

NEWS FROM NATIONAL

FROM: Wynne Smith, Executive Director
TO: BMW CCA National and Service Officers, Chapter Presidents,
Newsletter Editors
DATE: March 23, 2001

MEMBERSHIP STATS

	<u>Full</u>	<u>Associate</u>	<u>Total</u>
Current Membership	53876	4738	58614
Last Month's Membership	53229	4640	57869
Monthly Net Gain (Loss)	647	98	745
Monthly % Change	1.21%	2%	1.28%
Last Year's Membership	49526	4328	53854
Annual Net Gain (Loss)	4350	410	4760
Annual % Change	8.7%	9.4%	8.8%
New Members, 03/01	1712*		
Renewals, 03/01	69.2%		
Roundels Mailed	55,540		

*Please note that the Club has once again broken a record for new memberships processed in a single month.

NATIONAL OFFICE RELOCATION UPDATE

This will be the last News from National shipped to you from Cambridge, Massachusetts. By the time you receive this we should already be answering phones in Greenville...unless the USPS is unusually speedy in delivering your packets.

We will be at the new offices with computers working and telephones ringing off the hook Monday, April 2. The new number is: **864 250-0022**. The new fax line is: 864 250-0038.
The new mailing address is: 640 South Main Street, Suite 201 Greenville, SC 29601

The 800 number and PINS assigned to your chapters remain the same.

We very much appreciate your patience with us during this move.

CHAPTER CONGRESS, October 6 and 7, 2001 in Minneapolis, MN

Our friends at the North Star Chapter invited us to hold this year's Congress in Minneapolis. Minnesota is known for its variable climate - hot and humid in the summer and, well, not-so-hot in the winter! But there is a way to savor a 72-degree temperature year-round the famous skyways of Minneapolis. The first of its kind, the skyways cover more than five miles of the downtown area.

The glass-enclosed walkways above the street offer a distinctive look at the city, as well as a way to avoid the elements. Inside the skyway system, walkers will find a bustling thoroughfare filled with specialty shops, convenience stores, fast food restaurants and boutiques, as well as services such as dry cleaners, florists, post offices, printing companies, photo developers and financial services. So take advantage of our skyways. You can literally walk from one end of the city to the other without setting foot outside!

We will be staying at the Marquette Hotel in downtown Minneapolis, directly connected to the skyway system.

This year the Board of Directors has approved the expansion of the Chapter Congress to include both Presidents and Treasurers from each chapter. We have a number of segments planned to help Chapter President's with the responsibilities of office, as well as segments specific to the responsibilities of being the Treasurer of a Chapter.

What we'd like to know, though, is what would you, the Chapter President – or Chapter Treasurer like to learn? What sort of topics would you like us to include in the program? Please fax or email (Wynne_Smith@roundel.org) your ideas, suggestions and requests to us after April 2 – so we're sure not to misplace them.

You will receive a packet of information including a registration form in May that will include detailed information about the site, transportation, and an update based on what requests we receive from you all regarding the program. Please make every effort to join us, and mark the date on your calendars. We recognize the hard work that goes into running a chapter and we'd like to provide you with as much information and as many options as possible to help ease the burden.

RAFFLE 2001

Think good thoughts about M3 Convertibles. Due to Oktoberfest being held August 6-12, let your chapter members know to look for the raffle mailing sometime in May.

FORMS DUE

Being a glutton for punishment, I must mention that several chapter information forms come due for submission by March 31st. Please make certain that one of your officers has filed them since non-compliance can jeopardize the active status of the chapter and could prevent you from receiving certain rebates. We've sent each chapter a packet of forms, but if you can't locate them, or just prefer to go on-line, they can be downloaded from our web page (www.BMWCCA.org). If you've already sent them, thanks again! And of course, if you're sending them after 3/23 – please send them to Greenville, S.C.

REBATES

We are collecting all the Postage & Printing rebate forms and once we unpack we will be sending checks to all chapters that have applied and qualified for these monies. As of this date, only 28 chapters have applied for these funds. Please don't delay, after March 31st, the rebate amounts diminish by ten percent per week.

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Best regards,