

Das Kummel

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ACTIVITIES

- May 21 TECH SESSION 608 Apache Rd., Portsmouth Va. Tel. No. 488-0030
Which is of course the residence of Charles and Linda Dickens.
The tech session will be followed by a bring your own hamburger
and bun cookout. All other food and drink will be furnished. There
will be a keg plus plenty of Coors. Desert will be home made
ice cream. There will be the traditional \$2 per car charge to
cover the Tech Session Refreshments, but the party trimmings
are being provided courtesy of Linda and Charles.
- June 14 DINNER MEETING AT EL GRECO featuring authentic Greek cuisine,
608 N Birdneck Road (Birdneck and Laskin Rd., Va. Beach) 8:00 pm
We will call the membership to find out as nearly as possible
in advance how many people are going. This is important so that
the restaurant will be properly prepared for us.
- June 24 Tech Session- Location to be decided. If you can host it, contact
a board member.
- August 19 Summer Picnic at the Hermitage Foundation Museum, Starting at
6:30 pm, With the use of the grounds and museum. Details to be
worked out next month. If you have any thoughts on it contact
a board member.

PRESIDENTS COLUMN

I renewed acquaintances with an old friend last weekend: auto crossing. In the last year I have not had time to auto cross but one time and that was in the rain. I really enjoyed getting the old competitive juices flowing again and even better was the delight in feeling the Tii responding willingly to every input I gave it. My auto crossing tires are perfect, now, no tread at all! I say everyone should try thier hand at autocrossing at least once to find out how they and thier car act under under extreme cornering and braking conditions- something that is not taught in Driver Ed. Back to reality.

Ralph Kaner deserves our thanks for doing a really super job acquiring and arroanging the food for last months Chapter Birthday party. He put His experience working in a deli to work to set up a real profesional looking spread of food. Charles Dickens had a beautiful 7th Birthday cake made with the BMW logo raised in a second layer- it tasted as good as it looked. Thanks also to Dave Pritchard for arranging our dinner meeting at the Blue Hawaii. As usual, everything was great- especially those two pineapple daquiries I had, but thats' another storey.

Rusty

FOR SALE

1974 3.0S new Bilstiens BBS Mahles, xwx's, 37,000 miles auto trans \$8500
call Doug Wilner 460-0555

From '72 2002: 4 stock 4½X13 steel rims, 4 stock wheel covers, 1 stock steering wheel. Make me an offer. Drew Jeffreys-at work 543-6847, at home 467-3139

CENTER SUPPORT BOLT SUBSTITITE by Drew Jeffreys

I have recently replaced the drive shaft center support on my '72 2002. Upon removal of the nuts holding the support in place, I found that one of the bolts was partially stripped. Meekins was empty and there was no guarantee th the bolts would be included in their next shipment in 2 to 3 weeks.

The heads of the origional bolts are specifically designed to fit into the slotted mounting bracket welded to the car. An excellent substitute are 2 5/16X1" carriage bolts and matching lock washers and hex nuts. The carriage bolts have heads similar to the origional bolts in that the shoulders on the underside of the heads fit nicely into the mounting brackets. A ½" wrench or socket is needed to tighten the nuts. I guess a 13mm wrench or socket could be used; be careful that it does not slip and bust a knuckle.

TANKS, I NEEDED THAT (how's that for a fuelish title?) by Jim Craig

Surely you've heard the old adage concerning keeping your gas tank full so that moisture won't condence and cause rust out from the inside. As far as BMW's are concerned there is a far more important adage (or corollary, if you will).

BMW installs gas tanks with a foam rubber gasket between the tank and the car body. The gasket protrudes sufficiently beneath the car to become moist in wet weather or durring a good car washing session. The foam gasket holds this moisture and will rust the tank from the outside. Having just replaced gas tanks on two BMW's for the above reason, I suggest you remove the tank from your car NOW and perform a little inexpensive preventive maintenance. Unless of course, replacing the tank (\$100 a shot) won't bother your wallet.

The physical acts of removing and installing the tank are quite obvious and really need no explanation. (It should be noted that 2002 tanks can be removed quite easily even when half full, but Bavaria tanks must be nearly empty becuas of the extreme tilting required for removal and installation)

once the tank is out of the car use a puty knife to scrape the foam gasket off the car body. (If the foam has rust on it's upper surface, your tank is in serious trouble.) Sand and paint any rusty areas on the car body at this point. Use a silicon seal/caulk compound (paintable house repair type) and a caulk gun to lay several wide beads of caulk around the tank opening in the car body .

Use a putty knife to smooth and even up the surface . Allow the caulk to set up for a couple of hours.

Inspect the tank. If there is no rust simply clean the outer surfaces and smile a lot. If there is rust, empty the tank (safely and with a fire extinguisher) and clean up the rust. Scrape and paint. And Hope.-Once the rust penetrates the tank seam,your done. Next remove the fuel tank sending unit (and pick-up/return unit on injected models). Remove and clean the fuel screen at the bottom of the appropriate unit. Also tighten the nut(and add a second one) that holds the sending unit together. Reinstall these items in to the tank with new O rings if at all possible

Reinstall the tank. Connect the fuel lines(add the hose clamps that BMW should have) and sending unit wires. Hopefully your finished!

BMW'S ARE BIGGER PART 2 by Dave Pritchard

While working out in the garage on a newly aquired but in need of work LBC (little Brittish car) I pulled the muscles in my lower back past the point they were aparently intended to go. Exactly what happened is still a mystery, but the next day I wnt to the Doctor, and drove Carol's Nova so that I could be as still as posible while driving. Getting in and out was a tremendous hassle though in this considerably larger car. Not being able to bend over, I had to turn bodily to my left, slide forward, slink down to the threshold and then straighten up because the roof line was that low in relation to the seat. I looked equally foolish getting into the car. While just as stiff, later, I found that getting in and out of the BMW was no problem at all. I had that much more room in the doorway., And a more comfortable seat when I got there.

TRIVIA QUIZ ANSWERS

1. 1929 3/20, 2. A radial 23 cylinder aircraft engine. 3. Two 4. 1953
5. 3.5 liters in a 335. 6. A custom built, bullet proof limosine, and there are two 7. The 1500. 8. Four. 9. No. They were strictly export models.

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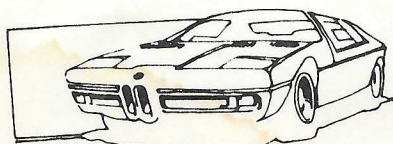
The best from ROAD & TRACK... The BMW 530i and 733i have been selected as two of the "Ten Cars for a Changed World" by the editors of Road & Track. The 530i and 733i were the best sedans in their class and the 320i finished second to the Audi 5000 in the \$7,000-\$11,000 sports sedan selection.

In a readers poll in the German magazine AUTO, MOTOR UND SPORT, the ten best cars in the world were nearly all German. This time the 320i beat out the Audi 5000 in the 2000 cc class, the BMW 528i beat the Mercedes 280 SE in th up to 3000 cc class but the 733i came in second to the Mercedes 450SEL6.9 in the over 3000cc class. The 450 SEL 6.9, 733i and the Rolls-Royce Silver Shadow were selected as the top three sedans in the world.

The French Motoring Press Association (AFPA) has awarded its "Prix Securite" to the BMW 733i. The Journalists cited the new sedan as the most modern and sophisticated in terms of active and passive safety.

In Finland a Honda Accord costs \$12000, a 320i is \$17500 and a Mercede 450 SLC is \$72000.

FORMULA 2... BMW's dominance of Formula 2 racing may have returned. After losing the European Formula 2 Championship to Renault for two years, BMW-powered Marchs captured the first five places at the opening round of the 1978 season at Thruxton, England on Easter Monday. The first five finishers were Bruno Giacomelli, Marc Surer, Rad Dougall, Eddie Cheever, And Manfred Winkelhock. The title chase continues at Hockenheim on April 9, The Nurburgring on April 30, Pau on May 13, Mugello on May 28, Vallelunga on June 4, Rouen on June 18 and Donnington on June 25.





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