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THERE IS NO MEETING IN DECEMBER!!!

### ACTIVITIES ---THE ANNUAL BMW CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

Mark December 10th on your calender now- that's the date for the annual Christmas party which Brian and Sue Missig will host. The festivities will begin at 8pm and the club will provide the traditional punch. Those who wish to bring somthing else to drink may. Each couple must bring a plate of hors d'oeuvres and a pollyanna present that should be inexpensive and witty or even disgusting for the gala exchange later on in the evening. This is allways a good time-DON"T MISS IT!!!

Call Brian on 3402154 for directions if you have trouble findinding his house at 3564 Goodhope Rd. in Virginia Beach.

## PRESIDENTS COLUMN

We just had one of our most succesful dinner meetings this year, about twenty people were in attendance at the Aberdeen Barn and that represents about 25% of our membership. The food and drink were excellent but the conversation was better. I had the pleasurable task of announcing the slate of candidates for next years officers as follows: President-me (again?), Vice President-Charles Dickens, Secretary-Jim Craig, Treasurer-Brian Missig, Activities Chairman- Ralph Kaner, a newly created position of Penninsula Representative, Carty Seagle. It's nice to have two relatively new members agree to serve as officers; I'm sure Ralph and Charles will do an outstanding job.

We had a very lively discussion about what to do with future meetings. We decided to definitely drop the library as a meeting place; as a matter of fact if I read the conversation correctly, we will no longer have business meetings perse. Rather, we will have monthly events of varying character. A lot of ideas were tossed arround, things like having a covered dish supper, having a wine and cheese tasting party at Norfolk's Hermitage Museum, Having a disco party, and even- are you ready for this- renting a cargo plane and having a party in it(on the runway of course)! Sounds like a lot of new ideas will be flowing next yoear.

As for this year don't forget the Christmas party on the 10th, be sure to bring a gag gift for the pollyanna and a plate of hors d'oeuvres.

I'd like to take this space to thank those people who served as officers this year for theirhelp and enthusiasm. Actually we are losing only one person, Eddie Hardman, who will be retireing from the Navy next year and leaving the area. Thanks Eddie and thanks Jim, Brian, and Carty.

Finally I'd like to recobnize Dave Pritchard who has labored in the thankless job of Editor this year and will continue in that capacity next year. We haven't had the funds this year to allow Dave much flexibility with "Das Kummet" but hopefully this will change next year.

I hope you all have a joyous Holliday season.

Rusty

## OFFICERS FOR 1978

As stated in the Presidents Column, we have no contested offices for next year. Therefore, rater than waste your time and waste spce in this newsletter, we will dispense with the written ballot and simply declare the six candidates elected! Simple.

## SANTA CLAUS DEPARTMENT

Thinking of what to get that Bimmer owner for Christmas? How about a set of CoCo Mats or that set of Bilstien or Koni shocks he or she has been talking about? The club parts store can order can order these items and have them on hand in four days. All you need is the cash up front (we ain't got no capitol). To order call Rusty Barton:393-0235 or 441-4692 (work)

CoCo Mats- colors: natural tan, black, grey tweed, red tweed, blue tweed, green tweed, brown tweed \$17.00 for 1600, 2002, 320i front and back, \$20.00 for Bavaria, 3.0s, 3.0si

Bilstein Schocks- 4cyl. front insert \$50@ rear schock \$30@, 6 cyl except 630 \$52@ for front insert, rear schocks \$42@

KONI SCHOCKS- 4cyl front inserts \$50@, rear schocks \$30@ . 6 cyl except 630 front insert \$50@ 6cyl 4 door rear schock \$50@ 6 cyl coupe except 630 rear schock \$30@

#### HOW TO FIND YOUR HYDROPLANING SPEED der Bayerische

As you motor along in the rain next time, there is a way to figure out at exactly what speed you will be entirely out of contact with the road-- or hydroplaning.

If the water appears to be about as deep as your treads, take the square root of your front tire pressure and multiply it by 10.13. For example, if you have 25 psi , you would multiply 10.13 by 5 to discover that the magic speed is about 51 mph.

If you want to squeeze a few extra miles per hour out of the trip, stop and pump up the front tires. You get added grip, and the water will minimize the resulting heat and friction from the abnormally high pressure.

This information comes courtesy of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and Paul Dickinson of the advanced Institute of Driver Education.

#### ELECTRICAL TIPS Bob Gotshall in the "Driving Light"

If you would like a brighter back up light, a GE 1195 has 50 candle power, compared to the stock 32 CP bulb.

To check the oil light to see if it is burned out, remove the female connector from the sending unit (located slightly inboard of the distributor) and ground the plug to the engine; then turn the ignition switch to "on" not "start". If the bulb lights, you may have a bad sending unit. Before replacing, check the old one. Remove the sender (24 mm deep socket) and spray it with penetrating oil (WD-40) to flush out possible dirt. Reinstall to see if it works. If not, replace it. Lubricate or oil the threads before installation AND CON'T OVERTIGHTEN steel threads in aluminum heads! An adequate torque is 20 ft/lbs.

NEW 2.3-LITRE SIX condensed from Bill Elftman excerptes from "Motor" from BMWACA Los Angeles "Whispering Bomb"

BMW's new engine for the 320 series is a 2.3 Litre straight six using k-jetronic fuel injection making the car the 323i. It does 0-62 in 9.2 sec. and has a top speed of 118 mph, with a 3.45:1 rear end. The standard transmission is the proven 4 speed with options of a 5speed or ZF automatic. It also has altered schock and spring rates, a larger gas tank, four wheel disc brakes, an upgraded battery, alternator and starter. The weight distribution is 53F/47R compared to 52F/48R for the 320i and the weight is 2500lbs., only 40lbs. heavier than the 320i. The engine develops more torque than the four so it runs smoothly from 1500rpm in high gear up to red line at 6400. The horse power rating is 142.8/6400rpm.

#### BULLSHIT

She came home and said to her old man, "Honey, I went to the doctor today and he told me I had the tits of a six-teen year old."  
"What did he say about your asshole?" he asked.  
She smiled sweetly and said, "He didn't ask me about you".

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