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First, thank you to all of our chapter officers, volunteers, and members for making 2012 one of the best years in Club history!

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We have plenty of news to share with you—regional conference dates and registration, elections, chapter forms, 2013 events calendar, and more! As this year winds down things are gearing up in the national office for 2013—we're well into planning for next year and beyond.

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BMW CCA Regional Conferences 2013

North Central Regional Conference

Regional VP: Michael Lingenfelter

Dates: Friday, January 18th-Sunday, January 20th, 2013

Location: The Dearborn Inn, 20301 Oakwood Blvd, Dearborn, MI 48124

Pacific Regional Conference

Regional VP: Jeff Cowan

Dates: Friday, February 1st-Sunday, February 3rd, 2013

Location: Crowne Plaza SFO, 1177 Airport Blvd, Burlingame, CA 94010

South Atlantic Regional Conference

Regional VP: Paul Dunlevy

Dates: Friday, March 8th-Sunday, March 10th, 2013

Location: The Crowne Plaza Atlanta Airport Hotel, 1325 Virginia Avenue, Atlanta, GA 30344

North Atlantic Regional Conference

Regional VP: John Sullivan

Dates: Friday, March 22nd-Sunday, March 24th, 2013

Location: Newark Hilton, 1048 Raymond Blvd, Newark, NJ 07102

South Central Regional Conference

Regional VP: Dan Baker

Dates: Friday, April 5, 2013—Sunday, April 7th, 2013

Location: The Westin Dallas Fort Worth Airport, 4545 W. John Carpenter Freeway, Irving, TX 75063

Registration Link

Once we open registration you will be able to find your regional chapter conference registration listed at <http://bmwcca.motorsportreg.com>

Travel Policy

Transportation, hotel and meals onsite are provided by BMW CCA. Any attendee who drives to the conference will be reimbursed at a rate of \$0.565 per mile round trip (not to exceed the lowest 21-day advance airfare from the nearest airport). Rooms are based on double occupancy, and each attendee must let the National Office know with whom they will be sharing a room. If you do not have a roommate, the office will choose for you. If you would like a private room BMW CCA will cover 1/2 the room rate. Please choose the private room selection. Charges will be accepted at the National Office, not at registration. Please call

864-250-0022 x225 to arrange payment.

Once your registration is submitted you will be provided a link to our transportation reservation service where an agent will contact you regarding the approval of your travel arrangements. You will be asked to secure your flight reservation with a credit card.

Any other flights must be pre-approved by the National Office.

You may bring a guest. If your guest wishes to attend meal functions you will be charged which includes two Continental Breakfasts, Lunch and Dinner.

Reminder: Hotel fees are being paid by the National Office except for those with private rooms or chapters requiring an additional room. You will need a credit card to cover incidentals.

The National Office will make your hotel reservation.

You may post questions on the BMW CCA forum at <http://www.bmwcca.org/forum/index.php?forums/conference/>

Important Meeting Dates

Joint BMW CCA Board and BMW CCA Foundation Board Meeting

Dates: Friday, January 11, 2013—Sunday, January 13, 2013

Location: Rancho Las Palmas Marriott, 41000 Bob Hope Drive, Rancho Mirage, CA 92270

BMW CCA Board and Annual Meeting

Dates: Saturday, March 16 and Sunday, March 17, 2013

Location: Grove Park Inn, 290 Macon Avenue, Asheville, NC 28804

Election Announcement

Below you will find statements of interest written by some of your fellow BMW CCA members. Reading these statements will help you understand why they are interested in becoming elected leaders of the Club—but whatever their reasons, we applaud their dedication and spirit of volunteerism. Without our volunteer leadership, we would not be the Club we are today.

In order to give all candidates the opportunity to freely express their positions, we neither edit nor correct these statements; unless they are clearly libelous or defamatory, they appear as submitted. Only the candidates vouch for the accuracy of any facts or allegations contained herein. Nothing presented in these statements reflects any official position of either *Roundel* or the BMW CCA, and we cannot be held responsible for any errors of fact.

If you would like to learn more about our candidates than what you are able to read here, we encourage you to pose questions to the candidates in forums that have been created for each of them.

Members may vote by using the paper ballot cards mailed with their January *Roundel*; additional paper ballots may be obtained from the National Office. Primary and associate members will find a mailing label affixed to the election notice included with *Roundel*. Individual ballots returned may only be returned by mail and must have the member's mailing label affixed to it, or it will not be counted.

Remember, you must be a member in good standing as of December 15, 2012, to vote in this election. Voting will open on Wednesday, January 2, 2013, and close Thursday, February 28, 2013, at noon Eastern Standard Time. Results will be posted on the Club website that same day by 5:00 p.m. EST.

Frank C. Patek, II
Executive Director

Candidacy Statements

All of the candidacy statements are posted on the [BMW CCA forum](#). We have provided direct links below to access each candidate's statement.

Candidate for Treasurer

[Louis Goldsman](#)

Candidates for North Atlantic Regional VP

[Scott Stowell](#)

[John Sullivan](#)

Candidate for Pacific Regional VP

[Nick Owen](#)

Please note, according to Article 5, Section 7 of the bylaws (copied below) that in cases where there is only one candidate for an office voting will not be required.

Article 5. Elections

Section 7. In those elections where there is only one candidate for each and every office covered by the election the Board of Directors need not follow the provisions of Section 4 above. In such case the Board of Directors shall announce the names of the candidates running for office without opposition in *Roundel*; voting need not be required. The Board of Directors shall ratify the election of the candidates at the annual meeting.

IRS Filing Requirements

Please note ALL Chapters are required to submit a tax return to the IRS. Attached is further details regarding this matter. If any questions arise, please feel free to contact Lindsey Jefferson (ljefferson@bmwcca.org or 864-438-0961) at the National Office.

[Click here to download the filing requirements document.](#)

Chapter Admin Forms

Available only to those listed as your chapter's board, and you must be logged in.

[CLICK HERE for ALL of the Chapter Admin Forms.](#)

Chapter Report & Label Request—DUE JANUARY 15

Chapter Reports

Email addresses whom to send electronic chapter reports to.

Printed Labels

Please keep in mind that printing and shipping reports and labels that are not required each month is both time consuming and costly. If your chapter does not mail a newsletter each month, please take the time to indicate which months you actually need labels. The labels will be mailed on or about the 1st of the month.

Chapter Comp Listing Request—DUE JANUARY 15

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 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. Afterwards, anytime there is an update to your chapter, this form must be updated. Only changed information should be resubmitted.

Chapter Financial Statements—DUE MARCH 31

This form is no longer a PDF file and is now a module on the National website. You can access it by visiting www.bmwcca.org/chap_fin_stmt.

2012 Charity Matching Funds Program Application—DUE APRIL 15

BMW CCA chapters that conducted charitable or public service activities in 2012 may request matching funds in 2013. Please note that eligible activities include not only fund-raising events, but other activities in which the chapter provided service involvement and assistance to a worthwhile cause or community activity. This packet contains the application form and instructions. Please limit your submissions to the information on the application form. Applications must be received at the BMW CCA National Office no later than April 15, 2013. They will be checked for completeness.

[Download the Charity Matching Funds Application here.](#)

[Click here for the 2011 Charity Matching Funds Program Results.](#)

National Office Closed For Christmas and New Years

The National Office will be closed December 24-25 and December 31-January 1, so that our staff may spend time with their families during the holidays. The office will return to regular business hours on Wednesday, January 2 at 8:30 a.m. EST. As always, you can update or renew your membership online at bmwcca.org.

Going Places 2013—Come Along for the Drive!

No matter where you live, or which of our 67 chapters is your home base, the BMW Car Club of America has a wealth of activities planned for enthusiasts coast-to-coast. From the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix to Oktoberfest in Monterey, our members have a lot of great destinations to visit this year!

February 14–16: Romantic Valentine's Day Weekend Trip

During this weekend, you will have the chance to improve your car-control skills at the BMW Performance Center, drive the latest offerings from BMW, and experience the beauty of the surrounding mountains of North and South Carolina.

When you arrive in Greenville, SC, with that special someone, you will be treated to a romantic weekend of elegant meals—and given the opportunity to drive select

models from BMW's private fleet. On the first day, you will be transported to the

BMW Performance Center to pick up your BMW and escape to the beautiful nearby mountains. Once you arrive in the mountains you'll enjoy lunch with your loved one, all while soaking in the breathtaking vistas of the Blue Ridge Mountains. On the second day, you will drive a wide variety of stylish BMWs at the Performance Center and receive car control instruction from their professional drivers.

The car control skills portion of the trip is designed for all skill levels of drivers. It is not a racing experience, but rather a skills enhancing curriculum. The purpose of this instruction is to give you more confidence in your everyday driving. Couples will share vehicles, and the inevitable laughter, during the driving portions of this trip.

The package cost of \$2,495 per couple includes:

- Two nights at the elegant downtown Hyatt Greenville
- A romantic dinner for two at Greenville's newest bistro "Roost"
- A tour of the BMW Plant—driven in an elegant BMW
- Driving instruction at the BMW Performance Center
- Opportunity to experience the Off-road course
- Car control skill lessons in late model BMWs
- A delightful lunch in the mountains
- A festive group dinner after your day in the mountains
- Complimentary breakfasts at the Hyatt Greenville
- Free shuttle ride back to GSP (Greenville-Spartanburg) airport

These exclusive Club trips sell out very quickly! To reserve your spot for this special Valentine's Day Getaway vacation, please call BMW Registration at (888) 345-4BMW. For additional information please contact Jackie Bechek, Director of National Events, at jbechek@bmwcca.org, or (864) 438-3403.

March 2-3: Members Only Two Day M School (additional dates below)



This program encompasses the full Two Day M School offered by BMW through its own professional instructors at the Performance Center. You will drive the Center's own M cars including the competition package M3, F10 M5, and the brand-new M6.

On the first day, professional driving instructors emphasize elementary high-performance driving capabilities by exacting precision and refining your skills. The slalom, handling track, wet skid pad, open roads, and timed-run course will challenge even the best driver to master the power of the various M cars. But don't worry if this is your first time; Performance Center instruction is geared to drivers of all skill levels, from beginner to professional. Day two raises the stakes with advanced driving techniques, like trail-braking and smooth, demanding cornering transitions. It's helmets on as you take to the full length of the Performance Center's test track and handling course.

This unique weekend provides the perfect opportunity to meet other members from around the country who share your passion for the BMW marque, and who appreciate the exhilaration of mastering high-performance driving skills.

The cost is \$3,055 per person (single occupancy) with the CCA 15% discount, and includes:

- Two nights at the luxurious Marriott Greenville, including breakfast and evening cocktail
- Two CCA member-only dinners and lunches at the center
- Driving instruction from the BMW professional drivers of the Center
- All ground transportation to the BMW Performance Center, and the

Greenville airport

- A BMW Hand-painted M helmet, M Jacket, and M polo shirt for your enjoyment

If you share a room at the Marriott (double occupancy), your rate drops to \$2,855 per person. Even if you share your room with a non-driving participant, their weekend cost is only \$500, and yours is \$2,855. The Marriott offers the amenities of a spa and pools for a non-driving participant.

To register for one of these 15 spaces, please call BMW Registration at (888) 345-4BMW. You must have a valid BMW CCA membership to participate in this program. For additional information please contact Jackie Bechek, Director of National Events, at jbechek@bmwcca.org, or (864) 438-3403.

***The members only Two Day M School is being offered on four separate weekends throughout 2013 including March 2-3, April 13-14, June 1-2, and July 13-14.

April 11–15: Third Annual Ladies' Only Driving & Spa Getaway



This trip consists of two parts: one day driving in a car skills program at the BMW Performance Center, and then two days relaxing at the luxurious Grove Park Inn & Spa in Asheville, North Carolina. This trip is perfect for the woman who enjoys driving stylish BMW's and then relaxing to her heart's contentment!

On Friday, members will participate in a premium full-day Car Control School, taught by the professional drivers at the BMW Performance Center. You will practice safe-driving skills, such as accident avoidance, proper use of ABS brakes, and inclement-weather handling conditions. You will have the opportunity to drive several BMW models.

After the school, members will drive in the, Performance Center provided, BMWs to the Grove Park Resort & Spa in Asheville, NC, and relax for two days enjoying massages, facials, wraps, and pedicures. While in Asheville, there will be a tour and elegant group dinner at a gourmet Asheville restaurant. On the return to Greenville you'll enjoy breathtaking views of the Blue Ridge Parkway in "your" borrowed BMW!

The trip is priced at \$2,695 per person with the Club's 15% discount and includes:

- Four nights single occupancy at the Marriott and Grove Park Resort hotels
- Two dinners in Asheville at the Grove Park Inn and at a gourmet restaurant
- Full-Day of Premium Car Control School at the Performance Center & Lunch
- One premium Spa service at Grove Park (80 min massage or your choice)
- Driving in BMWs to/from Grove Park Resort in Asheville, NC
- All ground transportation, including shuttles to airport

This exclusive and luxurious trip is limited to 16 Club members and sells out very quickly! To reserve your spot, call 888 345-4BMW. For additional information please contact Jackie Bechek, Director of National Events, at jbechek@bmwcca.org, or (864) 438-3403.

April 25–27: The BMW Couple's Driving Experience



This exclusive trip is offered to couples of the BMW Car Club who are interested in living the "ultimate" BMW driving experience. Members will enjoy a premium full-day driving program at the BMW Performance Center near Greenville, South Carolina, as well as a second day of beautiful mountain drives through the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

The BMW Performance Center's professional instructors will provide guidance on their challenging track, towards improving your skills in adverse situations such as accident avoidance and inclement weather conditions. You will sharpen your driving skills with several BMW models.

On the second day of the Program, you will put your skills to the test driving through the beautiful foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, just outside of Greenville, and enjoy the vistas and beauty of the Carolinas. Nothing is as rewarding as putting your new-found driving skills to the test on the twisted mountain roads surrounded by the natural beauty of springtime in the Carolinas.

Spring is an ideal time for enjoying an outdoor spring concert while relaxing with friends by the waterfalls of the Reedy River in downtown Greenville. You will have the opportunity to socialize with the other BMW car members at our group dinners in Greenville's finest downtown restaurants which showcase the delicious Southern cuisine of the region.

This trip is priced at \$1,495 per person for double occupancy and \$1,695 per person for single occupancy and includes:

- Two nights at the historic Westin Poinsett in downtown Greenville
- A group dinner at a fashionable Greenville restaurant
- Two lunches at the Performance Center and during the mountain driving experience
- Premium full-day BMW Driving School at the Performance Center
- Ground transportation to/from GSP Airport and to the Performance Center

This program is limited to 24 Club members. To reserve your spot, call 888 345-4BMW. For additional information please contact Jackie Bechek, Director of National Events, at jbechek@bmwcca.org, or (864) 438-3403.

May 17-19: Saratoga Springs Invitational



The Vintage at Saratoga continues to grow and changes for 2013 will make this annual gathering in Saratoga Springs, New York more fun than ever. From May to November of 2013 the Saratoga Automobile Museum will host an exhibit of significant and historic BMWs. Vintage at Saratoga is proud to become a part of this event. To open this display the museum has chosen BMW to be the marque of the year for its yearly Invitational Lawn Show.

On May 17-19, 2013, the reflecting pool at the Saratoga State Park will be the setting for some exquisite BMWs. The three-day weekend will open with a cocktail reception on Friday evening. Members of the public are invited to meet acclaimed author and automotive consultant Ken Gross as well as tour the extraordinary BMWs on display.

On Saturday they welcome all European made cars to join the "Euro Experience" on the lawn. Topping off the weekend's activities is Sunday's Invitational, as the name implies, open only to select collectors with rare and historic automobiles.

For more information contact Frank Greppo at fgreppo@nycap.rr.com or visit the event website at vintageatsaratoga.com.

May 24–26: Vintage at Westbend Vineyards



The Vintage will celebrate its 10th anniversary on the weekend of May 24-26, 2013 by returning to the Westbend Vineyards & Brewhouse in Lewisville, NC, the place where it all began! With several rows of grape vines cleared out recently, they have room for us once again.

The festivities will begin on Friday, May 24, with an autocross/rally during the day, and the meet-and-greet in the evening.

Saturday will be the big gathering at Westbend Vineyards & Brewhouse with nearly 300 vintage BMWs on display as well as vendors, Butt Bros. BBQ, and the Spaten tent. All activities are for vintage BMWs only. Spectators are welcome on Saturday at the vineyards.

For more information—or to register—please visit www.atthevintage.com or send inquiries directly to Festmeister Scott Sturdy, scottsturdy@yahoo.com.

July 20–21: Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix



Don't miss the annual BMW gathering on German Hill overlooking turn 13 at the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix. The PVGP is sponsored by Liberty Mutual Insurance, Spaten, BMW of Pittsburgh, and the BMW CCA. The Allegheny Chapter has laid out a host of activities across the weekend.

The 31st Anniversary of the Vintage Races at Schenley Park (July 20–21) will feature a BMW Corral at exciting turn 13 of the circuit. The Schenley Park weekend of events kicks off on Friday, July 19, with a scenic driving tour and welcome reception. On Saturday and Sunday, there will be over 2000 cars in an international car show plus a catered lunch and all-day hospitality tent courtesy of BMW CCA's Social Partner Spaten beer.

For online registration—or more information—visit www.pvvp.org/bmw or www.alleghenybmwcca.org.

August 16–18: BMW CCA Monterey Weekend



LEGENDS OF THE AUTOBAHN

Legends of the Autobahn plays host to beautiful BMWs of all ages, as well as entrants from the Porsche, Mercedes-Benz, and Audi clubs. The concours will be held on Friday, August 16, at the Rancho Cañada Golf Course—located on Carmel Valley road just east of California Highway 1. With separate club concours judging sites and club corral parking areas, the

concours will be a fantastic start to the BMW CCA Monterey weekend and Oktoberfest 2013. Legends of the Autobahn is sponsored by BMW NA, the BMW Performance Center, Liberty Mutual Insurance, Spaten and BMW CCA.

This event is limited to marque-club members only, and will include a parking corral area for those registered but not participating in the judging activity. It is also a perfect location for a picnic lunch, but food and beverages will also be available on-site. Additional attractions may include guest speakers and specialty vendors.

For additional information, please visit www.legendsoftheautobahn.org. Registration will open on March 1.



THE BMW CCA CORRAL AT ROLEX MONTEREY MOTORSPORTS REUNION AT LAGUNA SECA

Also sponsored by BMW NA, the BMW Performance Center, Liberty Mutual Insurance, Spaten, and the BMW CCA, the annual Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion celebrates the mystique of BMW and our appreciation for the marque. Set for August 17–18, the weekend features a

two-day parking corral with hospitality tents overlooking Laguna Seca's Turn Five. Packages include the opportunity to buy corral tickets, lunch tickets, and event tickets to the Reunion races themselves—all from one convenient source!

Please visit www.festorics.org for additional information. Registration will open on March 1.

August 19–24: Oktoberfest 2013 in Monterey, CA



It's here at last. You've always wanted to attend Monterey historic-car week, drive at Laguna Seca, and participate in Oktoberfest—so this will be the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity you've been waiting for! Oktoberfest 2013 will kick off in Monterey immediately following the historic-car races at Laguna Seca. Starting Monday, August 19, our host hotel will be the Hyatt Regency in Monterey, California—and the track, of course, is the world-famous Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca.

Yes, finally you, too, will drive the Corkscrew!

But Oktoberfest 2013 is not just for track rats; we'll truly have something for everyone! Monterey is known for incredible scenery, the Monterey Bay Aquarium, Fisherman's Wharf, and the nearby vineyards in Carmel Valley. Plan now to be a part of the fun, friendship, and passion that can only be found at the Ultimate BMW Owners event.

As usual, there will be countless opportunities throughout the week for the socialites to mingle with fellow enthusiasts (many times over some delicious German beer—thanks to our sponsor, Spaten), the Q-Tip crowd can let their colors shine in Tuesday's concours, you can flex your artistic muscle in the photo competition, and let's not forget about the driving schools, car control clinic, autocross, rallies, test drives and club races for all the gearheads.

You don't want to miss this year's Oktoberfest 2013. Plan now to be a part of the fun, friendship, and passion that can only be found at the "Ultimate BMW Owners" event—O'Fest!

To learn more about Oktoberfest, please visit www.bmwccaofest.org. Registration will open on March 1.

October 12–14: Vintage at Saratoga



Vintage at Saratoga for 2013 will be the closing event of the six-month long BMW exhibit. For this purpose we are moving the festivities from July to October 12-14 for 2013. As in the past we welcome all BMWs from 1999 and older to join us for a weekend to enjoy some great BMWs on the lawn outside the museum. In addition to the lawn, show activities will include:

- Group drives around the area
- A "Meet and Greet" dinner
- Drives on the Lime Rock Park track followed by lunch
- A silent auction to benefit the BMW CCA Foundation

Vintage at Saratoga will also be a part of the opening weekend for the BMW Vintage and Classic CCAs Club Holiday. This will run from October 12 to the 19. This gathering will include trips around the Upstate New York area, including:

- A boat ride with lunch on beautiful Lake George
- Lake Placid with a ride down the Olympic bobsled run
- A visit to Cooperstown, NY home of the Baseball Hall of Fame. Lunch is planned at the beautiful Otesaga Hotel
- A drive to Lime Rock Park for some laps on the track and lunch at the Chalet

As you can see Saratoga will be the place to be for BMW owners in 2013. Plan now to be a part of this celebration. For more information contact Frank Greppo at fgreppo@nycap.rr.com or visit the event website at vintageatsaratoga.com.

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