



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 08/22/2007

	<u>Full</u>	<u>Associate</u>	<u>Total</u>
Current Membership	66,249	9,844	76,093
Last Month's Membership	66,104	9,872	75,976
Monthly Net Gain (Loss)	145	-28	117
Monthly % Change	0.22%	-0.28%	0.15%
Last Year's Membership	66,277	9,693	75,970
Annual Net Gain (Loss)	-28	151	123
Annual % Change	-0.04%	1.56%	0.16%
2005's Membership	65,793	9,151	74,943
Net Gain (Loss) for 2 years	456	693	1,149
% Change for 2 years	0.69%	7.57%	1.53%
New Members 07/07	1,142		
Renewals 07/07	52.15%		
Roundels Mailed	67,000		

OKTOBERFEST 2007

"BMW E30 M3's" by Tom Montanari (24 x 32 inches)

Besides the enjoyment of driving your BMW you might be lucky enough to win this outstanding original painting created by renowned automotive artist Tom Montanari. Many club members either own or have seen his work in Roundel and other automotive publications. For just \$20 you can own this beautiful one-of-a-kind painting valued at \$7,500. Thom produced this acrylic painting for the club to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the E30 M3 (1986-91).

The painting will be on display at Oktoberfest and the winner will be announced at the banquet on Friday night, Oct. 5, at Oktoberfest.

To participate call (800) 878-9292, or send your check or money to
 BMW CCA
 E30 M3 Painting Raffle
 640 South Main Street, Suite 201
 Greenville, SC 29601



See <http://www.bmwcca.org/node/9084> for rules and restrictions

RAFFLE 2007

This road rocket could be yours!



As of Monday of this week – 6,537 Members have purchased 18,997 tickets.

This could be your lucky year – with odds of 1 in 2900, you could be pulling this beauty into your garage, or using the \$50,100 for any number of fun projects!

Don't delay, remind your chapter members to send their checks and raffles form to:

BMW CCA - Raffle 2007
640 South Main Street #201
Greenville, SC 29601

ELECTIONS 2007

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

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 an 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.

Decisions are made on your behalf at every meeting of the club's Board of Directors, ranging from funding for events and what recreational activities the club will insure, to issues that impact how the club is governed, what appears in Roundel and on the website, to global issues like the club's involvement with the International Council of BMW Clubs. The nine people comprising the national board have the fiduciary responsibility for the entire organization.

It is vitally important that those volunteering understand that there will be a lot of tough decisions, a lot of late nights on the phone and in front of the computer, and more than a handful of weekends away from home. Mostly they need to know that they are ultimately responsible for the continued health of this organization. To better help you assess whether you want to run, copies of the job descriptions will be emailed to you on request. The Club needs qualified volunteers who are able to treat their hobby like a business and devote the same attention to the club as they would to their regular job.

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. In order to run for election to the position of BMW CCA President, a member must first have served as a member of the BMW CCA Board of Directors in one of the other national officer positions.

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, 2007**.

At the last Board Meeting one of the board members raised the idea of term limits for all positions (currently only the president is limited to how long s/he can hold office). You may have received a solicitation to participate in a survey concerning how members perceive the election process, if not, send me an email and I'll send you the link. It won't take you more than two or three minutes and will be very helpful to the club.

ANOTHER RAFFLE OPPORTUNITY

Many of you know that *the Tire Rack Street Survival* program is large focus of the BMW CCA Foundation. Without the help of the BMW CCA chapters, the Foundation wouldn't be able to host the *Street Survival* schools. However, please note that there is more to the Foundation than their on-going efforts at teen driver education.

At it's core, the CCA Foundation is a charitable 501(c) 3 organization-meaning all donations we receive in cash or in kind are eligible for a bona fide IRS tax deduction.

In addition to supporting a wide range of vintage events, road rallies and related enthusiast events aimed at getting the great cars of yesteryear out and in public view, the Foundation maintains a sizable and growing library and archive that is dedicated to preserving, as well as making available, historical BMW related materials of just about any kind relating to the marque - for both educational and enthusiast related purposes.

To that end, the Foundation has been accepting donations of money and or historical items for the archive from club members all over the nation, BMW dealers and independent shops, and even from BMW NA since the Foundation was established in 2002.

Recently, the Foundation approached another milestone when we received some very exciting news. A twelve-year BMW CCA member of the Bayou chapter (who has asked to remain anonymous) donated his beloved '95 BMW E36 M3 to the Foundation. He wants the car to be raffled off so that the proceeds can be used to further the great programs and good works the Foundation has undertaken.

He is the original owner and knows the car inside and out. The car is in excellent condition and was produced in December 1994. Hellorot red with black leather Vader seats. Total mileage is 78,000+/- . Please see the Foundation website www.bmwccafoundation.org for a complete list of upgrades and modifications to this car.

The folks at the BMW CCA Foundation felt the only proper thing to do was to offer this stunning car back to the membership in the form of a ***Foundation Fantasy Raffle! Although this car is full and completely road legal, how about a raffle offering the dedicated track car you always dreamed of-but could never get your significant other to allow you to finagle!***

The raffle begins **September 15, 2007** and ends **December 14, 2007** with the car being given away in time for the holidays! Ticket prices will be 1 for \$10, 3 for \$25, or 7 for \$50. So at this year's Oktoberfest in Ft Worth, TX, we will have a booth to promote the Foundation which will include a very special *Hot Rod E-36 M3*-with a large Bow on the roof! Tickets to the Foundation Fantasy raffle will be sold at the BMW CCA Foundation booth and on our website -www.bmwccafoundation.org. And if you are in Ft Worth during Oktoberfest, stop by to say hello and see the car!

Could this be the track car you never could afford?



For more information about the car or to obtain answers to any questions – please email Michael R. Mitchell at:

mmitchell@bmwccafoundation.org

OKTOBERFEST 2008

I know, I know, you haven't even packed your car to head to Fort Worth yet and here I am giving you a sneak preview of next year's event – but I am so excited about the venue and the new format for the event that I can't keep it under wraps any longer!

So mark your calendars -- September 23 – 28, 2008 **WATKINS GLEN, New York!** Yes, Larry Koch has finally paid off all the speeding tickets he received from the last Oktoberfest in upstate New York (when his company BMW was used for test drives) and we are ready to pull out all the stops.

The host hotel will be the brand new Watkins Glen Harbor Hotel With rates of 98/\$119 night (single/dbl rooms) Located in downtown Watkins Glen. No hour and a half schlep to the track in 2008.

<http://www.watkinsglenharborhotel.com/>

It's going to be the stuff memories are made of.



SEARCH FOR THE NEW E.D. OF BMW CCA

I'd like to begin by thanking each and everyone one of you for your absolutely lovely notes, emails and words of encouragement since I announced that I would be leaving the club. As you know it was a difficult decision, but with each passing day I am more convinced it was the right decision.

The National Board has formed a search Committee comprising Scott Blazey, Paul Dunlevy and Bruce Hazard and has hired an Executive Search firm. For anyone interested in applying for the position of E.D., watch the September Roundel for an ad outlining the job requirements and the details for submitting a resume.

The National Office will be closed Monday, September 3, 2007 for Labor Day

*And as always, best regards-
Wynne*