



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

	Full	Associate	Total
Current Membership	66,997	8,349	75,346
Last Month's Membership	66,997	8,329	75,326
Monthly Net Gain (Loss)	0	20	20
Monthly % Change	0.00%	0.24%	0.03%
Last Year's Membership	64,340	7619	71,959
Annual Net Gain (Loss)	2,657	730	3,387
Annual % Change	4.13%	9.58%	4.72%
New Members, 02/04	1,062		
Renewals, 02/04	56.6%		
Roundels Mailed	67,500		

ELECTION RESULTS

We are very pleased to report the following election results:

President	Scott Blazey	1,767 votes
Executive Vice President	Mark Jon Calabrese	1,763 votes
North Atlantic Regional V.P.	Reid Douglas	392 votes
South Central Regional V.P.	Fred Iacino	253 votes

and stepping in as North Central Regional V.P. – Geoff Tolsdorf of St. Louis.

Bylaw addition – Article 10 - Subsidiary Organizations – passed -	1,675 For	152 Against
Bylaw addition - Article 14 – Dispute Resolution - passed -	1,650 For	185 Against

CHAPTER CONGRESS, May 21-23, 2003 at Keystone Resorts, Denver, CO

Anyone attending who wishes to arrive a day or two early or remain a day or two after the event is welcome to do so at the club's guaranteed rate – you'll be paying for your own room, but you'll be getting a great deal. Keystone was originally the site of a railroad station in the 1880s that transported lead and silver to Denver and the Keystone Ranch Golf Course was an old cattle ranch and lettuce farm in the early 1900s. Learn more about local mining history and the history of Keystone Resort if you're coming in early or staying late, by taking an historical bus tour.

Presidents, Treasurers and the Chapter Membership Chairs of record will receive packets of information once a registration form has been received at National.

BMW CCA will pay round trip airfare for the Chapter President, Treasurer and Membership Chair of record, from each chapter and hotel room costs (single or double) for two nights. National will pay meal costs for one individual per chapter. Attendees who drive to the conference will be reimbursed at a rate of \$.375 per mile round trip, not to exceed the lowest 21 -day advance airfare, from the closest airport. National will provide luncheon on Saturday and dinner Saturday evening. (See enclosed information from Operations Manual.)

You may either use your own travel agent, or book the tickets online, or you may use the Club's travel agency by calling 800 451-2982 and letting them know you are booking tickets for this Congress. Tickets must be approved by National prior to booking to ensure that we are obtaining the lowest 21-day advanced air fare.

If another chapter member (or spouse of an attendee) is attending and wishes to attend the Saturday night banquet, please indicate that in the space below. Please include a check in the amount of \$55 each to cover the cost of the second (or any additional) meal(s).

ZF PUBLIC SERVICE AWARDS/ BMW CCA CHARITY MATCHING FUNDS

We had a wonderful turnout this year and I typed the names of every chapter participating up and alphabetized them and then my hard-drive totally died. So while we wait for the computer-genie to show up, I am using the reception unit and I'm just going to be mean and ugly and tell you that as soon as I can access that list I will post it with sincere congratulations to the various Yahoo-digests, but I ain't retyping it unless they tell me I lost that last 24-hours worth of work. It's bad enough Calvin was unable to magically fix the hard drive – I mean, he's 20 years old, for whom are we waiting? A 16-year old? Now Calvin has been pestering me to retype News so he can get your packets out. He's really pushy, too. Keeps telling me to "hurry because [he] doesn't want to get Harmon Fischer all riled up" by sending the packets out late. Is there no rest for the wicked?

TECHFEST EAST

Originally established in 1981, Gateway Tech has been annual gathering hosted by the St. Louis BMW Club for those BMW enthusiasts who wanted to delve just a little deeper into the technology behind their Ultimate Driving Machine©. Every year for more than 20 years, the faithful took over a St. Louis hotel and filled it with BMW cars, gadgets and gear-heads for three days, that included tech sessions, social gatherings, a showroom/vendor area, and a lot of good times.

In 2003 the event went mobile, with a different chapter offering to host the event each year. The Los Angeles chapter was honored in 2003 with being the host chapter for the first event held outside of St. Louis, and now the National Capital Chapter welcomes you to the Mid-Atlantic region in 2004.

You won't want to miss this event. Registration forms available at:http://www.nccbmwcca.org/techfesteast/pdfs/04Registration_Form.pdf and in the March issue of *Roundel*.

OKTOBERFEST 2004

Don't delay – All events are available on a first come-first served basis. Registration forms will be in your March issue of *Roundel*. You may now book your **Hotel Reservations** at any of our four fine facilities with the **Pasadena CVB Housing Bureau** by clicking on the Hotel Reservations link - http://www.pasadenacal.com/housing/bmw_cc.htm

ANNUAL MEETING Of the Board of Directors – March 27-28, 2004 Greenville, SC

All members welcome to attend. To observe, please contact the National Office – 864 250-0022.

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As always, best regards-