



das Kummer



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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

At the November meeting (dinner) we will vote on whether or not we will continue to stay in SEVSCO; there are pros and cons that should be carefully discussed. Withdrawing would mean no more dollar discounts at events and no more SEVSCO discounts at local parts stores. However, it would also mean no more need to sponsor competitive events and not having to send representatives to the various SEVSCO meetings that people have trouble getting to more often than not. The only reason that this was not voted on at the October meeting was that it was felt that it was important enough for the membership to be given the best chance possible to be heard on the matter.

The November 7th tech session will be at Brian Missig's house on Goodhope Road in Virginia Beach. Ken Todd could not get confirmation for the use of the dealer facilities in time for the newsletter to come out but he said that he would see about having one there in December.

The November dinner meeting will be at Charlies Seafood Restaurant at 3139 Shore Drive on Tuesday, November 16th at 8 PM. (Ed. note: Member Charlie Rehpeltz's mother is the owner of Charlies) I am told they have good food at reasonable prices, so it shouldn't drain your Christmas funds too severely.

Speaking of Christmas, the Christmas party this year is reverting to the everybody bring something method of years past. In fact it was felt at the meeting that it would be mandatory for anybody coming to bring something to contribute to the feast. Hopefully the treasury will be able to provide the Punch as the primary beverage. It was also voted to have just one most active member award instead of five. It was personally very interesting to me that the five awards that once seemed so urgently needed now seemed superfluous to all assembled last Tuesday night.

See you at the next event.

Dave Pritchard

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Carole P Wallace, c/o Saint George Farm
Rt 1, Box 177, Petersburg, Va. 23803
Bill Wray, 718 Ainsley Place Apt. 104,
Virginia Beach, Va. 23462

1977 OFFICER NOMINATIONS

Nominations for next year's officers will be accepted at our November dinner meeting. A slate of nominees prepared by our present Board will be presented and then the floor will be opened for additional nominations from those present. Officers to be elected will be: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Activities Chairman.

Ballots will be mailed out with the December das Kummet and should be brought to the Christmas party on the 11th or mailed in for receipt by that date. The votes will be tallied and new officers announced at the party.

Plans are now being made for this year's annual Christmas Party. It will take place on Saturday evening, December 11th and this year Jim Craig will be our host. He is planning to use the party room at Fort Nelson Towers in Portsmouth where he lives.

In addition to what Dave has told you we are expecting a visit from S. Claus who will hand out traditional Pollyanna gifts so each person who wishes to participate should bring an inexpensive gift (gag or otherwise); this means each member of a couple should bring a separate gift. These will be distributed randomly with a unique twist that always provides a lot of fun.

Mark your calender now for this last event of the year.

ACTIVITIES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Information</u>
Nov.			
7	Tech Session	BMW	See article for details.
7	Rally	CRM/TSCC	Last event in "Beginners Rally Series". Starts at Bob Crumpler Datsun in Portsmouth Reg. 11:30, FCO 1:01 PM. \$3.00 per car. Rallymaster: Barry Wuerker 622-9802
14	Auto-X	AMSC	No info. now but probably at Mont. Ward in Hampton, Reg. 12 noon FCO 1 PM.
16	Dinner Meeting	BMW	At Charlies Seafood Rest. 3139 Shore Dr., 8 PM.
21	Rally CPS	TSCC	No info.
28	Auto-X	PSCC	No info. now but probably at Mont. Ward in Hampton, Reg. 12 noon, FCO 1 PM.

TECH SESSION

The November tech session will be held Sunday, Nov. 7 at 12 noon. This month Brian and Susan Missig will be our hosts; their address is 3564 Goodhope Rd., Va. Beach and their phone is 340-2154.

As most of you know, our last session was to have concentrated on oil changes with an offer to perform this service for members at a \$2.00 charge plus materials. Well only one person showed up to take advantage of



the offer, the rest of the folks there simply did what we have always done - anything we want! Well, I guess that proves that some new ideas are best left to die.

Anyway this would be an ideal time to winterize your car with a fresh fill of antifreeze and a tune up. As usual, advice on this and other maintenance tasks will be plentiful along with the beer and soft drinks. Rusty will be ther with the parts, too.

EDITORIAL

At the October meeting, the question was raised concerning whether our club should remain a member of SEVSCO (South Eastern Virginia Sports Car Organization). Briefly SEVSCO's purpose is to schedual and sanction autocrosses and rallies(TSD) for member sports car clubs in the Tidewater area. The other functions are to enable member clubs to get a 15 to 30% parts discount at CEW and BAP/Geon and a \$1.00 discount at SEVSCO events throughout the year.

These discount sound nice on paper, but in practice are not too beneficial to BMW owners since most foreign parts stores do not carry many BMW items and besides our club parts store can beat their prices every time. Accessorie such as shocks, lights, steering wheels, etc. can be mail ordered from various Roundel advertisers for less than even the discounted local items.

The character of our club has changed from the competition oriented group of a few years ago to the more technically and socially oriented group we have today. Out of almost 80 members, only 3 autocross regularly (I am one) and only 1 or 2 rally with any regularity. This year we put on one autocross and had to cancel the other, a dismal showing at best. Is it fair to the other clubs in SEVSCO for us to remain as inactive members while benefiting from event discounts? I think not.

If we do drop out of SEVSCO, we can still stage competition events as a chapter of BMWCCA, and more justifiably make them available to BMW owners only.

For these reasons, I feel that our continued membership in SEVSCO is not justified. Its time we bit the bullet and realized that we have a membership with different interests than the old group. We need to get the hassles of SEVSCO behind us and

concentrate on the interests of the vast majority of our members.

Rusty

FRIENDS OF BMW

Want to help some of your fellow BMW drivers? The directory for the "Friends of BMW" network is being compiled and we want you in it! Our goal is to have enough people included so that if a member is stranded while traveling in a part of the country with which he is unfamiliar, he will be able to call a "network" contact who is close enough to help the member or direct him to help.

We need only your name, town and phone contact, both day and evenings if possible. The "Friends of BMW" should turn out to be a very helpful aid for any member who travels - and what BMW driver doesn't?

Please send the information to me at 10 Hibernia Road, Rockaway, N. J. 07866. Availabililty of the finished directory will be announced through the Roundel.

Thanks for your help.

Holly Lenhardt
BMWCCA National
Secretary

NEW ITEMS AVAILABLE FROM PARTS STORE

We recently received a supplemental listing of additional parts from our supplier:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Price Ea.</u>
Upper radiator hose(no center bulge) all 4 cyl.	\$2.25
Lower rad. hose, 4 cyl.	2.00
Bypass hose, 4 cyl.	2.10
Upper rad. hose, 6 cyl.	3.25
Lower rad. hose, 6 cyl.	3.75
Spark plug connectors, all 4 and 6 cyl. except 530i & 3.0Si	1.10
Accelerator pump plunger, 6 cyl. carb.	6.00
Brake master cyl. rebuild kit, 2002 from chassis no. 1660622	10.00
Brake light switch, all 4 & 6 cyl.	2.00
Bosch Clear Fog Lamps, Model HFL-1 with bulbs and installation kit	40.00/ pair

At the present time we do not stock any of the above items, but will be glad to order them for you. Due to the UPS strike, delivery time is one to two weeks.

Soon we will have non-hypoid gearbox oil available and new items are constantly becoming available. If you need anything, give me a call.

Rusty Barton 393-0235

