

NEWS FROM NATIONAL

FROM: Wynne Smith, Executive Director
TO: BMW CCA National and Service Officers,
Chapter Presidents, Newsletter Editors
DATE: August 22, 2001

MEMBERSHIP STATS

	Full	Associate	Total
Current Membership	56283	6114	62397
Last Month's Membership	56252	6006	62258
Monthly Net Gain (Loss)	31	108	139
Monthly % Change	.055%	1.798%	.223%
Last Year's Membership	50850	4437	55619
Annual Net Gain (Loss)	5402	1569	6639
Annual % Change	10.62%	35.362%	11.937%
New Members, 08/01	1590		
Renewals, 08/01	76.4%		
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ELECTIONS

Positions open are: President, Vice President, North Atlantic Regional Vice President and *South Central Regional Vice President*

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 document (including the candidate's own membership number).

Nominees for Regional Offices and those nominating them must reside and be a chapter member in that region. Candidates for President must have prior service as a member of the Board of Directors in order to be eligible to serve as President.

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 must be received at the National Office **before 5 PM EST October 31, 2001**.

RAFFLE WINNERS 2001

James Jenney	Braintree, MA	Leif Hansen	Stuart's Draft, VA
Derrick Bipram	Floral Park, NY	Randall Vandiver	Ft Atkinson, WI
Douglas Jones	Madison, MS	Herb Wise	West Newton, MA
Craig Heffner	Ellicot City, MD	NC Mahjoublan	West Chester, PA
Herb Bradshaw	San Antonio, TX	Dr Weir	Wilton, CT
Francis Cascio	Metarie, LA	Gerald Levesque	Lincoln, RI
Nancy Moretta,	Gales Ferry, CT		

CHAPTER CONGRESS, October 6 and 7, 2001 in Minneapolis, MN

Chapters who have not yet registered to attend:

New York	Connecticut Valley	Patroon	Kansas City	Michiana
New Jersey	Golden Gate	Allegheny	Illini	White Mtn
Boston	Roadrunner	Sunbelt	First Coast	Sin City
National Capitol	Delaware Valley	Mountain State	Bluegrass	Heart O Dixie
Buckeye	Smoky Mountain	Gulf Coast	New Mexico	Choo Choo
St Louis	Houston Chapter	Hoosier	Wasatch	Puget Sound
Tidewater	Motor City	Pocono Mtn	Nittany Bimmers	

Even though the deadline has passed, we believe this will be a worthwhile event for Presidents or Presidents-elect and Treasurers. Please make every effort to send at least one chapter representative whether it be your Treasurer or your potential next President. Those chapters that have called to decline will still receive any and all materials from the event shipped to them afterwards.

If you need registration information, please call the National Office and we can fax it to you.

DATABASE CONVERSION

Someone suggested that we have a representative from Advanced Solutions, Inc. (manufacturer of our *iMIS* database) on hand at the Chapter Congress, but I was fearful that our event might deteriorate into a public stoning. It wasn't clear if it would be me or the rep who would be the target for same, so I think we'll just pass.

You will find this month that the reporting is clearer, the accounting figures are accurate and payment amount correct (we're no longer crediting an extra 5 mils per member) reflecting both primary and any and all dual chapter members. We are interviewing the firm the BMW MOA uses for their *iMIS* work with a view towards hiring them to complete the tasks left undone when our last contact at PSINET (the rep firm assigned to us by ASI) left his employment.

Glenn McConnell of Tejas Chapter has a laundry list of tasks that he's provided that we will use, but if you can email us any other issues you continue to have with the end product, reports or labels, please do so soon so we can get the new firm working to correct the last loose strings and aggravations.

OKTOBERFEST

When all was said and done 748 people registered and despite record-breaking heat most of them seemed to have a wonderful vacation. Thanks to all the many volunteers who gave up hours and days of their vacation to ensure a great time was had by all; and especially those who arrived planning on hanging out and catching up with old friends but pitched in and helped wherever help was needed.

Nest year we will be Oktoberfesting in July at Keystone Resorts Colorado. The Rocky Mountain Chapter Oktoberfest Committee has been busy thinking up some great fun for us all. Hope to see you there!

As always, best regards-