMW club in the U.S. There's no reason that this should not be. Enjoy your club - that's what it's for. But do try to come to the meetings. A meeting with twelve people is not nearly as much fun as one with twenty-five.

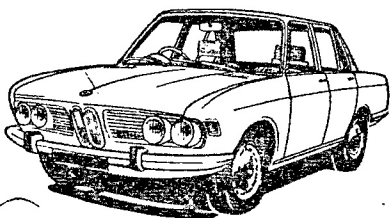
The club is now providing (at nominal cost) for its members and other BMW owners 80 weight gear oil for the BMW transmission. Is there anything else you would like the club to stock - motor oil, parts,...? If it can be done, and the club can make some profit, why not? We're open to suggestions. This is your club, and can do anything you want - provided you get a majority vote!

Jim Craig

Minutes, September 21, 1971

The meeting was called to order by Jim Craig, president, at 7:40 P.M. The treasurer reported a balance of \$37.81.

The club is now officially incorporated. Jim Craig, who attended the chapter conference of BMWCCA reported



that the national club is working on a group insurance policy. If our club were to purchase insurance alone, the cost would be \$180.00. It was decided to wait and find a less expensive way.

Trophies were awarded to winners from the September rally. A rally was planned for Friday, October 1, and a drive out for October 16. The meeting was adjourned to the Village Inn Pizza Parlor at 8:20 P.M.

Rose Marie Sundstrom.

CLUB ACTIVITIES

Rally Report

Everyone who entered our first rally had a great time. (Could it be because everyone who entered placed either first or second?) Thanks to Jim Rhyne and Ken Browning for their work in setting it up. Theanne Rhyne did an excellent job of making the trophies.

Drivers of cars placing first: Bob Rist, Andy Chisolm, Dave Cottrell, Jim Craig, Frank Pokornoy. Second place cars were driven by Tom Sundstrom, Basil Smith, and Dan Walters.

The October Rally, the club's second, proved much more difficult, as rally-master Jim Rhyne had promised. Sorry to say, some of the entrants never finished and had to use their panic sheets. Maybe they just weren't hungry enough to eat their cookies! Only two cars managed to finish the course within the allotted time. Jim and Sandra Craig, who placed first, were in one of them.

Tech Session

We are having our October tech session on Sunday, October 10, at 12 noon. It will be at Vic Shunkwiler's, 1089 Kempsville Road, Norfolk. Gear box oil is still available, as well as the use of tools. Bring your own parts. For more information, or directions, call Vic at 497-6117.

The September tech session, held at the Sundstrom's, was quite a success if you realize that gear box oil was changed on eight cars. In addition, the oil and filter were changed on the Cottrell's car (Dave is on a 6 month cruise), and a minor tuneup done on Paula Lippard's car. (Paula - don't forget you need your valves adjusted.) Glad to see so many new faces show up.

Drive Out - Skyline Drive

Do you like to drive your BMW on winding roads? Would you like to see some beautiful fall scenery? Then join us for an all day drive out to Skyline Drive on Saturday, October 16. We will meet at Janaf parking lot at 7 A.M., and expect to return by 9 P.M. Bring the family and a picnic lunch.

Oktoberfest (Oct. 22, 23 & 24)

If BMW's and BMW type people turn you on -- go to D.C. for Oktoberfest. You will not be disappointed. If you're not yet a member of national, there is still time - but hurry!

From the D.C. Chapter: "Oktoberfest '71 is coming along pretty well. The basic rundown of what to expect is: Headquarters will be at the Sheraton-Lanham Motor Inn at Beltway Exit 30. Friday night there will be a Cash-Bar Cocktail Party in Spooner's (the national President) hotel room at the Sheraton. Saturday morning, Oct. 23 registration will be held in the hotel lobby, followed by a Concours D'Elegance in the back lot of the hotel. Saturday afternoon a rally will start from the Sheraton and the hungry rallists will end up back at the Sheraton that evening for a giant barbecue and many kegs of beer. After the effects of the barbecue have worn off there will be a tech session Sunday morning, hopefully conducted by a service rep. from Hoffmans with assistance from other knowledgeable people including some BMWCCA members. Sunday afternoon an autocross will be held followed that evening by a Banquet-Awards Dinner."

BITS 'N PIECES

Good News from BMW, EPA and Uncle Max

The USA will be getting its own detoxed 2002tii and 2002 tii touring. These slick little devils have a 140 hp fuel injected 2 liter engine, 5" wide wheels... and a 5-speed factory option! The USA engine has lower compression, a milder cam and 10 hp less than its European cousin. See the latest Road & Track for a test on the 2002tii.

The Bavaria has now got a 3.0 liter engine (2985 cc., 200 bhp @ 6000 r.p.m.) which should make the car even more fun, if it can be made to run well - something the 2.5 and 2.8 liter have not done in this area.

Bad News from Uncle Max and the EPA

Road Test recently reported that the Turbo-May turbocharger (see das Kummel Vol. 1 No. 2) would be available from your local BMW dealer courtesy of Uncle Max. Apparently the EPA has discovered this to be a counter-ecological plot and branded it illegal. Hoffman has since decided not to make the Turbo-May unit available. Don't be too unhappy -- the turbo is available from other sources and probably costs less than Uncle Max would have had you believe.

SEVSCO Schedule

Oct. 10	Rally	Peninsula Sports Car Club
Oct. 17	Autocross	Beach Ford Mustang Club
Oct. 23-24	Rally	Tidewater Sports Car Club
Oct. 31	Autocross	Beach Ford Mustang Club
Nov. 7	2 Day Rally	Andiamo Motor Sports Club
Nov. 14	Autocross	Peninsula Sports Car Club

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Do it right - Lubrication

What's in your BMW's manual transmission besides a bad 2nd gear synchro? Probably the wrong lubricant unless you've had the transmission oil changed at a tech session. The BMW owner's manual states that 80 weight gear oil (non-hypoid) should be used, but that in an "emergency" 30 weight HD (High Detergent) motor oil may be used. (Emergency to me means no more than a 1000 miles.) Hypoid oil, hypoid B oil, ATF and 30 weight non-detergent motor oil are unacceptable, but were found in transmissions of members' cars at the last tech session. **THESE CARS WERE DEALER SERVICED.**

Any hypoid oil will ruin the synchronizer rings in the transmission - synchros are cheap, but getting there is half the fun. How can you tell what is in your transmission? Smell the oil. If it stinks (as in sulphur) you've got hypoid oil. If there is no strong stench, you've either got gear oil, ATF or motor oil. Gear oil is commercially available, although usually on a special order basis, so there is no excuse for using the wrong oil. Castrol 80/90 gear oil is available through the Bey Em Vey Club. Two dollars will buy enough to fill your transmission (profits go to the club treasury). Two dollars is cheap insurance..

Jim Craig

Update

Vol. I, No. 1 of das Kummel listed Bavarian Racing Team as a source of Schnitzer Equipment. BRT no longer exists, so cross that off your list.

It's about time to publish our parts and service list again. If you have a favorite place for parts and/or service, let us know so we can spread the good word. We'll also spread the bad.

Reminder

Fall is upon us. It's time to turn your BMW's air intake thermostat to the winter position.

Shifter

Does your BMW shift as slick as it did 40,000 miles ago? Your problem may be lack of an antifriction substance on your gear shift ball. Just pull back the rubber boot on your gear shift lever, hold the foam pad back and apply a generous amount of heavy weight oil to the ball joint. This may also cure some of your gear crunching, although it won't hide a worn second gear synchro.

Cummins Motor Sales

Ignition Wires

An ignition wiring kit for a VW Beetle is the quickest and easiest way to replace the ignition wiring on your BMW 4 banger. The VW wires have to be shortened slightly (except for #4) to fit neatly. The kit costs about \$5.

Jim Craig

Windshield Washer Pump

When your windshield washer pump finally quits, you'll find the replacement costs over \$20. If you're like me, you'll try to fix the old one before paying that price. This is recommended, since the small metal coupling between the motor and the pump often falls off and can be repaired.. Also, the motor has been known to simply freeze up and you may be able to free it by rotating by hand and applying some lubricant. If your pump is really shot, then I suggest you consider a Bosch built VW conversion kit for under \$6. Be sure to specify 6 or 12 volts (yes, there are 6 volt BMW's).

Tom Sundstrom

Wheel Shimmy

My wheels wobble - do yours? You can't beat a good balance job for correcting wheel shimmy, but did you know that improper steering gear preload can amplify wheel imbalance? If you have free play in your steering, have an expert make the adjustment - it's quick, but critical.

Cummins Motor Sales

Wanted

Metric Tools. Contact "Pipe Wrench" at Bruce - Flounoy Motor Co. "Pipe Wrench" may also be known as "Non-Detergent" for the 30 weight oil he puts in BMW crank-cases and transmissions.

For Sale

Stock swaybars for 1600/2002. No hardware. Hardware available for about \$16 from Da'Lan Automotive in Chelmsford, Mass. Make offer. Jim Craig 488-6843.

GO NATIONAL

HELP THE BEY EM VEY CLUB BECOME A CHAPTER OF THE BMW CAR CLUB OF AMERICA BY JOINING THE NATIONAL CLUB NOW. JUST FILL IN THE APPLICATION BELOW AND SEND IT IN. DON'T DELAY! REMEMBER, ONLY MEMBERS OF BMWCCA RECEIVE THE ROUNDEL AND ARE INVITED TO OKTOBERFEST WHICH WILL BE HELD IN WASHINGTON THIS YEAR.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

BMW Car Club of America, Inc.
Post Office Box 96
Boston, Massachusetts 02119

Please accept this application for membership in the BMW Car Club of America. I agree to abide by the by-laws and all rules and regulations of the Club.

Signature: _____
Dated: _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ zip _____

Phone _____

Model of BMW (s) _____

Year _____ Ser. # _____

A check for \$10.00 made payable to BMWCCA must accompany this application. \$5.00 is initiation fee. \$5.00 is annual national dues.

If no local chapter exists in your area, mail this application direct to Boston. If there is a local chapter nearby, it appears below. Send application there.