

BMW CCA CVC BUSINESS MEETING
April 21, 2006

President Bob Morin called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM at Dave Rich's home in Glastonbury, Connecticut.

Roll Call:

Officers	Attended		Attended
Bob Morin – Pres.	Yes	Ev Newton – Sec.	Yes
Willy Wiley – VP	Yes	Gary Ross – Treas.	Yes
Members-at-Large	Attended		Attended
Rudy Basztura	Yes	Sheila Morin	Yes
John Bisset	Yes	Dave Rich	Yes
Roger Chartier	Yes	jerri Wiley	Yes
Frank Giacalone	No	Marsh Wilson	Yes
Nancie Giacalone	No	Mike Zarolinski	Yes

Other members and guests attending: Cheryl Basztura, Jack Jones, and Bobbi & Chuck Lonsdale.

Secretary's Report: Ev Newton

Minutes from the March 2006 meeting were accepted as published.

Treasurer's Report: Gary Ross's report was read and accepted.

Other items of interest:

- Membership Dues from National have been received for March.
- Insurance has been ordered for the May driver's school and autocross.
- Arrangement has been made to refund Walter Klinger \$30 for the annual dinner.

Advertising: Bob Morin

Income received since January 1, 2006 includes a recent check from BMW of Darien.

Correspondence: Bob Morin

News from National highlights (March 27) were noted. A complete and up-to-date copy is available at www.bmwcca.org by logging in and looking under "Members Only."

Highlights:

- The Annual BMW Raffle has been announced.
- The Chapter Congress is scheduled for April 27-29, 2007, location TBD.
- ZF Public Service Awards Program has 31 entries this year.
- Gateway Tech 2006: 25th Anniversary, March 23-26, 2006 in St. Charles, MO.
- Oktoberfest 2006: July 23-26 in Grand Rapids, Michigan, billed as a "Celebration of 6-Series"

Bob received a post-card notice from Bob Wimple at the CCCC noting that our membership has expired. Gary Ross counter-noted that our check has cleared.

We received notice that the 25th Annual Walk for Fidelco will be held at Wickham Park in East Hartford on May 20.

Activities: Willy Wiley

April 15, 2006 Bob noted that only 10 tickets were requested for the New York Auto Show because of late notice issues. Only 9 attended. Overall only 100 of 300 available tickets to the event were used.

April 23 Autocross with CART at New Departure facility in Bristol. Dave Rich has coordinated with CART. So far, CART has received 3 or 4 calls from the DZ.

April 29 Wine & Cheese Party: Jim and Maria Hurczyn will host.

May 5 Driver's School: at LRP. We have instructors; need another 10 students.

May 21 "Bring More Wax" Show and Shine: to be held at Wickham Park, located on the Manchester-East Hartford town line; Mike Zarolinski will chair as a pot luck picnic. (Go to <http://www.wickhampark.org> for more information on the park facility.) Activities will include softball (bring a glove!), volleyball. RSVP to Mike at mzarolinski@hotmail.com Those attending are asked to bring a dish to feed 5-8 people; the club will supply meats, rolls, condiments, etc

June 4 MS Bike Tour. Sign-ups have been slow

June 24 E90 Tech Session. Jack Jones will host at New Country Motorcars in Hartford. 9:30 a.m. start, with coffee, tea and light refreshments provided. Contact Jack soon, because attendance is limited.

July 23-28 Oktoberfest: Grand Rapids, MI. No further news.

Aug ? (Sunday) Potential Fun Rally. Bob Morin to rallymaster.

Sept. ? '02 Fest: Willy continues to negotiate per-car fee; LRP has been slow to respond. CVC has not committed yet.

Sept. 22 Driver's School: at LRP

Sept. 24 Humpa Picnic: Bissets to host at Williams Park in Glastonbury.

Oct. ? Possible Oktoberfest Dinner at (?) City Steam in Hartford. Details TBD.

Nov. 19 Rally: Ev will set up a KISS TSD rally to be called "What Goes Around..." The concept will be out-and-back, requiring drivers to retrace their course from the lunch break. Significant assistance will be provided on the backward segment in the form of stick maps or "tulip" instructions. Start/finish in East Granby.

Dec. 2 or 9 Christmas Party: Bethany Club is unavailable. Willy will inquire about the Stevenson Fire Station (12/9 is unavailable.) Dave investigated using the new Glastonbury community center, which turned out to be too expensive.

Jan. 27, 2007 Annual Dinner. 500 Blake St with a buffet set-up. jerri has reserved the date. A \$200 deposit will be required.

Driver's School: Frank Giacalone (by proxy)

May 5 school lacks only 10 students, otherwise set to go.

Club Sales: Gary Ross

Club logo shirt sales have been – um - slow. We should take pictures of these great shirts and move them out. A bargain at \$30. Perhaps post samples at the Driver's School. (Didn't happen.)

Door Prizes: John Bisset. Nothing to report.

Newsletter: Nancie Giacalone (not present)

We discussed putting the DZ on the website; need further discussion when Nancie is present.

Website: Ev Newton

Website continues to be well-managed; updating continues to be timely. Dave Rich opined that the site could be more user friendly and led a discussion on the website. What is the next evolution to be? What does the club want from its website?

Chapter Membership: Wendy Aldrich No report

Trophies: Roger Chartier.

The perennial issue of free-standing trophies vs wooden plaques was discussed.

Rally/Tour: Ev Newton

- Straightforward TSD rally is on target for November 19 (see report under Activities)
- Bob will host a fun rally in August (see report under Activities).

Concours:

Mike Zarolinski will host "Bring More Wax," a show & shine with picnic on May 21 at Wickham Park. General format to be a pot luck lunch, with CVC to provide basic hot dog/hamburger fare. See details under Activities and article in the DZ. . Mike was authorized to spend up to \$125 for trophies and whatever seems reasonable for beer, wine and soft drinks. Ev Newton volunteered to pick up meat for the cookout portion of the event. Other foodstuffs are under control. Roger offered a prize from MasscashSales.com.

Tech Sessions:

Jack Jones will set up an E-90 tech review at New Country BMW on June 24 beginning at 9:30 a.m. Attendance will be limited; coffee, tea, light refreshments provided.

Investment Committee: Marsh Wilson, John Bisset, Roger Chartier

Sheila moved that we open discussions of laddered CDs and/or federal agency bonds, as described below. Willy seconded. Motion carried. As a result:

- Marsh will speak to our broker, Susan Wolf to discuss laddering of CDs.
- Mike Zarolinski described the merits of laddered federal agency bonds as an alternative to CDs and will discuss with Wolf, with whom he works.

Long Range Planning: Sheila Morin

- Sheila will poll board members on their beliefs as to what is important, then schedule a meeting.
- A discussion was held on how to attract and retain new and more active members.

Budget Committee: Gary Ross, Frank Giacalone, John Bisset, Marsh Wilson. Nothing discussed.

Old Business Nothing discussed.

New Business:

Guest Chuck Lonsdale led a discussion of the Street Survival program. Chuck is a member of the board of the BMW CCA Foundation that oversees the program. Liberty Mutual Insurance, ZF Industries, Michelin Tires, The Boeing Company, Tire Rack and BMW CCA National all support Street Survival programs, financially as well as organizationally. The \$60 fee to each student includes a BMW CCA membership. A discussion of the possibility of hosting a Street Survival program in Connecticut ensued. A major issue will be finding a suitable venue.

Next Meeting: Friday night, May 19 – Bob and Sheila Morin will host at their home in North Granby beginning at 7:00 p.m. Please notify Bob or Sheila a week ahead if you intend to attend and to get directions.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Ev Newton, Chapter Secretary