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2016 Events

| November 2016 | | | | | | |
|---------------|--------|---------|-----------|---|--------|----------|
| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 Board Meeting BMW of Milw. North | 11 | 12 |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 Happy Thanksgiving!  | 25 | 26 |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | | | |

- December 8 Board Meeting – BMW of Milwaukee North
- January 14, 2017 Holiday Party, Board & Membership Meeting
- August 5-6, 2017 Car Corral @ Road America's IMSA Continental Sports Challenge and WeatherTech® SportsCar Championship weekend. Contact Darcy Yench dryench@att.net

Board meetings *generally* are held on the second Thursday of each month. They start promptly at 6:30 pm. Board meetings are open to all members. The Board encourages members to attend.

Monthly Board meetings will convene at 6:30 pm in the Board Room at
BMW of Milwaukee North (formerly Concours BMW) · 5990 N. Green Bay Ave. · Glendale, WI.



From the President

Jeff Fait

As Summer Wanes...

The days are getting shorter and the nights are getting cooler, but there have been plenty of things going on around the club!

Upcoming Badger Bimmer Board Elections

It's time to start thinking about the leadership of YOUR Club! Every year, half the officers and Board of Directors are up for election for a two-year term. This year, the positions up for grabs are President, Treasurer, two Board Member-at-Large positions, and the Madison Liaison. If you are interested in running for one of these positions, please contact one of the current Board members via our website for more information. We need your candidate statements and intent to run for office within the next couple of weeks. Participation at this level in the Club is a very rewarding experience!

Champagne Picnic

September 17th was the Second Annual revival of the Champagne Picnic, and it was a great time! There were many fine cars and their owners in attendance who enjoyed some delicious food and drink in a beautiful setting on a gorgeous day. THANKS to Peter and Vicki Wright for hosting the event and doing all the planning and preparation!

OktoberFAST

OktoberFAST was held at Road America, September 23-25. I don't think there's a better setting or a better group for a driver's education event. THANKS to Erik Ivarson, Mary Medo, Joe Conway, Dan Frodl, and many others for helping to make this a successful event.

Fall Color Rustic Road Car Tour

On October 8th we enjoyed a Fall Tour drive through southeast Wisconsin. Jim and Nancy Wilhelm set up a great route for a nice drive and relaxing stops along the way. THANKS Jim and Nancy for your hard work setting this up!

Remember to take a moment to visit our web site (www.badgerbimmers.org) to see the full event calendar to be sure you don't miss anything.



The 2017 Badger Bimmer Chapter Annual Holiday Party



Saturday Evening, January 14, 2017
6:30 pm - 12: 00pm



411 E. Mason
Milwaukee, WI 53202
414-272-1937

**Please bring non-perishable food items or your \$ donations for
our charity, Feeding America of SE WI.**

6:30 Cocktails and passed Hors d'oeuvres

Two drink tickets per guest for beer, wine, or soda, anything else is cash

7:30 Dinner (start seating at 7:15)

Salad - Metro Greens

Menu options:

Tenderloin

Walleye

Mushroom ravioli

Dessert - Raspberry Chocolate Mousse or New York Style Cheesecake.

After dinner, we'll have a brief board and general membership meeting. We'll announce the election results and the new board will be seated. We'll give some special awards, and distribute door prizes!

Make your reservation at www.motorportreg.com **

Seating is limited to 90 people. Reserve your seats early so you don't miss out on this festive gathering.

****No reservations or cancellations after January 2, 2017.**

**The cost is \$35.00 per member and \$35 for 1 guest.
Additional guests cost \$105.00**

Valet parking is available for \$6 or guests may self park.

Overnight Accommodations: There is a block of rooms available at the Hotel Metro for \$179 per room until December 14th. Call 414-272-1937 and mention the BMW Club Holiday Party for this special rate. After December 14th, the rate per room is \$199.

What's in Your Garage?

Photo by DAG



Pep Stojanovic's Fiat

Hi

It was a **1983 Zastava 750** made in Yugoslavia under license from Fiat based on its 600 model. The Zastava differs in terms of the larger engine 750 v 600 and maybe some minor cosmetics. Production was well over a million of these, exported through the eastern block countries and I think Colombia, South America. A cold war relic boasting Italian styling. It was completely restored in Serbia by a former employee of Zastava and an aficionado of the car. It was delivered to me this past September 30. It is the 2nd Zastava ever titled in WI, the 1st being my **Zastava 1300**. My goal is to try and get upwards of 10-20 of them brought over in similar or better condition of restoration in the efforts of one day having a car club organized around them, etc. My long term plan is to introduce a few other lesser known Iron Curtain cars that were popular in their time throughout the eastern block though they never gained the notoriety and household name recognition level outside their sphere of influence. My name is **Pep Stojanovic**.

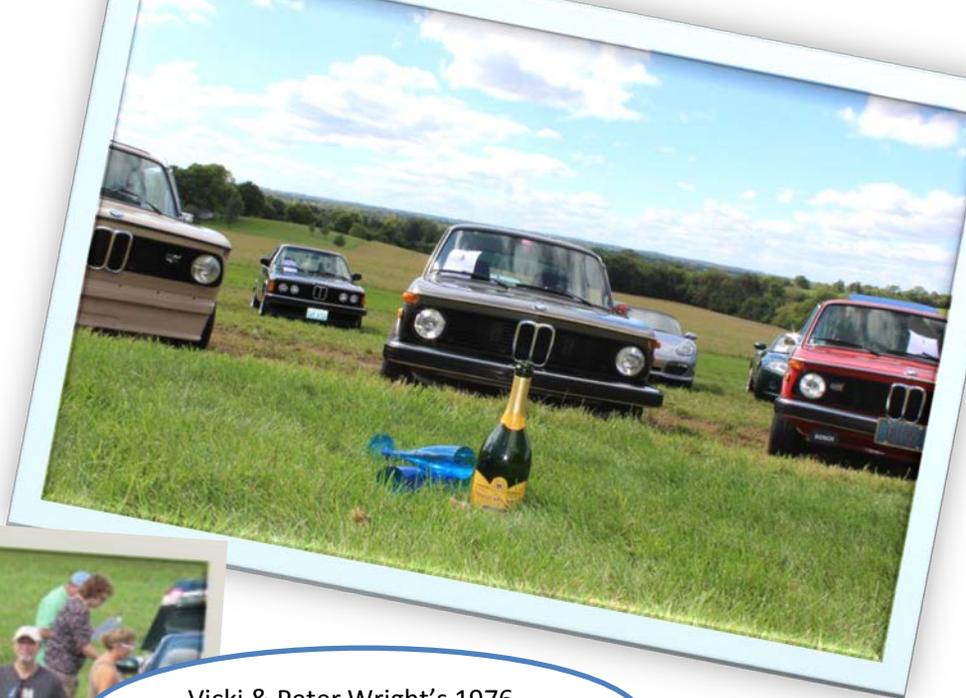
As a by the way, I am offering it for sale. A white one, not as high-end of a restoration which completed the trio brought over this trip, has already been sold to a mechanic/racer who plans to transform it into a track car one day. The 1300 I am keeping as it was the car I was mostly in love with ever since spending every summer from '76-'83 in Yugoslavia.

Pep

Field of Dreams 2016 – Champagne Picnic

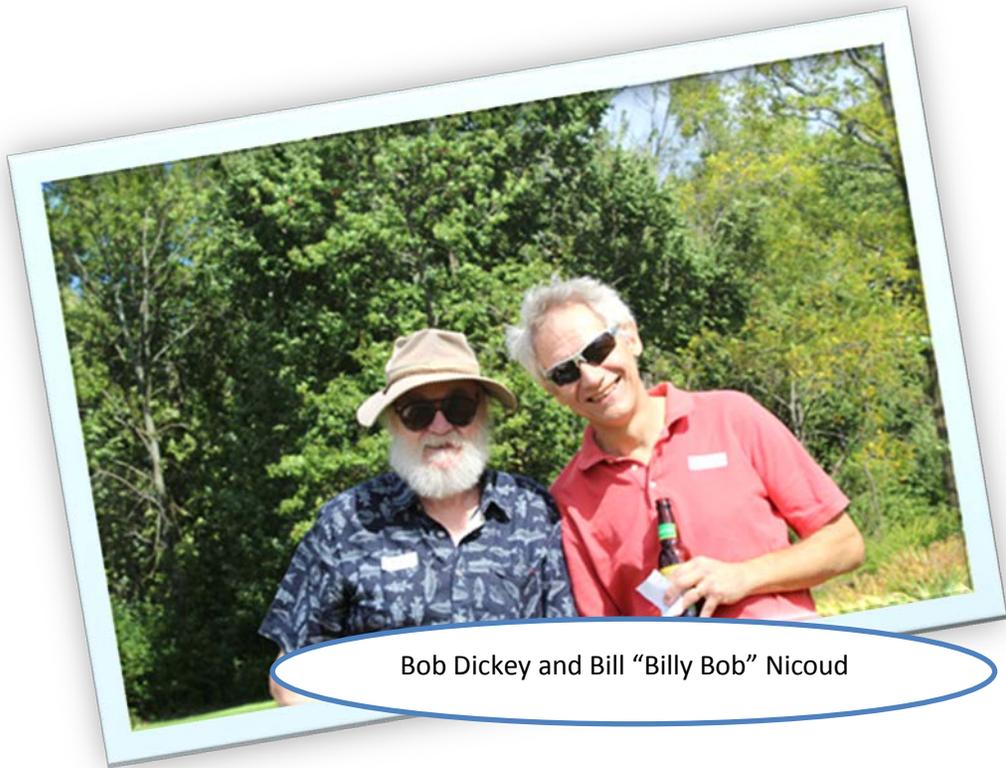
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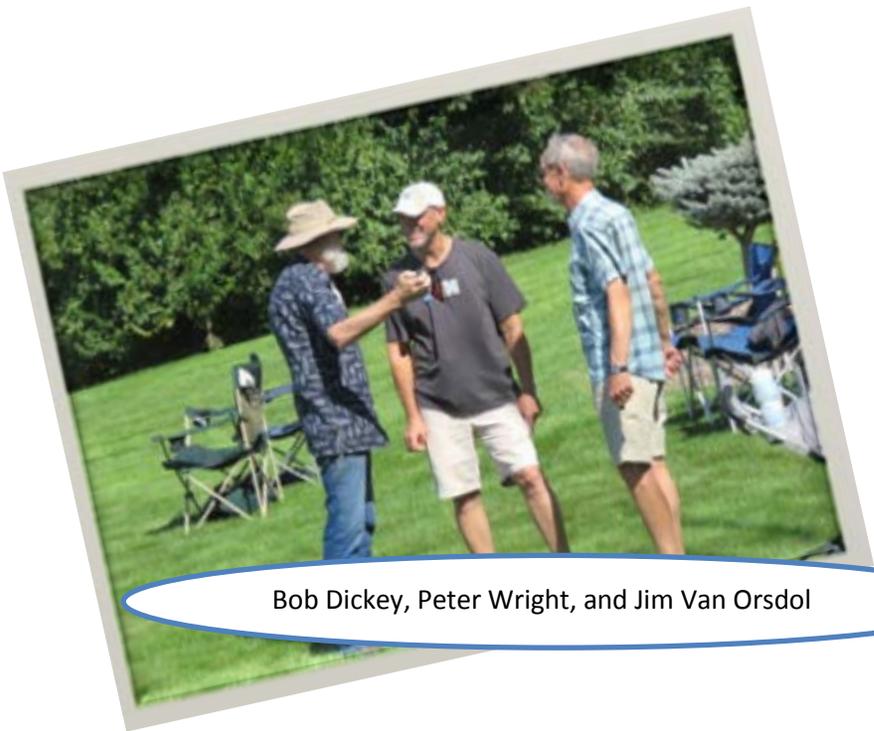


Vicki & Peter Wright's 1976
2002, original owners!





Bob Dickey and Bill "Billy Bob" Nicoud



Bob Dickey, Peter Wright, and Jim Van Orsdol



Field of Dreams – 2016 Champagne Picnic

Peter Wright

Ok... so I know I have a toy or two. Indeed. Far more than anyone has a reasonable right to hope. But, as I looked out on the *Blau Mit Weiss, & other German, English, and across the other pond* 4-wheeled delicacies, basking quietly (or should that be shining brilliantly) in the beauty that was the day of the **2016 Champagne Picnic**, I pleaded that you would excuse the obvious recurring thought... "I'd like one of those.... and a couple of those; and that would look perfect on me... oh hell... if we blew out the garage wall all the way to the neighbor's lot line, I could fit another, oh I don't know, maybe all 21 of these tasty bits; and, oh my... isn't that sinful black one, the one with the mean look and the purposeful stance, absolutely a have to have?" And "Big Red"? Is this Heaven yet?

Ultimately, celebrating friendship

But, the perfect day was far more than a 4-wheeled-contraption celebration, and an "in your eye" to the rain gods who have weeeeed considerable moisture on every Badger Bimmer's event that the Wright Clan babied into being this year. Forget the cars (did he really just say that? How sick!!!). Forget the picture perfect day and the beautiful outdoors. Forget the champagne, and the brats and all the delicious fixin's in which we all delighted. Far more important is, this was a celebration of friendship shared by not only the 40 beautiful people in an open-to-the-sky field in Wisconsin, but of those who were not able to make it and were very much missed, and of course those very much in our thoughts who blazed trails we enjoy today: Tom and Janet, this one's for you...thank you! *Fast Eddie*...we love you, man! And so many others.

We chatted, laughed, compared stories...horror and otherwise (replacing a shredded fan-belt at night on the side of a mosquito-infested highway, on a certain 320i, with nothing but the factory-provided tools attached to the trunk lid — and a lot of really nasty swear words), swapped invaluable fix-it tips, toasted the health of all, and mourned "the one that got away." How does it get any better?

Bimmers from across the decades

It was fitting that the three '02 sisters, on their 40th anniversary, were up front and center, in the limelight, flanked by the "youngsters"...and in-the-Club-since-new 320i, Billy Bob and Lady Pam's e30 M3, and the complex and gorgeous 840i and e39 530i & 540i twins, beautiful e34 "Big Red" M5, a hard to find e28 M5, and a collection of 325i/328i/Z3/X5 younger upstarts, and from "across the way" but much desired, a Boxster S and 356, and a much customized new generation VW Bug "truck" (you gotta see this!!!). A couple of treasured folks even snuck in with **reliable** (horror of horrors) across-the-other-pond 4-wheeled excitement. Even more fitting is that Larry and Mary O'Brien ran off with the People's Choice award, dinner for two at the upcoming Badger Bimmers' holiday party, for the immaculate presentation of their gorgeous 2002! *A fi wi time now!* (Jamaican for "2002s unite! It's our time to shine!!").



And joyful THANK YOUs to all!

So many... where do I start? Vicki, thank you for humoring me all these years and for all the hard work whipping our home on the range into shape and all the planning and coordination that it took for this perfect day. Jenny McAdow and Zimbrick BMW in Madison, thank you for the perfect-for-the-occasion door prizes donated for the event and for extending the invitation to recent M2 and i8 buyers who we hoped would attend. To our friends and family, longstanding (you guys are perfect) and newfound (welcome to the craziness!), thank you for our mutual support, for allowing us to celebrate with you, for placing yourselves at risk in driving long distances in assemblages of much-loved old and new bits and pieces, for sharing your stories with us and each other; and for contributions of lovingly prepared special recipes that made the day that much more exciting. Badger Bimmer's Board and supporters, thank you for supporting this event and all the administrative aspects that made it possible.

The best is yet to come!

Rustic Road Tour 2016

Photos by DAG



Dennis & Cice Bork's i8



The Tour Group

Jim & Nancy Wilhelm



Greg & Susan Black's '72 2002Tii



Jim Wilhelm explains 10 mi. Calibration run

The Winners: (From left to Right, standing) Nancy Wilhelm, Jim Wilhelm, JoAnn Povlich (3rd Place w/Don Gawronski), Linda Hall, Bob Hall, Greg and Susan Black (2nd Place). (Seated) Dennis and Susan Bork (1st Place)



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How to Store Your Car for The Winter

Article and pics by Jeff Fait

One of the unhappy facts of living in Wisconsin is the need to store your summer-fun car over the winter. There's lots of advice available out there when it comes to preparing your car for an extended slumber. Some of that advice is great, and some is rubbish. My main concerns when storing a vehicle are preventing physical deterioration or damage and preventing infestation by insects or rodents. I have four vehicles that I've been storing over winters for more than a decade; here is what has worked for me.

1. Change oil after the driving season and prior to storage. Clean oil is better for your engine-in-storage than dirty oil. Used oil has acids and other contaminants present that are best removed before sitting all winter and eating up your bearings and seals.
2. Check (or change) anti-freeze. Especially if you have unheated storage (like me), you'll want to make sure your coolant is suitable for -20 degrees F or better.
3. Top off your fuel tank and add the appropriate amount of fuel stabilizer – StaBil, Seafoam, or your favorite. Run the engine for at least 5 minutes after adding the fuel stabilizer to ensure the treated fuel reaches the entire fuel system.
4. Set your tire pressure to about 40 psi if you have radial tires. Or to 5 psi below the max inflation pressure if you have bias-ply tires. (Or put your car on jack stands and remove your bias-ply tires.) Although radial tires aren't really susceptible to flat spotting from extended sitting, bias-ply tires certainly are. Your radials may feel slightly lumpy coming out of storage but will smooth out after a few miles of driving. If you have racing slicks, R-compound, or other competition tires, you will want to remove them and store them in a heated location. Those kinds of tires can be ruined if allowed to freeze.



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5. Wash the car thoroughly and clean the interior well. Your paint, seats, and carpet will thank you. Allow everything to dry completely before storage.
6. Choose your approach to battery maintenance. If your storage location has AC power available, a battery maintainer is a good option and you can leave the battery in the car. Units like Deltran's Battery Tender line or CTEK battery maintainers are common choices. Another option is to just disconnect the negative battery terminal, leave the battery in the car (or remove it and take it home), and hope for the best in the spring. If the battery is fully charged when stored, it should be OK for a few months. Some newer cars get angry if the battery is left disconnected for an extended period; check with your dealer or mechanic if you suspect this might be the case for you. If you have an E46 or older, leaving the battery disconnected is no problem. Newer cars can be fussy, although my 2007 E92 hasn't suffered any ill effects from having the battery disconnected for five months at a time.
7. Select a nice car cover suitable for your usage intentions. I prefer a custom-fitted multi-layer cover made from a fabric like Kimberly-Clark's Evolution or Noah fabric. The multi-layer fabric offers some cushioning for bump protection and is also suitable for use outside in the summer if you are so inclined.



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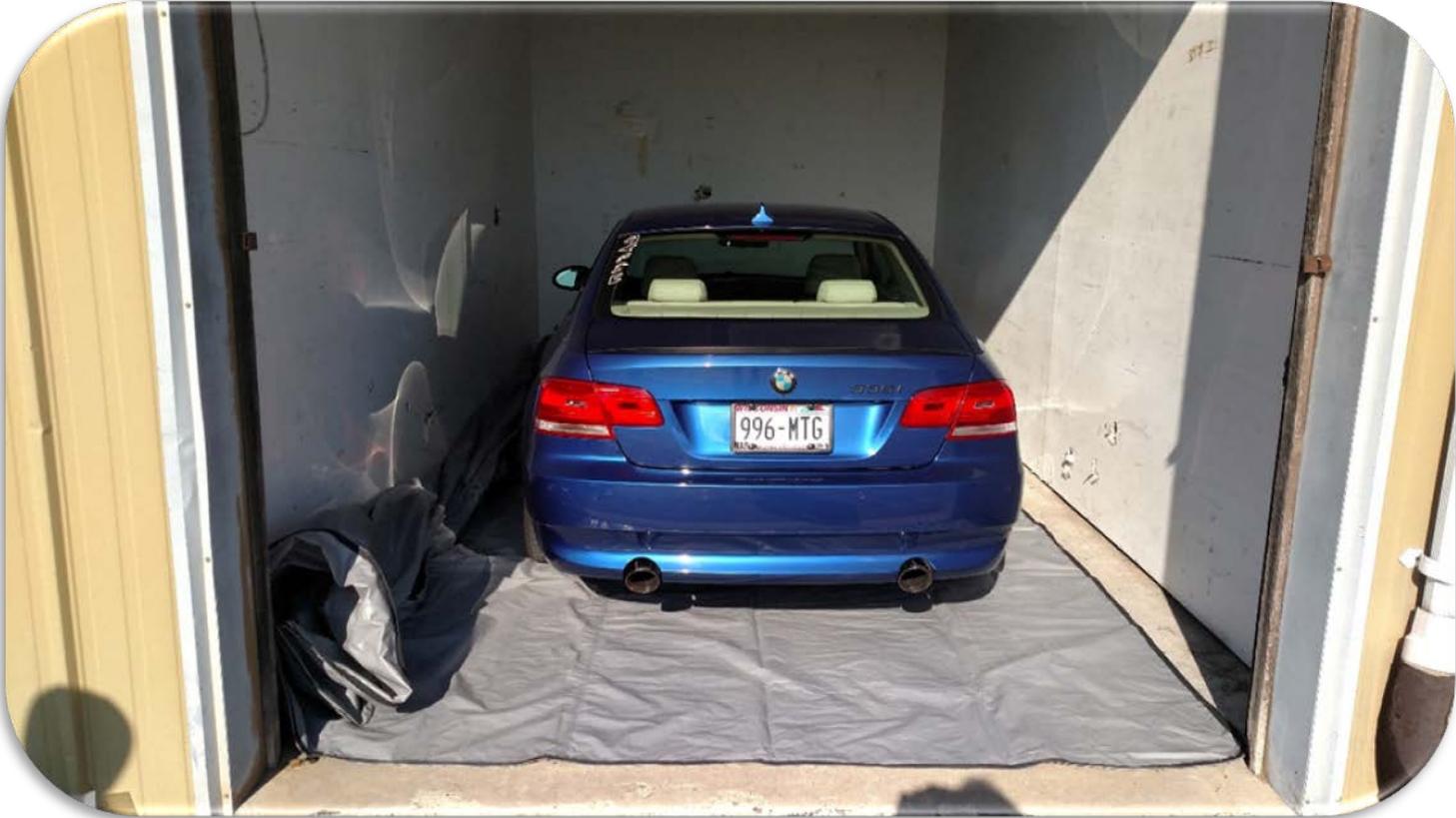
8. (Slight sales pitch follows...) Non-climate-controlled storage presents two big challenges: preventing the formation of condensation and preventing critter infestation. After a couple years of watching surface rust form on brake rotors, aluminum parts corrode, and mice making nests in various crevices, I had had enough and looked for a solution. I looked at bubbles, bags, potions, and read enough old-wives tales to write a hefty book. I finally settled on a device called a Car Jacket, which is basically a big airtight plastic bag for your car. Seal the car up in the bag with some desiccant, and stop worrying about condensation, insects, rodents, dust, and prying eyes. (see <http://www.carbag.com> for more details). The car comes out of the bag exactly as it went in.

Here are some photos of the car going into storage:



1. Car Jacket laid out and ready to drive in

How to Store Your Car (Continued)



2. Car placed on top of Car Jacket.



3. Car covered.

How to Store Your Car (Continued)



4. Desiccant packets placed around car.



5. Car Jacket closed up and car is ready for long-term storage

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1971 BMW 1600 - Clean, numbers matching survivor 1971 BMW 1600.

The odometer indicates 80,000 miles, which I believe is accurate. Original interior and engine. Never hit; car was resprayed in the correct Sahara Beige color and engine was rebuilt by prior owner. Does have some surface rust in a few areas and the re-paint was not of the highest quality, but the car looks great and is solid. Engine runs well, no smoke, or oil consumption. No structural rust in shock towers, trunk or some of the other areas that these cars are prone to begin deteriorating. Everything on the car works with the exception of the clock. Interior is not perfect, but is comfortable and original to the car.

Recent work: new gas tank, full exhaust, new Bilstein shocks, shock mounts, control arm and compliance arm bushings, front ball joints, new wheel bearings and seals, rebuilt front calipers, new rear wheel cylinders, new brake pads, shoes and rotors, new brake hoses front and rear, rebuilt driveshaft with new carrier bearings/U joints/guibo, resealed rear differential, new rear subframe bushings, new coolant hoses and water pump, rebuilt rear axles, rebuilt shifter.

It is an excellent, dependable driver. I purchased the car without the center console, but have a correct original correct console that I will include with the sale. Driver's seat needs a recover. Window seals are also in need of replacement. Clean title. Delivery could be arranged as part of deal.

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