

## ***NEWS FROM NATIONAL***

FROM: Wynne Smith, Executive Director  
TO: BMW CCA National and Service Officers,  
Chapter Presidents, Newsletter Editors  
DATE: December 18, 2002

### **MEMBERSHIP STATS as of 12/18/2002**

	<b>Full</b>	<b>Associate</b>	<b>Total</b>
Current Membership	<b>64175</b>	<b>7468</b>	<b>71643</b>
Last Month's Membership	<b>63660</b>	<b>7348</b>	<b>71008</b>
Monthly Net Gain (Loss)	515	120	735
Monthly % Change	0.81%	1.63%	0.89%
Last Year's Membership	<b>58741</b>	<b>6535</b>	<b>65276</b>
Annual Net Gain (Loss)	5434	933	6367
Annual % Change	9.25%	14.28%	9.75%
New Members, 12/02	1121		
Renewals 12/02	56.4%		
Roundels Mailed	64,700		

### **ELECTIONS 2003**

Photos and candidacy statements of the individuals running will appear in the January Roundel and on the [bmwcca.org](http://bmwcca.org) website.

Be sure to get the word out – save those mailing labels so you can vote! We've returned to the old-fashioned election process and we don't want anyone to miss out.

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 can vouch for the accuracy of any facts or allegations contained in them. Nothing presented in these statements reflects any official position of either Roundel magazine or of the BMW CCA, and we cannot be responsible for any errors of fact.

The names of the winning candidates will appear on the BMW Car Club website February 17, 2003, and the winners will be installed as members of the Board of Directors at the annual meeting held in Nashville, TN March 8 and 9, 2003. For meeting information, please contact the national office at 864 250-0022.

### **ROUNDEL PROTECTIVE SLEEVES**

We have 200 of the much-coveted protective binders from Jesse Jones Corporation to maintain your Roundel collections. They are Navy blue and clearly indicate ROUNDEL on the spine. Each cover can accommodate one year's-worth of Roundel. We are ready to begin selling them to members for \$12.00 each (that includes shipping). Members can call with a MasterCard or Visa, or send a check to the National Office to order the covers.

### **EVENT BADGE HOLDERS AND LANYARDS**

In obtaining materials for Oktoberfest we have struck a great deal, and can now offer badge holders to chapters at a deeply discounted rate of 50-cents each for the two-pocket version used at events such as

Gateway Tech and Oktoberfest. Any chapter wishing to purchase badge holders in any quantity can now call National and we will ship them immediately and debit the chapter when we cut the monthly rebate checks. We will also be offering lanyards in the very near future.

**OTHER THINGS AVAILABLE FOR SALE FROM NATIONAL**

If you liked the Holiday Greeting cards we sent to you this year – we have boxed sets of plain note cards with white envelopes available for sale at National – just \$20 plus shipping. We have map-style and International Council logo-style grille badges available for sale at a cost of \$15.95 (that includes shipping) We have ordered flat black and polished chrome license plate brackets that have our logo and BMW Car Club of America emblazoned on them – they're due in at the end of November. We have 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary E30 M3 models available (they make great Christmas gifts) at a cost of \$49.00 to members (that includes shipping) – quantity discounts are available.

**CHAPTER FORMS – DIGESTS**

The chapter forms for your form-filling enjoyment have been mailed to the Chapter PO Boxes. The forms are also on the [bmwcca.org](http://bmwcca.org) web site, if you would prefer. The forms also reside in the *Files* section of the President's Digest (<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BMWCCA-Presidents/>) and Treasurer's Digest (<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BMWCCA-Treasurers/>) at Yahoo and those related to Driving Events are in the Files section of the DEC-digest. Invitations to join these groups have been sent to all Chapter Presidents and Treasurers for whom I have a current email addresses. If you would like me to invite future Chapter Presidents, Treasurers and Driving Events Coordinators to the lists, please provide me with their email addresses and I will be pleased to do so.

Please try to get your Chapter Officer Questionnaires to us as soon as possible so we can update our records. Keep in mind that if we do not receive an updated Comp List, we're going to continue sending to whomever you've indicated in the most recent advisement. For some of you, the last Comp List we received was 1999.

Charity Matching Funds need to arrive here by February 15<sup>th</sup> – we mail the matching funds to the charities so please be sure to provide us with the mailing address and contact person at the charity.

If you need hard copies of the forms, please contact Calvin Hill – [Calvin.Hill@roundel.org](mailto:Calvin.Hill@roundel.org) for replacement copies.

**2003 - BMW CCA DRIVING EVENTS CONGRESS**

By the time you see this, we should have launched the registration packet and survey for the upcoming Driving Events Congress to the Driving Events personnel of record in your chapters. The Congress will be held the weekend of February 22-23, 2003 at the Westin Atlanta Airport. The BMW CCA Driving Events Committee will host the conference. BMW CCA will reimburse travel expenses as set forth in Section IV of the club's Operation Manual (pages 1 and 2) for up to two representatives per chapter, for those persons serving as the chapter driving events coordinator and the chapter chief instructor. The same restrictions apply as in the past – if the driving events coordinator is not available, this does not mean the chief instructor's spouse may attend at the club's cost instead. More details will be forthcoming as plans are finalized. A survey will be sent to potential attendees in the next few weeks so we can be sure to cover at least some of the topics you all want covered. The agenda will be distributed in advance so that conference attendees can research the issues ahead of time.

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The National Office will be closed Wednesday,  
January 1<sup>st</sup> - New Year's Day and Monday,  
January 20<sup>th</sup> in observation of  
Martin Luther King Day

Best regards,