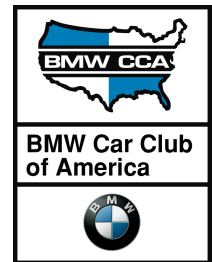


# BMW CCA NEWS FROM NATIONAL

**TO:** BMW CCA National and Service Officers,  
Chapter Presidents, Newsletter Editors

**FROM:** Frank C. Patek II, Executive Director



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## **National Office holiday schedule**

The national office will close at 3:00 EST on Wednesday, December 23, and will reopen on Monday, December 28, at 8:30 am. The office will close again on December 31 and remain closed until 8:30 a.m. January 4, 2010.

## **2010 National Elections**

January begins election season for the BMW CCA. The following candidates are running for office: **Treasurer: Louis Goldsman and Michael Harman. Pacific RVP: Jeff Cowan and Delight Lucas. North Atlantic RVP: Dyke Morrissey, Scott Stowell, and John Sullivan.**

Statements written by these candidates may be found in the election forums of the BMW CCA website and in the January issue of *Roundel*. Reading these statements will help you understand why they are interested in becoming elected leaders of the Club—but whatever their reasons, we applaud their dedication and spirit of volunteerism. Without our volunteer leadership, we would not be the Club we are today.

A series of bylaw amendments also appear on the ballot this year. The amendments are being proposed in order to bring the bylaws up to date with contemporary standards, to ensure consistency and clarify confusing language.

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

If you would like to learn more about our candidates, we encourage you to visit the election forums on the Club website. There you may find more detailed statements from each candidate. Members will also be able to pose questions to the candidates in forums that have been created for each of them. You will also be able read more about the proposed bylaw amendments.

Members will be able to vote on line or by using the paper ballot cards found inside the January issue of *Roundel*. By visiting [www.bmwcca.org](http://www.bmwcca.org) and entering a seven-digit unique identifier, you can safely—and securely—record your vote for the candidates and for the proposed bylaw amendments. **Primary members will find a unique identifier attached to the mailing label affixed to the election notice included with the January issue of *Roundel*. Associate members will receive a postcard in the mail, giving them a unique identifier to use when casting their ballots.**

Only members in good standing as of December 15, 2009, may vote in this election. Voting will open on Monday January 4, 2010, and close February 26, 2010, at noon Eastern Time. Results will be posted on the Club website that same day at 5:00 p.m. ET.

## **Oktoberfest 2010 set for Road America**

Planning continues at a rapid pace for Oktoberfest 2010, and it looks like this is going to be another memorable event; there is already a buzz about it around the country. The host hotel is the Osthoff Resort ([www.osthoff.com](http://www.osthoff.com)) at Elkhart Lake – and reservations are now open at (800) 876-3399. We have also added a block of rooms at the legendary Siebkens Resort. ([www.siebkens.com](http://www.siebkens.com)). Please call (920) 876-2600 to book your reservations. The co-host hotel features the Siebkens Stop-Inn Tavern, internationally known as “the best bar on the racing circuit”.

Sponsorships just confirmed: **Bridgestone** will sponsor the two-day autocross at Road America’s Motorplex, which will be chaired by the Badger Bimmer’s own C.R. Krieger.

Check our dedicated Oktoberfest website, [www.bmwccaofest.org](http://www.bmwccaofest.org) and stay up to date on O’Fest news. It is designed to be your complete Oktoberfest reference and guide. In addition you will want to subscribe to the O’Fest10 Mailing List. This is an announcement-only list. To subscribe, send a message to [ofest10-request@bmwccaofest.org](mailto:ofest10-request@bmwccaofest.org) with the word Subscribe as the subject.

## **National Board Meeting: January 23-24, 2010**

The Board will meet in Birmingham, Alabama at Barber Motorsports the weekend of January 23-24, 2010. The meeting will begin at 8:00 AM on January 23<sup>rd</sup> and end at 5:00 PM. Any follow-up work will occur on January 24<sup>th</sup> and end at noon. As always local BMW CCA members and members in the area are welcome to attend the meeting, those willing to endure the full day on Saturday are invited to dinner that evening.

If you plan to attend please contact Linda Axelson at the National Office at 864-250-0022 or via her e mail [lindaa@bmwcca.org](mailto:lindaa@bmwcca.org)

## **Chapter Congress: March 5 – 7, 2010**

The next BMW CCA Chapter Congress will be held in Dallas at the Westin DFW. Each chapter will be invited to send three delegates to the Congress, with airfare and lodging paid for by the Club. Chapter delegates are asked to share a double room; representatives who request a single room will be responsible for half of the room and tax charges. Room assignments will be made by the national-office staff.

Chapter presidents have been surveyed for their topics of interest, and the Congress will focus on areas of greatest interest. Early responses indicate: New Member Recruitment, Membership Retention, Officer Training, Officer Roundtables/Idea Exchange, and working with your local dealerships.

Registration will be available online at [www.bmwcca.org](http://www.bmwcca.org) on Monday, January 11, 2010

## **Gift memberships make a great last-minute present**

If you’re in need of the perfect gift—for yourself or someone special—we have it for you at the BMW CCA store—blankets, shirts, sweats, stickers, gift memberships, and more. License-plate frames, teddy bears, and insulated drink kegs are our newest items. And now there's even an instant link for gift memberships!

If it’s one-stop shopping you want, visit [www.bmwcca.org](http://www.bmwcca.org) today!