

## **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 06/26/2007

	<u>Full</u>	Associate	<u>Tota I</u>
Current Membership	66,388	9,926	76,314
Last Month's Membership	66,306	9,923	76,229
Monthly Net Gain (Loss)	82	3	85
Monthly % Change	0.12%	0.03%	0.11%
Last Year's Membership	66,161	9,541	75,702
Annual Net Gain (Loss)	227	385	612
Annual % Change	0.34%	4.04%	0.81%
2005's Membership	66,002	9,059	75,061
Net Gain (Loss) for 2 years	386	867	1,253
% Change for 2 years	0.58%	9.57%	1.67%
New Members 06/07	1,282		
Renewals 06/07	55.32%		
Roundels Mailed	67,000		

#### **BMW CCA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**

868 members have referred 1,342 new members to the club since the Membership Drive began. Good work everyone! We are definitely moving in the right direction.

Need apps? Send an email to <u>jennifer.skatzes@bmwcca.org</u>. Have questions? Want an electronic version of the rules? Email me at <u>wynne\_smith@bmwcca.org</u>.

## **BMW CCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Will be held this weekend at the Marriott City Center in Denver, CO. If you'd like to observe, please contact the national office so that we can reserve seating for you – <a href="mailto:lindaa@bmwcca.org">lindaa@bmwcca.org</a> Those members observing the meeting all day Saturday are welcome to join us for dinner Saturday evening at no charge. If you show up just for the meal, we'll collect funds after dinner.

#### **OKTOBERFEST 2007**

This year the featured marque is the legendary **E30 M3** -- Register today! You won't want to miss rubbing elbows with Steve Soper, enjoying the many E30 M3-related giveaways, and the many E30 M3-centric events. Keep checking the <a href="https://www.bmwcca.org/oktoberfest">www.bmwcca.org</a> website for updates. <a href="https://www.bmwcca.org/oktoberfest">http://www.bmwcca.org/oktoberfest</a>

## RAFFLE 2007

Watch your mailbox! The raffle flyers went into the mail June 15<sup>th</sup> and the blue envelopes have begun to pour into this office. We're frantically entering purchases. How many cars will be given away at Oktoberfest this year? Ten? Twelve? More?

#### **2007 FRIENDS OF BMW CCA**

Oh what a challenge this has been! This is the first year we have included advertising and that has slowed things down immeasurably – but the end is in sight. Don't despair, if you participated, it's nearly in your mailbox. If you plan on purchasing a copy we should have them available at the end of July at a cost of \$8.

## **AND NOW IT'S TIME TO SAY GOOD-BYE**

Shocking! The BMW CCA rumor mill is percolating, and although there's a more detailed farewell in the July *Roundel*, I've chosen not to wait for the magazine to reach you all. Here's the reader's digest version of what's *really* happening.

The club is once again at a cross roads, we're working hard to maintain membership in an societal atmosphere where other social clubs - as well as organizations such as country clubs, trade associations and volunteer networks are losing members. Our Board has a very specific vision for how the club needs to move forward; for instance the focus, time and effort, and funds being channeled into creating and maintaining a world-class website, a portal to all things BMW – it's an incredibly exciting project, but one beyond my background and experience. It has been a wonderful 18 years with BMW CCA. I am especially proud of the various hats I have been awarded over my many years here – Super-human lackey, Projects Director, E.D. I value all the friends that I have worked with during this time and wanted to make sure you understood that my departure is (as Martha Stewart would say) a good thing.

Although we're not losing members, we're not growing either. It's been increasingly apparent that the strategic direction of the club demands a person different than me to bring the Board's vision of a 4% growth in membership each year to fruition.

You'll see in my farewell piece that I tease the Board, but I want you to know that it has been a pleasure working with each and every board member. This is an exciting time in the club's history, and it will be leaders such as Louis Goldsman and Len Mueller that will be the key to this organization's success -- as well as future leaders like yourselves, who should be mentored and encouraged by the current board members to run for the national board.

I'll be here to help in any way I can to assist the new person to embrace our culture and begin leading the club forward. In the meantime I will be expanding my role with the Concerned Citizens for Animals, the upstate of South Carolina's oldest no-kill animal rescue group. Seems like the older I get, the better I am with animals and the less patient I am with humans. I don't know *html* from *shtml* – but I can get kittens to swallow medicine with one leg tied behind me. Sure ... it looks funny, but who cares?

You are all like an extended family to me. I treasure our friendship and am honored to say we worked together. I wish everyone continued success with your chapter efforts. As a lifetime member of the BMW CCA I will be very interested to see how things unfold as the club changes and grows; and know that we can count on each and every one of you to be integral to the improvements ahead.

The National Office will be closed
Wednesday,
July 4 for Independence Day.

And as always, best regards-

Wynne

Rank	<u>Chapter Name</u>	This Month # Members	Last Quarter # Members	Change Percent
1	National Capital	5,578	5561	0%
2	Golden Gate	4,270	4248	1%
3	Los Angeles Chapter	3,423	3471	-1%
4	Puget Sound	3,059	3045	
5	Boston Chapter	2,982	2969	0%
6	New York Chapter	2,440	2413	
7	Tarheel	2,424	2398	
8	New Jersey Chapter	2,333	2308	
9	Windy City	2,293	2261	1%
10	Peachtree	1,914	1928	-1%
11	Ct Valley	1,774	1669	
12	Rocky Mountain	1,656	1748	
13	Delaware Valley	1,656	1616	
14	San Diego	1,327	1330	
15	Everglades	1,259	1224	
16	Tidewater	1,234	1260	
17	Buckeye	1,221	1205	
18	Lone Star	1,219	1189	
19	Blue Ridge	1,087	1100	
20	Florida Suncoast	1,070	1079	
21	Houston Chapter	956	947	
22	Badger Bimmers	954	943	
23	North Star	937	900	
24	Iowa Chapter	903	866	
25	Genessee Valley	895	899	
26	Northern Ohio Chapter	801	943	
27	Roadrunner Chapter	795	790	
28	Kansas City Chapter	748	781	-4%
29	Tejas	732	767	
30	Sandlapper Chapter	730	693	
31	Bluegrass Bimmers	709	679	
32	Motor City	696	721	-3%
33	St. Louis	635	601	6%
34	Hoosier	612	599	
35	Sacramento Valley	606	603	
36	White Mountain	595	591	1%
37	Nittany Bimmers	572	582	
38	Sunshine Bimmers	567	556	
39	Patroon	549	543	
40	Allegheny Chapter	533	523	
41	Bayou	515	529	-3%
42	Michiana Chapter	505	508	
43	Heart of Dixie Chapter	450	447	
44	Central California	352	440	
45 46	New Mexico Chapter	350	342	
46 47	Missouri Valley	332	369	
47 51	Hawaii Chapter	330 310	329	
49	Inland Empire First Coast	294	329 297	
50 52	Sonora Chapter	287 281	304 334	
53	Old Hickory Chapter Sin City Chapter	280	278	
54	Wasatch Chapter	264	253	
55	Sunbelt	259	270	
56	River City Bimmers	239	270	-4% 3%
57	Illini Chapter	209	214	
58	Pine Tree Chapter	209	200	
59	Smoky Mountain	209	192	
60	Gulf Coast	195	200	
61	Puerto Rico Chapter	179	194	
63	Green Mountain Chapter	164	168	
62	Pocono Mountain	159	163	
64	Choo-Choo Chapter	119	116	
65	Mountain State	106	111	-5%
66	Sierra Chapter	91	88	
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# Chapter Standings June, 2007