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BMW has plans to further expand its car offerings with a new 700 Series which includes the 728 (2.8 liter), 730 (3.0 liter) and 733i (3.3 liter, fuel injected). For the U.S., federally mandated safety bumpers will be integrated and will not protrude as on current BMW models. The 700 Series is based on the new 600 Series design and will debut at the Frankfurt show in September 1977.

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

The September Tech Session and meeting were both well attended and enjoyable. Bob Wayne's new house provided a fine setting for the TS and no one went away thirsty.

The meeting, one of our best non dinner meetings, was high-lighted by a talk by Mr. Ray Lewis, Jr., BMW parts manager at Meekins who also supplied prizes for a drawing during the meeting. Perhaps this may spearhead a new era of favorable relations between the club members and the dealer.

Pretty soon you will have to consider who may serve as your officers next year. Hopefully, there will be some new faces. If anybody not now serving in an office has any interest in participating at this level, please let me know.

ACTIVITIES

Date Oct.	Event	Club	Information
2	Concours	TSCC/	First part of the
		TCC	Neptune Festival "Sports Car Week- end". Wickes Furni-
			ture at 10 AM. \$4.00.
			6 classes according
			to car's age.
2	Gimmick	TSCC/	"Sports Car Weekend".
	Rally	TCC	Starts 7:30PM from
			Wickes with party
			after. \$3.00 for
			rally and party.
3	Auto-X	TSCC/	Wickes. Reg. 10 AM
		TCC	FCO 11 AM. \$3.00
			Last event of the
			"Sports Car Weekend".

For information concerning any of the above events call: Joyce Sanders 488-3005 or Rick Wilson 486-8766.

*10 Tech BMW See flyer. Session

10 Rally PSCC No info.

17 Auto-X CPS AMSC No info.

19 Meeting BMW Janaf library 8 PM.

24 Rally TOC Cancelled. 31 Auto-X CPS BMW Cancelled.

* indicates a BMW Club event.

WANTED

1973 or 1974 2002 in good condition. Call Jim Craig: 397-6917.

FOR SALE

4 "GT" aluminum wheels. 6x13" with lug nuts and special wrench. 1 year old. \$100.00. Will sell for \$150.00 with Semperit M401's mounted, two good, two poor.

2 front green springs.

2 " blue

2 rear red

Also 1 front stock Tii sway bar and 2 strut/brake assemblies from 1600 with Koni shocks installed.

All of the above for sale by Dave Cottrell, 23 Hampshire Ave., Blackwood, N.J.08012. Phone: 609-227-7056.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER (and Tech Session host)

Charlie Rehpeltz, 3209 Page Ave., Va. Beach. 23451 481-3579

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

East Coast Imported Auto Parts located at 4016 Granby Street in Norfolk (where BAP/Geon used to be) is a good source for inexpensive ball joints for the 2002 according to Drew Jeffreys. They sell them for about \$17.00 a pair while the dealer selss them for \$22.00 apiece. They also have a good supply of various metric nuts and bolts and will sell you a case of Castrol GTX 20W50 motor oil for about \$17. Their phone number is 625-3666.

Ray Lewis, Jr. parts manager for BMW parts at Meekins Pontiac has (foolishly) said he is willing to help a stranded BMW freak almost any time (yes at night too). Ray's home phone number is 428-8880 and he resides at 852 Deary Lane in Virginia Beach. Thanks, Ray, for duty above and beyond the call.

TECH TIPS

Ruptured Fuel Line by Nate Stone

Nate writes that he has had only one breakdown on all the trips he has made between Portsmouth and Atlanta and that involved a gas line on his Tii. The break occurred in the line that crosses over the differential. I was caused by abrasion resulting from a loose support that dropped the line to the housing. Its a good idea to periodically check all the fuel line on your car including its meanderings under the floor pan.

Jump Starting by Jim Craig

A dead battery can turn up any time, not just during the winter months. When and if it happens to you, do you know how to jump start your car? Jump starting is something everyone knows how to do except that very few people know how to do it correctly. Damage to the starter, alternator, and voltage regulator as well as a battery explosion can result from incorrect jump starting. To do it correctly:

1) Remove battery cell caps from both batteries and cover each battery with a damp cloth - this prevents hydrogen build up and lessens the chance for an explosion.

Jump Starting con'd

- 2) Attach one jumper cable from the positive terminal of one battery to the positive terminal of the other battery.
- 3) Attach the second jumper cable from a convenient location on the chassis or frame of one car to a chassis or frame location on the other car. This prevents a spark at either battery caused by the current drain from an interior clock, light, or radio in the "dead" car.
- 4) Start the car having the dead battery.
- 5) Remove the chassis to chassis jumper cable first followed by the positive terminal cable.
- 6) Remove the damp cloths and replace the cell caps.

Engine Mount Substitution

from "Die Zeitung", newsletter of the Connecticut Valley Chapter.

Here is a genuine factory tip for owners of older 2002's. If your air cleaner housing hits the underside of your hood when cranking or going over bumps or there is a persistant squeaking sound under the above conditions, the fault can be traced to the round engine mount on the left side of the engine. This type has been replaced by the newer "square" mount which is stronger and a better vibration damper. The new mount is a "drop in", requiring that you only support the engine from beneath while you unbolt the old one and bolt in the new one. Price: about \$7.50.

On the non-factory side of the same topic, the left Bavaria engine mount fits 2002's and is reputed to be even stronger than the improved 2002 mount. All this,

CLUB PARTS STORE by Rusty Barton

So far the Tidewater El Cheapo parts department has been quite successful. I would like to reiterate a few things that some of our members have forgotten or never knew in the first place! The majority of our parts supply is tuneup parts such as plugs, points, filters,

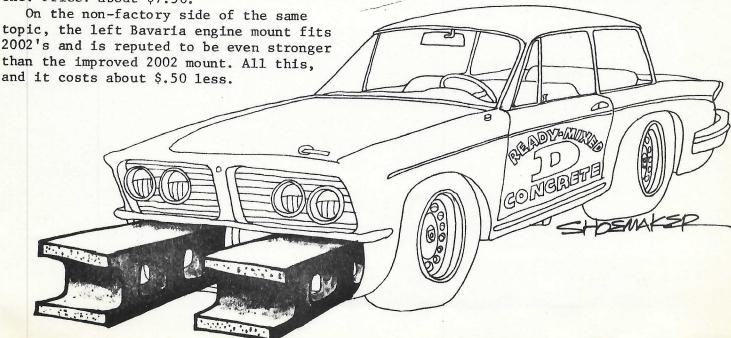
We can order some accessory items such as Koni and Bilstien shocks &coco mats. We also can get many engine parts that are not BMW factory only items. This includes clutch parts, exhaust parts, pistons, valves, gaskets, valve guides, spark plug wires, thermostats, etc.

If you need something and can wait about a week to get it, give me a call and I'll let you know how much less we charge for it!

Some people gripe about coming to Portsmouth to get the parts, but our prices are so low that you save the \$.80 tunnel toll even on a lousy set of points!

Let me know your needs, my phone no. is 393-0235.

A PICTURE IS WORTH .





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