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Newsletter of the International Council of BMW Clubs



BAVARIA TOUR '06 – A beautiful day in Munich.

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BAVARIA TOUR '06

An ode to joy

A car factory becomes 90, a car becomes 40 and a series club becomes 20 years old.

The result of these ingredients was a second BAVARIA TOUR in 2006.

“Sheer Driving Pleasure” was the recipe after the cooks of the BMW 02 Club e. V. created a varied menu in order to offer something to about 570 birthday guests from all around the world.

The reward that everyone ultimately enjoyed was pleasure. Whether the pleasure of meeting up with old friends again and making new friendships or the proverbial “Sheer Driving Pleasure” for BMW. The “makers” of the tour derived particular pleasure when they were rewarded spontaneously by those for whom it had been made.

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Dear BMW Club members,

The 25th anniversary of the International Council of BMW Clubs started with a major development - the formation of the Asian Umbrella of BMW Clubs. This is another new chapter in the history of the international BMW Club scene. But where do we go from here?

My dream is to see the worldwide community of BMW Clubs bring new, value-added to the local BMW Club scene. How? Especially by sharing our expertise as well as our passion.

With the growth of BMW as a company, and its globalization, we should see a dramatic spread in the number of club members worldwide and a major increase in local and national clubs, especially in new markets.

As the International Council, we're helping to see this happen especially with procedural and administrative support. But in the years ahead, I hope there are ways we can do more. Having a group of mentors help emerging clubs tackle websites, magazines, social events, driving events, concours, and, of course, club racing would be terrific.

I can just imagine the pleasure of helping to organize a first-ever BMW Club driving school in China or some other new market. I'd love to be there. How about you?

Compete ...

... and win valuable prizes in the "Silver Jubilee" Competition.

25 years ago the "International Council of BMW Clubs" was founded. Since then more than 200,000 BMW fans have joined up as official members of the BMW Club family worldwide. This is a great success and we want to celebrate this achievement together. We've already thought up quite a few things, for example our "Silver Jubilee" Competition offering a whole deal of great prizes. Prizes which of course have only one topic: B M W.

Enter the competition at:
<http://www.bmw-clubs-international.com>

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The BMW 02 Series celebrated its 40th birthday from the 15th – 18th June

BAVARIA TOUR '06

Four-day drive around Munich and Oberammergau with the BMW classic.

By Andy Andexer, BMW 02 Club e. V.

BMW enthusiasts spoil themselves and enjoyed hospitality and the most marvellous weather in the Bavarian capital for four wonderful days. The team zestfully heard many positive voices after the event:



There was no lack of driving pleasure, of course, during the sunny drives through the foothills of the Alps.

Marthe (NL)

“Dear BMW friends and Orga Team,
Even though a few weeks have already passed since the tour of tours, we still think of you every day and the things that you gave us (Christmas feelings in summer...). It was just marvellous and organised perfectly! You also really managed to realise the World Championship motto ‘The world as a guest among friends.’”

Holger (D)

“Dear Orga Team,
Britta and I would like to sincerely thank you once again for the outstanding event. As northerners, we rarely have the chance to get beyond an altitude of more than 100 metres.”

Mick (GB)

“Grüß Gott!
Firstly, let me send my best wishes that you have by now recovered from the traumatic stress that are always present for the Organisers of a multi-national event. In northern England there is an expression, which I hope you can truly understand - ‘There is none so queer as folk - and at the moment I am not too sure of thee’ which, in effect means, that one can never ever anticipate how ‘people’ are going to behave...I am sure you never cease to be surprised. You have my full admiration - WELL DONE! We enjoyed our stay in Bavaria and wonder why we have not visited the region more often!”

Patrick (CH)

“Many thanks from Central Switzerland. I was there for the first time and had lots of fun. I got to know lots of wonderful and very helpful people during terrific tours through magnificent countryside in beautiful weather. What more can a 02 driver wish for! Please send my thanks to the Orga Team – organising an event with more than 250 teams over four days is a fantastic achievement involving a great deal of work. I hope nevertheless that you managed to enjoy something of the event as well.”



The BMW classics met at the feet of the Patrone BAVARIA on Theresienwiese in Munich.

What could have been the reason for almost 570 people to spend four happy and contented days together? We heard from the participants that this special mixture consisted of driving pleasure, the “BMW Tag” in Munich, including the good atmosphere and the music at the evening get-togethers in Ammergauer Haus and not least of all the sunshine under a typical BMW white and blue sky. We heard that those who experienced the BAVARIA TOUR from beginning to end were simply unable to resist this attraction.

The BMW 02, whose 40th birthday was celebrated, is a car whose successes - economic or sporting - have brought a great deal of pleasure to the BMW AG. The BMW 02 Club e. V. has derived immense pleasure to see how this model has made a career as a classic and today enjoys cult status worldwide. Almost 270 specimens of these technical cultural possessions – much to the joy of everyone – could be seen on Theresienwiese in Munich at the feet of the “company’s” Patrone BAVARIA.

On behalf of the Orga Team, all helpers, the participants as well as partners and sponsors look forward to much more “Sheer Driving Pleasure” in the future.

Great event in a fabulous scenery – Les Vosges!

44th European BMW Club Meeting: “Vive les Vosges!”

By Pierre Knoepfler, BMW Moto Club France

The 44th European BMW Club Meeting was held from June 8th to June 11th in the small French city of Saulxures sur Moselotte in the Vosges Mountains. This year, the meeting was organised by the BMW Moto Club France, with the participation of some BMW French Car Clubs, among them the BMW Club de France.

More than 800 participants, members of the BCE affiliated clubs have attended the meeting, without counting the local people, who, for example on Saturday 10th, were more than 1,500 to visit the site!

Organizing such an important event in some months was a real challenge for the French BMW Clubs. The Organization Committee was lead by Christophe Herberichs, Chairman of the BMW Moto Club France, and a small team of friends have spent a lot of time between October 2005 and June 2006 to try to make this event a real success.

Everything being now over, what remains in our minds?

The exceptional involvement of the Vosgians in the organization and the follow up of the meeting: All the people we have met with, from the local authorities to the BMW dealers, from the Gendarmerie to the technical communal crew, from non club members to Saulxures citizens have spent a lot of time and a lot of energy to make this meeting a real success. It was really a pleasure working with them and we really enjoyed their permanent suggestions, proposals and moreover their smiling efficiency. Thanks to all of you: “Vive les Vosges!”

The large number of participants, members of BMW Clubs: All the European countries were represented and also the USA! We feel that most of them were very happy during and after the meeting. We hope that they have returned home with good memories of this time spent with us in the Vosges!

The friendly atmosphere on the meeting site and also during the Saturday night dinner! May be this dinner or at least the distribution of the “Trophies” was too long ... and this is a point which in our opinion has to be reconsidered for the next BCE meetings!

Many funny moments when people have really shown that they were happy to be there!

The fact that the meeting was considered by many of the local people as being “their” event and not only the one of the organizers: newspapers, radios, TV, have “covered” the meeting before, during and after the event.

And finally ... the weather! Has anybody ever seen a cloud in the sky during the duration of the meeting? The sun was BMW!

Vive les Vosges!



This pic of French policemen could have been made 50 years ago!



Dutch ancient on parade in Saulxures.

Guests from more than 40 countries celebrated with BMW Motorrad

6th International BMW Motorrad Bikermeeting, Garmisch-Partenkirchen

By Michael Oestreich, Vice-president Automobile of BMW Club Europa e. V.

The BMW Motorrad Bikermeeting attracts everyone: About 30,000 guests were drawn to Garmisch-Partenkirchen once again over the weekend from 7th - 9th July 2006. Guests from more than 40 countries including many BMW Club members celebrated with BMW Motorrad and still managed to have plenty of fun despite the rather changeable weather.

The BMW Clubs were represented with their own club area for the first time at the Bikermeeting. BMW Club Europa e. V. (BCE) was there again this year with their own tent after a one-year absence and thus provided the club members and interested visitors a mecca and central information point. The three BCE committee members present from Germany and Belgium were supported by an international team of club members including members from the BMW Club Nederland, the BMW Moto Club Vlaanderen v.z.w., the BMW Moto Club France and the Vereinigung Schweizer BMW Clubs. Numerous visitors used the opportunity and informed themselves about the BMW Club Organisation, the European BMW Club Meeting 2007 in the Netherlands or tried their luck at the BCE competition. The BCE club stickers were extremely popular. Besides the helpers we would also like to extend out thanks and appreciation to the International Council as well as the International BMW Club Office that had supplied us with giveaways and a flag, which identified BCE as an ambassador of the worldwide BMW Club Organisation.

The BMW Motorcycle Clubs from Saint-Petersburg (Russia) and the BMW Moto Club Italia were present directly beside the BCE tent. BMW Motorrad is planning to extend the club area for next year's Bikermeeting so that more countries can be present there with their BMW Clubs. If you are interested in being present with your national club or federation at the Bikermeeting



More than 800 bikers took part in a 150 km motorcycle parade from Garmisch-Partenkirchen, through Austria and back (Photo: BMW Motorrad)



At the stand of the BMW Club Europa e. V.



New friends were made and exciting tours hatched at the camping site (Photo: BMW Motorrad)

2007, please contact the BCE delegate of your country or our Vice-president Motorcycle, Guy Timmerman.

A highlight in the program for many visitors was the spectacular Streetbike Freestyle Show with Chris Pfeiffer, the fledgling European stunt champion on an F 800 S, who demonstrated among other things free-handed wheelie circles, followed by a 230° turn. The impressive Offroad Show at the Hausberghang of Chris Pfeiffer and Simo Kirssi, the Finnish BMW factory driver on a BMW HP2 Enduro, were a real crowd puller, too. The two professional racing motorcyclists delighted the spectators with their skills – the BMW HP2 could show what it was made of.

Anyone who is a real biker also rides at such a meeting himself, of course. Hence, on Saturday, more than 800 bikers competed in the 150 km long parade, which also crossed over the border into Austria. The classic parade on Sunday consisted of about 100 historical motorcycles as well as their professionally clad riders.

On Saturday evening, the Bikerparty took place once again in the BMW Motorrad tent where the band "Blehblos'n" provided for a lively atmosphere. On the opposite mountain, torches were lit on the mountain crest at night that only shone for the visitors of the Bikermeeting.

The party will continue next year. From the 6th - 8th July 2007, BMW Motorrad will already be celebrating the 7th International Bikermeeting in Garmisch-Partenkirchen. The committee of the BMW Club Europa e. V. would be delighted to welcome you to Garmisch-Partenkirchen next year as well. Please also bear in mind our special travel offer to the Bikermeeting made annually by the BMW Motor Club Vlaanderen!

26th birthday at the Melbourne Cricket Ground

BMW Car Club of Victoria - Founder's Day Dinner, June 17, 2006

By Ken Wright, Ballarat Chapter Coordinator



More anniversaries ... 40th Anniversary of the BMW 02 Series, the 30th Anniversary of the BMW 6 Series ...



... and the 20th Anniversary of the launch of the first BMW M3

The Melbourne Cricket Ground is famous throughout the world as one of the great stadiums. Recently redeveloped, it now seats over 100,000 spectators for cricket and Australia's unique brand of football, Australian Rules. The MCG hosted the Commonwealth Games earlier this year. The BMW Car Club of Victoria celebrated its 26th birthday at the MCG recently with a backdrop of special cars also celebrating their birthday, as reported by Ken Wright, Ballarat Chapter Coordinator...

The Founder's Day Dinner is an annual event, held to coincide with the anniversary of the formation of the BMW Car Club of Victoria.

The 2006 Event was held at the magnificent MCG (Melbourne Cricket Ground) Dining Room and was attended by about 100 members and their friends.

A significant feature of this year's Founder's Dinner was the granting of special approval from the Melbourne Cricket Club to display some BMW vehicles on the "hallowed turf" of the MCG.

2006 marks the 40th Anniversary of the BMW 02 Series, the 30th Anniversary of the BMW 6 Series and the 20th Anniversary of the launch of the first BMW M3.

As befits such a special occasion in the life of BMW, the three cars displayed were representative of these anniversaries. The first was a 1971 BMW 2002 belonging to Ken & Joy Wright from Ballarat. The second vehicle was a 1983 BMW 635CSi owned by Peter and Pearl Kelly from Point Cook, with the 1986 BMW M3 being provided by Graeme Bell and Jenny from Tyabb.

The ground was floodlit throughout the evening, highlighting these special vehicles and providing a wonderful site for the guests in the dining room high above the oval.

It is so appropriate that these BMW anniversary vehicles should make history by being displayed on such an exclusive site as the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

Further information

For more information please visit:
<http://bmwccv.bmwclubs.asn.au>

A drive in the countryside with the Hand-CSL

President cashes birthday voucher!

By Dorothee Grau, International BMW Club Office



You don't want to get out anymore there.



Arrival in the park from "Schloss Zeil".

On a sunny Saturday afternoon in June, the moment had finally arrived: A project that had been planned long beforehand became reality! My colleague Kati Hockner together with the president of the BMW Coupé Club e. V., Werner Hand, had already worked out a very special kind of birthday surprise for me at the TECHNO CLASSICA Exhibition: a drive with the Hand-CSL! This vehicle is unique: A BMW 3.0 CSL, the original "Batmobile", year of manufacture 1974, of which only 56 models were built.

After eating a breakfast of "Weißwürste" at the Drexl guesthouse picturesquely located in Raisting near Weilheim, the drive started at a moderate pace towards the motorway; more or less to warm up the engine. We then joined the motorway in the direction of Lindau and later travelled along a country road. Our destination was the lovely "Schloss Zeil" near Memmingen in the Allgäu, where we stopped for coffee and cake.

The pleasure of driving as a passenger and the sound of the engine (driving through tunnels is always particularly popular) was unparalleled! It was also very amusing to see the amazed faces of the new vehicle owners driving on the right.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Werner Hand for this fascinating day, on which the full feature range of the vehicle was demonstrated impressively!

If you would like to find out more about the BMW 3.0 CSL from Werner Hand, visit his website at <http://www.hand-csl.com>.

WANTED for the new BMW Museum!

BMW Isetta and BMW 02 - pictures from your private photograph album or film archive.

In the new BMW Museum, a large wall is to be covered with pictures from the 50s – 70s. For this reason we are looking for original photos of everyday life showing the BMW Isetta and all variations of the BMW 02 series. We would like to borrow your original photos, or else you can send us scanned images or films.

Naturally you will receive your treasured originals back intact.
Please send your photographic material by September 2006 to
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Crossroad trip to “ping tou liang”

One night in pig town

By Andy Knapp, BMW Motorrad Club China



20 km before Pigtown

The village in the high plains of northern hebei province got it's name from the original “ping tou liang” and from the many pigs we spotted along the road on an off-road trip on our adventures. Untouched, not influenced by any kind of tourism and the rare occurrence of motorized vehicles make it a unique place. We believe that many locals never saw a place other than this. Leaving Beijing, it's outskirts and the great wall behind, traffic becomes light and after crossing into a narrow valley we are all alone enjoying the late autumn scenery. After lunch, a refuelling stop and stocking drinking water, we crossed a mountain pass on narrow gravel paths before we reached our destination to set up camp. End of October at over 1700m asl,

night temperatures go below freezing and accompanied by a stiff breeze there was little time for BBQ and to enjoy the views in the clear night sky. We had to return the next day, happy that our wives like it and knowing that we will come back.



South of Pigtown



Pigtown

Further information

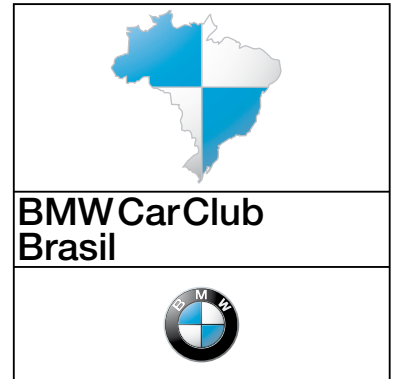
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Portrait: BMW Car Club Brasil

BMW Car Club Brasil

Brazil, South America's largest country, with over 8.4 million square kilometres, has a population of approximately 185 million people.

The country's economy is not only based on agribusiness and industrial output, but also on the automotive industry, where the major world assemblers maintain plants. The City of São Paulo is Latin America's financial and economic center.



Event is Guarujá Beach

With regard to tourism, Brazil has over 8 thousand kilometres of beaches and has one of the world's most impressive ecology and nature. BMW Car Club Brasil was founded, in the City of São Paulo, on January 10, 2003, by aficionados of BMW cars.



Monthly dinner

BMW CCB was exclusively set up for current owners of BMW cars and BMW's Classics (with over 20 years), with the approval of BMW Brasil, a subsidiary of BMW AG, including the design of the logo.

Our principal objectives are:

- Exchange technical information about maintenance of all BMW cars in order to obtain maximum quality in parts and services, allied to cost reduction;
- Publicise and disseminated models being developed and launches of the mark;
- Stimulate the preservation and restoration of BMW's Classics.
- Obtain exclusive benefits for members through accreditation agreements;
- Create events and inform enthusiasts about the Club's activities;
- Get a better understanding of BMW's world;
- Disseminate our motto: Driving a BMW is pure pleasure.

BMW CCB hosts a monthly dinner for members, apart from promoting many other events throughout the year such as touristic excursions, visits to collections of classical cars and sponsoring technical conferences. The Club also marks its presence in all launching events promoted by BMW Brasil, as well as the Road Shows of the mark. Finally, the Club maintains a Discussion Forum through the Yahoo Groups.

From the BMW 326, 327 or 328 of the 30's, passing through the BMW 501, 502, 503, 507 or BMW 3200 CS; 3.0 CS, CSi or CSL; BMW 2002 Targa, Cabriolet or Turbo; BMW 745 Turbo, 540, 750, 850 CSi, M1, M3, M5, M635 CSi, M6, M Coupé or Roadster, BMW Z1, Z3, Z8, up to the BMW M3, M5, Z4, Z4 M Coupé or Roadster, 130, 330, 550, 650, 750 and 760, BMW cars, today, are considered the best in the world in terms of design, quality, sportiness and technology.

BMW Car Club Brasil

Founded:	2003
Membership:	95
Type of Club:	Automobile
Website:	http://www.bmwccb.com.br

Diary

There are a number of promising events which you should definitely not miss. Your event isn't listed yet? Then simply send us the respective information.

You will also find a current calendar of events on our website at www.bmw-clubs-international.com



BMW 02 on the BAVARIA TOUR '06, June 2006 in Munich

August	August 01	International Meeting of the BMW 8 series in Paris (F) http://www.clube31.de
	August 11 – 13	34 th AvD-Oldtimer-Grand-Prix at Nürburgring (D) http://www.avd.de
	August 25 – 27	29 th Isetta Club e. V. Meeting in Ehrenberg/Seiferts in der Rhön (D) http://www.isetta-club.de
September	August 31 – September 03	40 th International BMW M1 Meeting in Hamburg (D) http://www.bmw-m1-club.de/
	September 03 – 09	Wisconsin & Upper Peninsula-Michigan Holiday 2006 (USA) http://www.bmwvcca.com
	September 14 – 17	Regional Meeting „Saxony“ in Leipzig (D) http://www.bmw-veteranenclub.de
October	October 07 – 08	VETERAMA Mannheim (D) http://www.veterama.de/de/presse.htm
	October 14 – 19	International Council Meeting in Pretoria (ZA) http://www.bmw-clubs-international.com
Preview	March 29 – April 01, 2007	TECHNO CLASSICA 2007 in Essen (D) http://www.siha.de
	June 15 – 17, 2007	Annual Meeting of the BMW 3er Club (E21/E30) e. V. in Winterberg (D) http://jahrestreffen.bmw-e21e30.de

Further information

All websites given in this Newsletter are listed here for quick reference

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- bmwccv.bmwclubs.asn.au
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BMW Classics Regional Meeting, September 2006 in Leipzig