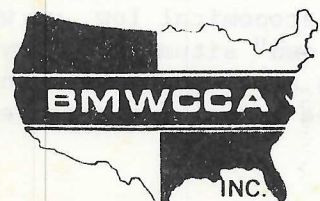




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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

I suppose it was inevitable that we would one day get to the point where all of us would be knowledgeable enough to maintain our cars without the benefit of monthly tech sessions. Or is it that the Bimmer has the heretofore unknown capacity to improve and maintain itself without the intrusion of greasy fingers or the utterance of foul oaths? Whatever, the tech session isn't what it used to be. Those of you who didn't come to February's T. S. missed some delightful comestibles prepared by Garnett Neilson. Lest other wives be intimidated, I want to add that beer and potatoe chips are all that is really required. But the avocado dip and the rest of it was good. Any suggestions you may have about future tech sessions are welcome. We aren't having one in March, but I hope we will continue to have them in the future as they were once the most important and best attended feature of our club had.

We have been receiving chapter newsletters from the "other" club, the BMW Owners Club. According to February's Pipeline from National, there is a renewed effort to seek an affiliation on their part that could be beneficial. This renewed effort coincides with an effort on the part of Hoffman Motors to cooperate with us in any way they can in the future. Having two clubs serving one need, as is now the situation does seem to be something that could be improved upon.

Dave Pritchard

BMW Birthday Party - or We've Been Doing This Mess for Four Years?

As the month of March comes in like a lion every year, so does the Bey Em Vey Club - the first organized meeting of a Tidewater BMW Club met four years ago in March. So what better reason to have a wild party?. Its our Birthday!

This year (as in past years) we will have our party at the Cottrell's - 3749 Historyland Dr., Va. Beach. It will be on Friday, March 14, at 8:00 PM. Since our finances are at an economical low, we will have a "bring your own" situation. Mary will call the wives about food. Everything and everyone will be casual for this yearly affair.

The BMWCCA - What's In It For You?

by Rusty Barton

As a National Service Representative (Club Librarian) of the BMWCCA, I often feel obliged to answer critics of the BMWCCA who complain that the required membership in the National carries with it no tangible benefits.

BALDERDASH!

The most obvious benefit is the monthly national newsletter, Blau mit Weiss Roundel. This publication, which is really more like a magazine, has vastly improved in quality of packaging and contents over the last year since Joe Chamberlain took over as editor. The Roundel has much valuable and entertaining information as well as a compilation of tips and information from other chapter newsletters. Its graphics and layout are superb. Frankly I think the subscription to the Roundel alone is worth the National dues.

Now, all you doubters, get your last Roundel, open the cover and note the list of people on the inside: Staff, National Officers, and National Service Representatives. These people are the key to how the BMWCCA can benefit you. All that is required of you is that first step - ask!

Got a technical question about your car that even Jim Craig can't answer? Write or call Tech Editor, Michel Potheau - he can help. Want to learn something about old BMW's? Write or call Richard Neville, Chairman, Vintage/Classic Division. How about that accessory you've always wanted but don't know where to get? Scott Hughes, Club Services Director, knows where as well as how much and how good - ask him. Got an idea for an activity with national appeal? Let Nelson Barnes know; he's our Activities Chairman. Do you want to get free national exposure for your classified ad? Send it to the Roundel; it will be seen by close to 5000 members nationwide.

Do you get my drift? There are people waiting to help if only you will ask. While we do try to anticipate questions and problem areas and report on them as soon as possible, we are not mind readers and can't help on specific problems unless we're asked.

The BMWCCA exists to serve its members. We are waiting to help; we ask only that you ask!

Minutes - January Meeting

by Mary Cottrell

The January BMW Club meeting was called to order by President Dave Pritchard. The Treasurer reported approximately \$15. in the treasury.

The activities report was given by Dave Cottrell. The events for January and February were announced (See Activities Report elsewhere). Dave announced that the Corvette Club had been granted exclusive use of Wickes parking lot after getting a use permit from the Virginia Beach City Council. It was suggested that perhaps Glynn Rogers of SEVSCO should attempt to go to city council to clear the SEVSCO clubs of the bad name they have received concerning autocrosses.

At the December SEVSCO meeting every-thing that was brought up for approval was passed. Our club needs to purchase the SCCA General Competition Rules. Ken Browning indicated that there is a need to clear up the question of fender flares in stock class.

Dave Cottrell is our Autocross Committee representative; Steve Sachs is the Committee Chairman. Ken will be our Rally Committee representative and Drew Jeffreys will be on the Bylaws Committee. Our club must submit our representatives' names and these can not be changed without advance notice to SEVSCO.

Dave Cottrell asked that the Treasurer put March 1 on our SEVSCO membership cards instead of Jan. 1. The merchants will honor the date put on the cards.

Dave Pritchard announced that our treasurer will collect dues of \$10. for our club. Jim Craig moved that we try to tie in with National BMWCCA in having them collect the combined dues as soon as they get organized to do so. Dave Cottrell seconded the motion and it was carried. We will collect at least until the end of March.

New members of BMWCCA that are in our area should receive information about our club from National. We need to recheck this information and/or update it.

Jim Rhyne asked about the trophies for Ken's rally. Jim also announced that the Championship Event results were scored wrong and hopefully will be corrected.

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Also he said that TSCC's protest concerning Bob Holland's car should be honored as there is now proof of the car not being street legal.

The parts person, Dave Cottrell, gave a short report of parts presently available. He reminded members of how the parts kitty should work. There was a discussion on driving lights and air horns. It was suggested that a questionnaire be made up to find out what is needed by members for the parts department. Jin Rhyne and Dave Cottrell told the membership of parts they have available.

There is a need for articles and pictures for the newsletter. These go to Rusty.

For those who want to plan ahead, the Danville races are the weekend of April 19th and 20th.

There will be a driver's school by TSCC on February 23rd.

Jim Craig said he would host the club birthday party in March.

Jim Rhyne moved that the meeting be adjourned; Dave Cottrell seconded - passed.

Minutes - February Meeting

by Janis Barton

The February Meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM by President Dave Pritchard. Steve Mercurio, Treasurer, reported a balance of \$30.00 in the treasury.

Dave Pritchard reported on his conversations with Military Circle management. Permission to use their lot for autocrossing has been granted - provided we can get Military Circle added to our insurance policy. This is being done now.

Steve Sachs of TACH is checking on electric timers. We will confer with him on his findings.

Jin Rhyne suggested we purchase a mimeograph machine to cut the cost of producing our newsletter. Rusty Barton moved that someone check on the cost of these machines; Ken Browning is doing so.

The BMW Club birthday party will be held on March 14. See article for details.

President Pritchard reported on the past SEVSCO meeting. The proposals that TSCC made were discussed and voted on, giving the results to our SEVSCO representatives.

A motion was made and passed to make a poster advertising our presence and putting it on display at Hilltop Mazda/BMW.

Cutoff date for renewing memberships is the March meeting.

Guests were introduced and the meeting was adjourned to slides and the Village Inn.

COMPETITION



TSCC January Clearance Rally

by Dave Cottrell

With two negative articles under my belt, it is a pleasure to review a smoothly run, fun event. On Saturday, Jan. 25th OD's Dave and Brenda Hinde put on a gimmick rally/scavenger hunt which was 1) error free, 2) simple and 3) fun, in short, everything a rally should be.

The evening was marred by yours truly falling (halfway) into a water and mud filled ditch while looking for a weathered Carling Black Label can along side a dark, deserted road. The soggy shoes were compensated for by the party (and goodies) afterward.

Now if this couple does this well with a gimmick rally, I may just run one of their TSD rallies.

BMW members Jim and Theanne Rhyne finished 7th while Mary and I took 3rd.

The Great Race (?)

by Dave Cottrell

"The Great Race" was presented by the Tidewater Opel Club at the GEX lot in Portsmouth, Jan. 19. This is a familiar lot to the area autocrossers and with the weatherman's cooperation, another Sunday of fun was to be anticipated. It seems as if the OD had other ideas.

The registration and tech went smoothly enough, and I think there was even a PA system to brighten the day . . . the problem was the course! There was no way you could drive this course in a smooth manner, it was engineered to be both difficult and unsafe. The start/finish was on a curve and situated so that the cars trying to knock off that extra 1/10 second stood a good chance of spinning into the spectators! Then there was the "Vette" driver with the use of only one arm and one leg . . . I have the greatest respect for people who have overcome physical handicaps, but I am not sure that they belong on an autocross course. The OD may have been a new guy, I hope he learns by his mistakes.

Ken Browning took first in E/S, I was a distant eighth in F/S in Mary's Dasher, and Jim Rhyne, first in A/S, forgot to register as BMWCCA.

Grand Union South II
by Dave Cottrell

TSCC OD for this event was Bob Wayne. Bob has run quite a few autocrosses and is known to put on a good event. This one was no exception with a nice, smooth, not too fast, not too tight, not hard to follow course. I said not too fast, well it was not a 1600 course and with E/S turning into a BMW parade, I felt good to beat anybody! Anybody turned out to be Drew Jeffreys. E/S looked like this:

1st Rusty Barton	2002Tii	BMWCCA
2nd Ken Browning	2002Ti	BMWCCA
3rd Mark Wilson	Capri	TSCC
4th Mike Silverman	2002Ti	BMWCCA
5th Dave Cottrell	1600	BMWCCA
6th Drew Jeffreys	2002	BMWCCA

In A/S Jim Rhyne took 2nd but forgot to put BMW Club.

It was a very enjoyable (if cold) afternoon. My thanks to Allen Miller who plugged my busted oil pressure gauge fitting with a pop rivit!

TACH's Twice Around
by Ken Browning

On Feb. 17 TACH hosted their "Twice Around" autocross. The whole idea of this event was to be able to come back to the same course two weeks later after making different changes in tire pressures or other suspension changes and be able to see what effect they would have.

I had gotten a set of old R-4 race tires from Jim Rhyne on Saturday to run the event on. I had only driven on race tires once before and they were a different compound. This was going to be a whole new bag. I was really looking forward to this event.

On Sunday, as Nature would have it, it rained. To start with, I didn't know what kind of tire pressures to use in the dry much less in the wet. On my first run the car jumped out of 2nd in one of the turns and I got a pylon to boot. But on the second run all I got was one pylon when I went across the finish line - drat it!

The only other car in class (C/M) was Larry Edwards 510 Datsun. Larry couldn't run because of a cut hand he had gotten

while trying to load his car about two weeks ago - Larry, you dummy!

So his wife, Dee, and Larry's number one mechanic, Karl Hawkins were driving the car. On Karl's first run he did the best 360 I have ever seen. Yea Karl! On his second run he clipped a few pylons.

Unless it rains again on the next half of this event (March 2), the whole idea behind it will be lost. TACH put all the space in the new lot to good use and the event was very fast, which I really liked.

I am not sure about this but rumor has it that Jeff Guerdat's Fiat 850 beat Jim Rhyne's Super 7 for stock FTD.

SEVCSO = Confusion
by Ken Browning

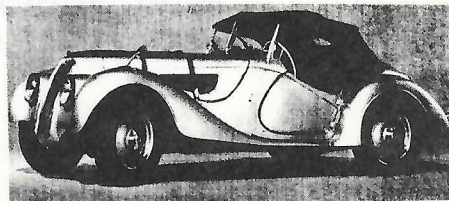
At the start of 1975 my BMW was in E/S as it had been for the past three years. But at the Feb. SEVSCO meeting the Board made several clarifications, one being the flared fender rule (or lack of one-ed.).

When our present autocross code was conceived the autocross committee allowed an 1½" increase in rim width (in stock class) because most people put a set of mags on a car as a dress up item and most are not of a stock offset or width. But some cars like the BMW's, Sprites, and Fiat 850 don't have enough room under the fenderwells to allow an increase of 1½". At this meeting it was agreed to allow fender flares. But as an oversight this was left out of the printed code.

Now all cars with flared fenders will have to run in the modified classing system.

If the SEVSCO Board wants to go strictly by the rules as the code states: "All cars must be as produced", there aren't more than 10 cars running as produced. Every car that has a smaller diameter steering wheel, spoiler, or tach that wasn't produced on the car has to run in a mod. class. This isn't the intention of the autocross committee or the code.

I think that this problem can be taken care of if the Board will just be open minded enough to make the needed changes.



ACTIVITIES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Information</u>
Mar 1	Gimmick Rally	TSCC	BassAckwards Rally. Roosevelt Shop. Ctr. Reg. 6PM, FCO 7:01. OD Jim Navery, 587-8663. Party follows. \$3.00
Mar 2	Auto-X	TACH	Twice Around. Military Cir. Reg. 10:30, FCO 11:30. \$2.50. OD Glynn Rogers 857-1731
Mar 2	Auto-X	Vette Club	Porta-John Auto-X. Wickes. Reg. 10AM FCO 11AM. \$4.00. OD Bob Paris, 489-2255
Mar 8	Gimmick Rally	SCCA	First Annual Busch Gardens Rally. F&M Bank across from Casey Chev. Newport News. Reg. 10:30, FCO 11AM. OD Pat Taylor 599-5408
Mar 9	Auto-X	TSCC	March Win. Millers-Tidewater Dr. Reg. 11 FCO 12noon. OD Stan White 423-4621 \$2.50.
Mar 9	TSD Rally	CRM	"Oops". OD Norm Peterson. Newport Sq. Shop Ctr. Newport News. Prereg- Connie Vellozzi 874-0026. Reg. 11:30, FCO 1:01. \$2.50.
Mar 14	Party	BMW	See article for details.
Mar 16	Auto-X	AMSC	"PM-6". Masons, on Warwick Blvd. in Denbigh. Reg. 11, FCO 12 noon. \$2.50, \$1.50 for X-Creek. OD Phil Young 874-0211.
Mar 16	Gimmick Rally	Z Car Club	"Which Way Did He Go" Entrance to Cedar Pt Subdivision on Rt. 17 between Portsmouth & James R. Bridge. Reg. 10:30, FCO 11:30. \$3.00, \$2.00 X-creek.
Mar 18	Meeting	BMW	Janaf Library, 8PM.

Mar 22	Drive-out	BMW/ TSCC	OD Jim Rhyne, 487-2774. Tour of Group 44. Tentative. Call Jim or Dave Cottrell for up to date info.
Mar 23	Rally TSD	PSCC	"Invitational XV". Bk. of Va. intersection of Rt. 17 & Harpersville Rd. Reg. 12 noon FCO 1:01. \$2.50, \$1.50 X-creek. Novices (neither driver nor navigator has rallied) free.
Mar 23	Auto-X	BFMC	"Run for Your Money". Ford Plant, Norfolk. Reg. 10:30, FCO 11:30. \$3.00. Cash awards to first three places in class. OD Dave Castle 855-9657.
Mar 30	Auto-X	SCCA	No info.

The first SEVSCO meeting of the year was held on Feb. 7th and resulted in the usual brawl. The committee chairmen for 1975 were announced: Rally - Phil Young, Auto-cross - Steve Sachs, and Bylaws - Bob Wayne. A committee was appointed to draw up rules for the Championship Event - chairman will be John Sealey. TSCC, BMW, and PSCC made a number of proposals to change the Codes which will be voted on at the next SEVSCO meeting.

I would like to repeat my offer of the last issue - please contact me if you have any events you would like to see take place.

Review of events in the competition column is not limited to the Activities Chairman; if you attend an event, review it and send your write up to Rusty Barton.

Dave Cottrell

Dues and Renewals

The March meeting on the 18th is the deadline for renewing your membership. \$10.00 will assure continued reception of this fine publication as well as eligibility for those discounts.

Welcome New Members!

Cummins Motor Sales, 100 East Pike Street, Cannonsburg, Pa. 15317
att Stoneman, 813 W. 52nd Street, Norfolk, Va. 23508, 489-8966
William S. McIntosh, 701 W. 21st Street, Norfolk, Va. 23517, 627-0257
George V. Best, Jr., 5750 E. Hastings Arch, Va. Beach, Va. 23462, 490-0657

New Addresses

Jim Craig, 128 W. Tyler Cres., Portsmouth, Va. 23707, 397-6917

TECH TIPS

On Thermostats

by Drew Jeffreys

Somewhere around the first part of Jan. I noticed a sharp rise in my BMW's water temperature. Since my 2002 has gone some 43,000 miles without mishap I suspected the thermostat. I parted with the needed \$15.58 to purchase one from Smith Corner in Portsmouth. That price was with a 10% discount. I planned to install it at the tech session at Dave Pritchard's house, but the car refused to overheat that day. So I enjoyed myself, had a few beers, and changed a gas line. I changed the thermostat the next day and to my horror the situation remained the same. At that point my imagination took over, bad water pump, blocked radiator, blown head gasket, and so on.

I talked with several of our fine, up-standing club members and listened to what they had to say. I had the radiator checked; no problem. No water in the oil-good! After reading the article in the Feb. das Kummet about the Standard-Thompson #140, I decided to try it. Dave Cottrell ordered one from Flower's Auto in Portsmouth and I picked it up and put it on my car.

All is calm and serene once more. I got back the money from Smith Corner for the defective new thermostat. The one distributed by Standard-Thompson is made by Behr in West Germany. The cost was \$10.70 as opposed to the discounted \$15.58 at the dealer. Think about it and keep it in mind for the future.

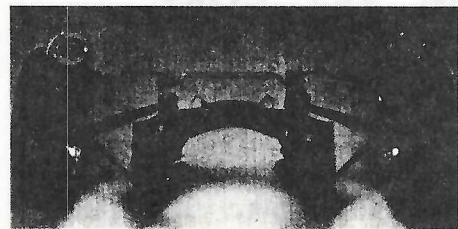
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If your gas cap sticks and has a rubber gasket, put a liberal coating of "Sil-Glyde" made by American Grease Stick Co. on it. While this is not a permanent solution, it will last for several weeks.

Fram Wiper Blade Refills - Revisited

by Dave Cottrell

I was making a mad dash on the Interstate the other day, at the height of the monsoon season, on my way to A & B Auto Parts to get a part for a Ford of all things when I noticed one of my Fram refills was creeping out of the blade holder. I arrived at my destination shortly and discovered that the retaining clip and both cap ends of the blade had broken allowing the rubber to slide out. I have since talked to other members with the same problems. If you don't switch back to Anco refills, at least carry a spare.



THOUGHTS

Tired of the old boxy look? Want something different? I've toyed with different ideas from time to time and have wanted to share them with you, so, every month, for a while at least, I will present to you a variation on a theme, starting with:



