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CATS in Utah! A few Sin City BMW Car Club members took an overnight excursion to Utah for an evening prowling to catch a Broadway show of "CATS." Participants had a purrfectly wonderful time. See page 3 for more on the trip.

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Change of Address

Moving? Send your change of address to BMW CCA, Inc., 640 S. Main #201, Greenville, SC, 29601 or bmwcca.org.

The Next Sin City BMW Car Club Meeting
is

Saturday, October 15, 2010

Thunderbird's Bar and Grill

9465 South Eastern Ave.

Henderson, Nevada

10 a.m.

Breakfast cost is \$5.00

About the

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Send in your stories, technical tips, photos, questions, etc., which you think might interest club members. The editor reserves the right to edit for length, quality and good taste. Please send your information to Roger Millett at 788 Rossmore Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89110 or millett@cox.net.

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Broadway in the Desert...

By Chris Willett

Special thanks to member Cora Davis who organized the show tickets and hotel stays for our last club drive July 17-18. With a dozen cars in convoy we left the Starbucks in North Las Vegas to begin a fun drive to Tuacahn, a new destination for most of us.

In the past we have been to the Shakespeare Festival in nearby St. George and had an absolutely fantastic time, so this year we decided to try Broadway in the Desert to see "CATS," a Broadway favorite.

Arriving just before lunch, we decided to head directly to the theatre area to enjoy the outdoor markets that are set up on the weekends. After sampling all the local wares, we ended up having rubber duck races!

We individually numbered and personalized out little rubber duckys, and then promptly placed them in the stream that runs down the length of the center, after Deb took first place we donated the toys to a couple kids keeping cool in the stream.

We then went to the only restaurant in town that would serve us a drink, but by



law only with our meal, and we proceeded to have a long enjoyable lunch, followed by brief naps in our hotel rooms, and then off to the show!

The backdrop was not only stunning, but required quite a lot of gear to sneak in and avoid the modest show ticket prices...

The outdoor amphitheatre has a backdrop that is even more intense than our very own Red Rock Canyon. The high canyon walls nearly block out the skyline and in the corner of a gorgeous red canyon, the stage is easily viewed from the steeply descending seats.

Then a cast of nearly thirty cats sang, danced, and pounced to their annual "Jellicle Ball" with grace and agility. The show was fun, the costumes were fantastic, and even the dinner was surprisingly good, considering the remote location.

We'll definitely be back, especially now that we've found a hotel that tolerates a little party in the lobby if you know what I mean....



News from the National Office

Oktoberfest 2010: CCA's 41-year celebration draws a crowd

In late August, more than 830 BMW CCA enthusiasts converged on Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin, and Road America for our 41st annual Oktoberfest. The success of this year's national event is due in large part to the Badger Bimmers and their team of dedicated volunteers. The amount of time and work that the Badgers put into our national event was extremely well received by the large turnout of Oktoberfest attendees—it was a picture perfect week in the Wisconsin Kettle Moraine! Read more on the 41st Oktoberfest in the November issue of Roundel.

Oktoberfest 2011: Birmingham and Barber Motorsports Park

Mark your calendars: Oktoberfest 2011 will kick off Monday, Oct. 10. The final banquet is slated for Friday, Oct. 14. In addition, we will have bonus track days on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 15-16. The host hotel is the Renaissance Birmingham Ross Bridge Golf Resort & Spa; reservations will open in November. A reminder: Our dedicated Oktoberfest website (www.bmwccaofest.org) is the best and fastest way to learn everything about this outstanding event. In addition, you will want to subscribe to the O'Fest 2011 mailing list. To subscribe, send a message to ofest11-request@bmwccaofest.org with the word "subscribe" as the subject. Just imagine: Oktoberfest in October! You won't want to miss it!

National Board meeting scheduled for Oct. 30-31 in San Francisco

The BMW CCA Board of Directors will meet at the Embassy Suites in Burlingame, located near the San Francisco Airport. The

meeting begins at 8:00 a.m., Saturday, October 30, and ends at 5:00 p.m. Any follow-up work should be done by noon, Oct. 31.

As always, local BMW CCA members are welcome to attend the meeting; those willing to endure the full day of meeting on Saturday are invited to dinner that evening!

If you plan to attend, contact Linda Axelson at the national office at 864 250-0022 or via e-mail: lindaa@bmwcca.org.

Driving Events Committee seeks representatives

Nominations are open for regional representatives to the national **Driving Events Committee** (DEC.)

The BMW CCA DEC supports driving events conducted by chapters, and national events such as Oktoberfest. The driving-events program is intended to promote driver education and safety by providing a framework for members to improve their driving skills in a fun, safe environment. The Driving Events Committee is responsible for planning and overseeing the BMW CCA Driving Events Program. The Committee—Updates, maintains, and enforces the driving school, autocross, and other minimum standards published in the BMW CCA Operations Manual.

—Monitors the driving-school standards. In the event of a chapter violation, the elected DEC representative for that region will work with chapter representatives to arrive at an amicable solution that meets the standards. If the regional representative and the DEC as a whole cannot effect a solution, the matter will be referred to the National Board for resolution.

—Facilitates and oversees the National Driving School Instructor Training (ITS) programs.

—Assists chapters in creating or improving their driving-events

programs. The Driving Events Committee consists of one representative from each region, to be elected by chapter representatives in each region. Additional members may be appointed by the National Board.

Nominations must be received at the National Office no later than **Monday, November 15, 2010, 5:00 p.m. Eastern time**. Both the nominator and the nominee must be BMW CCA members who reside in the region for which the nomination is being made. The form may be used to submit nomination(s) may be submitted by letter, but must include the name, address, BMW CCA member number, and signature of the nominator; and the name, address, and BMW CCA member number of the nominee. Nominees may include a 300-word candidacy statement that will be included with the ballots for their region. Before their names are placed on the ballot, nominees will be contacted to confirm their willingness to serve. After all nominations have been received and confirmed, the National Office will prepare a ballot to be mailed to the driving-events coordinator (or equivalent position) of each chapter. Each chapter's driving-events coordinator may cast one vote for the representative for their region. If a chapter does not have a driving-events coordinator, chief instructor, or equivalent position, that chapter's vote may be cast by the chapter president.

Nominators and nominees should understand the process, eligibility, and responsibilities of DEC members, and consider these qualifications carefully prior to the nomination.

Driving Events Congress to be held in Dallas

Mark your calendars the upcoming DEC will be held in the Dallas area the weekend of March 5, 2011. Location TBA.

News from the National Office

Membership offer from Michelin Tires

You know you want a set of Mich-
elins—and now there's even more
incentive! Buy a set of Michelin
tires and get a \$50 Omaha Steaks
gift certificate and a complimen-
tary 2011 BMW CCA membership!
Offer good when you buy any set
of four new Michelin passenger
or light-truck tires from Aug. 30
through October 13, 2010, and
submit a redemption form. Get
your redemption form at
www.michelin-rebates.com/BMW.
See redemption form for details.
Offer expires 10/13/10. Void
where prohibited.

Participation stats

Membership numbers still falling
slightly. September membership
was 65,550, down from August's
61,824 total. The club got 1,160
renewals and mailed out 63,060
Roundel magazines monthly.



BMW X3 M-Sport at Paris Show

BMW's stand at the Paris auto
show will feature a brand-new M
Sport package for the new 2011
X3, which is making its debut.

As seen in these preliminary
photos, the X3's M treatment will
include new, lower front and rear
bumpers; deeper side skirts; and
different wheels.

Other M Sport packages come
with adaptive suspension, so that
could be in the cards.

Also expect minor interior
changes like a new steering wheel
and M sill plates.

The second generation X3 has

more-cohesive styling that's com-
plemented by the M Sport pack-
age. Though the new X3 is larger,
the use of aluminum has kept
weight comparable with the out-
going model.

The base xDrive28i model has a
240-hp, 3-liter, 6-cylinder engine,
while the xDrive35i is powered by
a 300-hp turbocharged 3-liter.
BMW forecasts 0-60 mph in 6.7
seconds for the base car, 5.5 sec-
onds for the xDrive35i. An eight-
speed automatic will be the only
transmission and the latest
xDrive all-wheel drive will be
standard. —Paul Duchene



2010 BMW CCA membership drive

Last year CCA Members partici-
pating in our annual membership
drive brought over 900 new mem-
bers into the Club. Let's do better
this year.

***To get credit for signing up a
member, make sure the person
adds your name and member ID
to any paper form or online
form.***

BMW CCA Membership Contest rules

These are the official rules and as
such supersede any description
listed elsewhere and any verbal
Feb. 18, 2010 to Dec. 16, 2010
The BMW CCA membership drive
is open to three categories of par-
ticipants:

Current BMW CCA members,
Current BMW CCA members who
work for a BMW dealer or inde-
pendent BMW shop, and
BMW CCA chapters.

New Membership Definition: A
new membership is defined as a
membership for an individual
who has not previously belonged
to BMW CCA, or an individual
who was previously a BMW CCA
member but whose membership
lapsed at least six months prior
to the date of the new member-
ship. A new membership with a
corresponding associate member-
ship counts as one new member-
ship.

Eligibility: To be eligible, current
BMW CCA members must be paid
members in good standing
through December 31, 2010 (that
is, they may not be members by
virtue of being "comped" by BMW
CCA or a BMW CCA chapter).

Categories: The program differ-
entiates between BMW CCA mem-
bers who work at BMW dealers or
independent shops and those
who don't. The reason for this is
because those who work at places
where BMWs are sold, serviced, or
repaired are assumed to have a
much greater opportunity to meet
BMW owners who may not al-
ready be members of BMW CCA.
While all BMW CCA members
have equal opportunities to re-
ceive a reward for the new mem-
ber, they will only be competing
against other members in their
own category for the grand
prizes.

Category 1: Rewards for current
BMW CCA members who refer
new members. For each new
member that joins, referring
members will receive \$5.00 in
"BMW CCA Bucks" that can be
used for the purchase of any
goods sold by BMW CCA or ap-
plied to CCA memberships. There
is no limit to the amount of "BMW
CCA Bucks" a member may re-
ceive based on new member refer-
rals. "BMW CCA Bucks" expire one
year from the date of issue and
have no cash surrender value. Ad-
ditionally, there will be grand
prizes for the 3 BMW members

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who refer the most members.

"BMW CCA Bucks" will be applied as a credit in the membership record of the awardee.

"BMW CCA Bucks" may be used to purchase BMW CCA merchandise or they may be applied toward the renewal of a BMW CCA BMW CCA Bucks expire one year from date of accrual and have no cash surrender value. Date of accrual is Dec. 17, 2010.

Category 2: Rewards for BMW dealer or independent BMW shop employees who refer new members Current BMW CCA Members employed by a BMW dealer or independent BMW shop: For each new member that joins, referring members will receive \$5.00 in "BMW CCA Bucks" that can be used for the purchase of anything sold by BMW CCA. There is no limit to the amount of "BMW CCA Bucks" a member may receive based on new member referrals. Additionally, there will be grand prizes for the 3 BMW members in this category who refer the most members.

"BMW CCA Bucks" will be applied as a credit in the membership record of the awardee.

"Please note that memberships purchased by dealers for their customers are not eligible. This exclusion is in effect even if a current BMW CCA member is listed on the application as a referrer.

Category 3: Rewards for chapters that achieve a designated level of new member activity.

Chapters are eligible for rewards based on an overall increase in their total membership and their renewal rate. Both are important for continued growth of the Club, since renewing members are more likely to stay in the Club for more years, while new members are needed to replace those members who don't renew. Only primary chapter memberships will count toward chapter goals. Secondary chapter affiliations will not accrue towards the goals. To be eligible for rewards, chapters must be in

good standing. Chapters that are officially on probation during the period of the membership drive will not be eligible. The basis for chapter goals for new members will be the total number of primary members as of the official close in the National Office on February 18, 2010. The goals for chapters that gain or lose members due to chapter realignment or the creation or dissolution of chapters will be revised so that they maintain an equitable basis for rewards.

The total membership goal for each chapter is 15 percent; that is, the chapter will have reached its goal if, by Dec. 16, 2010, its total number of primary members is equal to 115 percent of the number of primary members assigned to the chapter as of Feb. 18, 2010.

The renewal goal for each chapter is 90 percent; that is, the Chapter will have reached its goal if, by Dec. 17, 2010, at least 90 percent of its primary members as of Feb. 18, 2010 have renewed their memberships.

Chapters that meet either their total membership goal or their renewal goal, but not both, will receive \$100.00 of "BMW CCA Bucks" or \$5.00 of "BMW CCA Bucks" per 100 members, whichever is greater.

Chapters that meet both their total membership and renewal goals will receive \$150.00 of "BMW CCA Bucks" or \$15.00 of "BMW CCA Bucks" per 100 members, whichever is greater.

Chapters that meet their renewal goal and meet or exceed 110 percent of their total membership goal will receive \$200.00 of "BMW CCA Bucks" or \$20.00 of "BMW CCA Bucks" per 100 members, whichever is greater, and a 5 percent discount on driving event insurance premiums for the year 2011.

Chapters that meet their renewal goal and meet or exceed 120 percent of their total membership goal will receive \$300 of "BMW CCA Bucks" or \$30.00 of "BMW CCA Bucks" per 100 members, whichever is greater, and a 10 percent

discount on driving event insurance premiums for the year 2011.

The top ten chapters in percentage of new members and renewal rates will be officially recognized in Roundel Magazine.

New members can join:

By calling 1-800-878-9292 to submit their application and credit card information over the telephone. The referring member's name and BMW CCA member number must be provided at the time the call is made.

By visiting the www.bmwcca.org web site and submitting an application online. To receive credit, the referring member's name and BMW CCA member number must be entered in the appropriate space on the online application form.

By mailing a membership application to the National Office. In order to receive credit, the referring member's name and BMW CCA member number must be written on the application. Membership applications/BMW CCA brochures are available from the National Office by calling (864) 250-0022 or sending an e-mail to stevens@bmwcca.org.

Deadline, Procedures and Restrictions: In order to be counted, the National Office must receive all new member applications no later than Dec. 16, 2010.

If referred by a current BMW CCA member, a new member application must contain the name and BMW CCA member number of the referring member in order for the referring member to receive credit. Credit may not be applied retroactively. If a new member cancels their membership within three months after joining, the referring individual will lose credit for that membership.

If a new member is referred by a current associate member, the associate member will receive the "BMW CCA Bucks."

"BMW CCA Bucks" will be awarded at the end of the program only to those who are members in good standing at that time.

A Desert Win for Festorics

By Chris Willett,
Sin City BMW Car Club president

I thought some of you would enjoy an update on the little Florida colored BMW 1600-2 that tried so hard to get in and out of Death Valley on our club drive last November.

Prior to our restoration the car sat in the front yard of a house in Jean, Nevada for over a decade. It required so much attention that the restoration has taken us several years to complete.

In addition to the new paint, polished trim, and completely restored interior, it took a great deal of time to locate a lot of the rare early style components to fully rebuild the engine, transmission and the oil filled axles.

Thanks to a lot of dedicated effort from members Patrick Barnett and Rob Vey, we were finally able to complete the long awaited restoration.

The vehicle was just sold on eBay and is currently heading back to New York, but prior to the sale we were invited to display the car at the Festorics in Monterey - an event not to be missed.

In fact, I don't think you can even call yourself an enthusiast of early BMW's if you have NOT been to the Festorics! Jeff Cowan and a team of volunteers from the Golden Gate Chapter hosted a perfect event.

It began on the Friday with the "Legends of the Autobahn" which is the West Coast Summer Concours held on a beautiful golf course in Carmel Valley where a stunning collection of BMW, Mercedes, and Porsche models are all on display for your viewing pleasure.



After winning a lovely trophy, we enjoyed a fabulous banquet dinner and a host of entertaining speakers, including presentations by Steve Dinan and racing legend Scott Pruett. For the following two days our 1600-2 had been selected by Jeff to be on display in the BMW hospitality tent in Turn Five at Laguna Seca. It turns out that our desert rescue project held a very unique history for the model (*Special thanks to Satch Carlson for taking the time to confirm this with Manfred Grunert while in Munich*).

As most of you know, Max Hoffman was the man responsible for bringing BMW to the United States, and is often credited with helping create, launch, and ensure the overwhelming success of the BMW 1600 and 2002 models that has lasted to this day.

To start his new BMW import line, Max ordered a pair of 1600-2's, however for reasons that remain unclear, these two cars shipped to

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Hoffman were immediately returned. Finally on October 20, 1966 he received his first order, a pair of BMW 1600-2's, and as we recently discovered our little 1600-2, VIN 1506913, was part of that pair, making it one of two of the very first 1600's to be delivered to the Hoffman Motor Company.

Perhaps Max drove this one daily, or perhaps it was the one in the show-



room that helped create our first obsession with BMW's newest sport sedan. Either way, it makes for a great feeling knowing that an old BMW rescued from the Las Vegas desert was one of the actual 1600's that started it all for Max Hoffman...





*Historic BMW 1600-2
recognized in the 2010
Festorics in Monterey. The car
is one of the first two BMWs
delivered to the United States.*

If you are interested in
seeing more pictures and
details please visit our site:
www.only02.com



Pacific Sharkfest 2010 by Horace Noble



My wife, Hetty and I attended PACIFIC SHARKFEST 2010 on Sept. 9 - 12, at Lake Tahoe California. We were housed at the beautiful Forest Suites Resort, just inside the California border, making the Nevada casinos within walking distance. Klaus Bertram and his wife Denise also attended. There were 19 Big 6s and a few other brands in attendance with 55 people.

We departed Las Vegas at Thursday morning, Sept. 9. We traveled north on U.S. 95 to alt. 95 to Yerington. From there we took SR 208 to a point 17 miles from Lake Tahoe. The final 17 miles were very steep with continuous turns up the mountains, starting at 4,000 ft up to 9,000 ft: Quite a drive for a flatlander!

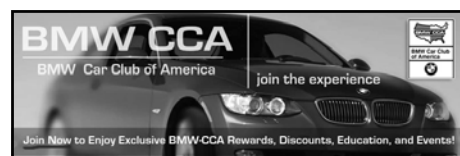
We met in the lobby at 5 p.m. for cocktails and hellos. Thursday night we enjoyed dinner at an 18th-floor buffet and took in the sights on the area.

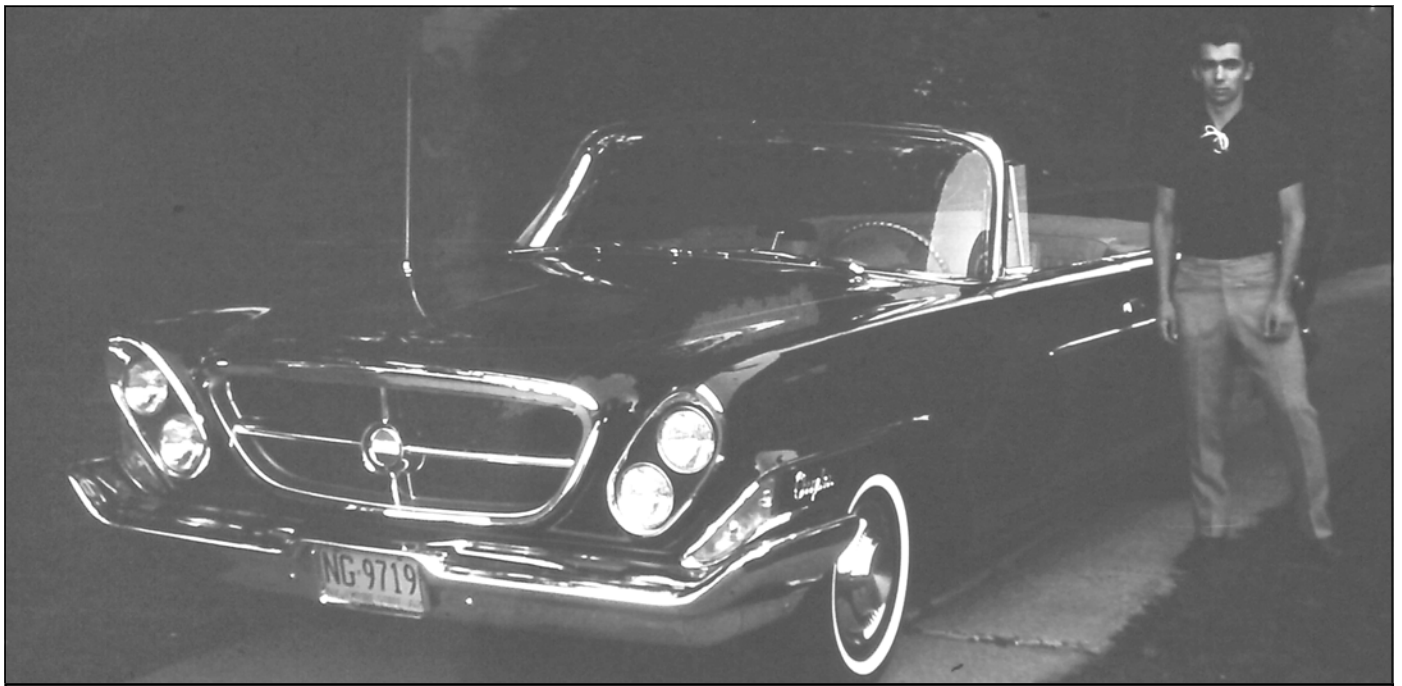
Friday at 9 a.m. we convoyed to Reno where we visited Harrah's Auto Museum, now known as the International Auto Museum. From there we convoyed to the famous Cal Neva hotel and casino on the north end of Lake Tahoe where we had lunch and a tunnel, and Thunderbird motel tour. Hetty and I drove back to South Lake Tahoe via the western side of Lake Tahoe and took in the beautiful scenery. Friday night was open, we stayed in and rested.

Saturday at 8:30 a.m. we drove to the beautiful Edgewood country club. We parked the Big 6s right at the edge on the water and had a great breakfast at the clubhouse. The judging was, "The car you would most like to take home with you." Each person cast a ballot and put the ballots in a box. We took the cars back to the hotel and took a bus to the Boat ramp for a 2 1/2 hour boat ride around the lake. It was a big boat that held about 200 people.

At 6 p.m. we met in a private room on the 12th floor of the Hotel Harvey for a wonderful dinner. It was some of the best food I've had in many moons. The results of the ballots we given: Hetty and I won 4th place with our Salmon Silver 1988 635csi. 3rd place went to a blue M6; 2nd place to a black M6; and a beautiful red Dinan M6 got 1st place. All 19 big 6s could have won, all were absolutely outstanding.

Hetty and I departed on Sunday for the 7 1/2 hour trip home. A great time was had by all. Everything went like precision clockwork, thanks to the wonderful staff that put on the event. I look forward to Pacific Sharkfest 2011.





Correction from the last newsletter: Bob Panzarella's car was misidentified as a 1954 two-door, light-blue Plymouth Savoy. "It was not my 1960 Corvette powered 1954 Plymouth first car," he said. The car was his second auto, a supercharged 1962 Chrysler 300 convertible.

"Everyone should have at least one convertible in their lifetime. You put the top down and, do you realize how easy it is to load and carry 4x8 sheets of plywood in one. Just take your time driving and avoid the freeway." This photo is of Bob, a "20-something with his Chrysler."



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