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Newsletter of the International Council of BMW Clubs



Cars from all over Australia assemble at Show and Shine in Melbourne

Photo by Graeme Eime, BMW Car Club of Victoria

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BMW Clubs Australia National Rally 2007 Melbourne

Victoria, April 6th – 9th, 2007

The BMW Club community in Australia numbers some 3,500 members in both motorcycle and car clubs. Traditionally, the two branches would meet over Easter weekend for a National Rally, but this year for the first time, the car club family held its own Rally in beautiful Melbourne.

Melbourne is Australia's second largest city with 4.5 million residents. Situated on the south-east coast of Australia, Melbourne is the

commerce capital of the country and is home to a diverse community of “new” Australians from every corner of the world. This diversity has created Melbourne as the dining capital of Australia too, with a multitude of restaurants and food cultures the envy of many. BMW Group Australia is headquartered in Melbourne, underlining the importance of the city to BMW folk.

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Dear BMW Club members,

Earlier this year the Board of the International Council met to review progress on matters considered at the 2006 meeting in South Africa and formulate the way forward on a range of new and challenging matters.



To assist the Council with future planning and liaison with the BMW Corporation, considerable attention was devoted to the Council survey. We decided on a two stage approach to taking a “snapshot” of the Council in terms of how we operate, who are members, what we own and how we interact with BMW at all levels of our club structure. Because of the complex nature of the Council in respect of vehicle ownership and geographic and cultural diversity, the first stage will concentrate of establishing a view of the Council membership through those elected to manage the clubs and umbrella organisations. The second stage will then concentrate on the members themselves and cover basic demographic data but more importantly survey what encourages people to join a club and what makes them remain loyal members over many years.

Also stemming from the 2006 meeting, the Board considered the broad issue of Club Identity in connection with the overall Corporate Identity of BMW. This is a complex issue and can at times become quite emotive as it touches how clubs perceive themselves and their own history or links to the past. There have been previous attempts to create appropriate guidelines in relation to logo design and magazine covers but nothing has been produced that covers the complete range of club “image” which in addition could include stationery, merchandise and website design. The process of formulating these guidelines will be consultative, both in terms of working with BMW and the use of their iconic logo and clubs within the Council structure and any changes will be phased in over a period of time.

In addition to these larger projects, the Board also turned its collective mind to other matters including the upcoming 2007 Council Meeting in Austria, the 2008 meeting in Vancouver, progress of the Asian umbrella and the prospects of a Latin American umbrella to cover central and South American clubs.

And of course, the complex issues of the European umbrella and dissenting clubs has to be discussed. Following the agreement reached in Bracknell in 2005, later this year will be decision time in terms of reconciliation or perhaps the formation of a second umbrella.

I look forward to the next year or so and we put into place strategies to ensure a healthy, happy and expanding family of BMW Clubs across the globe – all with one basic aim. To enjoy the product that BMW provides.

Ian Branston
Chairman
International Council of BMW Clubs

The head of BMW Group Mobile Tradition accepted a new challenge

Holger Lapp says Auf Wiedersehen

Dear Sir or Madam, dear BMW friends,

I hope you had a very good start to the new year 2007 and wish you health, happiness and success in achieving your goals throughout the rest of the year.

After heading up BMW Group Mobile Tradition for more than six years, I shall be moving into a new post within the BMW Group organisation as of April 1st 2007. I have been offered the job of running the Public Relations side of the Corporate Affairs division in the Chairman of the Board's department. It is a challenge I have accepted. In my 24 years of working for BMW so far, I have never regretted moving on after a period of time to turn to new tasks, expand my experience, and also pass my own experiences on to others. Opportunities to move on in-house are a privilege, and I am grateful to the company to be able to do so. Of course it is not easy to leave a sphere of work such as Mobile Tradition which, as was obvious when I took up my job there and remains so today, bundles the most attractive and interesting assignments available within the BMW Group. In recent years, the significance of the company, brand and product heritage for key industries around the world has grown dramatically. I believe that the staff working for BMW Group Mobile Tradition have played their part in this and have more than lived up to the evolving demands.



You have always shown great dedication in accompanying Mobile Tradition along its path and made a significant contribution to its success. It has been my privilege to receive much constructive advice and personal recognition from you, and I would like to take this opportunity to express my warmest thanks for all that you have done. My successor – likewise an “experienced BMW product” – will continue to lead BMW Group Mobile Tradition entirely in keeping with the Group's defined goals and will write his own success story. In this he will be dependent on your help and support, and I would ask you please to give him your unconditional confidence – just as you did to me. It is time to say goodbye, but I prefer to say “Auf Wiedersehen”. My parting wish is that our warm and friendly contact will continue in the future. In my new position and beyond, I will certainly remain closely affiliated to the subject that has been so close to our hearts in recent years.

With kindest regards,
Holger Lapp

The same popular event, just with a new name

BMW Motorrad Days 2007

BMW AG Press Release

As of this year, the BMW Motorrad Biker Meeting has a new name. Once again, fans will be meeting in Garmisch-Partenkirchen for three days from July 6th – 8th to enjoy partying together. If a few more come than the 30,000 visitors of last year, bikers will be more than happy to make room: riders and friends of other brands are always very welcome.

What has changed? The entire area now incorporates the distinct BMW Motorrad worlds of experience “Enduro”, “Sport”, “Tour” and “Urban”.

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Individual tents with the appropriate catering show the whole range of items: motorcycle models, rider equipment, accessories, film lectures and interesting exhibits from motor racing. There will be a separate pavilion for the HP models.

And the show? There's plenty on offer here, too. Chris Pfeiffer, newly crowned Indoor Streetbike Freestyle World Champion and Simo Kirssi, winner of the Erzberg Rodeo Prolog in 2006, will be with us once again and displaying their skills. At the centre of the grounds a large x-track fun circuit is planned for

everyone, even including a water crossing. So there's plenty of action in store for guests...

There's a lot to look forward to in the way of bands, too. On Saturday evening the boys and girls of "StreetLIVE" will be providing a range of musical styles for visitors' entertainment.

Why not reserve accommodation right away at bmw-motorrad@gapa.de.

Now available: "BMW since 1916"

The history of the Bayerische Motoren Werke on 600 pages

During its ninety-year history, Bayerische Motoren Werke has undergone an exciting and varied development. This volume entitled "BMW since 1916" marks the first time that BMW Group Mobile Tradition has presented this development from the beginnings of the company to the present day in a clearly structured, comprehensive story.

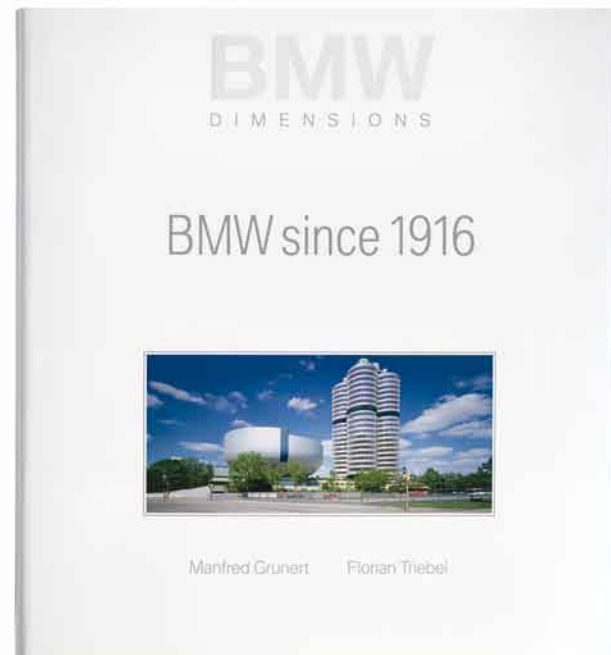
The two authors – Dr. Florian Triebel and Manfred Grunert – have divided the history of BMW AG into ten thematic chapters. The book covers company and product history, presents the development of sales and advertising, and gives a deep insight into vehicle development and production. It addresses all the important influences that guided the history of BMW AG. A reference system links the ten chapters together in an overarching work. Hundreds of high quality photos, sketches and advertising motifs from nine decades illustrate the history of the Bavarian company as it forged its path to becoming a global group.

An encyclopaedia as extensive appendix

The extensive appendix on "Data and Facts" includes a list of all aero-engines, motorcycles and automobiles manufactured in volume production, as well as company indicators and short biographies of all the Members of the Executive Board of BMW AG since the company was founded.

Special Offer for BMW Clubs:

BMW Club members can acquire the book by collective order via their national club office for only 48 Euro instead of 59 Euro. Per member two copies can be ordered. Further information about the conditions you will find in the next weeks on the website of the International Council of BMW Clubs in the "exclusive" area. This information will also be sent to the club offices of the national umbrella organisations.



The Bayerische Motoren Werke from the beginnings to the present

The book has been published as the fifth volume in the series "BMW Dimensions". English and German editions can be obtained at a price of EUR 59 through book trade (ISBN: 3-932169-47-6 / 3-932169-46-8) or from BMW dealers (BMW Order No.: 01090398988 / 01090398983).

Further information

International Council of BMW Clubs
www.bmw-clubs-international.com

Noble Gullacher from Canada wins the first prize

The lucky winners of the “Silver Jubilee” competition

By Dorothee Grau, International BMW Club Office

First prize in the competition to celebrate the 25th jubilee of the International Council of the BMW Clubs was won by Mr. Noble (Butch) Gullacher from Canada. As a keen BMW rider he is a member of the BMW Club of Regina. His family also adores BMW, which becomes evident when you look at the photo. He and his wife will travel to Munich next year for an exclusive tour of the new BMW museum which will then be open.



Winner Noble Gullacher and his family

The second prize went to Mr. Helmut Imberger from Australia. He is a member of an Australian BMW Motorcycle Club and will now have the opportunity of enjoying the new BMW Z4 for a whole weekend.

We would like to congratulate all winners and thank you all for taking part!

Prize	Name	Nation	Club
1	Noble Gullacher	Canada	BMW Club of Regina
2	Helmut Imberger	Australia	BMW Motorcycle Club Australia
3	Ray Zylstra	Australia	BMW Motorcycle Club of Victoria
4	Wilson Cheng	Hong Kong	BMW Motorcycle Owner's Club HK
5	Alvaro de Urquiza	Argentina	Club BMW Argentina
6	Jeff Butcher	USA	BMW Car Club of America
7	Mark Colucci	USA	BMW Car Club of America
8	Juan AgustÃ-n Ortega	Argentina	Club BMW Argentina
9	Felix Schiller	Australia	BMW Owners Club of South Australia
10	Gnanaganeshan Sayanthan	Costa Rica	-
11	Sandra Way	Australia	BMW Club Gold Coast
12	Dr. Mariano Varsky	Argentina	Club BMW Argentina
13	Noel John Lamb	Australia	BMW Club Queensland
14	Hogr Baezed	Irak	-
15	Lutz Asmus	Germany	BMW 3er-Club (E21/E30)
16	Thomas Zier	USA	BMW 3er-Club (E21/E30)
17	Graham Dwyer	Australia	BMW Motorcycle Club of Queensland
18	Ryan Crippin	Australia	BMW Club Queensland
19	Wolfgang Spitzbarth	Germany	GLAS Automobil Club International e.V.
20	Axel Kloos	Germany	BMW 3er-Club (E21/E30)

BMW Z meetings/car rallies

By René Michel, President BMW Z3 Club Vierwaldstättersee

The BMW Z3 Club Vierwaldstättersee, founded in 1999, decided in 2001 to bring the idea of staging a public BMW Z3 (roadster and coupé) meeting to life. After contacting the association and BMW (Switzerland) AG, the plans started to materialise. From the original idea emerged the Z meetings in Engelberg (2002) and in Altishofen (2003) and the Z rally in Andermatt (2004) and in Alpnach (2005). After a weekend of continuous rain, probably the worst weekend in 2005, the club decided to take a break. But it wasn't long before people were missing the rally weekend in the annual programme. So, the Z rally is back. This year it will take place in Andermatt and next year 2008 in Engelberg.

All information is available on the website www.bmwz3club.ch and registration is also possible. Of course we are not only hoping for good weather on August 19th, 2007 in Andermatt, but also for a record number of participants.



BMW Z rally to Andermatt 2004

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BMW Clubs Australia National Rally 2007 Melbourne

By Stewart Garmey, International Delegate, BMW Clubs Australia
Photos by Graeme Eime, BMW Car Club of Victoria



Two active clubs thrive in Melbourne – the BMW Motorcycle Club of Victoria, and the host of this year's National Rally, the BMW Car Club of Victoria. The Rally hosts car club members from all over Australia, from Queensland in the north to Perth in the west – both locations are at least three days' drive from Melbourne, but that little hurdle didn't stop a good contingent of drivers bringing their cars to Melbourne.



Ian Branston with FOMs, from left John Hebron, Heather Lambley and Ron Andrews

Events are varied throughout the weekend, starting with a Meet and Greet cocktail party on Good Friday evening, an opportunity for old friends to catch up. Easter Saturday is dedicated to Show and Shine, held this year at Waterfront City on the edge of Melbourne's waterways. The accompanying photos from the event show off the cars and Melbourne at their best. The cars are judged on presentation and preparation and prizes are awarded for the best car in each class. The BMW Group Australia Best of Show award was won by Keith Olsen from Melbourne with his pristine 1974 E3 3.0Si.



Bill Cutler's 1973 BMW E9 3.0 CSi at Show and Shine, Waterfront City, Melbourne

The other class trophies were sponsored by BMW Melbourne, the principal city dealership, with event merchandise sponsored by Bib Stillwell BMW, another well known dealership. Saturday night saw a social dinner at the Brighton Yacht Club on the shores of Port Philip, the port for Melbourne, at which A\$1,700.00 was raised for charity from merchandise provided by BMW Group Australia. Sunday is divided into two events: a day of track driving at the world famous Philip Island Grand Prix Circuit with a touring drive for those not inclined to be competitive. Fifty-two circuit cars were joined by an equal number of tour drivers.



Best of Show winner Keith Olsen and his 1974 BMW E3 3.0 Si

The Presentation Dinner is held on Sunday night, appropriately at The German Club, and what a star-studded guest list attended! Chairman of the International Council of BMW Clubs Ian Branston, and Friend of the Marque recipients John Hebron, Heather Lambley and Ron Andrews all enjoyed the German-themed dinner. Awards were presented to winners from Show and Shine and the track day. Monday is reserved for a farewell barbeque lunch before Victoria's interstate guests head off on the (sometimes) long drive home.

BMW Clubs Australia and the BMW Car Club of Victoria gratefully acknowledge the support of BMW Group Australia, BMW Melbourne and Bib Stillwell BMW as principal event sponsors. We look forward to meeting all our friends again in Sydney for BMW Clubs Australia National Rally 2009.

Further information

BMW Clubs Australia
www.clubs.bmw.com.au

A cross-section of six decades of BMW car production

RETRO CLASSICS – take seven

By Klaus Jansen, BMW 5er E12 und E28 IG

620 exhibitors and more than 40,000 visitors. This trade fair – without a doubt the number 2 in Germany – has developed so well in the meantime, that it would seem impossible to do without it. As usual, the extensive offer of classic vehicles on sale was complemented by the club scene with numerous stands and topics. And this year again Stuttgart was the place to go to see a lovingly organised exhibition of lorries and buses. The time between this event and the TECHNO CLASSICA in Essen is certainly very short, and the personal effort and expense for the clubs are substantial. Many of the visitors, some of them club members and brand lovers, defended that effort. The RETRO CLASSICS offer a meeting platform for many of them, particularly for visitors from the countries bordering in the South. For many of them, Essen is simply too far.

But as opposed to the TECHNO CLASSICA in Essen, the BMW Classic and Type Clubs are solely responsible for the organisation, design and equipment of the BMW area, above all the BMW V8 Club with its regulars' table from Stuttgart.

So as in the previous years the affectionately arranged "Bavarian beer garden" was yet again the focal point of the BMW stand and meeting point for BMW lovers. Nobody left this area without being fortified for the trip round the trade fair by drinks, snacks, soup or pretzels. We would like to take the opportunity here to thank all the hardworking helpers, particularly Dorothea Becks.

Unfortunately we had to move to another hall again in 2007, and this time it was hall number 12, the same as in Essen. We weren't really happy with this stand position. So for 2008, we're hoping for a permanent and better hall space at the new trade fair accompanied by a little more material support from Munich. After all, here in the lion's den it is important to make a good appearance compared to the competition. We are still a long way away from our own hall with an improved, carpeted atmosphere. So let's hope for 2008!

Beside the BMW V8 Club and the BMW Veteranen-Club, the type clubs were represented by as usual the BMW 5er E12 und E28 IG, for the second time followed by the BMW 3er Club (E21/E30), the BMW 6er Club (E24) and the GLAS Club. The Isetta Club, BMW 02 Club and BMW E3 Limousinen Club rounded off the participants. Most of the clubs were able to benefit from the new, really practical and attractive counters, which Wolfgang Niefanger organised for us. Another of these counters is planned, so that participating clubs will in future possibly also be able to be taken into account. The counters were complemented by the "Club Lollipops" already known from Essen; here they are considerably larger, thus they are

able to be seen from a greater distance. A cross-section of 6 decades of BMW car production and a BMW motorcycle were exhibited as always. A clearly increasing interest in young classic cars is perceivable, which now includes our BMW vehicles from the Bracq era. The BMW Club stand was enhanced by the BMW Mobile Tradition (parts) counter, where a multitude of information regarding parts was available to all those interested.



Our exhibition hall at the RETRO CLASSICS

The RETRO CLASSICS 2008 will be staged for the first time in the new trade fair halls at the airport and will have lots of surprises and innovations in store for its visitors at the launch. The thrill of anticipation as regards the new trade fair premises is very intense: More than 80 percent of questioned visitors are convinced that the RETRO CLASSICS will increase in significance after moving to the new trade fair area. The next RETRO CLASSICS will take place from March 14th to March 16th, 2008 on the new trade fair premises at the airport.

Further information

BMW 5er E12 und E28 IG, www.bmw-e12e28.org
RETRO CLASSICS, www.messe-stuttgart.de/retro

First Better Driving Day 2007 in the Philippines

Promoting Safety Thru Enhanced Driving Skills

By Francis Aguila, Head of the Activities Committee, BMW Car Club of the Philippines

What better way to kick in the New Year than by taking a BMW to its natural habitat – the track? That's how members of the BMW Car Club of the Philippines spent the Sunday of January 20, 2007, for the first Better Driving Day of 2007. This is one program of the club that promotes safety in driving by developing and improving the drivers' skills.

The course was conducted in a controlled environment, which is the Batangas Racing Circuit (BRC) in Rosario, Batangas – a locale about 150 kilometers south of Manila. The course format was patterned after several BMW Driving School exercises, which some members have taken previously, as well as courses outlined in several BMW related websites. The session was conducted by Philippine professional race car driver George Apacible and instructor Eric Camarillo.



The highlight of the day the full lap exercises with the instructor

Breaking for lunch was the only interruption as the members enjoyed every minute of the driving exercises. Excitement also continued to build-up as the participants looked forward to the finishing exercise... the first full lap around the circuit. Track familiarization was done by the instructors thru a classroom session and then leading the pack thru the course. Cones were placed at strategic points on the track, indicating the correct line, apex, braking and acceleration points.

Finally it was time for the full lap exercise; done with the instructor acting as passenger for each of the members' run. Some of the ultimate machines were hitting very high speeds in the straight and even on the banked turn. This certainly was the highlight of the day for every member in the group. The event saw a good variety of BMW models as well as club members – being both young and young-at-heart. The BMW 3-series was well represented, with two BMW E30s, a BMW E36 and four BMW E46s – one of which was supercharged. There was also a pair of roadsters: a BMW Z3 and a BMW Z4, both of which took to the track with their tops down. A BMW E34 was also in attendance. At the end of the day, all involved had a great time, and an even greater appreciation of their BMWs.



Batangas Racing Circuit (BRC) in Rosario, Batangas

The course started out with a short classroom stint discussing driving position and how it is critical to being able to know, feel and control the machine. There were also key discussions on safety, driving technique, and basic automotive dynamics. After the classroom session, actual exercises were then commenced. Each participant took turns in doing the exercises as the instructors demonstrated and then rode shotgun during their runs. The drills started off with a short, slow speed 8-cone slalom run to warm up both cars and drivers. Then it was off to the braking exercises where the course called for a sprint-and-stop from 80kph to stop. After these sets, it was time for the maneuvering exercises. Attacking the slalom area at medium speeds, the participants got to experience how the car reacted in these conditions. As the exercises went on, the participants' confidence in handling their babies grew more and more.

Further information

BMW Car Club of the Philippines
www.bmwclub.org.ph

Portrait: Vereinigung Schweizer BMW Clubs

BMW Clubs Switzerland

By Dieter Zanetti, former motorcycle delegate, Vereinigung Schweizer BMW Clubs (Association of Swiss BMW Clubs)

The Association of Swiss BMW Clubs is a member of the BMW Club Europa e. V. (BCE) and was founded in 1990. It is the umbrella organisation of all car and motorcycle clubs in our country officially recognised by BMW AG. The Swiss country association is led by the two country delegates for cars and motorcycles, who were democratically elected by representatives of the member clubs at the annual general meeting.

members. Although globally speaking we are a very small country, we have a very active and friendly club life in all our language regions, whether German, French, Italian or Rhaeto-Romanic.



A true eye-catcher: the BMW motorcycles

For some time now we have staged our annual “Swiss BMW Club meeting for cars and motorcycles”. This meeting is organized alternately by one of the member clubs in its region for all car and motorcycle lovers. This has had a very positive effect on club solidarity: “We know and respect one another.” In the past years, the collaboration between BMW (Switzerland) AG, the private BMW dealers and all other sponsors was able to be expanded. Without their support, several events would not have been able to take place. We are all very thankful for that.

We have new plans and ideas for the future and are currently working on a good route through the Swiss BMW Club life for our friends on two and four wheels.

The representatives of our country are the link between the autonomic Swiss BMW Clubs and the BMW Club Europa e. V. (BCE) on the one hand, and BMW (Switzerland) AG, the private BMW dealers and sponsors on the other hand. They are their contacts.



Always on show: the BMW veterans

Furthermore the country delegates are responsible for the statutory handling of the foundation of new BMW Clubs. On a national level they observe the correct behaviour of all member clubs. The country delegates represent our country at the annual general meeting of the BMW Club Europa e. V. (BCE). Furthermore, at the moment active club members are also occupied as honorary councillors and cash auditor for the BCE. In the past years, the number of members and clubs in Switzerland has permanently increased, so that today there are 10 car clubs and 4 motorcycle clubs with a total of approx. 500

Vereinigung Schweizer BMW Clubs

Founded:	1990
Number of clubs:	14
Membership:	460
Type of club:	Umbrella organisation of car and motorcycle clubs in Switzerland
Website:	http://www.bmwclubs.ch

Diary

Once again, also in the new year, there will be numerous events featuring BMW automobiles and motorcycles that you shouldn't miss. You will find an overview of the first few events here. If you find your event is missing, please send us the relevant information.

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



Ian Branston and Heather Lambley at the BMW Clubs Australia Rally

May	May, 16 – 20	Mille Miglia (I) http://www.millemiglia.it
	May, 17 – 20	24 th International BMW E9 Coupé Meeting (D) http://www.bmw-coupeclub.de
	May, 17 – 20	31 st International BMW Veterans Meeting (D) http://www.bmw-veteranenclub.de
	May, 18 – 20	Annual Meeting BMW BAUR TC Club, Papenburg (D) http://www.bmw-baur-tc-club.de
	May, 19 – 20	BMW-Bundestreffen des BMW Club Deutschland e. V. (D) http://www.bmw-club-europa.org/deutsch/veranstaltungen/index.html
June	June, 8 – 10	Annual Meeting BMW 3er Club (E21/E30) e. V. Winterberg (D) http://jahrestreffen.bmw-e21e30.de
	June, 15 – 17	34 th Int. BMW V8 Meeting, Potsdam (D) http://www.bmw-v8-club.de
July	July, 6 – 8	BMW Motorrad Days 2007 (D) http://www.bmw-clubs-international.com/de
	July, 20 – 22	BMW Regional Meeting Dresden (D) http://www.bmw-veteranenclub.de
	July, 21 – 29	2000 km durch Deutschland (D) http://www.2000kmdurchdeutschland.de
August	August, 10 – 12	35 th Avd Oldtimer Grand Prix, Nürburgring (D) http://www.avd.de/ogpracing/index.shtml
	August, 19	International BMW Z1, Z3, Z4, Z8 Rally (CH) http://www.bmwz3club.ch
	August, 24 – 26	31 st Annual Meeting of the Isetta Club e. V. (D) http://www.isetta-club.de

Further information

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

Clubs:

- www.clubs.bmw.com.au
- www.bmw-e12e28.org
- www.bmwcarclub.org.ph
- www.bmwclubs.ch

Events:

- www.millemiglia.it
- www.bmw-veteranenclub.de
- www.bmw-coupeclub.de
- www.bmw-baur-tc-club.de
- www.bmw-club-europa.org
- jahrestreffen.bmw-e21e30.de
- www.bmw-v8-club.de
- www.bmw-motorrad.com
- www.2000kmdurchdeutschland.de
- www.avd.de
- www.bmwz3club.ch
- www.isetta-club.de



Salvador Carlucci on tour in Bolivia