

#### **NEWS FROM NATIONAL**

FROM: Wynne Smith, Executive Director

TO: BMW CCA National and Service Officers,

Chapter Presidents, Newsletter Editors

DATE: September 26, 2005

#### MEMBERSHIP STATS as 09/22/2005

	Full	<b>Associate</b>	<u>Total</u>
Current Membership	65,793	9,151	74,943
Last Month's Membership	66,042	9,151	75,193
Monthly Net Gain (Loss)	-250	0	-250
Monthly % Change	-0.38%	0.00%	-0.33%
Last Year's Membership	67,641	8,950	76,591
Annual Net Gain (Loss)	1,849	201	-1,648
Annual % Change	-2.73%	2.25%	-2.15%
New Members, 09/05	1,114		
Renewals, 09/05	48%		
Roundels Mailed	66,650		

### OKTOBERFEST 2005 – What a spectacular event!

Over 400 people registered for the week, and more than 350 purchased day passes before and during the week. We enjoyed perfect Carolina weather, great food, great fun and true BMW camaraderie. The survey responses received so far indicate that this Oktoberfest will likely be one that future Ofests will be measured by for many years to come. The first 25 respondents have placed it at an **8.2** out of a possible perfect score of 10. Only Oktoberfest 2002 comes close to that average with an overall score of **7.9**!

An enormous *THANK YOU* and *JOB WELL DONE* to the Tarheels and each of the event teams for their excellent planning, hard work and outstanding southern hospitality.

#### **RAFFLE WINNERS 2005**

OK, the moment you've all been waiting for:

M5 Winners:

Alexander Mestetsky El Sobrante, CA Kurt Beckler Davie,FL Jim Martin Dallas, TX Jessie Ritchie Richmond, KY William Branch Austin, TX Bruce Stauch Simi Valley, CA Susan Stearn Chicago, IL Glenn Weiland Great Falls, VA Jennifer McCloy Louisville, CO

Cash Prize: Marshall Smith Arlington, IL

Congratulations to you all!

# GATEWAY TECH 25<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY! The National Event returns to its Midwestern roots!

Mark your calendars – **March 23 – 26<sup>th</sup>, 2006** will mark the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Gateway Tech in St. Louis. We'll be hosting the event at the beautiful, new St. Charles Convention Center and will use the brand new Embassy Suites as the primary hotel.

We have a long list of presenters, keynote speakers and excellent vendors lined up for 2006 – so don't miss out. Watch *Roundel* and the BMW CCA website for details and registration information. Registration opens 10/15/2005.

## **SAVE 10% on SPRINT PCS SERVICE**

Sprint is extending the same corporate program to BMW CCA members that it has in place for employees of BMW. You can save 10% on existing Sprint PCS service by calling 866 853-4931. Reference root node number 000074440832 and let them know you're a member of the BMW CCA.

### MEETING OF THE BMW CCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Will be held at the Pasadena Westin October 1 - 2, 2005. If you would like to observe the open sessions of the meeting, please let the national office know you will be joining the group by calling 864 250-0022, or by emailing me at <a href="https://www.wynne\_smith@bmwcca.org">wynne\_smith@bmwcca.org</a>

## **ELECTIONS**

**Positions available:** President Executive Vice President North Atlantic Regional V.P. South Central Regional V.P.

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.

The BMW CCA National Board represents the BMW CCA membership and as a group is tasked with soliciting and employing up-to-date information and best business practices in carrying out their responsibilities with integrity, honesty, truthfulness and adherence to the absolute obligation of safeguarding the members' trust. They make sense of new information about the club as it may affect the organization and demonstrate concern for the interests and well being of individuals affected by their actions.

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, 2005.** 

best regards,

The National Office will be closed Monday, October 10 – Columbus Day



#### BMW Car Club of America, Inc.

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**TO:** All Chapter Presidents and Driving Events Contacts

**FROM:** Wynne Smith

**DATE:** 9/27/2005

**IN RE:** Driving Events Conference - January 20-22, 2006

You are invited to join us for the 2006 Driving Events Conference being held the weekend of January 20-22nd in Dallas, Texas. We will be staying at the Sheraton Grand DFW Airport, located a super-quick free shuttle trip from Dallas-Forth Worth Airport.

For those chapters hosting any kind of Driving Event, particularly Drivers Schools, this will be a very important conference. BMW CCA invites all chapters in good standing to participate, and we will pay the travel and lodging costs for two representatives (being the persons serving as the chapter driving events coordinator and the chapter chief instructor) per chapter. Up to two additional representatives may be sent entirely at your own chapter's expense, but they must also register in advance. The most appropriate representative of your chapter is the person most involved with the conduct and safety of your driving events.

The target for this year's conference is to leave Dallas with updated Drivers School Minimum Standards. We will focus on improving safety with discussion on several topics: classroom instruction, driving exercises, car control clinics, emergency response, etc. We will also focus on liability and insurance coverage. Enclosed is a registration form, a copy of the BMW CCA expense reimbursement policy, and an expense report form for use on completion of the trip, should one be necessary.

The National Office will handle room reservations based on the information you'll provide on the enclosed form. **Please-please!** We must have these forms returned to the National Office no later than **December 29, 2005!** 

If you drive to the conference, National will reimburse transportation costs based on the best 21-day advance economy airfare from the airport closest to you.

As we get closer to the date of the Conference, you will receive a confirmation packet with the agenda for the event as well as details about Dallas and where we are staying. A welcome reception will be scheduled Friday evening from 6 to 8 PM. The conference will be held at the host hotel beginning Saturday morning at 8:30 AM and concluding Sunday afternoon at 12:00 Noon. Please schedule your arrival and departure accordingly.

Any questions about travel arrangements or possible substitution of attendees should be directed to Wynne Smith at the National Office.

# **DRIVING EVENTS CONGRESS REGISTRATION FORM**

Dallas, Texas

# January 20 - 22, 2006

Chapter:	Date:
Attendee:	BMW CCA #
Title of your chapter position:	
Daytime telephone:	Will share Room?
Fax Number:Email address:	If yes, with whom?
Travel arrangements:	
BMW CCA will reimburse travel expenses as set forth in 1 and 2) for up to two representatives per chapter, for events coordinator and the chapter chief instructor Attendees who drive to the conference will be reimbursed a lowest 21 -day advance airfare, from the closest airport. Na Saturday evening.	r those persons serving as the chapter driving r and hotel room costs (single or double) for two nights. at a rate of \$.485 per mile round trip, not to exceed the
If another chapter member/or spouse is attending and vindicate that in the space below. Please include a chec second (or any additional) meal(s).	
Additional Attendee:	
You may either use your own travel agent, of approved by National prior to booking to ensuadvanced air fare. You must book your air fare	re that we are obtaining the lowest 21-day

Return this form by fax or mail before January 3,2006.

**BMW CCA National Office** 

640 South Main Street Greenville, SC 29601 Attention: Wynne Smith

Fax: 864 250-0285

Please return this form to the National Office no later than January 3, 2006.