

## Websites

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### Web Sites:

First, if you do not have a computer in your home, it is likely that you will still be able to access the internet by visiting your local library. Most librarians will help you get started by showing you how to get on-line, "surf" the internet, and open an e-mail account. (allows you to send and receive electronic mail).

You've never operated a computer? How much does it cost? Is it difficult to learn how to use a computer? Most easy to learn and use! Many libraries offer free computer time and free classes on basic computer operation.

E-mail accounts are available from any number of sources such as Hotmail (free to very low priced), Earthlink, Yahoo, etc. I use Hotmail because it was the first one the librarian showed me more than five years ago. The service has been trouble free. I finally went to paying for extra storage. It's still cheap and worth the money.

Now, why would any sane person want to fool around with one of these electronic gadgets, anyway? I thought we were supposed to be out in our shops or kitchens rebuilding old BMW engines and transmissions.

INFORMATION! Remember those days when we waited at the post office for our copy of a newsletter that only arrived once every two or three months and contained a few technical articles and tips about working on our bikes and we thought that was really great stuff?

Today, information is available at light speed, or at least the speed of your computer. All kinds of information is out there: where to find new parts, used parts, E-bay auctions for BMW stuff, (Ducatti, NSU Norton, etc, too!), websites dedicated to BMW's (this one is first class! <http://www.ibmwr.org/>) where you can post free want ads, find technical information, ask questions and get honest answers.

There are many more! here are a few listed below, check them out for yourself.

Internet BMW Riders <http://www.ibmwr.org/> Check them out. They fund the site with your donations. Please be generous while crossing their palms with silver.

John's Beemer Garage <http://www.beemergarage.com/> Absolute must visit site! This is a personal website devoted to our hobby. You've heard the expression about a person being a "walking encyclopedia"? This man put his knowledge together in a format with photos for all of us to witness and learn from.

Boxerworks Phorum <http://www.boxerworks.com/phorum/> A live write-in site where folks from all over the globe will answer your questions. This site is sponsored by Nathan Mende of Boxer Works, a repair and restoration shop near Atlanta, GA.

Yahoo Groups BMW sites (there are about five or six of them: vintage BMW's, BMW Mono Club, Slash Two Group, Kradrider, DC\_BMW's, BMW51\_3, etc.) Look for them at: <http://autos.groups.yahoo.com/group/>

BMW Einzylinder Informationszentrum <http://www.r25-bike.de/> This is a German website about singles. Some of their information has been translated into English. Comprehensive and worth visiting.

Duane Ausherman's website <http://w6rec.com/> This site is really worth your time. Duane is a former BMW dealer in Marin County, California. I cannot say enough good things about this guy! check out his website and see for yourself.

Bench Mark Works <http://members.aol.com/VechBMW>

Craig and Elaine Vechorik offer a comprehensive array of vintage BMW parts and accessories. They have many really tough to find items. They are even having parts made for the "BMW Mobile Tradition" program. As part of their website, they have an "on-line" shopping area, list of upcoming events, and a technical Q & A section. Elaine also has a webpage of her own. You can access it through the above link.

Craig Vechorik  
3400 Earles Fork Road  
Sturgis, MS 39769 USA  
Telephone/FAX: (662) 465-6444

Toll-free order line: 1-800-323-7102  
Hours: Monday-Friday 8-5 Central Time  
Technical advice from Vech Mon-Fri 1-5 Central Time: (662) 465-6444  
Email: vechbmw@aol.com

Barrington Motor Works, LLC <http://www.barringtonmotorworks.com/> Chris and Bobsie Betjemann sponsor this site. They restore and service vintage BMWs, as well as import reproduction Steib sidecars, MZ\_B 12 Volt systems with electronic ignition for our old-timers, and other vintage BMW parts. Check out their website, it's worth a visit.

Cycle Works, Inc. (Rebuilds crankshafts, manufactures and sells special shop tools for early BMWs, lightens flywheels etc. this guy is really good!)  
4812 GOODLAND PARK RD.  
OREGON WI 53575 USA  
Phone (608) 246 0404  
Email: edkorn@usa.net

Motorrad Stemler (He has wide selection of parts, quality of service is controversial)  
Garscheiger Heide 29  
D-42899 Remscheid  
Germany [www.motorrad-stemler.de](http://www.motorrad-stemler.de)

There are many, many more sites on the web which we can access in an instant. Happy hunting! RS