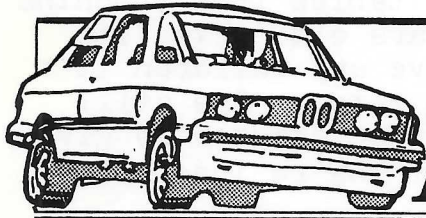




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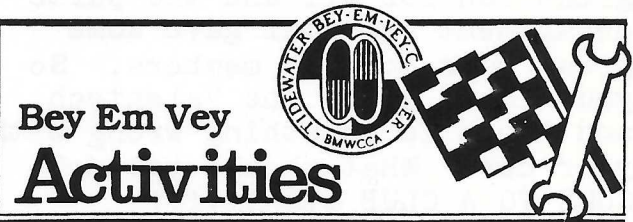
As you can see, Charles Dickens name is not here. He has asked for, and has been granted, a leave of absence from the monthly writing of his column. Yes, he is still our fearless leader but with all the important events coming up and a recent engine change for Red, he's going to take a few months off. Believe me when Charles says a few months off - that means instead of 60 hours a week devoted to BMWCCA he might only spend 59½ hours a week. So even if his name is not up there he is still At the Apex.

More bad news - due to the recent merger of F&M and VNB Bank our club Secretary Rusty Barton has asked to be relieved of duty asap. Rusty has been given charge of a very important dept. at the new Sovran Bank, and traveling back and forth to Richmond has taken its toll on him. Rusty has been and I know will continue to be a tireless worker for the club and we will really miss the fine job he did for the club.

Want the job? As of this writing the position is open so here goes the ad.

Secretary - BMW Car Club needs Secretary for 2 hours (tops) worth of letter writing, typing and fun per month. Make your own hours and meet great people. Your name inserted free into Nationally recognized Newsletter. Husband

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Activities

KRIST JANI

Spring is just around the corner, we all believe that anyway! The coming of spring time to Tidewater means increased activities of all types, particularly BMW style activities. You'll see for yourself your club has been busy putting together a great slate of activities for this spring. Jumping ahead temporarily, don't forget to read the attached flyer concerning this year's Blue Ridge Rendezvous. This year's site will be Mountain Lake Resort near Blacksburg, VA. What a spot! Charles Dickens and I drove there last weekend and even under snow it was fantastic. When we arrive May 26th we will see the results of a massive refurbishment including a new addition and a total upgrade of the plumbing and heating systems. Jim McMilin, the manager, promises the best of what the resort is known for: Mountain beauty, varied activities and great food. Over 1000 invitations will be mailed by us to you and all surrounding club members encouraging attendance. Could this become a mini O'fest for BMWCCA ... we think it will.

Back to the BMW year so far; the Holiday Party was grand as the host (me) came away with the "most traded for" door prize, a battery operated 3.0 CSL coupe. The Valentech, sponsored by Jim Atwell and the gang at Atlantic

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and wife team accepted. For personal interview call 488-0030.

What did you miss this month?

Well, I'll tell you. The Valentech was held on February 11th. We saw fresh faces and some old ones we had not seen in a while. It was great fun for all and the parts department as usual gave some great buys to club members. So you didn't go to the Valentech and there is something wrong with your car. What should you do?

COME TO A CLUB EVENT!!!!

Show up at the rally, come to a meeting or a tech session. Let the club help you. No we won't do it for you but we have helped solve some major distress.

Example: Recently a club member came to the membership meeting depressed and downtrodden. What's wrong we inquired? My water pump is leaking and this week is the worst it could happen to me. Charles said lets take a look. So out to the car went Jeff, Krist, and Charles with other assorted members. They discussed the problem and Charles laid his hands on the water pump, fan assembly. The member swears that his car has not leaked a drop since Charles touched it. I confirm this to be true. Now this may not work for all cars but how do you know if you don't come to an event and see?

We all had a great time on our trip to the NARO. Dinner afterward was well attended and the food was great. Thanks Krist for a great event.

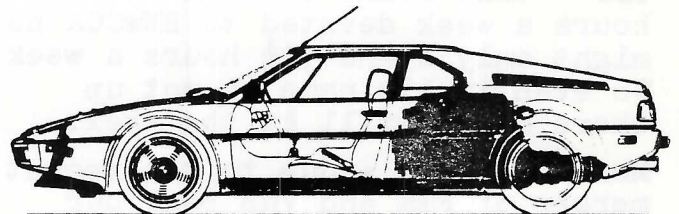
Lets talk RALLY. It's this Sunday, March 18th. Be there and I promise the most fun 2 hours (max.) you ever spent in your car. Rules will be given out at registration which begins at 12 Noon. Its an easy rally, our first Time-Speed-Distance in a long time. If you have any questions call me. First cars off at 1:00 and two minute intervals. I'd really like to see you there and it's a cheap \$6.00 per car. Be there and have fun.

It always is a pleasure to hear about a club member who makes it big. So I'll share it with you. Trisha Coulson (you say you don't know her, well come to the rally and look for the good looking lady in the tan BMW) anyway she has opened her own business. it's called Gymboree, sort of a Nautilus for kids. She has programs for babies from 3 months to kids 4 years old. Even if you don't have any children it's still fun to watch. She still has room in some classes so give her a call if you're interested at 481-4131.

It looks as if plans are moving right along for the Blue Ridge Rendezvous at Mountain Lake. Make Vacation Plans now to attend. Even if you have never been to an event don't pass up an event at this great resort.

See You At The Rally!!

Remember... Charles says ...
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Activities

BMW demonstrated how good it is to have a quality dealership in the area. Even the Sunday matinee showing of the Big Chill, complete with flavored popcorn and dinner at Clark's Restaurant was great. We then met Jan Calliott and her son Robert (are you sure he's only three) and disgraced the manager after he approaching the table had asked if any of us seated there owned a gray Ford Granada! How tacky!

Let me close by reminding all of you to attend the March 18th T.S.D. rally. Short and sweet promised. We'll be meeting at the Janaf parking lot starting point at 12:00 Noon. Be there!

EVENT CALENDAR

March 18th - Sunday - 12:00pm - Chapter Anniversary Rally - Janaf Shopping Center Parking Lot - Will begin at 12:00 noon - more details to follow in the APEX.

April 1st - Sunday - 1:00pm - Member's Meeting - Mat Kress' home - 5205 Dundee Lane - Brigadoon Woods - Va. Beach South on Kempsville Rd. past Indian River Rd. left on Albright St., cross Lynnhaven Pkwy., left on Angus, first right Dundee. phone 495-1527. Discussion of Blue Ridge Rendezvous plans.

April 15th - Sunday - 12:00pm - Tech Session - Charles and Linda Dickens - 609 Apache Dr. - 488-0030 - prepare your car for spring and summer fun.

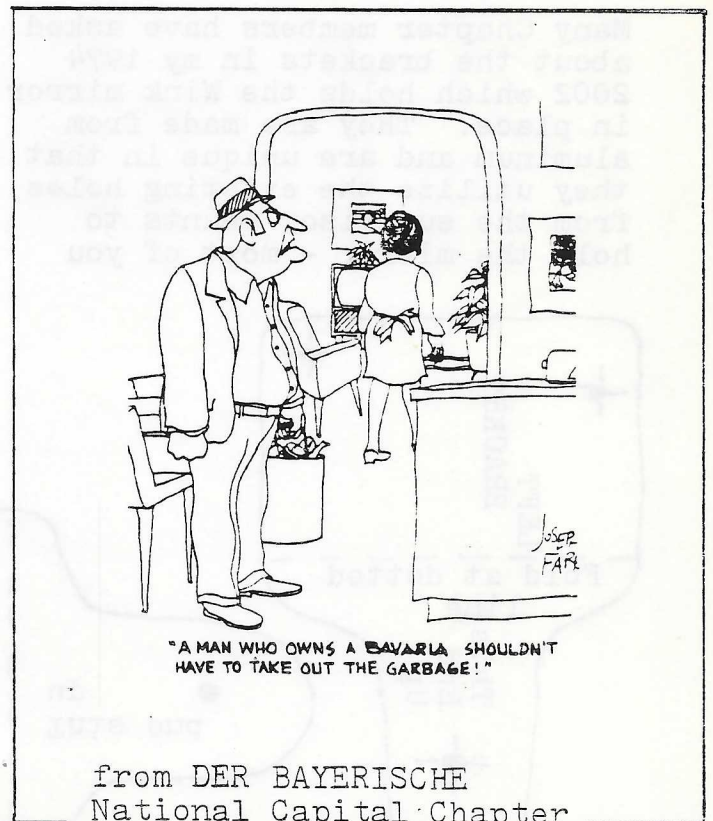
May 6th - Sunday - 1:00pm - Mark and Sherbi Skeen's home - 2701 Bayview Blvd. Portsmouth - 393-2740. From Midtown tunnel, take 1st right West Norfolk, Wesley St., proceed left on Broad St. at Bay View. From 264 go thru Downtown tunnel, Effingham exit turn right to London Blvd.

First stop past High St. follow London to Broad St 1½ miles. Right on Broad to water. Discussion of Final details for Blue Ridge Rendezvous.

May 20th - Sunday - 12:00pm - Pre-Memorial Day Tech and Day at the Beach! Jerry Restano home - 115 76th st. and Atlantic Ave.- between Edgar Cayce Foundation and Fort Story - Oceanside. For more details call 422-3088.

May 26th - 28th - Blue Ridge Rendezvous - Memorial Day Weekend. This year the group will be driving to Mountain Lake Resort, near Blacksburg, Va.

August 13th - 17th - BMWCCA Octoberfest - Historic Sturbridge, Ma. This is the annual National Event attended by hundreds of BMW files. For the first time it will begin on a Monday allowing easy travel planning. See the Roundel for reservations - plan to attend. Many of us are planning to go already.



Speeders Beware

The latest trick to enforce the speed limit on our state highways is the trooper strapped behind the wheel of the latest of Detroit's hot rods.

This year some of our state troopers will be driving unmarked Ford Mustang GT's, Chevrolet Camaro coupes and Pontiac Firebirds.

With these sports cars the spirited motorist can be paced and their speed monitored by the trooper. Escorts are useless against this technique. Thank heaven for blue/grey uniforms and shoulder patches.

There is some controversy as to

the ethics of this approach. On one hand according to Trooper E.R. Slayton, "when you're driving the Mustang you can see how people act when there's no police car in sight. Your real purpose out there is to bring the speeds down to 55 mph." On the other hand critics charge that a marked patrol car stopped alongside the highway achieves the same aim without the inherent deception.

At any rate when you see these troopers give them a wave because you will know they are enjoying the highway cruise as much as you. Well...almost.

Jeff Barnett/Tidewater based on article by Virginian-Pilot writer John M.Glionna

TECH TIPS

WINK Installation

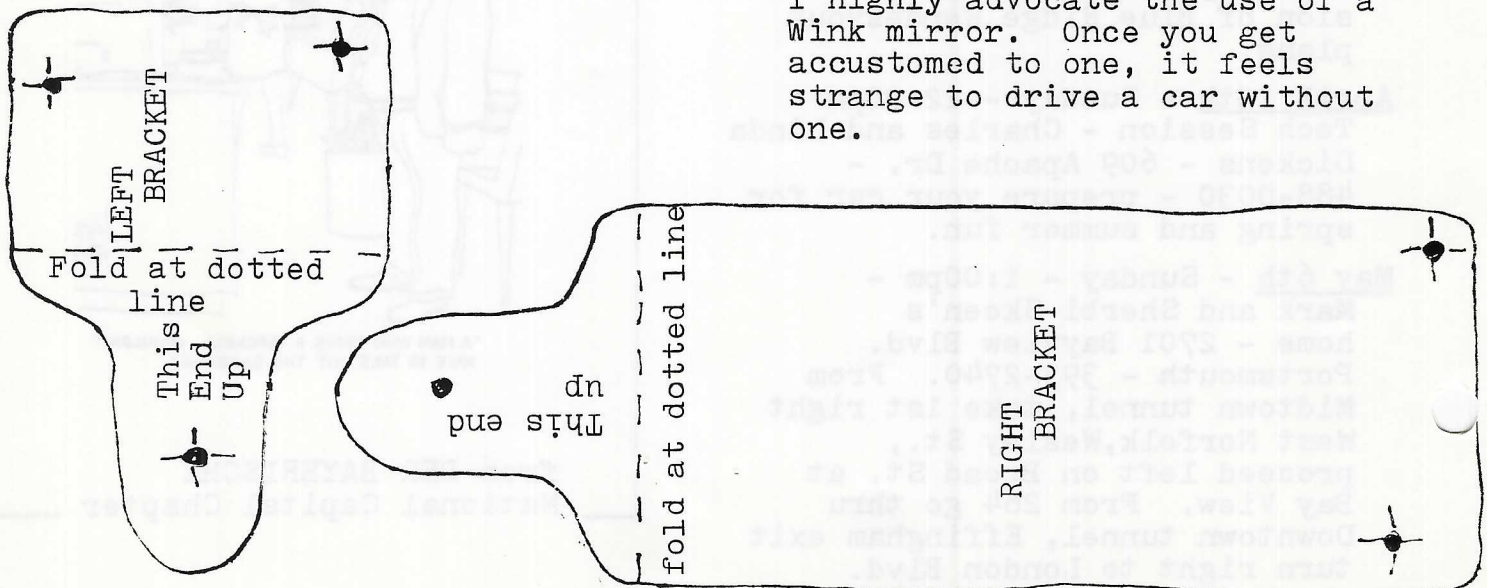
Bill Foster
Delaware Valley Chapter

Many Chapter members have asked about the brackets in my 1974 2002 which holds the Wink mirror in place. They are made from aluminum and are unique in that they utilize the existing holes from the sun visor mounts to hold the mirror - most of you

are probably like me and do not want to drill holes in your headliner to mount a mirror.

Unfortunately, I cannot take credit for the design of these brackets - I traced them out of a copy of the Boston Chapter Newsletter some six or seven years ago. A full - sized sketch is provided below.

I highly advocate the use of a Wink mirror. Once you get accustomed to one, it feels strange to drive a car without one.



Shade Tree Blues

Matt Kress/Tidewater

Shade tree mechanics beware! How many times have we heard from the dealer trained mechanics the pros and cons of home repair? On numerous occasions I have disregarded this offered advice and with great care and many hours performed my own maintenance. This has ranged from complete engine, transmission rebuild on my '71 2002 to changing the oil in my '79 320i. I had developed an air of confidence; no repair was beyond my scope of mechanical abilities. The decisive factor between dealer or home repair became a matter of how lazy or how rich I was feeling at the moment.

Unfortunately upon the failure of the heater control valve in my 320i, I was rather discouraged with a dealer repair bill in excess of \$200 to replace both rear wheel cylinders and brake shoes on the car. The result- I headed for that old shade tree.

When I purchased the valve there did not seem to be much to it (four 8mm nuts and two "O" rings) and it was visible under the lower dash fascia panel. A nice clean job! A top wrench at the dealership advised that his first attempt at this replacement took him twelve hours. Now that he has it down to a science developed from uncountable hours of his being firmly placed on the brake pedal with feet up over head rest, he can do the operation in approximately three hours. As he loaned me a tool, he custom made for the job which might aid me or not - depending on my patience, he stated, "If you ever need to avoid a job this would be it."

Hours seemed to flow into days, the ridges from the brake pedal rubber pad could be seen impressed upon my scalp. I could not think of any more curses and yet two of the four studs still had nuts firmly affixed.

This valve is flush up against the air conditioner, almost impossible to even touch the nuts

with a fingertip, let alone a wrench. What next? I called our humble chapter president at work - "Have you ever changed a heater valve on Red? No! You heard it was a what?! Oh God, sure I will let you know how it goes." I called the local dealer wrench at home; I asked for him to please release the secret, but he said, "there is none. Keep trying..."

WARNING! Killer Tire

(Reprinted from Tiger Tales, the Sunbeam/Tiger Club Newsletter, as seen in the Boston Bimmer)

Ray Murray, editor of The Cat's Whiskers, the quarterly publication of the British Tiger Club, reports a warning issued by the British Automobile Association (BAA) on Phoenix tires.

Some 10,000 rejects, bound for the Middle East for use on donkey carts, were imported into Britain and are being sold as new. The tires, all Phoenix, are potential killers.

Phoenix is a respected West German manufacturer and had downgraded the tires to 15 mph, maximum, and had sold them accordingly. The BAA reports they were bound for delivery in Iran, but found their way into Britain for sale as first-rate tires.

The tires had been marked by Phoenix as being for agricultural use only, but somewhere, someone buffed the sidewalls, removed the markings. With all the markings removed or altered, the average buyer has no way of identifying them, particularly when sold at around the normal retail price, according to the BAA.

In tests, the rejects broke up in about 20 minutes at 90 MPH!

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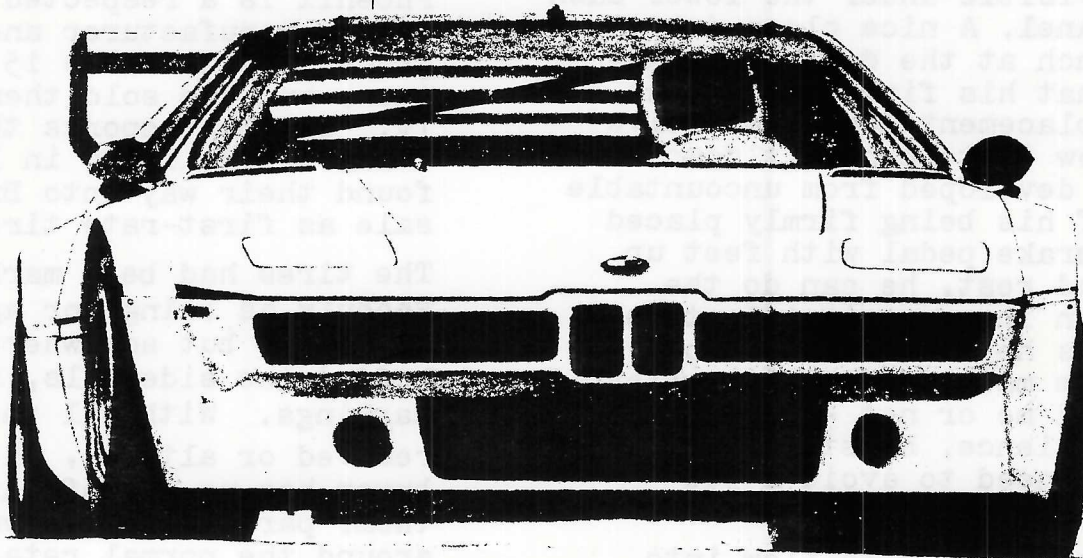
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WANTED 2002 stock 2 barrel air cleaner. Call K. Jani.

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Metric Parts

Thomas B. Nast
Puget Sound

Many months ago I inquired via classified ad as to where I could obtain stainless steel metric fasteners and other oddball metric parts, such as woodruff keys. Tim Miner, the owner of a 1972 2002tii, phoned in the correct answer. It is: Metric & Multi-standard Components Corp., 120 Old Saw Mill River Road, Hawthorne, NY 10532. Telephone: 914/769-5020. I called them and found them most personable. Though they are industrial suppliers, they seemed willing to do business with hobbyists. At my request they sent a lavish loose-leaf catalog, which has such goodies as brass fasteners, seals, helicoil kits, taps and dies in addition to the standard metric repertoire.

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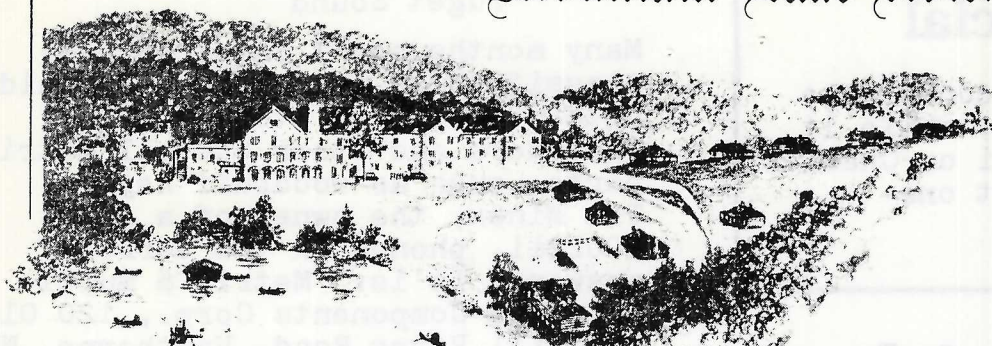
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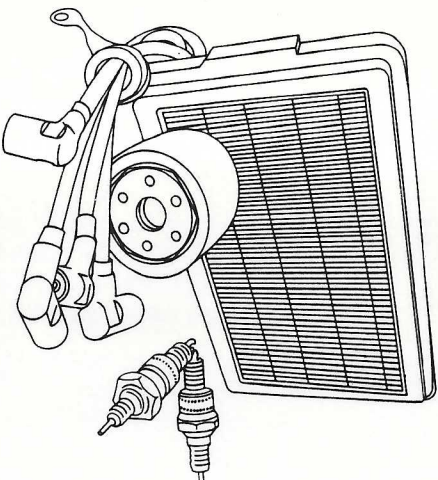
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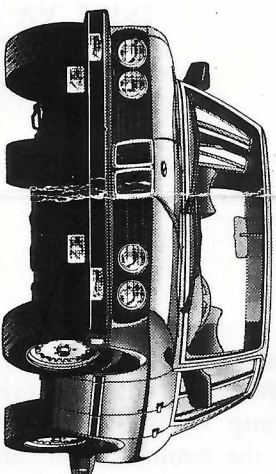
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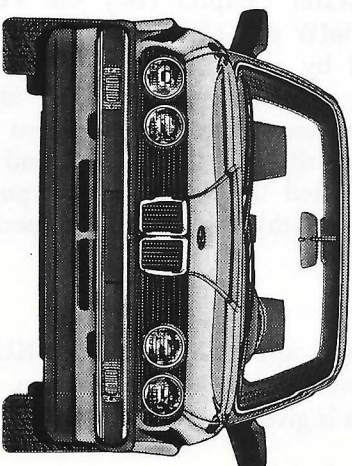
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