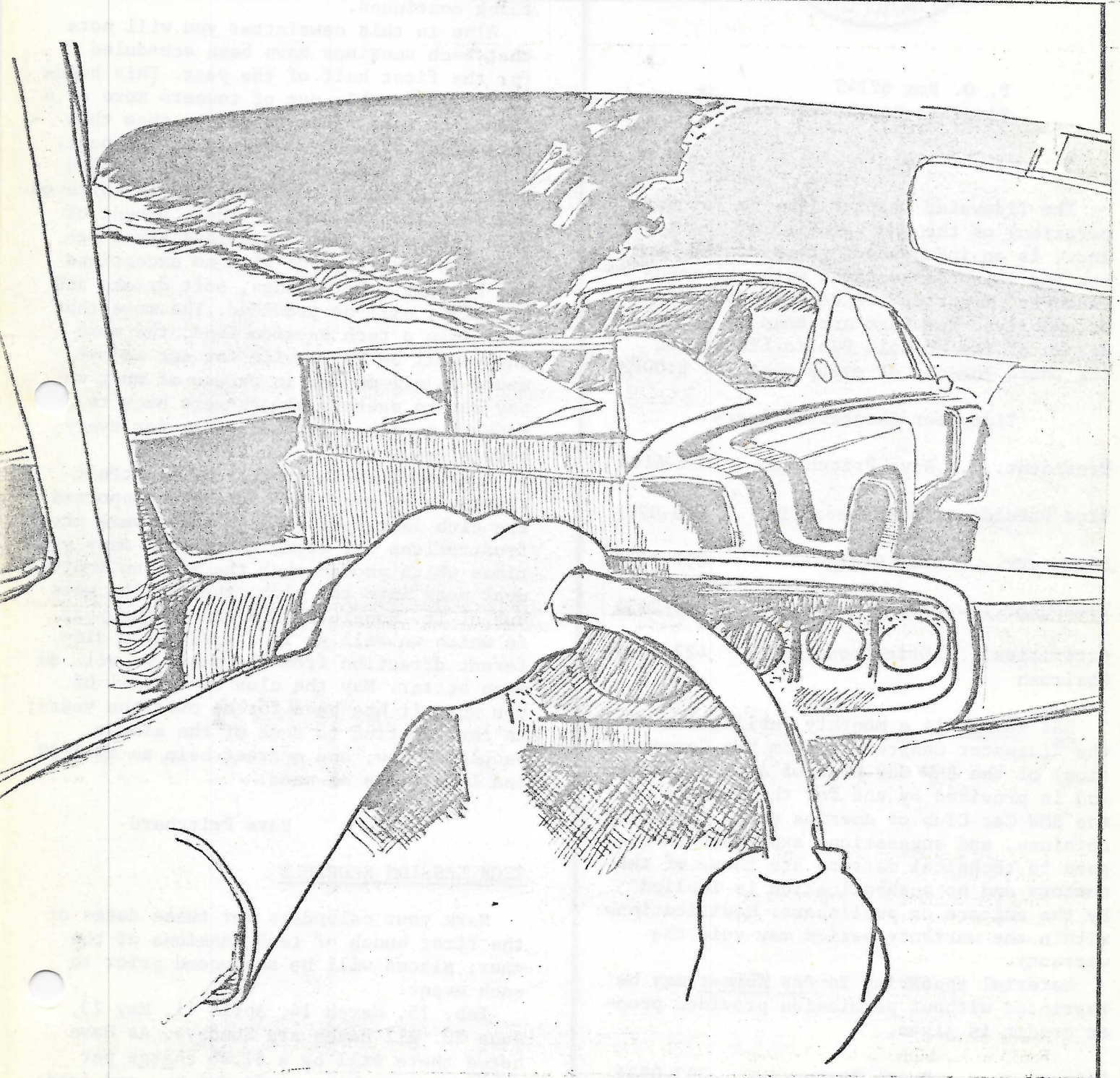
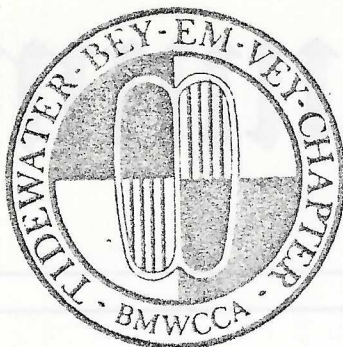




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Editor.....Rusty Barton... 393-0235

We had a good first meeting with 17 old and new faces and we should have a better second meeting, Feb 17th at the Ships Cabin, recommended by Eric Thompson and, I have found out, highly favored by Drew-Jeffreys. I would like to have another dinner meeting in May if the interest in this sort of thing continues.

Also in this newsletter you will note that tech sessions have been scheduled for the first half of the year. This hopefully will enable out of towners more of a chance to make plans to get to them than they might have been able to in the past. The \$1.00 a head charge per tech session will be levied at the first one in spite of the fact that we have a goodly amount of beer left over from a previous event because it was voted on with no exceptions and because other things, soft drinks and munchies, will be provided. The more that goes into a tech session fund, the more there will be to provide for our enjoyment, as all monies in excess of what we pay out to operate always gets back to members in some way or another for everybody's benefit.

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to everyone who actively supported the club last year. Though there were great frustrations for some, there were many good times which proved that the more an individual puts into the club, the more he gets out of it. Hopefully, in the coming year, in which we will go into a slightly different direction from the past, we will do even better. May the club be for all of you what it has been for me over the years; an introduction to some of the nicest people I know, and a great help to my 1600 and I in times of need.

Dave Pritchard

TECH SESSION SCHEDULE

Mark your calendars for these dates of the first bunch of tech sessions of the year; places will be announced prior to each event.

Feb. 15, March 14, April 11, May 23, June 20. All dates are Sundays. As Dave noted there will be a \$1.00 charge per head to cover beer, soft drinks, and food; expert advice and assistance is free!

About this Newsletter

Many if you have probably noticed a difference in quality in this issue of das Kummert. We are trying a Xerox reproduction system that has been made available to us free, in an effort to save some funds in view of the fact that we will not have as many autocrosses to bring in money this year.

In the past the club has spent a minimum of \$30.00 per issue to have it reproduced. This works out to about \$330.00 a year for the 11 issues we usually publish. This is almost our whole treasury so I think you can see what a benefit free reproduction will be to the club even if the quality of the newsletter is a bit down.

About the only difference you should see is a few extraneous lines here and there and less pictures than before. The content of the articles will still be the high quality it always has been, with your help of course.



Activities Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Event</u>
Feb. 1	BFMC	Autocross: "Groundhog's Shadow" at the Ford Plant. Registration 10AM to 3PM; First Car Off (FCO) at 11AM. Prices \$4.00 non-SEVSCO, \$3.00 SEVSCO, \$1.00 discount cross creek.
Feb. 8	TSCC	Autocross: "Grand Union South" at Military Circle. Reg. 10AM, FCO 11AM. Prices \$4.00, \$3.00, \$1.00 discount cross creek.
Feb. 15	PSCC	TSD Rally: "Hearts XI" starts at Bank of Va. corner Rt. 17 and Harpersville Rd. Reg. 12 to 12:45PM, FCO 1:01. Prices \$4., \$3., \$1. discount.
Feb 15	BMW	Tech Session - see article.
Feb 17	BMW	Dinner Meeting - see article
Feb 22	TOC	Autocross: no onfo.
Feb 29	AMSC	Autocross: no info.
Mar 7	BFMC	Autocross: no info.

From the Editor

I received the following letter over the Holidays from one of our newest members. In case you are wondering what good the club is, read on...

Rusty,

If anyone in the BMW Club is looking for a reason to start servicing their own car or attending tech sessions, here's something that happened to me a few days ago that might help convince them.

My 1971 2002 wouldn't run properly one night due to a problem I was able to diagnose myself (as a result of previous tech sessions) as a faulty ignition cable. I called BAP-Geon the next day for a price quotation for a new set of cables - \$12.00. Not too bad. Out of curiosity, I called Hilltop Mazda/BMW to see what they would charge. The parts man reacted as if this was a rare problem indeed, took 20 minutes to find the parts charge and quoted an unbelievable \$56.00! That doesn't even include labor! I pointed out the discrepancy between his price and the foreign car parts dealer and his answer was just an oral shrug and "that's what's in the book".

I find it hard to believe that BMW would quote such a production cost figure, but perhaps they've become part of the great consumer rip-off too.

I thought you might be interested in that story for the newsletter. There's a good article in the latest Esquire on "How to make your car run for 20 years", which you might be interested in also.

Have a Merry Christmas.

Sincerely,
Dick Walsh

In the interest of fairness I must point out that the parts service at Hilltop has improved substantially since Dick wrote this letter, but the prices are still outrageous in many cases.

Keep a close look out in the Roundel for advertisers such as Circle Tire and Karzundpartz among others who have really good prices on parts.



AUTOLAB

FREEDOM FROM REPAIRS

Can owners of inexpensive cars find happiness, or is it back to the shop, time and time again? Individual cars vary, but there are your probabilities.

Repairs were judged in 12 areas: air conditioning, body, brakes, driveline, electricals, cooling, engine, ignition, fuel, exhaust, steering, suspension, transmission and clutch. Scores are based on summations over the years 1971-74, according to a fixed formula.

The bar represents my own scoring of how 216,000 cars were appraised by their owners for freedom from repair. Each owner's ideas of average may vary, but with that big a sample, it's got to be representative.

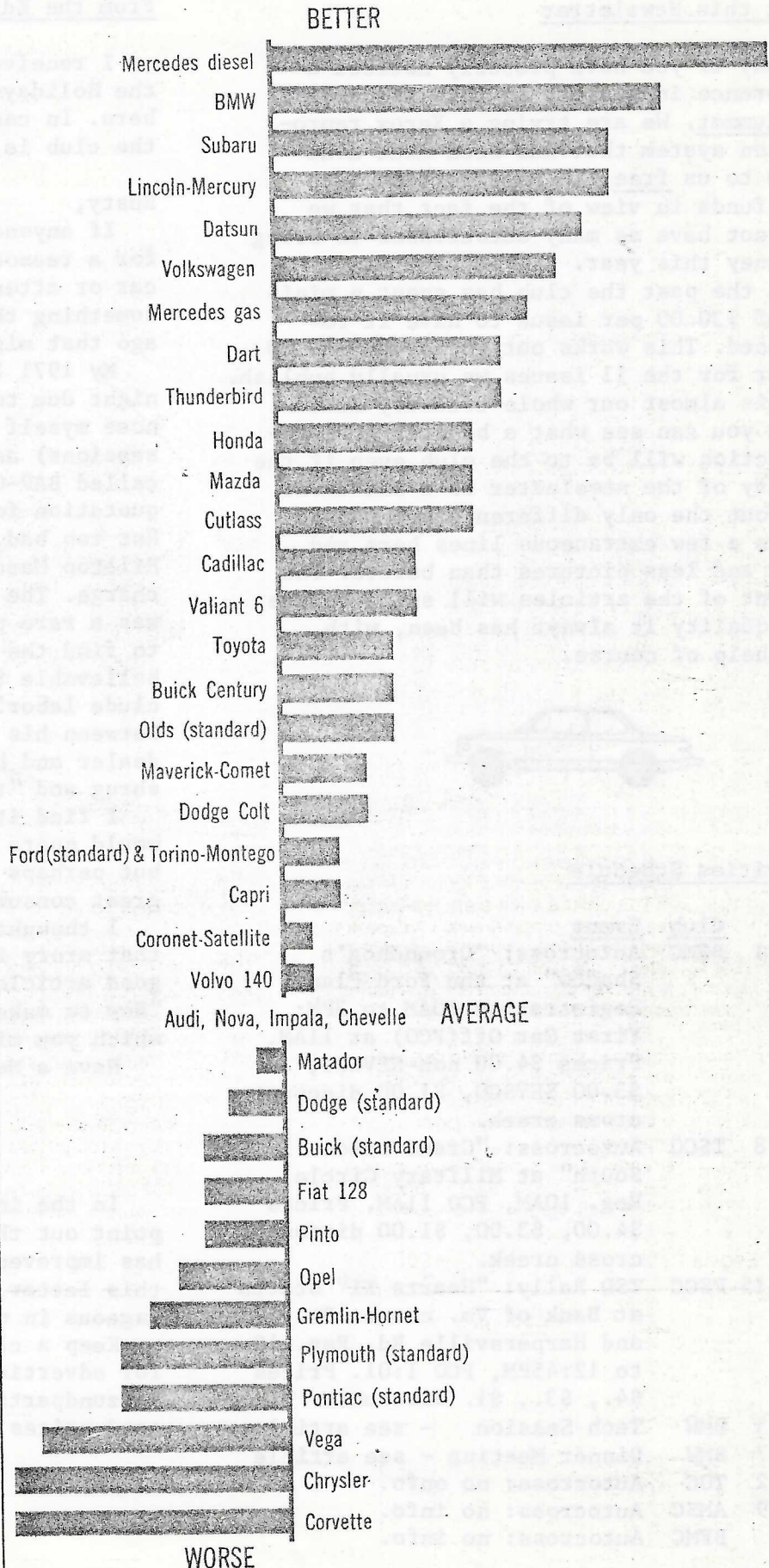
Your '75 model may do better or worse; it's too early to survey owners of '75's. Your individual '71 to '74 may vary, but on the average, makes and models will tend to be free from repairs as shown.

What stands out? The fine record of Japanese cars, which all score above average, and the European cars, which are generally above. The benefits to Dart-Valliant owners of long-running little-changing production lines also are evident, as is the otherwise generally poor record of American compacts—Pinto, Gremlin, Hornet, Vega. Ford Motor Company wins kudos for all the rest of its cars above the line, with Lincoln and Mercury near the top. And surprisingly, Cadillac, which is well down our list, is topped by Cutlass in the GM series and matched by the low-cost Valiant.

—Charles Probst

RELIABILITY STUDY

Freedom From Repairs 1971-1974
Scoring by Charles O. Probst
Formula-based on owners' judgment
Consumer Reports survey 216,000 cars



Welcome New Members!

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Eric's Nursery Rhymes

Once upon a time, deep in the heart of a four cylinder BMW engine, there dwelt a small, cylindrical aluminum plug, lying comfortably in the front of the rocker shaft. After a while, what with all the vibration and hot oil washing up against his back, he lost his hold and plummeted down through the timing chain to lie buried in sludge in the oil pan. Without him there was no way to keep oil in the rocker shaft, and all the valve gear missed him.

If you will only look for this little fellow just behind the cam gear (there are two of the cuties), when you adjust the valves or just admire the little beauty, you might see him slipping out before he falls down into the bottom end. To fix it, undo the four bolts holding on the cam gear wheel - being careful not to change the relationship between the chain and gear - wipe things off carefully, touch on a little Loctite and tap it back in. BEFORE YOU BEGIN, carefully align the flywheel at the "OT" (Top dead center) mark, and before you fire it up when you are done, look again at the distributor and flywheel to be sure they are still aligned.

As a postscript, I would put in a good word for "Karzundpartz", a very nice operation in Greensboro, N.C. which will gladly do business by phone with your MasterCard or BankAmericard number. Their prices are great, service very fast and helpfulness exemplary.

Eric Thompson

FOR SALE

1972 2002, white, in immaculate condition with new tires, new water pump, and new output flange! Has AM/FM, 53,000 miles. Asking \$3400. Contact Bruce Johnsen at 340-9864.

Tech Session

The February tech session will be held at Dave Pritchard's home at 12 noon, 920 Elm Street, Norfolk (855-6186). As usual there will be beer, food, soft drinks and plenty of BMW knowhow.

All that Dave asks is that you do not park in front of his neighbor's house on Elm Street. Dave does have a garage so the event will take place unless the weather is very bad.

Don't forget about the \$1.00 per person (adult) charge - we need the bread!

Dinner Meeting

Our second dinner meeting will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 17th at 8 PM at the Ships Cabin Seafood Restaurant located at 4110 E. Ocean View Ave., Norfolk. Dress is casual.

Those planning to attend please call Dave at 855-6186 between 9 and 10 PM before Feb 12th so we can get an idea how many are coming. In any event we will be calling everyone we do not hear from.

Everyone who went to our first dinner meeting at the Blue Hawaii had a great time so plan to make it to this one. We would like to see some of those faces that have been kind of scarce the past year.



Av. of View

Reprinted from the "Stopwatcher"

This week is one of those rare instances when I will review an individual event in a column. Even though the participants have certainly talked to everyone about it, it has been written up in numerous local club newsletters and an article has already appeared in the "Stopwatcher", the recent Bob Ridges Memorial Rally sponsored by the Washington (DC) Rally Club deserves some special comment. So will take a brief vacation from the current rallye school series to discuss it.

The thing that makes the BRM different is its basic philosophy. It is based on the theory that there are other things to rallying than pure, grim competition. There is the idea that getting together socially with a group of people who share a common interest in the sport is a worthwhile way to spend some time. There is also the idea that interesting roads going through beautiful country are worthwhile. Next comes the concept that a rallye does not have to be a crushing logic exercise to be interesting. And then you add on the idea that people can enjoy and appreciate unique and gracious surroundings and hospitality rather than the typically plastic and impersonal aura of a Holiday Inn type motel.

Now I know that these concepts are foreign to a lot of people and might take a little getting use to. So why not just stop and relax for a minute and think about them before you go on any further in the article.


Since you have begun this paragraph, I assume that you can accept the possibility of such an event actually taking place. But don't go on too rapidly because the next concept might be too much for some of you to take. Get ready because here it comes - THE RALLYE SHOULD BE FUN!

I know that a lot of readers think that I am putting them on. Now let me make it even more unbelievable. WRC actually had the nerve to advertise the event exactly as it was going to be. By now you are probably feeling sorry for dumb old WRC. Those people spent all that time and effort putting together a 350-mile weekend event that didn't have any traps,

no hen guano instructions, easily understood generals and even headquartered it at an old hotel where some of the bathrooms were a little hard to find. And they actually expected people to show up for a dumb event like that.

Well, it was really sad. Those poor WRC members only managed to have 46 cars show up and then had to stand around all weekend long listening to people compliment them for putting on one of the finest weekends anyone could remember.

Stan Wantland

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Wiper Motor Blues

by Rusty Barton

One of the risks you take when you buy a BMW is the possibility of having to pay through the nose for a replacement part that is available only from BMW.

Case in point is a Bavaria windshield wiper motor. Mine went bad recently and on checking with the dealer (who didn't have one anyway) I was flabbergasted to learn that a new one lists for close to \$110.00! After I was revived I began a frantic search for a cheaper alternative, but as I expected, this is a special Bosch motor made to BMW specs. and is not readily available from anybody else.

Almost at the point of giving up I remembered that Dave Cottrell had solved a similar problem with his alternator by having it rebuilt - not an uncommon thing with alternators, but wiper motors?

After trying a couple of alternator rebuild places with no luck, I called Diesel Injection in Norfolk and learned to my delight that they would do the rebuild. The result is a new looking and new performing motor and the charge was a mere \$23.00, a far cry from \$110.00.

Next time you are faced with replacing an electric motor or alternator, call Diesel Injection; you won't regret it.

SEVSCO Competition Calendar
1976

January

4 R
11 A TSCC
18 R AMSC
25 A PSCC

February

1 A BFMC
8 A TSCC
15 R PSCC
22 A TOC
29 A AMSC

March

7 A BFMC
14 A PSCC
21 A TSCC
28 R CRM CPS

April

4 A BFMC CPS
11 R PSCC
18 A AMSC
25 R BFMC (gimmick)

May

2 A PSCC
9 R TSCC
16 A AMSC
23 R CRM
30 A AMSC

June

6 A BFMC
13 A TSCC CPS
20 R AMSC
**27 A BMW

July

4 A PSCC
11 A TOC CPS
18 R TSCC
25 A AMSC

August

1 R PSCC CPS
8 A TSCC
15 R CRM
22 A BFMC
29 R AMSC

September

5 A PSCC CPS
12 R AMSC CPS
19 A BFMC
26 R CRM

October

3 A TSCC
10 R PSCC
17 A AMSC CPS
24 R TOC
**31 A BMW CPS

November

7 R CRM
14 A AMSC
21 R TSCC CPS
28 A PSCC

December

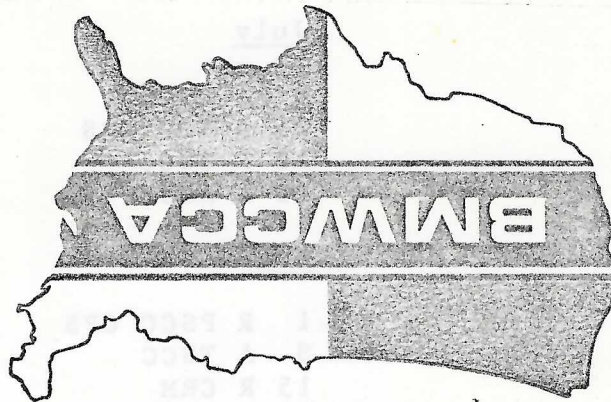
5 R PSCC
12 A BFMC
19 R Two Day Rally
26 A

Key

A = Autocross
R = Rally
CPS = Championship Points Series
AMSC = Andiamo Motor Sport Club
BFMC = Beach Ford Mustang Club
CRM = Colonial Rally Masters

PSCC = Penninsula Sports Car Club
TOC = Tidewater Opel Club
TSCC = Tidewater Sports Car Club
** = BMW Club Event

Note: All rallies are Time, Speed,
Distance rallies unless other-
wise noted.



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January

1 A BMWCGA
11 A BMWCGA
19 A BMWCGA
27 A BMWCGA

February

1 A BMWCGA
8 A BMWCGA
15 A BMWCGA
22 A BMWCGA
29 A BMWCGA

March

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April

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May

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July

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August

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September

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19 A BMWCGA
26 A BMWCGA

October

3 A BMWCGA
10 A BMWCGA
17 A BMWCGA
24 A BMWCGA
31 A BMWCGA

November

1 A BMWCGA
8 A BMWCGA
15 A BMWCGA
22 A BMWCGA
29 A BMWCGA

December

5 A BMWCGA
12 A BMWCGA
19 A BMWCGA
26 A BMWCGA

Key

A = Antelope
B = Bally
CPS = Championship Points Series
AMCG = Annapolis Motor Sport Club
BMCG = Beach Ford Mustang Club
GM = Colonial Rally Masters

Notes: All rallies are 1000 Miles.
Distance rally unless other
wise noted.