



## ***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 3/23/2006**

	<b>Full</b>	<b>Associate</b>	<b>Total</b>
Current Membership	<b>66,053</b>	<b>9,416</b>	<b>75,469</b>
Last Month's Membership	<b>65,835</b>	<b>9,365</b>	<b>75,200</b>
Monthly Net Gain (Loss)	218	51	269
Monthly % Change	0.33%	0.54%	0.36%
Last Year's Membership	66,399	8,965	75,364
Annual Net Gain (Loss)	-346	451	105
Annual % Change	-0.52%	5.03%	0.14%
New Members, 03/06	1,246		
Renewals, 03/06	51.2%		
Roundels Mailed	67,000		

### **RAFFLE and SPECIAL BYLAWS CHANGE**

This year the BMW CCA Board has come up with quite an exciting deal for the membership. The choice is yours – which would you like to win? A 325Ci convertible? A 330xi sedan? Or the sexy Z4 Roadster 3.0si? You have the option of purchasing up to five tickets and you could be parking one of these incredible automobiles in your driveway. Each \$25.00 ticket purchased gives you a **1 in 2600** chance of winning any of the three – **not ALL** three, mind you, but one of the three.

Mailed along with the raffle flier will be a proposed bylaw change that is more of a formality than anything else -- it allows the club to incorporate in the State of South Carolina and update all of our materials to reflect our new corporate status. We actually haven't any choice since Massachusetts got ugly with us over our no longer having an office in Massachusetts. Picky, picky, picky. Before moving we asked whether it was necessary to move the corporate status and were told no, we could remain incorporated in Massachusetts and operate anywhere – actually, that is not the case. The new corporate status hasn't any tax benefits, nor has it any drawbacks – won't change how we do business, or when Roundel arrives in anyone's mailbox. It just allows us to go forward as a South Carolina entity and dissolve the Massachusetts entity.

### **CHAPTER CONGRESS, April 27-29, 2007**

We're getting a yearlong head start on planning this worthwhile conference. A survey is enclosed, please – everyone serving as President, Treasurer and Membership chair fill one out and send it in, or...

If you are a Chapter President – you can also follow this link to fill out a pre-meeting survey:  
<http://imisw.bmwcca.org/surveys/president/> If you have not already filled out the survey, please do so.

If you are a Treasurer, you can also follow this link to fill out a pre-meeting survey:  
<http://imisw.bmwcca.org/surveys/treasurer/>

If you are a Membership Chair, you guess it! You can also follow this link to fill out a pre-meeting survey:  
<http://imisw.bmwcca.org/surveys/memchair/>

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.

We are looking at sites in Valley Forge, PA; Provo, UT and Houston, TX.

## **OKTOBERFEST 2006**

The first step in planning any family vacation is deciding where and when you are going. It is best to decide at least six months prior to leaving. Decided yet? How about **Oktoberfest 2006 in Grand Rapids, Michigan?** Family vacations can include hitting the slopes or lying on a beach but, for a vacation that may just become a family tradition – join us for BMW CCA's 36<sup>th</sup> Oktoberfest – and celebration of BMW's **Six Series**.

### **Crossing America to join your fellow**

**bimmerphiles** will likely turn out to be the most memorable few weeks of your lives. To feel the sheer immensity and geography of our country is reason enough to go – but sharing in the unique camaraderie is an unparalleled pleasure. You'll have the fun of being together and seeing all the things you've only heard about and every day offers a new adventure.



Don't delay – All events are available on a first come-first served basis. The BMW Car Club and its North Central chapters extend an invitation to all BMW CCA members, their families and guests to attend Oktoberfest 2006 in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Gearheads will have a blast – the drivers school will take place at famed Gingerman Raceway and is hosted by the Motor City Chapter, well-known for their outstanding driving events. The Safety School, conducted by Oktoberfest veteran, Randy Everson will be held in Grand Rapids as will the Michiana Chapter Autocross - featuring high-speed straights and tricky turns. The concours is on the plaza just minutes away from the Amway Grand hotel. Register today! <http://www.bmwcca.org/Oktoberfest>

## **MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

To be held June 16-18, 2006 in Cincinnati, OH. If there are topics you'd like your Regional Vice President to present, please contact him to make sure your topic appears on the agenda. As always, those of you wishing to observe the open sessions of any board meeting are welcome to do so. Please call the national office 864 250-0022 to let us know you'd like to attend, or send me an email: [wynne\\_smith@bmwcca.org](mailto:wynne_smith@bmwcca.org).

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*As always, best regards-*

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