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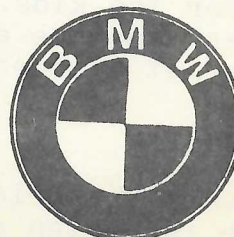
- Sept. 4 Picnic at Sleepy Hole Park- See article and directions
- 11 Tech Session at Jamie & Anita Sadlers' - 1pm. \*  
The Sadlers live at 2219 Beech St. in Va. Beach, 2 miles west of Seashore State Park. The beach is 1/2 block away, so bring your swim suits.
- 20 Meeting. 8pm Janaf Library, Probably our last meeting at this location.
- Oct. 15-16 Tour to Skyline Drive . See article.
- 18 Meeting
- 23 Tech Session

\*remember the \$2 per car refreshment charge.

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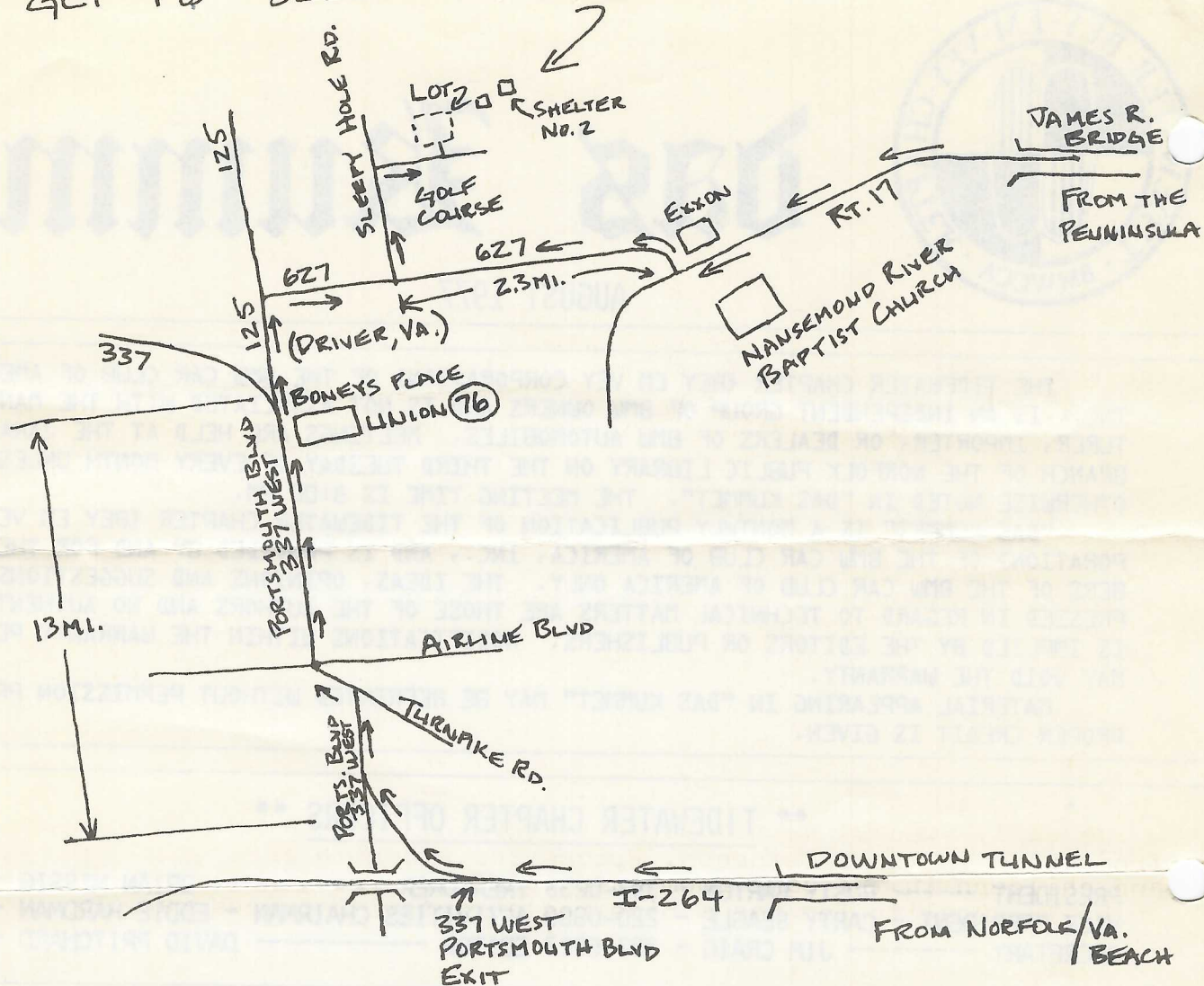
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# TO GET TO SLEEPY HOLE PARK...



## LABOR DAY WEEKEND PICNIC

Now is the time for all good club members to come to a picnic on Sunday Sept. 4 at sleepy hole park. Lets start off the fall season with a nice liesurely afternoon in the country with all our BMW familie's enjoying each others fellowship in an atmosphere of fun and frolic.

This will be an afternoon filled with food, drink, play, rest, sun, fresh air and socializing. There will be no working on cars, no grease covered husbands, no neglected wives and kids! Lets all come out and meet our fellow club members and their families.

We have reserved shelter No. 2 just for our use so there will be no hassle with finding space. The shelter has a grill and there are loads of swings, slides, etc. for the kids to play on. So pack a picnic supper and come out to Sleepy Hole Park anytime after 1 pm. Don't forget, allchollic beverages are supposedly are not allowed so if you bring beer, etc. bring a cup to put it in.

## FROM THE PENNINSULA

Take James River Bridge, stay on rt 17. Turn right on 627 at the EXXON station; there is a sign for Sleepy Hole Park preceding the turn. Go approx. 2.3 mi on 627, right on Sleepy Hole Rd., past the golf course and right into the park. Park in the first lot on your left.



FROM NORFOLK/VA. BEACH

Take the downtown tunnel to I-264. Take "327 west Portsmouth Blvd.", get in middle lane of 327, go through first light and bear right through second light, i.e. follow signs to "337 West". Stay on 337 west for approx. 13 mi. From exit, pickup 125 at Union 76 station called "Boneys Place". Go through Driver, turn right on rt 627, left on Sleepy Hole Rd., right into park after golf course.

SKYLINE DRIVE TOUR

Hurry and sign up!

We all know or have heard how beautiful the mountains are in Autumn with their rich bright colors. What better time to take a tour of the Virginia mountains than October, and what better car to do it in than a BMW? Yes folks, your club will be departing for Front Royal, Va. on Saturday, October 15th at 10:00 am those of us from Norfolk, Va. Beach, Chesapeake, and Portsmouth will gather at the Village Inn Pizza Parlor at Janaf. We will leave there promptly at 10:30 am and travel to Hampton where we will exit on Mercury Blvd to pick up the Penninsula members at the Sheraton Inn/Coliseum parking lot at Hampton. We will depart Hampton promptly at 11:30 am and continue on to Front Royal. We should arrive in Front Royal by 5:00pm and we will stay at the Quality Inn. Now here's the tricky part. Due to the popularity of this area in October the Quality Inn is booked solid, but we have reserved double rooms for our club. Three of these rooms are already taken leaving seven to be filled. We will allot these on a first come first serve basis. To reserve a room call me, not the motel, at home-393-0235. If you reserve a room and then find you cannot make it, please call me so that someone else can go.

We will stay at the motel overnight and then begin our tour of the Skyline Drive early Sunday. We plan to exit Skyline Drive at Waynesboro and come home from there in the afternoon. Prices for a double room (two beds) is \$26.00 and children in the same room as parents are free. Rollaway beds are \$3.00 each. The Quality Inn has a nice restaurant with prices ranging from \$4.95 to \$7.50.

Please arrange to get a map of Virginia to take with you. We will pass out route instructions at each meeting place. Don't forget, call me not the motel to reserve a room.

Rusty

PRESIDENTS COLUMN

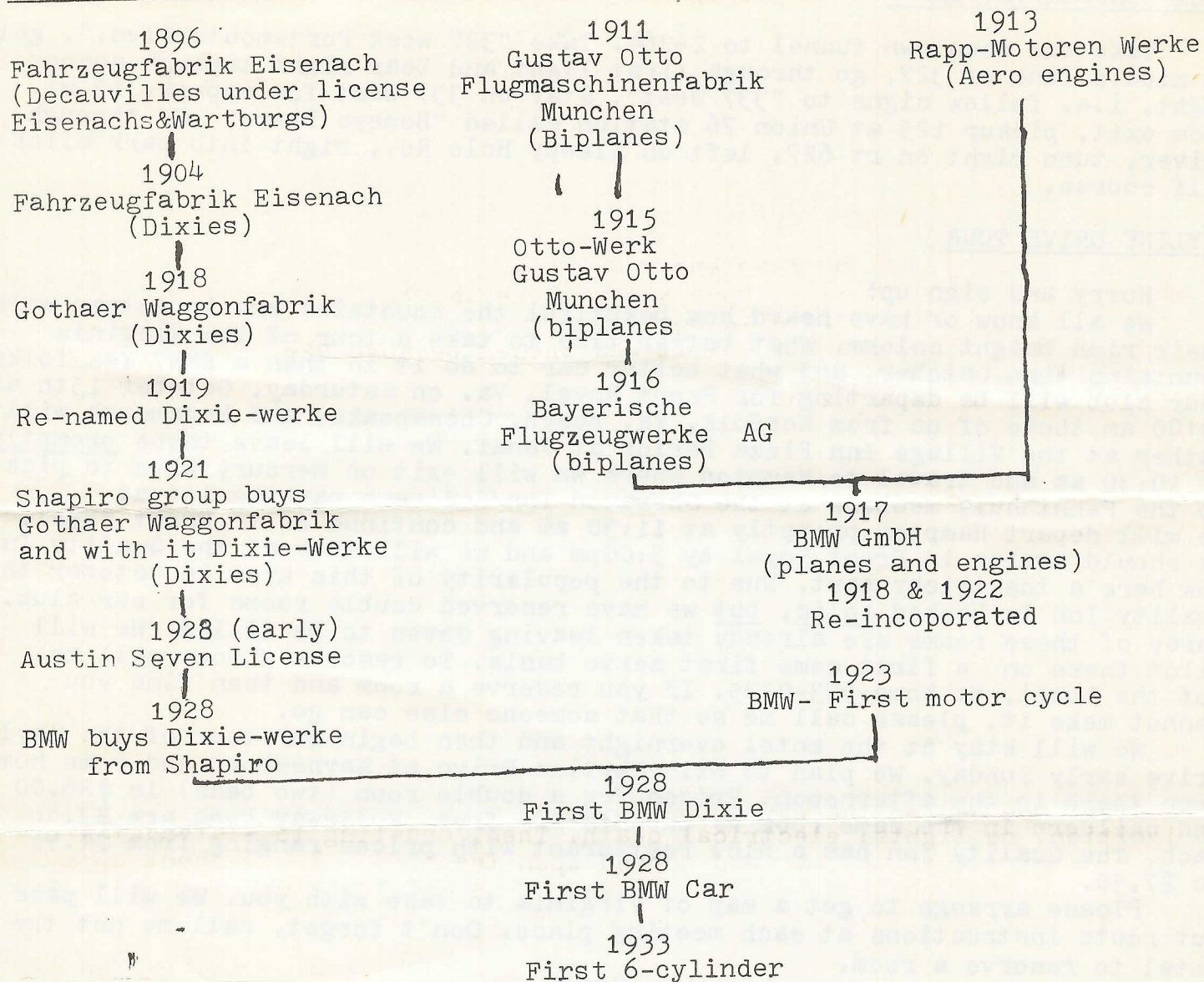
The picnic we had at our house went quite well despite the oppressive heat. We had to change locations at the last minute because we waited too long to reserve a shelter at Newport News Park. We have another family picnic planned on Labor Day weekend and this time we do have a shelter so y'all come. We have also planned our first overnight tour in years for the weekend of October 15th. Space is limited so call me quick to get a place.

Your board has been doing a lot of thinking and planning this month and we are ready to embark on a course change that we hope will please you. At the Chapter Congress it became quite obvious that the most successful chapters were those whose activities were mostly social. So you will be seeing a lot more activities like tours and picnics and as soon as we can locate a cooperative restaurant, we are going to abandon the Library in favor of monthly social meetings. We will continue to have tech sessions and an occasional rally or autocross, but our aim is for fellowship and friendship. We all have at least one thing in common, our love for BMW's; won't it be interesting to find out what else we have in common? So the next time you see a club activity planned, why not come out? From this day on let it be known that there is no activity we hold for men only, families are encouraged to come to all functions-yes the kiddies too! This includes tech sessions as well. So please, we don't want any wives or children to feel left out, they are welcome to come to anything we do. How 'bout it, lets get to know each other.

Rusty



# THE BMW FAMILY TREE



## VINTAGE INFORMATION

by Leif Anderberg  
Vintage Editor "Whispering Bomb" BMWACA Los Angeles

As Vintage Editor of the Whispering Bomb, it is my job to every month or so come up with an article on older cars or other things pertaining to the BMW factory.

As most of you can appreciate as many sources as possible are needed to make a go of it. As of now, and in the future, I am using the following books: BMW Portrait Einer Grossen Marke by Hanns Peter Rosellen, Bleicher Publishers, Bavarian Motor Works by Michael Frostick, Dalton Watson, Publishers, The BMW Silver Anniversary Book published by the factory. My sources also include numerous magazine articles, brochures and information passed on to me from other BMW enthusiasts. One such enthusiast is Barry McMillan, a good source for information on 507's and Dixies.

If you run across any interesting information, I would very much appreciate a xerox copy.

With this artilce I went as far back as is possible. You can see how the BMW company came about on the enclosed "Family Tree".

Most BMW owners assume that BMW as a car maker is a fairly young company. Not so. As you can see, there, it can be traced back to 1896 when Heinrich Ererhardt started his Eiseach Company. Originally, it was supposed to have been a manufacturer of military arms. Eherhardt was an inventive and progressive man and decided he wanted to go into the manufacturing of motor cars. He started out with electrical cars, naturally, since that was the "in" thing of the time. His were the first cars to use, not belt or chains, but actual shafts



and universal joints. He later dropped all his inventiveness and started to produce cars that were designed by the French company, Decauville. Decauville were actually a locomotive company. The first four cylinder Decauvilles were built in 1902. This was also the first year a "BMW" was entered in a race. The Paris-Vienna road race. The two cars in the race did not win, I'm sorry to say. These cars were generally known as Wartburgs and on occasion known as Eisenachs.

Another part of the family tree shows the Gustav Otto Company. Gustav Otto was the son of Nikolaus August Otto, creator of the Otto-Cycle engine, it is known to this day as the four cycle engine. Gustav Otto erected his factory at the eastern end of the then known Munchen Oberwiesenfeld Airport. The address was Lerchenaur Strasse, exactly where the factory stands today.

The Dixies that started to come out of the Eisenach Factory in 1903 were then henceforth known as Dixies. It was chosen because Dixie in Latin means "last word". It was used by Scholars at the end of a sentence to indicate that nothing more had to be said. Thus - Dixie - "The Last Word".

### BAVARIA BATTERY DILEMMA

by Art Peck from the Madison Chapter Newsletter

During the frightfully cold past Wisconsin winter everything not living in a heat duct freeze, including Brunehilde's battery. \$75 for a factory replacement said the dealer. A Sears Diehard should work said I. The diehard fired Brunehilde right up on the most miserable of days. Great! However, one cold, clear morning I noticed that the hood was not closed flush with the body. Closer inspection revealed that the battery filler caps interfered with a tubular cross member in the hood. Not so good. Daytime highs of  $-20^{\circ}$  discourage prompt resolution of such seemingly minor problems, and I decided to wait for the proverbial warm day.

Alas! One day on the way to work I made a hard left turn and....nothing. No ignition, no lights: electrical death. Then, coasting to a standstill, smoke **FIRE!** I leapt out of the car and popped open the hood. Flames shoot up at me and too shocked to get the fire extinguisher out of the glove box, I blew them out. (This guy does have strong breath. Ed.)

The problem was the battery post positions. The positive post of the battery shorted out to ground via the cross member of the hood, causing the hood's insulation to ignite. Switching to number 4324, a battery with different post positions, and adjusting the hood clamp to the proper height completely solved the problem. So, to avoid the trauma of a burning Bavaria, make sure your new battery cannot short out through the tubular crossmember of the hood.

### A Note of Appreciation

For several months now Dave Graves has taken care of typing up DAS KUMMET, raising the quality light years away from what I was doing on the Club machine. Dave has been active and present at most of our Club functions, and is a resourceful and congenial gentleman who will be missed since he is being transferred to Hawaii. Thank you, Dave, for the many services you rendered and good luck on your new assignment.

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