



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 01/22/2003

	<u>Full</u>	<u>Associate</u>	<u>Total</u>
	64266	7556	71822
Last Month's Membership	64175	7468	71643
Monthly Net Gain (Loss)	91	88	179
Monthly % Change	0.14%	1.18%	0.25%
Last Year's Membership	59372	6535	65907
Annual Net Gain (Loss)	4894	1021	5915
Annual % Change	8.24%	15.62%	8.97%
New Members, 01/03	1306		
Renewals 01/03	57.8%		
Roundels Mailed	64690		

AN UNEXPECTED CHANGING OF THE GUARD

The BMW CCA family suffered a tragic loss with the passing of its President and Founder, Michel Potheau on January 6, 2003. As member number 2, Michel was the driving force behind the creation of the club and for more than 30 years served in many capacities.

The Potheau family has scattered Michel's ashes at sea. The family has asked that we tell anyone wishing to do something in Michel's memory to please make a contribution to the BMW CCA Foundation Driving School Program. Both Margot, Michel's ex-wife, and Danielle indicated that the Club was such an enormous part of Michel's life, they feel it most appropriate that his memory live on through contributions to a program having a primary goal of saving lives. Special thanks to the *Bluegrass Bimmers Chapter* and the *Z3 CCA* for sending along the first of such generous contributions!

More information about the BMW CCA Foundation is available by calling the BMW CCA national office 864 250-0022.

The Foundation's mailing address is:
 BMW CCA Foundation
 P.O. Box 3849
 Greenville, SC 29608-3849

On January 14, the BMW CCA Board met in conference call to discuss the actions made necessary by the untimely death of the BMW CCA President. Their goal was to bring the Board back to full complement while causing as little disruption as possible to current business and without inadvertently exerting any influence on the outcome of the 2004 elections. To achieve that objective, they agreed that for any position filled under these circumstances, the appointee must agree not to seek election to that position or any higher position during the next election. The Board felt this approach will help guarantee fairness and open competition.

Several candidates expressed an interest in serving on that basis, and after due consideration and discussion of the alternatives, the Board has made the following appointments:

For the remainder of the current term ending in March, 2004, Mark Jon Calabrese, who has been the Club's Executive Vice President, will assume the office of the Presidency.

For the remainder of the current term, ending in March, 2004, Keith Wollenberg, who has been serving as the Pacific Regional Vice President will, fill the position of Executive Vice President.

Eddy Funahashi, who is running unopposed for the position of Pacific Regional Vice President, will assume the responsibilities of that office immediately.

It is the Board's belief that these individuals, duly appointed by a unanimous vote of the Board, are the best choice to carry forward the work of the Board with the least possible disruption and in the best possible interests of the Club.

2003 - BMW CCA DRIVING EVENTS CONGRESS

This 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. The agenda and confirmation packet should mail out to attendees the first week of February.

BMW NA/BMW CCA MEMBERSHIP REWARD PROGRAM

Good News! BMW of North America has extended the membership Reward Program through December 31, 2003! The basic guidelines remain the same – one must be a member in good standing of the BMW CCA for at least one year continuously prior to purchase, and one must file the documentation within 60 days of taking delivery of the vehicle. We have not received the updated forms yet, but understand that BMW NA has also included the Z4 in the program, so anyone purchasing a Z4 after January 1, 2003 – and fulfilling the other program requirements can apply for the rebate.

ELECTIONS 2003

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. **Results will be available on the BMW CCA website Monday, February 17.**

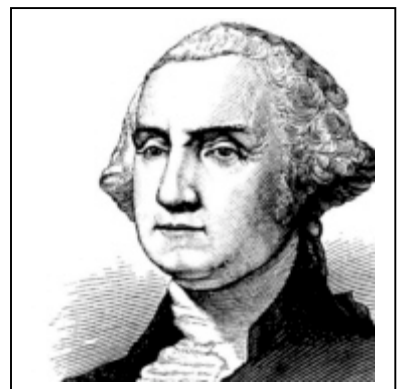
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You know what I'm going to say – **Please, please, please** send those Chapter Officer Questionnaires and related forms to us as soon as you can!

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The National Office will be closed Monday, February 17th in observance of President's Day. **But**, the BMW CCA election results will appear on the web site regardless.



Best regards,