

# Singles

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Â There Be Singles!

For those of us interested in single cylinder BMWâ€™s, hereâ€™s a letter from Ser Wijenberg: (Vijlen, The Netherlands

â€™The Dutch mono-club is not a small group, but I will forward the info and questions to our editor of the 3-monthly magazine.

The club was founded in the 80's. The member-count is currently 600+, and the bike count is 400+; all types all years; majority R27. The web site is:Â Â Â Â http://www.bmw-mono-club.nlÂ

Of course the local language is Dutch on that site; sorry about that.

The yahoo list server is also an initiative coming from this club; 'owner' is Roelof-Jan Zilver and Allan Atherton is the US-moderator.

I just recently joined (1 year ago) but I do have that R26 for 25 years or so...it was my first bike...and it's not leaving the house without me...I am currently in the process of restoring it.

I did not know about the mono-club till I stumbled over them while they were doing a rally in my backyard..30 or so bikes drove past my house and that sound woke me up pretty good.

I live in the south of Holland, pretty much like south east Ohio, nice hills and curving roads; just right for a BMWâ€™

Best Regards, Ser Â More Singles  
Psychology of collecting and restoring them: Part of a journey. There seems to be no obvious logical sense to my reasons for liking the singles. Iâ€™ve owned more of them than I have twins, and years ago swore Iâ€™d stay away from them. There are at least five of them accumulating space in my garage and loft as this is being written, and there are two more about to come home in the near future. Why? I try to tell myself that they are slow, powerless, uglier than a mud fence, prone to wearing out sooner than the twins, just as expensive and time consuming as the twins are to restore. Hereâ€™s a possible answer. Please speak up if you can relate to the following: I can usually find a derelict single for less than one third the price of an equivalent condition twin. Restoring any machine, or part has entertainment value. Working on each part is a pleasurable journey. When all the parts come together, I am rewarded with a sense of accomplishment. If a single takes the same amount of time to restore as does a twin, and initially costs two thirds less, then I must be getting more â€™bang for the buckâ€™. Of course, in the long run, the total cost is usually about the same as a twin. Ugly? Well, to me, the singles take on a beauty and fascination all their own. Last night, (it will be â€™the other nightâ€™ by the time you read this) my neighbor came over to watch me flog the dents out of another tank. After a few minutes, he commented that, â€™You really seem to have a lot of patience.â€™ Do I? Iâ€™m not so sure of that. I can hardly w open up another tank and start wailing on it. When I drug an R24 home, it was disassembled, cleaned, primed, catalogued and put away in storage within two days. I usually advise others who are starting out in this hobby to develop a plan, and find as much patience as they can. Hypocritical? RSThis leads us into the technical articles:Â