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Newsletter of the International Council of BMW Clubs



Exciting displays, a packed programme and 30,000 kindred spirits – what more could a BMW motorcycle fan wish for than three days at the International Biker Meeting in Garmisch-Partenkirchen?

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This year, the International BMW Motorrad Biker Meeting 2004 once again offered three days among kindred spirits in an event which all will remember for a long time to come.

From 2nd to 4th July, an unbelievable 30,000-plus BMW motorcycle fans converged on the Upper Bavarian town of Garmisch-Partenkirchen, including 26,000 bik-

ers and their machines, to share a superb programme, to celebrate together and, of course, to ride their bikes through the stunning Alpine scenery. The host town, meanwhile, turned into a veritable biking city.

Participants from more than 30 countries came to Bavaria for the meeting.



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Dear BMW Club Members,

Welcome to this issue of the Council News. The Board members and the staff of the International Council Office are fully focussed on preparations for the forthcoming meeting of the International Council of BMW Clubs to be held in Spartanburg, South Carolina in mid-September. The annual meeting not only gives delegates a chance to meet and discuss matters of interest, but also provides the opportunity to enjoy some US hospitality, visit the BMW factory and enjoy the facilities of the Performance Centre.

Matters that will attract the attention of delegates this year include the admission of new clubs, consideration of nominations for the Friend of the Marque and Knöchlein Awards, examining strategies to create or maintain club growth and improvements to communication and member benefits.

A further exciting development relates to the website for the International Council and how the site will enhance communication between

the International Club Office and BMW clubs around the world. Being the largest international group of motorcycle and car clubs brings with it some unique challenges, and an effective website is seen as one of the essential means in which we can improve the way we operate. This newsletter is another, and I hope you enjoy the news and views in this issue.

Best regards from your International Council Board and Club Office.

Ian Branston
Chairman



Ian Branston, Chairman of the ICB

Indian summer for Friends of the Marque

The BMW 3 Series is not just a multitalented and multifaceted success story: even at its advanced age it remains a crowd-puller. The annual meeting of the BMW 3 Series Club provides evidence of this with a 40 percent increase in new members this year alone and a host of enthusiastic spectators in Rheinbach, the 2004 venue for BMW 3 Series fans.



Fascinating snapshots of a long-forgotten era are presented in the BMW Classic Calendar 2005 that is due out in early October. All twelve calendar pages pay homage to the changes and upheavals that marked the 1950s. Also portrayed are detailed scenarios of the equally dramatic and pioneering period in the history of the BMW company.

Museum Exhibition started at the end of June

Experience precious highlights of BMW's unique collection

After the temporary closure of the BMW Museum until the middle of 2007, the BMW Museum Exhibition at the Olympic Tower opened its doors at the end of June to fill the gap. The current exhibition reflects the theme of "75 Years of BMW Automobiles". Visitors can view 19 rare automobiles from BMW's collection, ranging from the company's first car, the BMW 3/15 PS, all the way to the BMW 750iL. A broad spectrum of BMW motorcycles is also on display, in particular to mark the 100th birthday of Ernst Jakob Henne. BMW club members are entitled to a reduced entrance fee. Opening times in summer are 10:00 to 22:00 hrs, in winter from 10:00 to 20:00 hrs.

Sparkling specimens: the exhibition includes original models from BMW's past.



The web of BMW club life

200,000 BMW fans soon to be linked up worldwide

It's launch time! The official website of the worldwide BMW clubs is about to go online.

BMW enthusiasts around the world are united by their passion for unique vehicles. This shared enthusiasm is lived out in numerous BMW clubs. Today there are more than 575 of them worldwide, numbering 200,000 members. The umbrella organization encompassing all BMW clubs officially recognized by BMW AG is the International Council of BMW Clubs.

On its new website, the International Council of BMW Clubs aims to provide information and noteworthy facts relating to the BMW clubs.

The website will act as a guide for the clubs, their officials and their members around the world. It will have information on the International Council of BMW Clubs, a world map with a search function, a photo gallery, interesting news items and the latest events diary. Exclusive offers such as discounted

accessories will also be available to club members through e-commerce channels.

As you can see, this website, together with you as BMW club members, will function as an interactive platform. It is a tool created by members for members, which is why we will be relying on your input. This is a "living, breathing" website, and we are keen to receive plenty of interesting contributions and pictures on your club life, activities and events, as well as highlights from the BMW club scene, for publication on the new website.

So make sure you visit us at www.bmw-clubs-international.com as of September – and prepare to be surprised.

Good surfing!

Your International BMW Club Office
in Munich



The new BMW clubs website goes online.

Further info:

www.bmw-clubs-international.com

50,000 riders spend Vintage Days with BMW

Mobile Tradition and clubs pull together in mid-Ohio

When BMW was designated the featured marque at the huge American Motorcyclist Association Vintage Days event in mid-Ohio, many said it wouldn't work. First, it was scheduled in conflict with the MOA rally in Spokane. Second, it was the intent of the Vintage BMW Motorcycle Owners that there be a camping rally for BMW "Veteranen" within the racetrack.

It was a tall order, but the Vintage Club guys did a super job planning, cajoling and, yes, hectoring everyone into buying into their audacious plan. The BMW Riders Association (BMW RA) quickly signed up to handle publicity, and BMW of North America committed its entire fleet of new demo bikes. But the cherry on the cake was BMW Mobile Tradition, which provided a first-rate display and vintage expertise all the way from Munich.

There were oldies everywhere, and fans were able to ogle a 1923 R 32 and many more BMWs of historical interest. The crowds were unremitting, walking to and from the mile-long swap meet, the ongoing vintage races, and the demo area.

One really memorable vintage moment came when American Bruce Armstrong turned his historic Daytona-winning R 90 S (Superbike champion in

1976) over to BMW's keeping. In addition, BMW Motorrad USA presented an R 1100 RS "Battle of the Legends" racing motorcycle to the Motorcycle Hall of Fame Museum, which is the primary beneficiary of the annual three-day event. The US subsidiary was represented by new motorcycle CEO Arturo Pineiro.

A huge array of BMW related vendors exhibited at AMA Vintage Motorcycle Days 2004, and virtually every major marque-related organization was represented. Mobile Tradition, in turn, sent vintage parts gurus Andreas Meissner and Georg Blumoser, along with archivist and author Fred Jakobs. While the former two were being inundated with queries and entreaties, the latter was doing seminars to packed houses in the track tower. The topic included the life of Ernst Henne (with the first-ever in the U.S. film showing of his Mobile Tradition-produced biography) on Friday, a showing of "The Mastery of Speed" world premiere showing on the history of BMW Motorrad on Saturday; and a PowerPoint and film presentation on BMW Mobile Tradition itself. Jakobs was a great favourite with the crowd.

On the other end, AMA people were more than pleased with the BMW compa-

ny and club effort within their event. The AMA reports that AMA Vintage Motorcycle Days 2004 was "the most successful in the event's 13-year history". Preliminary



Peter Nettersheim, owner of the world's largest collection of vintage BMW motorcycles.

estimates show that AMA Vintage Motorcycle Days 2004 set records for "support from businesses and organizations related to the 'Featured Marque', which this year was BMW.

AMA President Rob Rasor flatly stated, "AMA Vintage Motorcycle Days 2004 was the best ever." Even with 5,500 Beemer people away in Spokane WA at the MOA National, the most highly represented brand among the 50,000 attendees was easily BMW. One AMA operative estimated more than 10,000 BMW riders came to mid-Ohio, and at least half were on modern machines.

As the event wound down late Sunday, Vintage and RA people joined Mobile Tradition people to retreat back to their chalet for a few well-earned beers together. Everyone was tired and talked out, but unexpressed thoughts revolved around how this could be made to happen again. It was even better than advertised. BMW Motorrad USA, BMW AG Mobile Tradition, the Vintage club guys and BMW RA had all pulled together to make it happen. This was truly a great event, and hopefully a model for the future.



The classic BMW R 90 S, which won one of the world's most prestigious races at Daytona in 1976, was formally presented to BMW Mobile Tradition during the AMA 2004.

BMW 3 Series Club annual meeting in Rheinbach



BMW 3 Series galore: the brand's most popular model is generating rapid growth for its eponymous club.



BMW 3 Series pulling power

The BMW 3 Series Club is a committed community with strong potential. Since the beginning of this year alone, its membership has almost doubled – and it's a rising trend.

Such rapid growth made this year's meeting of the 3 Series fan following in Rheinbach more or less a compulsory commitment. Getting to know each other and discussing the future legal framework of the Club were important items on the agenda, but still left plenty of room for idyllic excursions, cultural activities and culinary treats.

The undisputed high point of the annual meeting was when all 70 or so 3 Series models that had gathered here drove to the Oldtimer Grand Prix at the Nürburgring. Paddock and pits were accessible, there was plenty of room at the track to observe race operations in detail, and the experience of taking part in a spectacular 3 Series convoy in glorious sunshine left all participants with unforgettable memories. Happiest of all, of course, were the five prize-winners, who took home trophies and certificates for the most beautiful BMW 3 Series in its range and for the longest journey to the meeting.

But it wasn't just the members of the 3 Series club community who were swept along by the atmosphere at the annual meeting – numerous interested spectators at the Rheinbach event made a snap decision on the first day to join the club.

They will be able to attend the next annual meeting in the Gießen/Wetzlar region at the end of June 2005 as active members of the thriving 3 Series club community.

BMW Car Club (GB) celebrates the 21st birthday of the E30

The BMW Car Club (GB) took over Rockingham Raceway in the UK to celebrate the 21st birthday of the E30. About 300 cars and 600 people arrived for a general gathering of E30s as well as a Show & Shine competition and track time for those that wanted it. All variants of the E30 were there, from saloons to convertibles and race cars, as well as a few cars that had seen better days! Many Alpina variants came along and a 1988 Dolphin Grey C2 2.7 owned by Simon Alcorn won the Best in Show award. A parade lap of 21 E30s took place on the track at lunchtime, which proved a popular attraction for those wanting to see all variants of the E30 in the same place at the same time.



Quick-change artist turns 21: around 300 E30s gathered for the birthday celebrations at England's Rockingham Raceway.

4th International Biker Meeting: 30 nations, one passion

A highlight of the BMW motorcycle season 2004

The International BMW Motorrad Biker Meeting 2004 – three days which all who attended will remember for a long time to come. From 2nd to 4th July, an unbelievable 30,000-plus BMW motorcycle fans, including 26,000 bikers and their two-wheelers, converged on Garmisch-Partenkirchen in Bavaria to take part in a fantastic programme of events, to celebrate together and, of course, to ride their bikes through the unique Alpine surroundings. The host town, meanwhile, turned into a veritable biking city.

With its theme “Italy as a guest”, the event welcomed many Italian bikers among the guests from 30 countries. Apart from the European nations, countries such as the USA, China, Russia, New Zealand, Cyprus and Dubai were represented.

Visitors to the BMW Club Europa e.V. stand spanned a similarly international spectrum. Not only were numerous BMW club members welcomed at the BCE stand, but new contacts were made with BMW motorcycling clubs as well as BMW fans from around the world interested in the club scene.

There was plenty to see and experience at the 4th International BMW Motorrad Biker Meeting, and the diverse programme of events was enthusiastically received by all visitors. One absolute highlight was the presentation at the brand-new BMW R 1200 GS, and many guests relished the opportunity of taking it out on a test ride. Needless to say, the programme also included guided excursions through the Alpine foothills, for which BMW had once again made a large number of BMW models available. Delighted visitors also had the opportunity of (almost) live participation in the BMW Motorrad BoxerCup, where they were able to experience the race feeling at close hand.

The off-road shows with the R 1200 GS and with the trial riding kids at Hechlingen's Enduro Park drew rapturous applause, as did the fashion shows presenting the latest trends from the BMW Motorrad Rider Equipment collection and the impressive open-air presentation by travel photographer Michael Martin. More than 1,000 bikers took part in the big motorcycle parade.



30,000 visitors and a sea of BMW motorcycles.

The atmosphere reached boiling point in the party tent on Friday evening, and some even took to dancing on the tables as Gerry & Gary hotted things up musically. On Saturday there was live music from the Blechblos'n band at the bikers' party. Guests from around the world talked shop and exchanged tips and biking routes around a campfire. Sunday began in true Bavarian style with a genuine weisswurst breakfast followed by a motorcyclists' service. In the early afternoon, almost 100 historic BMW motorcycle models embarked on a two-wheeled parade, after which many of the guests set off on their homeward journey – or simply rode on towards the Alps.

Next year, fans, friends and riders of BMW motorcycles will meet up again in Garmisch-Partenkirchen on the first weekend in July for the 5th International BMW Motorrad Biker Meeting. Needless to say, BMW Club Europa e.V. will be back again too. We look forward to seeing you again!!!

Your BMW Club Europa e.V. Committee



Bikers from numerous nations were welcomed to Garmisch once more in 2004. Among them were guests from Dubai, Russia, China and the USA.



The BMW Club Europa e.V. stand at this year's BMW Biker Meeting.

BMW Car Club of America Oktoberfest in Pasadena, California

Go West!

Over the past three decades the BMW Car Club of America's annual celebration has been known as "Oktoberfest" regardless of the time of year. This year's event returned to California and opened with fireworks on the traditional American Independence holiday, July Fourth. For six fun-packed days Club members participated in a menu of competition events from rallies to autocross, trivia quiz to driving schools and Club races. Evening highlights included dinner at the world-famous Petersen Automotive Museum, an awards banquet at the Ritz, a very special first public unveiling of a new BMW model, and, of course, drawing eleven lucky raffle winners for the prize of a new M3!

Spectacular roads surrounding Pasadena and the Los Angeles area were the setting for three unique rallies: a fun rally and two separate Continental Tire TSD competitions. Nearby California Speedway hosted the Tire Rack BMW CCA Club Race, the Yokohama/Dinan Driving School, a mile-long Toyo Tires Autocross, BMW NA/Michelin Car-Control Clinic, and a very-California drifting exhibition! Somewhat less active but just as competitive were the Zymöl Concours, the trivia quiz, mini-car competition, and photography contests. Inside the Pasadena Convention Center, the largest vendor area on record was the site of a surprise unveil-

ing of the new BMW M5, said to be the first public showing anywhere of BMW's newest – and fastest! – M car. This year's gymkhana gave hundreds of BMW Club members their first ride on a Segway "human transporter" – albeit one festooned with BMW roundels and with the assistance of local BMW dealer Crevier BMW.

Another local dealer, McKenna BMW, sponsored the evening Motorsport Banquet at the Petersen Museum where if dining among the collection of classic automobiles and members' BMWs on display wasn't enough, guest speaker BMW racer Bill Auberlen was there to regale the capacity crowd with tales of the current racing season. BMW of North America's M brand manager Hernando Carvajal was also on hand to give out relics from the F1 season to lucky members.

At the track, BMW NA provided rides for charity on the 21-turn Speedway course with Auberlen and Boris Said ferrying lucky members at speed in a McLaren F1 Le Mans racer, a PTG E46 M3 race car, an M1, and even a restored 2002 racer. Meanwhile, back at one of the four host-hotels, BMW NA provided a fleet of BMWs – including the popular 330i Performance Package, 645Ci Coupé and Convertible, 545i 6-speed, and others – available for test drive on sign-up during the week-long event.



Classic or off-road – the CCA Oktoberfest had the right model for every taste.

In keeping with everyone's expectations, the California weather was perfect, the scenery stunningly beautiful, and the event preparation and hosting by the five California BMW CCA chapters were as awesome as the exquisitely kept vintage BMWs on display in the Concours event on the final day of Oktoberfest 2004. Some of the more unusual BMW models on display included a number of 2002 turbos, 2002 and 1600 Cabriolets, 700 Cabriolet, Z1, M1, and several examples of the 3.0 CSL. And there were special photo sessions for many special interest groups such as the E30 M3, 02 Series, E36 M3, 5 Series, and others to help them remember a great event.

For more Oktoberfest 2004 photos, event results, sponsor listings, and other information please visit the BMW Car Club of America web site at bmwcca.org. Next year's event will be hosted by the Tarheel Chapter in Greensboro, North Carolina, September 17-23, 2005. Join us!

Capturing the spirit of the 1950s

BMW Classic Calendar 2005

The publication of the Classic Calendar is one of the highlights of the year for vintage fans and BMW enthusiasts. The new calendar for 2005 is themed on the 1950s, a decade of crucial significance to BMW. It was an era of upheaval. A difficult post-war revival was followed by economically straitened times that produced car concepts as diverse as they were unusual: the statesmanlike Baroque Angel, the BMW Isetta and the racy BMW 507.

Although the BMW models of the post-war era were widely admired for their design and build quality, this did not impact on sales figures. By the late 1950s, BMW stood on the

edge of a precipice. Eventually it was the launch of the rather unassuming BMW 700 that helped the company gradually claw its way back to prosperity: this was the model that became the forerunner of the New Class and the legendary BMW 2002.

Gear up for a year full of stories and evocatively staged photographs of your favourite models, true to BMW Mobile Tradition's motto: history moves with us.



How to buy:

The Classic Calendar 2005 by BMW Mobile Tradition costs 25 euros and is available through your BMW dealer or the internet at: www.bmw-shop.de

Portrait: BMW clubs worldwide – BMW Veteranen-Club Deutschland e.V.

Living witnesses of the automotive past

For the BMW Veteranen-Club Deutschland, the most important task is to preserve BMW cars and motorcycles of “yesteryear” as witnesses of the technology and history of their time and to keep them up and running for their originally intended use as a means of transport. In that context, the title of this feature reflects the club's agenda.

Cars and motorcycles in the club go back to pre-war times and extend all the way to the 1970s. Since it was founded in 1976, the club's membership has grown to more than 1,750 worldwide, making it one of the largest classic clubs in Germany.

Experience and fastidiousness

The untiring commitment of the BMW Veteranen-Club Deutschland and its members revolves around procuring spare parts, remanufacturing components, gathering documentation and promoting an intensive exchange with like-minded classic fans. The many and varied events it organizes provide a framework in which the matters that concern classic fans can be discussed and tackled. These carefully planned events not only attract club members, they are also popular among the public, providing an opportunity for numerous vintage fans to marvel at the historic BMW models and their owners.

The President of the Veteranen-Club, Rüdiger Jopp, and his club associates look after the needs of their members painstakingly and professionally. The supply and/or manufacture of spare parts, in particular, is something close to everyone's heart. That is why the club has set up a central committee for spare parts which plans and executes all the necessary measures to secure a steady supply of as broad a range of high-quality spare and wearing parts as possible.

The upkeep and technical “fitness” of the vehicles are also taken care of by the Veteranen-Club. That is carried out by volunteer “fitness coaches” – so-



The pride and joy of their owners and a visual treat for the public: meticulously and lovingly maintained BMW classics from the Veteranen-Club.

called type specialists – who have detailed knowledge of all car and motorcycle models and are utterly indispensable. They act as contacts and advisers for specialist queries, sparing members the laborious task of finding experts, or those who claim to be such.

The restoration, care and repair of historic BMW vehicles would not be possible without the relevant documen-

tation going back to the production period of the various cars and motorcycles. The copy centre of the BMW Veteranen-Club has handbooks, instruction manuals and spares lists for almost all BMW models from 1923 to the end of the 1970s.

Anyone seeking help can request individual copies or complete workshop manuals at cost price. Thousands of such copies – almost all taken from

BMW-Veteranen-Club Deutschland e.V. in brief

Club name:	BMW Veteranen-Club Deutschland e.V.
Founded:	1976
Membership:	1,750
Type of club:	car and motorcycle
Special models:	numerous pre-war cars and motorcycles
Future projects:	to promote a congenial mix of two-, three- and four-wheelers

BMW clubs: Portrait

originals – are rapidly and efficiently distributed around the world every month. In this, the Historical Archives of BMW Group Mobile Tradition provide sterling service.

Another secret behind the successful efforts of the Veteranen-Club lies in its club news publication Club-Nachrichten (CN) and its internet presence. This publication appears four times a year and constitutes a regular link between the club management and its members and among members. CN, which is produced by a very active editorial team made up of club members, contains not only reports on events, but also technical documents, commentaries on the classic car and motorcycle scene, and a highly-rated market for buying and selling items.

Keeping a precious heritage alive

In addition, there is the club website at www.bmw-veteranenclub.de, enabling rapid and uncomplicated communication around the world at all times. Full of helpful tips and useful information, this comprehensive internet site rounds off the communication channels used by the club.

Special highlights of the club's activities, apart from numerous appearances at shows and exhibitions, are the annual meetings, regional gatherings and major international rallies held in Europe. The BMW Veteranen-Club has been organizing international tours since 1979, including events such as the 1,000 miles from Brescia to Rome and back and the Classic Marathon through eleven European countries that marked the club's 25th anniversary.

In 2004, a year in which BMW celebrates "75 Years of BMW Automobiles" as well as the 100th birthday of Ernst Jakob Henne, the BMW Veteranen-Club staged a whole range of events and activities. With their commitment and

passionate involvement in the upkeep of classic BMW cars and motorcycles, the members of the Veteranen-Club are helping to keep BMW's invaluable heritage alive. This was reflected in the exhibitions it staged in shopping malls in Saarbrücken and Hamburg and at the annual meeting in the Saarland.

Service, information and support

Such gatherings offer a chance to take a close look at the whole spectrum of BMW models, including some very rare specimens. One rather special event this year was the regional meeting in Eisenach, attended by more than a hundred historic BMW models. To round off this year's season, several members of the Veteranen-Club Deutschland are taking part in the Vintage Marathon in the USA, which sets out from Lime Rock in September.

In future, too, the BMW Veteranen-Club Deutschland will endeavour to support its members and to present a package of services, information and highly attractive events. The latter will aim to be a congenial mix for drivers of two-, three- and four-wheeled vehicles in the interests of enriching the life of the club. In the words of Rüdiger Jopp, President of the BMW Veteranen-Club Deutschland, "We are surely one of the most active classic clubs in our country, and we intend to remain so!"

Further info:

Visit the BMW Veteranen-Club Deutschland e.V. on the internet at www.bmw-veteranenclub.de



Fun coupled with commitment: the BMW Veteranen-Club looks after the "mobile heritage".

Dates

Though meteorologists may say that this year's summer is drawing to a close in the northern hemisphere, the "hot" season of 2004 is far from over for vintage fans. September, above all, promises BMW club members plenty of variety, stimulation and top-notch occasions for sharing some proverbial Sheer Driving Pleasure. For the quieter autumn months, we will be counting on your cooperation again to ensure that none of the meticulously planned classic events escapes the notice of the club community.



Classics on the move: there's plenty more of that to come late in the season.

September	September 01 - 19	BMW Vintage Marathon U.S.A. 2004 USA www.bmw-veteranenclub.de
	September 03 - 06	Lime Rock Rolex Vintage Festival USA www.limerock.com
	September 04 - 05	International BMW 02 Meeting Holland www.bmw02club.nl
	September 04	International Meeting BMW Touring Club Nederland Holland www.bmwtouring.nl
	September 14 - 20	Gold Coast Bike Week Australia www.goldcoastbikeweek.com
	September 15 - 19	INTERMOT Germany www.intermot-muenchen.de
	September 16 - 19	BMW Riders Association International Rallye USA www.bmwra.org
	September 16 - 19	BMW Clubs Austria BMW Club Meeting 2004 Finkenstein, Austria
	September 18 - 22	International Council Meeting of BMW Clubs Spartanburg, USA
September 24 - 26	13th International BMW Meeting Kiskunmajsa, Hungary www.bmw-motorclub-budapest.hu	
October	October 08 - 10	Veterama Mannheim Germany www.veterama.de
	October 30	BMW M – exclusive weekend Hockenheimring Germany www.m-club.de
November	November 05 - 13	BMW Safari – Tasmanian Tour – 2004 Australia www.bmw-safari.com/news/index.html

Further info:

All websites given in this newsletter are listed here once more for quick reference:

Events:

- www.limerock.com
- www.bmw-veteranenclub.de/download
- www.bmwtouring.nl
- www.goldcoastbikeweek.com
- www.intermot-muenchen.de
- www.bmwra.org
- www.veterama.de
- www.bmw-safari.com/news

Clubs:

- www.bmw-motorclub-budapest.hu
- www.m-club.de
- www.bmw02club.nl
- www.bmwz3club.ch
- www.bmw-veteranenclub.de
- www.3er-club.de



The CCA Meeting is always worth a trip: in 2004 the venue was California.