



NEWS FROM NATIONAL

FROM: Wynne Smith, Executive Director
 TO: BMW CCA National and Service Officers,
 Chapter Presidents, Newsletter Editors
 DATE: September 26, 2005

MEMBERSHIP STATS as 09/22/2005

	Full	Associate	Total
Current Membership	65,793	9,151	74,943
Last Month's Membership	66,042	9,151	75,193
Monthly Net Gain (Loss)	-250	0	-250
Monthly % Change	-0.38%	0.00%	-0.33%
Last Year's Membership	67,641	8,950	76,591
Annual Net Gain (Loss)	1,849	201	-1,648
Annual % Change	-2.73%	2.25%	-2.15%
New Members, 09/05	1,114		
Renewals, 09/05	48%		
Roundels Mailed	66,650		

OKTOBERFEST 2005 – What a spectacular event!

Over 400 people registered for the week, and more than 350 purchased day passes before and during the week. We enjoyed perfect Carolina weather, great food, great fun and true BMW camaraderie. The survey responses received so far indicate that this Oktoberfest will likely be one that future Ofests will be measured by for many years to come. The first 25 respondents have placed it at an **8.2** out of a possible perfect score of 10. Only Oktoberfest 2002 comes close to that average with an overall score of **7.9!**

An enormous **THANK YOU** and **JOB WELL DONE** to the Tarheels and each of the event teams for their excellent planning, hard work and outstanding southern hospitality.

RAFFLE WINNERS 2005

OK, the moment you've all been waiting for:

M5 Winners:

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|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Alexander Mestetsky El Sobrante, CA | Bruce Stauch Simi Valley, CA |
| Kurt Beckler Davie, FL | Susan Stearn Chicago, IL |
| Jim Martin Dallas, TX | Glenn Weiland Great Falls, VA |
| Jessie Ritchie Richmond, KY | Jennifer McCloy Louisville, CO |
| William Branch Austin, TX | |

Cash Prize: Marshall Smith Arlington, IL

Congratulations to you all!

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TO: All Chapter Presidents and Driving Events Contacts
FROM: Wynne Smith
DATE: 9/27/2005
IN RE: Driving Events Conference - January 20-22, 2006

You are invited to join us for the 2006 Driving Events Conference being held the weekend of January 20-22nd in Dallas, Texas. We will be staying at the Sheraton Grand DFW Airport, located a super-quick free shuttle trip from Dallas-Forth Worth Airport.

For those chapters hosting any kind of Driving Event, particularly Drivers Schools, this will be a very important conference. BMW CCA invites all chapters in good standing to participate, and we will pay the travel and lodging costs for two representatives (**being the persons serving as the chapter driving events coordinator and the chapter chief instructor**) per chapter. Up to two additional representatives may be sent entirely at your own chapter's expense, but they must also register in advance. The most appropriate representative of your chapter is the person most involved with the conduct and safety of your driving events.

The target for this year's conference is to leave Dallas with updated Drivers School Minimum Standards. We will focus on improving safety with discussion on several topics: classroom instruction, driving exercises, car control clinics, emergency response, etc. We will also focus on liability and insurance coverage. Enclosed is a registration form, a copy of the BMW CCA expense reimbursement policy, and an expense report form for use on completion of the trip, should one be necessary.

The National Office will handle room reservations based on the information you'll provide on the enclosed form. **Please-please-please!** We must have these forms returned to the National Office no later than **December 29, 2005!**

If you drive to the conference, National will reimburse transportation costs based on the best 21-day advance economy airfare from the airport closest to you.

As we get closer to the date of the Conference, you will receive a confirmation packet with the agenda for the event as well as details about Dallas and where we are staying. A welcome reception will be scheduled Friday evening from 6 to 8 PM. The conference will be held at the host hotel beginning Saturday morning at 8:30 AM and concluding Sunday afternoon at 12:00 Noon. Please schedule your arrival and departure accordingly.

Any questions about travel arrangements or possible substitution of attendees should be directed to Wynne Smith at the National Office.

DRIVING EVENTS CONGRESS REGISTRATION FORM

Dallas, Texas

January 20 – 22, 2006

Chapter: _____

Date: _____

Attendee: _____

BMW CCA # _____

Title of your chapter position: _____

Daytime telephone: _____

Will share Room? _____

Fax Number: _____

Email address: _____

If yes, with whom? _____

Travel arrangements:

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** and hotel room costs (single or double) for two nights. Attendees who drive to the conference will be reimbursed at a rate of \$.485 per mile round trip, not to exceed the lowest 21 -day advance airfare, from the closest airport. **National will provide luncheon on Saturday and dinner Saturday evening.**

If another chapter member/or spouse is attending and wishes to attend the Saturday night banquet, please indicate that in the space below. Please include a check in the amount of \$50 each to cover the cost of the second (or any additional) meal(s).

Additional Attendee: _____

You may either use your own travel agent, or book the tickets online. *Tickets must be approved by National* prior to booking to ensure that we are obtaining the lowest 21-day advanced air fare. *You must book your air fare on or before January 6.*

Return this form by fax or mail *before January 3,2006.*

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Attention: Wynne Smith
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Please return this form to the National Office no later than January 3, 2006.