



NEWS FROM NATIONAL

FROM: Wynne Smith, Executive Director
 TO: BMW CCA National and Service Officers,
 Chapter Presidents, Newsletter Editors
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MEMBERSHIP STATS as of 10/23/2003

	<u>Full</u>	<u>Associate</u>	<u>Total</u>
	66,267	7,998	74,265
Last Month's Membership	66,056	7,988	74,044
Monthly Net Gain (Loss)	211	10	221
Monthly % Change	0.32%	0.13%	0.30%
Last Year's Membership	63,651	7,324	70,975
Annual Net Gain (Loss)	2632	674	3,290
Annual % Change	4.14%	9.20%	4.66%
New Members, 10/03	1,163		
Renewals 10/03	62.0%		
Roundels Mailed	67,000		

RAFFLE 2003

Congratulations to this year's winners:

Steve Fujiki Newcastle, WA	Jeri Fladmark Janesville, WI	Willie Arnold Jacksonville, FL
Dale Winzer Yorktown, VA	Paul Ford Hyattsville, MD	Robert Swanson Atlanta, GA
David Curtiss Coatesville, PA	Barbara Snyder Athens, MI	David Barton Bruceville, IN
Dave Hill Thornton, CO	Raymond Zabinsky Richmond, VA	Kenneth Koch Little Canada, MN
Bob Gilchrist Redding, CT		

Cash Prize - **Dan Richards** Staten Island, NY

OKTOBERFEST 2003

What a glorious event! Austin was the perfect site for Oktoberfest – featuring mild weather, plenty of things to do and see beyond our usual driving-related events including great music, good barbeque, and a whole lot of bats.

There were 453 of us enjoying the view on the banks of the Colorado River and our sponsors, BMW, Michelin, Zymol, Yokohama, Dinan, HMS Motorsports, Toyo Tires, Continental – were on hand with tons of information and some great gifts and prizes. The only disappointment was that none of the people listed directly above were there to win their raffle prizes in person!

With Oktoberfest 2004 just nine short months away, we're all mobilizing and preparing for another spectacular event – this time in beautiful Pasadena, California. You won't want to miss this one so mark your calendars and get your vacation requests placed ASAP.

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Held October 18 – 19, 2003 in Minneapolis, MN during a weekend that had unseasonably delightful weather. It was a long day Saturday, ending around 7:30 PM and the full half-day Sunday...that looks weird, doesn't it? What I meant was, we worked straight from 8 AM until 12 Noon on Sunday. A great deal was accomplished not the least of which was a decision by the Board that after 12 years there was no choice but to raise dues slightly. There is so much the Board wants to do for the club, the chapters and our members: more and better regional instructor training for our driving schools, larger and more effective chapter congresses, more and better benefits and services, a revamped and updated web site, an e-commerce module for the national database, and let's not forget insurance costs keep rising steadily.

The increases are negligible but will help immensely over the next few years to fund the various programs and rising costs related to growing and maintaining this organization.

As of **June 1, 2004** the membership dues will be:

One-year Primary membership	\$ 40.00	One-year Associate membership	\$ 5.00
Two-year Primary membership	\$ 76.00	Two-year Associate membership	\$10.00
Three-year Primary membership	\$112.00	Three-year Associate membership	\$15.00

Lifetime Primary	\$760.00	Lifetime Associate	\$ 105.00
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First Class Mail \$40

Air Mail \$75

We will continue to offer automatic renewals.

This also means the dues rebates to chapters will increase slightly to \$15.30 per year, or \$1.275 per member per month. So, when you're pitching people on dual chapter affiliations – it's going to be \$15.30 - not \$13.50. Your chapter rebate checks will reflect this adjustment as members begin to join and renew at the new rates. We're updating the membership applications and will be sending them out to all of you, as well as to all dealerships under separate cover.

The minutes of the Meeting will be available online in the next week or so, and we will mail hard copies out to you next month.

SOME REALLY GREAT NEWS!

The National Capital Chapter has decided that they want to host Tech Fest in March of 2004. Will it be called Tech Fest or Watergate-way Tech? We don't know, but we do know that Steven Schlossman has been extremely busy gathering information, forms, and creating a database while NCC President, Rafael Garces has scouted two likely locations – both potential host hotels sound excellent and reasonably priced. Watch Roundel for ads and registration information. Steven has already begun the process of lining up some great Technical Speakers. There will be something for everyone from beginners to technical wizards, you won't want to miss out on this springtime tradition.

But that's not all ... it is a pleasure to share with you that at the Board of Directors meeting held in Minneapolis, MN October 18-19, the Board accepted the Tarheel chapter's proposal to hold Oktoberfest 2005 in Greensboro, NC using Virginia International Raceway as the site for many of the driving events! Greensboro along with Winston-Salem and High Point is part of the delightful area in North Carolina known as the Triad. It's 45 minutes from VIR, and although quite metropolitan still maintains a comfortable southern charm. This has the potential to be an Oktoberfest to top all others.

Other sites under consideration for Oktoberfest would be one held jointly with our brothers to the north – the BMW Car Club of Canada - at beautiful Mt. Tremblant; and then an Oktoberfest centered in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Who knows...maybe in the next few years our Puget Sound and Inland Empire Chapters will be in the mood to hold an Oktoberfest in Washington State. C'mon, it would be tremendous fun!

BMW CCA MERCHANDISE (and some leftovers from Oktoberfest 2003)

Many thanks to Suzin Koehler, Art Director of *Roundel*, for volunteering to handle this for the club this year! We sold loads of merchandise on site at Oktoberfest and will be reordering merchandise for continued sales. Watch the bmwcca.org website for photos of what is currently available and feel free to email suggestions about items you'd like to see for purchase.

ELECTIONS

Positions open are: President, Vice President, North Atlantic Regional Vice President and South Central Regional Vice President. The **South Atlantic Regional VP** position is **not** open for election at this time. We apologize for the mistake in *Roundel*.

To run for the Presidency, you must have already served on the National Board.

Candidates must be nominated by a member who has been a member for at least six months prior (the nomination must include the BMW CCA membership number of the nominating person) and the candidate's acceptance of the nomination should be countersigned on the same page (including the candidate's own membership number). Nominees for Regional Offices, and those nominating them, must reside and be a chapter member in the specific region.

Nominations should include a candidacy statement of **no more than 300 words** and an appropriate photograph of the candidate. Those wishing to help in refining the CCA's strategic framework: its values, vision, mission and broad goals; those wishing to help formulate and refine policies that govern our practices should send their nominations, acceptances, candidacy statements and photographs to be received at the National Office **before 5 PM EST October 31, 2003**.

It is my pleasure to advise that we have received the following nominations for the following positions as of today:

President	Scott Blazey
Executive Vice President	Mark Jon Calabrese
North Atlantic Regional VP	Reid Douglas
South Central Regional VP	

DEC ELECTIONS

The North Atlantic Regional and South Central Region Driving Events Committee positions are open for election. Nominations must be received at the National Office no later than close of business on the last day of October. Candidates must be BMW CCA members in good standing and must reside in the region they wish to represent. Each chapter within a region will be eligible to cast one vote for the DEC representative for that region. Details are posted to the DEC and President's yahoo groups.



The National Office will be closed Tuesday, November 11 2003 in observance of Veterans Day.

Best regards,
Wynne