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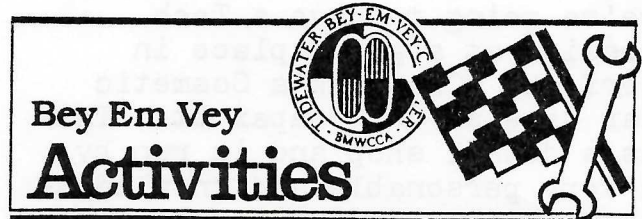
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CHARLES DICKENS

CONGRATULATIONS TO US! Bey Em Vey now stands at about 130 members and that's the highest our membership has been in the five years I've been a member. Somebody out there is doing something right. Keep up the good work, we would like to number 175 when we host the Blue Ridge Rendezvous in 1983. Speaking of the 1983 Blue Ridge Rendezvous, Linda, Krist and I recently spent a Sunday with Bey Em Vey rallymaster Dwayne Moody at and around his home on Smith Mountain Lake. The day was grey, wet and long (5 AM to 1 AM) but very productive. I, for one have never been so lost in my entire life, and I've been lost plenty. But back to the raveled thread of my thought, no doubt in my mind this Blue Ridge Rendezvous will be by far the best ever. The motel and restaurant are first class, there's the pool the marina and the lake itself. And the rally. The rally is going to be fun. With eager participation from chapters as far away as Allegheny in Pennsylvania this ought to be fantastic. But if you don't plan now you will probably find a dozen things to prevent you from getting in on it. See a preliminary flyer on the Blue Ridge Rendezvous in this Das Kummert. If you have any questions, contributions or suggestions call Krist Jani or me.

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KRIST JANI

It's December and another Holiday Season is upon us! I hope everyone is ready for a festive, happy and safe month. If you missed the December Membership Meeting at my house or didn't read last month's newsletter remember SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18th. That's our HOLIDAY HOUSE PARTY, 8:00P.M. at my house. I live at 1717 Rueger St., VA Beach. It's in the Bent Tree section between Kempsville Rd. and Centerville Turnpike heading toward Chesapeake. It really is easy to find, too!!

From I-64 East - Indian River Rd.-East Exit, Go two traffic lights (150 yds. apart), Turn right - Centerville Turnpike, Pass CBN (on left), Pass Mt. Trashmore II (on right), Turn left into Bent Tree Subdivision, (1st development on Centerville you come to), Turn left at 4th street - Rueger St., Mine is 1717-11th house on left.

From Kempsville Rd. - South on Kempsville Rd., Pass Fairfield and Providence Sq. Shopping Centers, Cross Indian River Rd., Turn Right at Brandon Blvd.(second right turn past Indian River Rd.), drive 6 blocks turn right - Rueger.

Remember, the party is B.Y.O.B. but the food and mixers will be supplied for one and all. Please bring your "Better Half" and a small "gag" gift. We should

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# APEX

Meanwhile back in 1982, we have planned a great Christmas Party for the 18th at Krist Jani's house. Bring an inexpensive gift keeping in mind that you may well wind up with it yourself through the Pollyanna method of exchange. In January we're going to have a Tech session at a great place in Norfolk. Chadwick's Cosmetic Car Care at 805 Orapax St. This is a detail shop and is run by a very personable and knowledgeable young man named, you guessed it, Chadwick. N. Jason Chadwick to be exact. He answers to Neal and is so full of enthusiasm for what he's doing that he fairly effervesces. He does all kinds and degrees of detail work on fine cars from wash jobs to a 10 point restoration. Neal has extended his hand to us in hospitality and I'd like to see his neat, clean and sizable shop full of BMW's and their slightly insane owners. See details in January's Das Kummer and meanwhile if your Bimmer's dirty or needs a shine, call Neal Chadwick at 423-5006. He even does pick up and delivery or you can drop by and he will take you to work and have your pride and joy ready for you to pick up at quitting time. Now that would be a great way to start a weekend.

There's more to tell but I'm about pooped out and I've already held up the December Das Kummer for toooo long. Sorry. Maybe next month I can tell you how easy it is to put the 320i sport steering wheel you bought cheap used on your 2002 using the Joe Libby Method. Linda loves her "new" wheel. 'Til next time, Keep Blinking!



Bey Em Vey

## Activities

have lots of door prizes to hand out and besides all this we will have fun too! If you know you're coming or have any questions, call me at work 489-7501 or at home 424-4248.

### Upcoming Activities

December 18th, Saturday - 8:00 PM - Holiday House Party.

January 9th, Sunday - 3:00 PM - Membership Meeting at Krist Jani's house - lots of 1983 plans to be discussed.

NOTE: Through at least March all membership meetings will be at my house the first Sunday of the month and at 3:00 PM unless you'd rather have them at night.

January 16th, Saturday - 12:00 - Tech Session - Chadwick's Custom Car Care, Bavaria Auto Service - 805 Orapax Street, Norfolk (off Redgate) - Neil Chadwick (prop.) and Peter Fiegler (prop.) will discuss a variety of BMW care tips from cosmetics to fuel injection care and maintainance. You will have an opportunity to meet two of the areas newest BMW care professionals and with winter upon us, this is an excellent time to move indoors and learn! Neil also stocks many "BMW goodies" to spend those Christmas bucks on. This is a session not to be missed.

February 12th - Valentech - Atlantic BMW - "Show your car you love it"

February - Rally to be announced.

May - Blue Ridge Rendezvous - Memorial Day Weekend - Smith Mtn. Lake, VA - Multichapter event including: Tidewater, Shockoe, Blue Ridge, Tarheel, National Capital, Allegheny (Pitts.) and Mountain State (W. VA).

### Shockoe Events

January 15th - Saturday - Ski trip to Wintergreen - RSVP by December 17th. One day trip for \$35.00 includes: bus trip, lift ticket and equipment too. Call Patty Basile (w) 743-6608 or (h) 233-1873 for details.

# VEEP NOTES

NATHAN SEGAL

First some news for Christmas cheer. After record separation time my car is home- it has been re-oranged. But of more importance, only days earlier another car came home to its waiting owner, Rusty Barton. Why is this news for Christmas cheer? Well back at our Williamsburg Brunch another car club was having a rally and an auto cross. My neighbor and active Porsche Club of America member, Tom Cupitt, told me of the event. For weeks prior to the PCA's Williamsburg meeting I had been trying to get them to allow us to join their autocross and rally. Sort of a Porsche - BMW challenge. Well the higher VP's in PCA didn't want to be bothered with us. More good news, Tom Cupitt is running for Eastern Vice President of PCA, and he is more than ready to work for the Porsche - BMW challenge. Well here is where Rusty comes in. For those newer members and those who forgot. Rusty Barton is our own champion "Auto crosser" sort of the Herschel Walker of Tidewater BMW Autocrossing. The event when it happens will be forthcoming. But we need to get on our toes and begin preparing.

Notice how foggy it has been lately? Well winter is going to be worse, with rain and snow coming. There is a way to fight back. Get better lights. Sealed Beam Halogens are now available for all BMW's. While they don't give a huge improvement over traditional incandescent head lamps, they are legal in Virginia. The other choice is the European style quartz 3pc. light (lens, bulb and reflector). The difference between them and a traditional sealed beam and a high quality European headlight is as different as night and day.

See you soon!



NEW BIMMER LEADS TO NEW SITUATION  
OR WHO, ME OFFICER?

MIGHTY RED & WOLFGANG

One week to the day after we titled Linda's '75 2002 (Christened Wolfgang) there we were, sitting on the side of the road with the Blue and White Portsmouth Police Car, lights blinking, sitting behind us. To furnish a little background for those of you who are not personally acquainted with the Bey Em Vey Treasurer, Linda Dickens is the long suffering bride of the President of The Tidewater Chapter and for years had driven her faithful Renault 10 Push Button Automatic, affectionately called Reggie. Now Linda loved Reggie with a loyalty not unknown among Renault drivers and Reggie rewarded this affection with years of trouble free and inexpensive service. All good things must come to an end, however, and Reggies' end was his wierd little Automatic Transmission. With Reggie on his last legs Linda was forced to rely on an elderly Plymouth Valiant with a burnt valve and other more or less minor short comings until a suitable Bimmer could be found for her. This selection was complicated by the fact that Linda had never qualified on a straight shift transmission.

Finally the decision (Linda's) was that if she was to be a true Bimmerphile she would have to have a four speed transmission. This settled, the newspapers were pursued and the telephone was kept hot until one day a beautiful pastel blue 2002 with sunroof was found. Linda liked the Baby blue car and the car seemed to like her, so a bargain was struck. The paper work was completed and the car taken home. So now it had been as Linda put it, "a hard week" and here I was doing my famous and successful song and dance for this police officer on her behalf, to make a long story not quite as long, bs won out over intelligence and the criminal (Linda, the neo-continued pg.

WOLFGANG CONTINUED

phyte BMW driver) was let go with a warning. It was then that I heard the words I thought I'd never hear from my sweet wife's lips, "I need an escort radar detector." Closely followed by the familiar, "it doesn't seem like you're going that fast in a BMW." Moral to this story: Buy your wife a BMW and maybe she will understand the joys and sorrows of a BMW owner/driver a little better.

320i TECH TIPS  
LARRY RESNICK  
VIA GARY BAUER  
(MIDNIGHT SUN CHAPTER )

When your oxygen sensor (post 1979 models) dies at 30,000 miles, do not dump \$100+ on a BMW replacement. The Boson unit for the Volvo (Part #464947-1) does the job at a SUBSTANTIAL savings.

To set the proper mixture on post 1979 models without need for all the fancy tuning equipment, adjust the mix until the idle speed remains constant when the oxygen sensor is disconnected.

BILL MACHRONE  
(NEW JERSEY CHAPTER)

BMW NA advises that all fuel systems repairs on fuel injected cars that involve sealing washers must be performed with new copper sealing rings. They specifically warn against using the aluminum sealing rings which may still be available from some dealers.

If you are like most people, when you stop at a red light you shift into first and wait for the green.

DON'T DO IT -- It's costing you money.

When you stop, shift into neutral and take your foot off the clutch pedal. Watch the light, and shift into first only when you can see the yellow come on for traffic on the cross street. If you are not first in line, wait until your line has the green and then shift.

Why? Duration of red lights is anywhere from 15 to 75 seconds. Clutch release bearings are designed to be utilized primarily for disengaging the clutch when shifting from one gear to another, which means they are used for one to two seconds at a time. Depressing the clutch for a minute or more does bad things to the life span of a release bearing.

The bearings cost anywhere from \$18 (Circle Tire) to much more (dealer), but that is small compared to the labor involved in replacing one. Requiring removal of the transmission, the total cost of replacement can easily exceed \$100.

The next time you stop, shift into neutral, lift your left foot, and watch the light instead of the good looking pedestrians.

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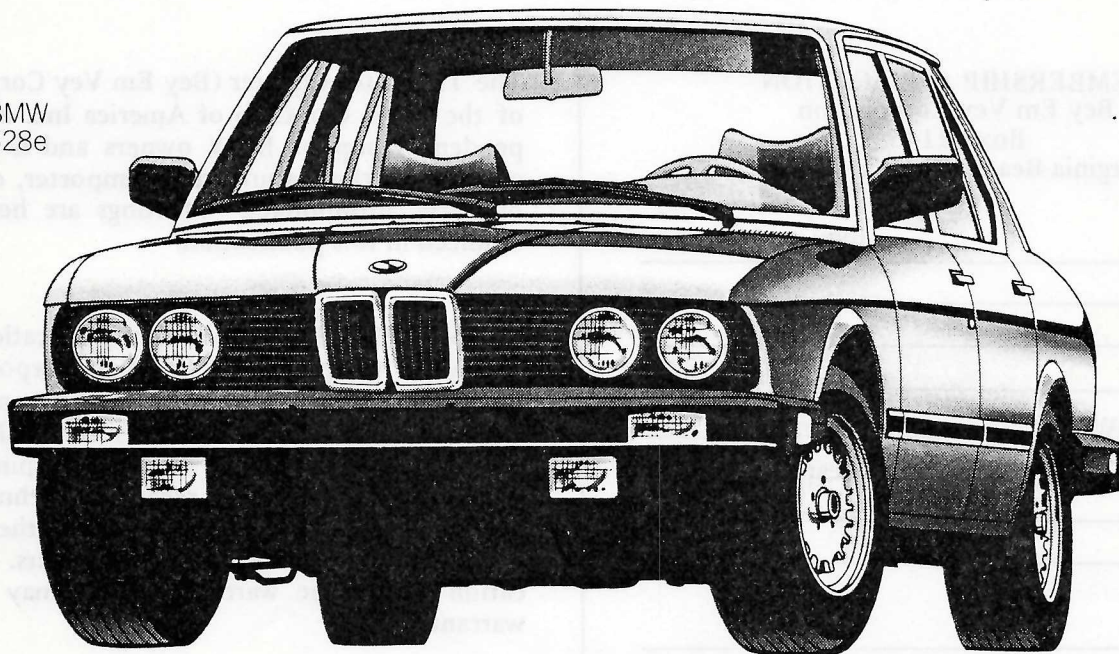
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