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2003 Annual General Meeting Edition of Ausblick

**The 6th Annual General Meeting
of the BMW Car Club of BC
will be held on
Saturday November 22
at the
Best Western Coquitlam Inn
Convention Centre
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2003 BMW Car Club of BC Events Kalendar

Events are listed by date, Sponsoring Club, Event Title, and contact person.

Please Note! - Events are subject to change and should be confirmed first.

For more info on each event, check for event article in the newsletter or contact the event organizer listed for that event.

BMW CC BC - our Club BACVI - Vancouver Island Club
BMW CCA- Seattle Club TBD - indicates 'To Be Determined'

November 2003

Nov. 22 Annual General Meeting Events Team

December 2003

Dec. 19 Christmas Dinner Social Events Team

Always check event status first. Events are subject to change.

We keep the web site current with the latest info.

Visit our current events calendar on our web site at www.bmwccbc.org and follow the main menu link to our online calendar.

If you don't have web access, be sure to call one of the event coordinators to confirm the event.

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The BMW Club of Canada is a member of the International Council of BMW Clubs.

The BMW Club of Canada wishes to congratulate Sultan Karim as the recipient of the Prof. Dr. Gerhard Knöchlein BMW Mobile Tradition Award.

Sultan was Canada's nomination for this award that is voted on by the International Council of BMW Clubs and is given to selected club members who have rendered an outstanding contribution to the promotion of BMW's heritage by ensuring the optimal upkeep of their historic BMWs and by making them accessible to the public through active involvement in events.

A congratulatory message from Phil Abrami National President is on page 6.

Official Notice of and Invitation to the 6th Annual General Meeting

of the BMW Car Club of British Columbia

Date: Saturday November 22, 2003

**Time: Registration starts at 1:00 pm,
Meeting is at 2:00 pm**

**Location: Meeting Centre Salon A of the
Best Western Inn and Convention Centre,
319 North Road, Coquitlam BC**

2003 Annual General Meeting Agenda

1. 1:00 pm until 2:00 pm Sign in and Registration, social time
2. 2:00 pm Call to Order of Meeting
3. Determination of Quorum
4. Proof of Notice of Meeting or Waiver of Notice
5. Approval of previous AGM Minutes
6. Report on Previous Year
7. Report on Finances
8. Presentation of International Council award and special recognition award
9. Election of New Directors
10. AGM Adjournment
11. Directors Meeting to select new Executive

The Annual General Meeting of the BMW Car Club of British Columbia provides an opportunity for all members interested in the operation of their club to participate. Activities at the AGM include election of Directors, reports to the membership on activities and progress in the club, and voting on such resolutions and bylaw changes that may be necessary to properly effect the day to day operation of the club.

The 2003 AGM is scheduled to be a stand-alone meeting on Saturday November 22, 2003. The meeting will be called to order at 2:00 p.m. Registration and sign in will be available from 1:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. You must be a member in good standing to attend and vote. There is no cost to the member to attend the meeting. Coffee, tea and cookies will be available during the registration and social hour.

Directors for the BMW Car Club of BC are elected for a two (2) year term, such that at each AGM roughly one half of the directors positions are up for election. Nominations for directors positions are handled by the nominating committee which seeks eligible candidates to run for

the available positions. Under normal circumstances, nominations from the floor at the AGM are not accepted.

Any eligible member* may be nominated for an elected board position. Nominations require the approval of the candidate. It is recommended that persons willing to run for the board be members for at least 6 months prior with active club participation.

Nominations for candidates to this years election were received until Oct 25, 2003 and candidacy statements were received by Oct 31, 2003.

Candidate statements are in this newsletter.

Additionally a mail in ballot for those not able to attend the meeting is available to members via this newsletter election package and can also be requested by email or via download of a PDF from our web site.

It is the responsibility of the Board of Directors to insure proper conduct of the administrative affairs of the Club, the fulfillment of duties by its officers and to determine all matters of Club policy. More information is on page 6.

** eligible member is defined as a regular or associate member in good standing*

Candidate statements are on pages 4 and 5.

2003 Election of Directors

The Board of Directors is elected on a staggered term basis. Each Director is elected for a two year term, and at each Annual General meeting, the terms of roughly one half of the Directors expire. In addition, the term of office of the Executive, which is selected from the elected Directors is up for renewal. At the AGM the current executive relinquish their positions, as do the Directors whose terms are up. New Directors are elected to fill the vacant positions, and then once the Board is at its full complement, the Board Members meet and from their own group choose the executive officers for the coming year.

Nominations of Candidates for election to the Board of Directors

In accordance with our bylaws, the member services director on behalf of the secretary, reviewed the list of valid members to determine people eligible to serve as the nominating committee for the 2003 election.

The nomination process involves a review of potential names, and selection of a nominations contact person.

At the September 2003 Board Meeting, outgoing directors were asked if they wish to stand for re-election. There were 2 outgoing directors whose terms expire this year. Additionally one director choose to retire his term early for personal reasons. This left a vacancy for three directors to be elected. As none of the outgoing directors desired to stand for re-election, Victor Lall agreed to serve as the nominating committee contact.

The nominations announcement was posted to the web site, and via the monthly email update to members at the beginning of October, with a call for nominations by October 25th.

Two nominations and three names of members offered by the committee were recognized as the current valid list of candidates at the close of nominations on October 25.

Their names were posted on our web site, and the candidate statements are presented here for members as they select new directors at the AGM.

BMW Car Club of BC 2003 AGM candidate statements

We are pleased to have an excellent slate of board of directors' candidates for the 2003 6th Annual General Meeting to be held November 22, 2003.

The candidates were selected by the nominating committee and received nominations. Candidates are selected based on their interest and participation in the club and their willingness to let their names stand.

Bob Balbirne

Member 0446 Joined Aug 2000 has attended 8 events

Ever since the E32 was introduced in NA I have been a huge fan, love the timeless lines of the car. Up until a few years ago my "car" has always been a 4 WD Chevy Pickup but upon moving back to the lower mainland I decided to give up the truck in preference for a 1988 735i. The car led me to the BMW CC of BC, which has turned out to be the best thing about BMW's.

Yes, the cars are a dream to drive but the Club has been such a source of useful information and camaraderie that I find myself scheduling my weekends around club events.

I have been a member now for a few years and have always tried to help out when I can. I thought that it was time for me to step up and invest some time to help those dedicated souls on the executive that have done so much for the membership at large, me included! I am interested in getting as many members as possible out to affordable events so that they can experience the BMW CC of BC camaraderie and spirit I have come to know.

Tom Carter

Member 0610 Joined May 2002 has attended 20 events

I am an Ontario boy, and have only been here for 5 years. Drove my 92 325iS here with my son when I moved here. Been a car guy all my life and the highlights of my car ownership have been my 55 Thunderbird and Red #1 (Tom's 850i). I have learned a lot about 8's from Derek and value his knowledge and friendship. My dad owned Ferrari's and Jags and Aston Martins and the like so I come by my love of cars honestly. Hobbies include my car(s), building and selling computers and re-finishing furniture as time permits. One day my 8 will be as nice as Derek's. 8-).

Finally, after semi-retirement was determined to be boring, I went back to work at a little Auto Repair shop here in Langley so I can keep my fleet maintained for a whole lot less! (Like others, what Tom didn't say is implied. He has found the club to be a great place for enthusiasts, and shares that enthusiasm at the events he attends.)

Alex Chan

Member 0519 Joined May 2001 has attended 17 events

I have been a member of the club since May 2001. I work at TELUS in the IT Infrastructure as a Systems Analyst. Since joining the club, I have attended many events ranging from tech sessions to driving schools. I have meet many nice people who share the enjoyment of their vehicle during those events and in the club e-Forum. This is an opportunity for me to contribute, participate and to learn more about the running of the club, and put some fresh ideas and suggestions that, as a board member, I hope to be able to implement.

- 14+ years experience in the Information Technology area
- Hardware and Software Integration, project deployment and management, system

operation, service management experience, etc.

- Immigrated to Canada 10+ years ago.
 - Worked for BCTEL/TELUS for 8 years and currently in Technology and Operations - IT infrastructure area.
 - Car enthusiast enjoy, car technology and design aspect of the automobile, been fond of cars since I was a kid, and wanted a BMW since the teenage years ...
- Enjoy the social aspects of the club and the interaction among club members.

Stephen Nemeth

Member 0341 Joined September 1999 has attended 22 events

I have been a BMW Car Club of BC member for 5 years and enjoyed many of the different types of events our club has to offer. I have a variety of vehicles and a broad interest in all things automotive. My current car collection includes;

2003 BMW 540i, Titansilber, 6 speed, M Executive package

1999 Camaro SS, Sebring Silver, 6 speed, numerous power and suspension modifications

1971 Corvette roadster, Bridgehampton Blue, 427, 4 speed, extensive modifications and the following cars in storage and restoration;

1967 Camaro, 1966 Barracuda Formula S, and a 1929 Dodge Sedan.

I also have a growing library of periodicals; videos, DVDs, books, prints and models related to automobiles, racing, and aviation topics (particularly piston engine aircraft).

I am a staunch supporter of the club's driving school activities and found them to be an excellent opportunity to not only improve my skills, but also enjoy the company and enthusiasm of other members (not to mention sneak a few rides in more vehicles than I could ever hope to own or afford!). The various day trip excursions, Concours events and other social activities have allowed me to share my hobby and enthusiasm with my wife and daughters. Whether it is a visit to the Boeing plant or a challenging rally in the Fraser valley, I have always been impressed with the diversity of vehicles and members in our club. My experiences with the club have been so positive that I feel compelled to contribute back to the organization

If I were successful in being elected to the Board of Directors, my goals and efforts on behalf of the membership would be to build on the strong traditions of diversity, inclusion and camaraderie I have experienced in the club.

Richard Shore

Member 0571 Joined November 2001 has attended 18 events

When I first considered joining the club, Rolf invited me to the 2001 Annual General Meeting to check things out. My question before joining was whether this club and its' members, were a bunch of car snobs as I believe the Porsche folks tend to be. To my pleasant surprise I found everyone I met then, and since, to be down to earth car guys and gals who love to drive, talk about, share experience and their expertise about their BMW's. I think it is great there are no trailer queens - even Sultan's 507 and Dean's M 1. The club stresses fun, friendship, family participation and most important of all safe driving. Whether I am selected as a Director or not, and I would be pleased to serve as a Director, I will continue to promote new club membership and continue to advance the family fun orientation of the club.

2003 Board Candidates

The following are the director candidates for a two year term on the board of directors at the 2003 AGM.

New Candidates

Listed alphabetically.

Balbirne, Robert (Bob)
Carter, Tom
Chan, Alex
Nemeth, Stephen
Shore, Richard

Continuing Directors

Elected at 2002 AGM, terms expire at the 2004 AGM

Clark, Ian
Drommer, Rolf
Fink, Thomas
Pinton, Derek
Spencer, Kim
Westmacott, James (Jim)
Wong, Ted

Outgoing Directors

We thank you for your contribution to the club.

Gable, Scott - first elected 1999,
reelected 2001
Gibson, William (Bill) - elected 2002
Lall, Victor - elected 2001

Additional Notes

For the 2002 AGM we had a higher than normal number of positions opening up on the board. This is partly due to how our rules work for board replacement positions. As we had several replacement positions and early retirements to deal with. In a normal year we would expect to have about half or 5 of the board positions come up for renewal. However due to the 2002 situation in 2003, we only had two ending terms and one early retirement for a net of 3 vacancies.

Annual Election Nominations for Board of Directors

The BMW Car Club of BC is governed by an elected Board of Directors that shall consist of a minimum of 5 and up to 10 directors who serve two year terms.

At each annual general meeting approximately on half of the directors terms come up for renewal. This staggered term policy allows for continuity on the board of directors.

Each year a nominating committee seeks candidates to run for vacating Board of Directors' positions to serve a two year term on the board of directors beginning in December following the AGM.

It is the responsibility of the Board of Directors to insure the proper conduct of the administrative affairs of the Club, the fulfillment of duties by its officers and to determine all matters of Club policy. Nominations are received by the third weekend in October of each year and candidacy statements must be received by October 31. Statements (contested) and ballots will be mailed in an AGM info package to all valid registered members prior to the AGM. Any eligible member (dues paid valid master or associate member) may be nominated to run for an elected board position. Eligibility of all board positions recommends one year previous membership in the BMW Car Club of BC. (can be waived)

Duties of all board positions include attendance at regular board meetings, support for club events and activities, recruitment of member participation and membership growth, and to act as a contact person for members.

Key duties for specific positions are as follows. (Additional info is available in our by-laws via the web site.)

President: Presides at all board meetings; acts as an ambassador to other car clubs and organizations; and is the chief executive officer of the Club.

Vice-President: Assists the President; proposes, coordinates and promotes meetings and activities; and performs

other duties assigned by the President or Board.

Secretary: Takes or delegates the taking of complete minutes at all board meetings; maintains Club records (except financial) and performs correspondence duties assigned by the President or Board.

Treasurer: Responsible for the Club's money and assets; maintains accurate records of the Club's financial affairs; and drafts all financial reports as needed. Also, performs other duties assigned by the President or Board.

Member Services Coordinators: Sends out new member packets; calls on non-renewals; and maintains Club literature at various local businesses and Club supporters. Also maintains up to date membership roster; provides new member list each month to the Ausblick; and provides mailing lists as needed. In addition volunteers are need for the following:

Concours Coordinator: Coordinates the annual Concours d'Elegance, including recruitment of all event volunteers, promotion and overseeing the success of the Club's biggest event. **Social coordinator:** Coordinates the social activities of the club. **Tour Coordinator:** Plans, coordinates and implements four to six Club driving tours annually.

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A Message from BMW Club of Canada President Phil Abrami

It is my pleasure as President of the BMW Club of Canada to offer a few words on the occasion of the presentation of the 'Prof. Dr. Gerhard Knöchlein BMW Mobile Tradition Award' to Sultan Karim. My regrets and apologies for not being here in person but family matters prevented my attendance. The Knöchlein award is the first international award given to a member of the BMW Club of Canada. It is fitting that Sultan receive this recognition. His love of the marque and dedication to preservation of historic BMWs is important. But equally important is his willingness to share these beautiful and unique cars with club members. In doing these things Sultan embodies what it means to be a club member. Thank you, Sultan, and congratulations for an award well deserved.



Phil Abrami, President
BMW Club of Canada
Vice-Chair Automobiles
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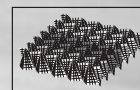
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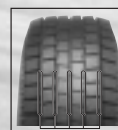


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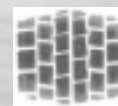


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