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BMW CCA Member #1 Bob Mehrman Passes Away

It is with great sadness we report that BMW CCA Member #1, Bob Mehrman, the club's first president and one of its founding members, passed away on February 17, 2019. "We often opine that it is the cars that bring us together, but we stay for the people. Bob's 50-year tenure with BMW CCA embodies the true spirit of the club and everything we are today, what we were yesterday, and what we will be tomorrow. His actions, membership, and support, begun some 50 years ago, gave rise to the largest BMW community in the world. Those of us sharing in the blessings, the joy, the fun, and the family of that community will forever be grateful," said Frank Patek, the BMW CCA's executive director.

We will continue to celebrate the life of Bob Mehrman and his incredible contributions to the club in an upcoming issue of *Roundel* magazine.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests expressions of sympathy be made to Care Dimensions, 75 Sylvan Street, Danvers, MA 01923 or The American Cancer Society.

[Remembering Robert S. Mehrman](#)

ELECTION

RESULTS



BMW CCA 2019 Election Results

Voting closed on Friday, February 15, at 5 p.m. EST and this year we had the highest turnout of voters in recent BMW CCA history!

The results are in and Jeff Caldwell has succeeded incumbent Lou Ann Shirk for the position of North Atlantic Regional Vice President by a narrow margin. The Club would like to thank both candidates for their dedication and spirit of volunteerism, and also congratulate Jeff Caldwell on his victory in the election. Without our volunteer leadership, we would not be the Club we are today!

In addition to the regional election, members voted on the proposed [bylaw change](#). The bylaw amendment passed with a resounding 80% majority voting in favor. There were 3,581 votes for the amendment, and 835 against.

About The Election

Voting opened on January 9, 2019. All votes had to be completed and received by BMW CCA Headquarters by 5 p.m. EST on February 15, 2019 in order to be counted. Only members in good standing as of December 31, 2018 were eligible to vote in this election. For the 2019 BMW CCA election, voting was done electronically via the internet using a secure election service.

In accordance with Article 5, Section 7 of the BMW Car Club of America bylaws, ballots were not prepared this year for

the positions of BMW CCA Treasurer or Pacific Regional Vice President because there is only one candidate for each position. Those candidates will be certified at the annual BMW CCA general meeting.



Upcoming Annual Meeting, Board Meeting, And Volunteer Opportunity At National Campus

Annual Meeting and Board Meeting Scheduled for Saturday, March 30, 2019

Location: BMW CCA National Campus
2350 Highway 101 S
Greer, SC 29651

Volunteer Opportunity: BMW CCA National Campus, March 28–30

During the upcoming board meeting and annual meeting weekend in Greer, SC, we will have several days dedicated to making repairs and improvements to the new national campus. These service days will provide an opportunity for members to give back to the club by helping with everything from grounds maintenance to wallpaper removal and painting. We will have crews composed of volunteers, Board members, and national staff working together that week to prepare the campus for upcoming member events—and, of course, this year's 50th Annual Oktoberfest.

The new national campus is located at 2350 Highway 101 S in Greer, SC, and the service days will take place on March 28–30. If you are interested in volunteering your time and talents, please send a note to Lindsey Branston at lbranston@bmwcca.org. If you have any specific talents/access to equipment for facility repairs or landscaping, please let us know so we can make the most of this opportunity.



Sponsorship Funds For IMSA Corrals

BMW of North America has confirmed they are offering the below sponsorship funds for each club corral organized by a local BMW CCA chapter for the following 2019 race venues:

- May 3-5 | Mid-Ohio (\$3,000)
- July 19-20 | Lime Rock (\$3,000)
- August 2-4 | Road America (\$3,000)
- August 23-25 | VIR (\$3,000)
- Sept 13-15 | Laguna Seca (\$3,000)
- Oct 9-12 | Road Atlanta (\$4,000)

To claim these funds, chapters must complete the [official sponsorship claim form](#).

[Download Form](#)



Three-Year Membership Reward Rebate Program

Attention Chapter Leaders! We now have an amazing recruitment tool in the form of the rebate update! Anyone can purchase a three-year membership and immediately qualify for the membership reward rebate program!

The BMW CCA has announced a major update to the Membership Reward Rebate Program. Individuals who purchase a club membership of three or more years will now immediately qualify for the Membership Reward Rebate Program and may be eligible to receive a rebate of up to \$1,500. Yes, that means you can now skip the old waiting period of 365 days and immediately apply for a rebate with this new option! It's important to note the membership must be purchased within 15 days of the purchase/lease date of the vehicle or any time prior to. Also, the member must apply for the rebate within 60 days of purchase using the form found at bmwcca.org/vehicle_rebate.

To see the full program rules, eligible models, and offer details please visit bmwcca.org/vehicle_rebate.

As always, individuals who have been club members for 365 days or more without a lapse remain eligible for the Membership Reward Rebate Program.

Please make your local dealers aware of the program and let's boost membership!



Important Update For Chapter Officers Regarding Insurance Procedures

Recently we announced a major change in how chapters are billed for liability insurance. Part of the reason for the change was the ever-present request for the ability to do events like drives and tours with less than 30 days' notice. All chapters now have that ability. However, all chapters are still required to submit a notification via our online system that they are planning a drive/tour or that one occurred within the last 48 hours.

Why, you ask? Our insurer will only provide coverage for sanctioned events and at the end of the year we are required to report the number and type of events conducted. Why? Our annual premium is determined by number and type of events held in conjunction with any losses that might occur. If we do not or cannot report accurately the number and type of events held, then insurance underwriters will "guess" and base our premiums on their numbers. If their numbers are high, we all pay more. Most importantly those chapters and its members who fail to properly provide notification that they plan to hold a drive or tour – or have done so within the last 48 hours could be exposed to liability without the protection of insurance coverage.

What do you need to do? Chapters requesting insurance certificates for HPDE's, AutoX's, Street Survival/Safety Schools, Club Racing and Club Race schools must continue to submit their requests for certificates as they do now. No certificates will be issued until they are approved by the DEC. Chapters who need insurance certificates for shows, concours, social events, etc may continue to submit requests as they do now, no payment is necessary. Those chapters conducting drives and tours, and not requiring a physical certificate to present to a venue also no longer need pay for an insurance certificate prior to holding the event. Someone MUST still visit the online portal and register the event.

Please note: For questions and concerns please contact the national office and/or your RVP. Contact info for each regional vice-president and the national office can be found at the links below.

[Regional Vice-President Contact Info](#)

[National Office Contact Info](#)



Notice of Attempted Fraud Scams

We would like to notify all chapters of the potential for **wire fraud scams and check fraud scams**. Recently there have been attempts on the National Office and chapters. These are sophisticated scams where they are masking another officers e-mail address and asking another officer to pay a bill via wire transfer. The invoice attached to these requests looks reasonably in line with services that would be used by the Club. The request also appears to come from the president—or another key officer’s e-mail—and is signed by that person.

In addition, the National office had a fraudulent check produced and presented for payment on its checking account. This, too, was not a large amount that would automatically set off alarm bells.

If anyone e-mails you a request for payment (check or wire), **we strongly encourage you to call the person requesting the payment to verify the request.** In addition, it is very important to **remain diligent in reviewing your bank statements.**

The National Office is pursuing the case and will make every attempt to prosecute if the person(s) are apprehended.

If there are any questions or concerns related to this matter, please call Lindsey Branston (National Office DFO) at 864-438-0961 or e-mail at lbranston@bmwcca.org.



REMINDER FOR CHAPTER TREASURERS

Accounting Questions? If you have questions as you begin closing the books, working on a budget, etc. you are welcome to call or e-mail Lindsey Branston, Director of Financial Operations, at (864) 438-0961 or lbranston@bmwcca.org.

IRS FILING REQUIREMENTS

All chapters are required to submit a tax return to the IRS and upload a copy via the National website along with the chapter financial statements being submitted. If any questions arise, please feel free to contact Lindsey Branston lbranston@bmwcca.org or (864)438-0961 at the National Office.

Chapter Tax Returns

The new upload form for Chapter Tax Returns is now available! Yes, that's right, you can upload your chapter tax return via the website now! After uploading a file you will receive an email confirmation.

[Upload Chapter Tax Return >>](#)



CHAPTER ADMIN FORMS

Please note: You must log in to the website to access these forms.

Chapter Report

Email addresses for whom to send electronic chapter reports to.

[Chapter Reports Form >>](#)

Printed Label Request

Please keep in mind that printing and shipping labels that are not required each month is both time consuming and costly. Mailing labels will be sent on request as needed.

Chapter Comp Listing Request

Please use this form to assign the individuals or businesses of your choice to the *Roundel* complimentary mailing list. The listings you include will receive a free copy of *Roundel* each month for one year. Keep in mind that all BMW dealerships currently receive a complimentary issue. The number of listings allotted to each chapter is based on one (1%) percent of your membership as shown on your monthly membership report.

[Chapter Comp Listing Request Form >>](#)

Chapter Administration—DUE MARCH 15

This form is MANDATORY and MUST be submitted each year to the National office by March 15. Please list all officers and chairs, even if there are no changes from last year. Chapter Officers and Committee Members responsible for submitting events, insurance requests and having access to chapter forms need to be included on the chapter admin form to appear on your chapter's landing page on bmwcca.org. Those listed will also receive News from National. Anytime there is an update to your chapter, this form must be updated. Only changed information should be resubmitted during the year.

[Chapter Administration Form >>](#)

Chapter Financial Statements—DUE MARCH 31

This form is no longer a PDF file and is now a module on the National website.

[Chapter Financial Statements Form >>](#)

Chapter Tax Returns—DUE MAY 15

All Chapters are required to submit a tax return to the IRS and upload a copy via the national BMW CCA website along with the chapter financial statements being submitted.

If any questions arise, please feel free to contact Lindsey Branston (lbranston@bmwcca.org or 864-438-0961) at the National Office.

MORE INFORMATION:

To access all of the chapter admin forms, and many other helpful tools designed specifically for chapter officers please login

QUESTIONS?

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