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The official newsletter of the Iowa Chapter BMW CCA

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Can you believe it has been 5 years already?

That's right, this years annual meeting marked the 5th year that the Iowa Chapter BMW Club has been in existence. The meeting, awards banquet and silent auction were held on February 26th at the Airport Holiday Inn in Des Moines, Iowa to commemorate the momentous occasion.

The festivities began with a cocktail reception from 5:30 – 7:00 PM. Members were able to visit with fellow club members, meet new members and cast their ballots. They also had some new activities to keep them occupied this year. **Doug and Martha Wittkowski** provided the members a slot car track so the "driving enthusiasts" could bone up on their driving skills after a long winter of hibernation. In their minds, you can't start practicing too early!

We also held a silent auction in an effort to raise money for Blank Children's Hospital. Throughout the evening, members were allowed to bid on several different items ranging from a \$300 racing helmet to articles of clothing that were donated by several different vendors. The bidding started slow, but as the night progressed and people got into the swing of bidding, it was like watching a live Ebay auction! The bidding went back and forth many times and we even had family members fighting for the same item. It was a great way to raise money for a good cause. Results were announced at the end of the evening and we ended up raising **\$1,457.00 to give to Blank Children's Hospital**. Thanks to everyone who participated in the auction!

After the reception, Club **President, Dana Schrader** welcomed everyone to the event, then introduced Chapter **Secretary, David Trachtenberg** who announced the election results. Chapter **Treasurer, Fred Bell** then gave the yearly financial report and it was time to eat.

After a wonderful dinner buffet, we had a slight change from our advertised program. Unfortunately, Satch Carlson was called away on business and was unable to attend this year. In his place, Ben Ulin, a local comedian and magician, came in and entertained the members. His show included bringing up a couple of our members to show the rest of the audience how to perform a couple of magic tricks. I don't know if we actually learned how to do the tricks, but it was fun to see **Nancy Wiles** and **Tom Clark** "help" Ben out. They were great sports and everyone else was glad it was not them on stage! Ben did a wonderful job and many people commented that their cheeks hurt from laughing so hard.

After Ben "escaped" from his trunk, we drew for a few door prizes, then the evening turned to the awards presentation. **David Trachtenberg** drew for the



Member of the Year
Don VanLengen

UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

Updated information will be posted on the website as it becomes available. Be sure to check for current information at www.bmwia.org

KARTING AT SPROCKETS IS PLANNED FOR THE FOLLOWING DATES and TIMES:

March 19th - 2 pm

SUNDAY, MARCH 20

High Performance Ground School Tech Session

The basics of attending a driving school and car preparation.
Exciting information and registration details about our June event.

A great social event for all drivers.

11:00 am

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Following the Tech Session, we will adjourn to the new Moose Tavern in

Cedar Rapids for an All-You-Can-Eat buffet lunch,

beverages and Speed TV! Lunch cost is only \$5, payable at the door.

Please RSVP by March 17th to Chairman Doug Wittkowski at

wittawerks@lisco.com

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

The Art of Detailing Your BMW

Professional tips for making your BMW Concours ready!

11:00 am

Simpson Motorsports, Inc

3583 A Perch Drive SE, Iowa City

Chairman, David Trachtenberg

SATURDAY, MAY 29

Scenic Drive - Destination

8th Annual Taste Louisiana Cajun & Zydeco Food Festival

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Chairman Dana Schrader

JUNE 11th and 12th

Longest Day Driving School

Exciting New Innovations!

Mid America Motorplex, Pacific Junction

Chairman Doug Wittkowski

Saturday, July 23

ANNUAL PICNIC AND CLEAN CAR CONCOURS

10 am to 6 pm

Easter Lake Shelter #4, Des Moines

Concours Chairman David Trachtenberg

Picnic Chairman Don VanLengen

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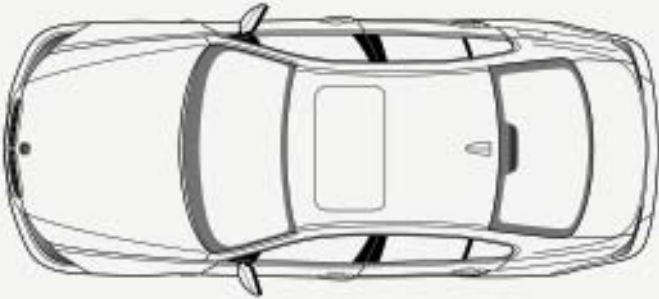
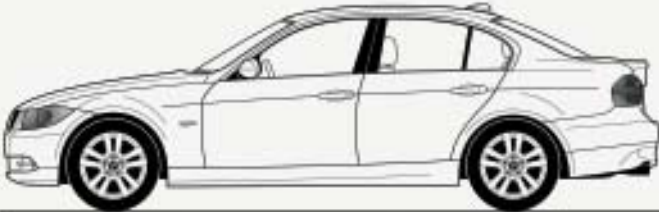
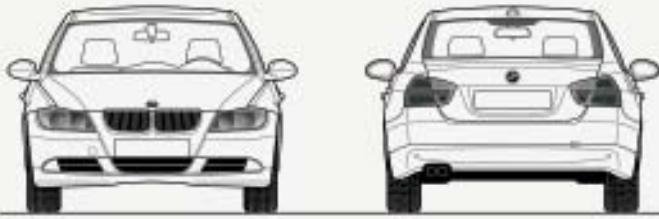
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NEW 3 SERIES SEDANS

The icon of sport sedans enters its fifth generation

The BMW 3 Series, as just about everyone who cares about cars and driving knows, is an icon. It's an icon for many reasons: Among them are its style; its quality; its unique combination of performance, practicality and European luxury in a compact package.

Yet above all, the 3 Series' iconic status derives from **how it drives**. Over the decades, the 3 Series has always been remarkably agile and pleasurable to drive, without compromising comfort and everyday usability. Though many have tried and are still trying, no one else quite knows how to match this constellation of attributes.

Iowa Chapter BMW CCA Balance Sheet

	31-Dec-2004
ASSETS	
Cash & Checking Account	\$10,149.25
Savings Account	\$18,676.20
Total Checking/Savings	\$28,825.45
Merchandise Inventory	\$443.55
Undeposited Funds	\$0.00
Total Other Current Assets	\$443.55
Total Current Assets	\$29,269.00
Fixed Assets	
Tools & Equipment	\$1,955.64
Accumulated Depreciation	-\$1,955.64
Total Fixed Assets	\$0.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$29,269.00
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Retained Earnings	\$28,328.54
Net Income	\$940.46
Total Equity	\$29,269.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$29,269.00

Profit and Loss Statement For the 12 Months Ending December 31, 2004

INCOME	
Donations for Charity	\$231.00
Event Revenue	\$15,977.20
Merchandise Sales	\$5.00
Miscellaneous Income	\$8.00
Newsletter Ad Revenue	\$420.00
Rebate from National	\$12,341.34
Interest Income	\$243.93
Investment gain	\$170.13
Other Revenue	\$281.61
TOTAL INCOME	\$29,678.21
Cost of Merchandise Sold	\$1.64
GROSS PROFIT	\$29,676.57
EXPENSES	
Bank Service Charges	\$20.58
Charitable	\$410.00
Depreciation	\$1,708.71
Event	\$21,959.33
Internet	\$384.50
Inventory Adjustments	\$9.03
Newsletter	\$3,200.60
Other	\$281.44
PayPal fees	\$0.00
Postage & Delivery	\$668.24
Printing & Reproduction	\$25.68
Supplies	\$0.00
Other	\$68.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$28,736.11
NET INCOME	\$940.46

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Membership Participation award. **Bruce Heyne** received a free registration to our Longest Day Driving School and **Scott Smed** received a gift certificate for a set of Eibach Springs.

Dana presented our **Sponsor of the Year Award** to **Simpson Motorsport** out of Iowa City. This award is presented to a sponsor or vendor that has provided significant support of our Chapter throughout the past year. Simpson Motorsport has been in Iowa for over 20 years and was very involved in the prior version of the Iowa BMW Club. Jim Simpson has been an integral part of the MAM driving schools by offering his assistance on any problems involving the vehicles. We were pleased to present this award to such a wonderful vendor as Simpson Motorsport.

Mike Bengé again struck gold this year with his presentation of the **Member of the Year Award**. This award is presented to a chapter member that participates and is active in the club and emphasizes his or her contributions to the chapter and its members. The 2004 Member of the Year Award winner was **Don Van Lengen** from Des Moines. Don has attended almost every event that the club has had since it started 5 years ago. He is always helpful and lends a hand whenever it is needed. Mike stated that Don helped kick up our annual picnic a notch by providing the best BBQ he ever tasted, "BAM", which made everyone in the audience laugh. He has also been added to the board as a Member at Large and is now attending the monthly meetings. Don was completely surprised and wanted to know how they planned that without him knowing? That is an ancient Chinese secret, Don!

Finally, after more door prize drawings the evening ended. It was good to see everyone and we hope to continue to see new faces every year!

A special Thank You to Natalie Schrader, Annual Meeting Chair and her committee, Dana Schrader, Doug and Martha Wittkowski, Fred Bell, Mike Bengé and David Trachtenberg.

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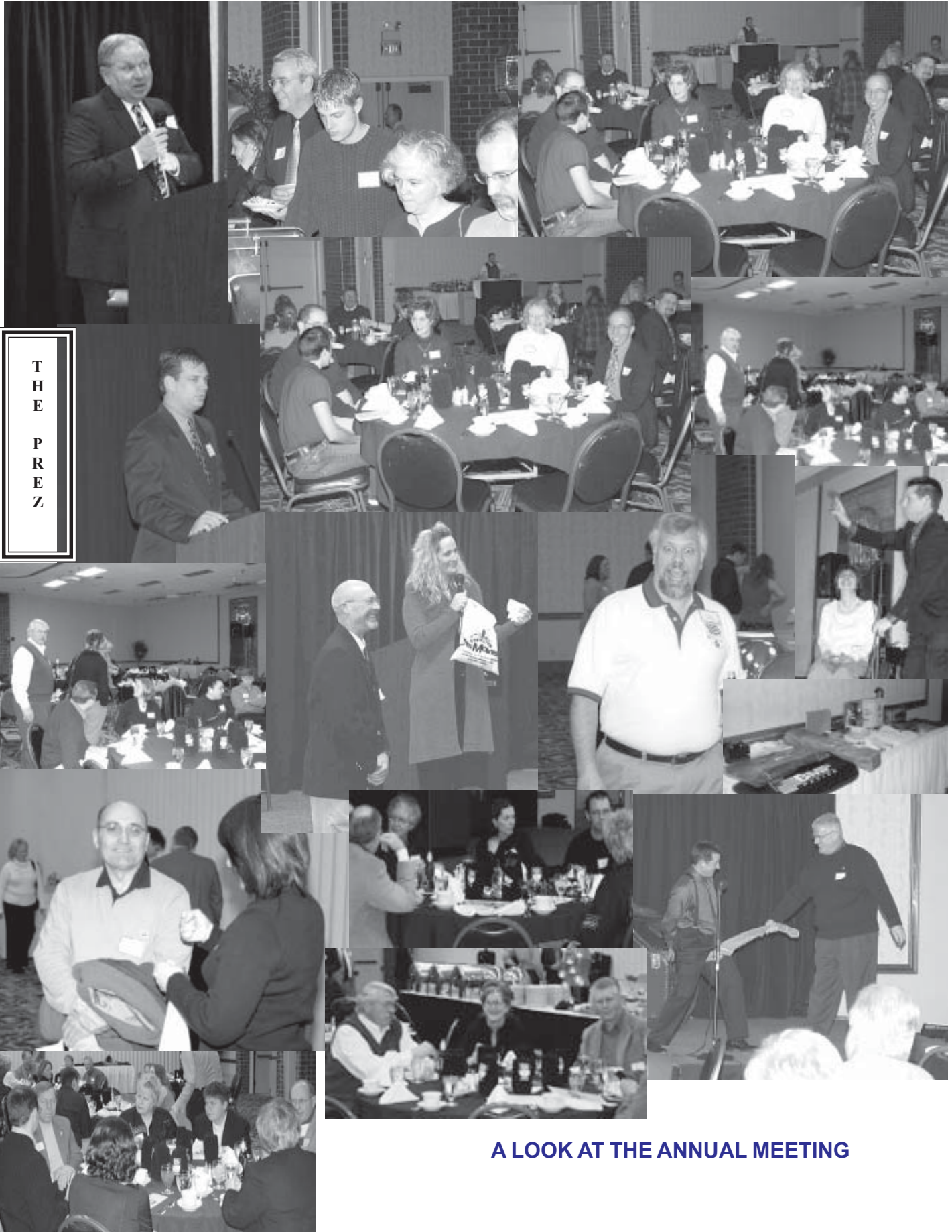
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Membership Participation Program

The **Iowa Chapter** Membership Participation Program is designed to encourage new and current members to participate in chapter activities and get involved in the Chapter.

Points will be awarded based on member participation during the year. Each point will each be converted to one raffle ticket for a drawing on a very special prize(s) at the Annual Meeting. We will be pooling a group of **high value** and **interesting** prizes that will be reserved for this Membership Involvement Program drawing.

A sign in sheet will be available at each "Official" Iowa Chapter event. It is your responsibility as a member to sign in. We will tally attendance and points several times a year and will assign raffle tickets accordingly.

Board members will not receive points for their Board duties. i.e. no points awarded for writing an article, as Newsletter Editor, but points would be awarded based on extra participation; no points assigned for Board member attendance at Board meetings.

Points to be awarded as follows:

Attendance at Iowa chapter function.(other than those noted below)	1 point
Attending the Annual Meeting	2 points
Attendance at any out of state Iowa Chapter endorsed function	2 points
Writing of a published NewsWerks article	2 points
Attending your first Iowa chapter function	3 points
Securing a year long advertisement for the <i>NewsWerks</i>	3 points
Signing up new Iowa Chapter BMW CCA member	3 points
Helping plan or Coordinate a Chapter event or function	3 points
Attending Oktoberfest	3 points
Hosting / Coordinating an Iowa Chapter event(Chairman)	5 points

**Second Annual Chili Cook-Off
January 2005
Clark Alumni House, Coe College**



THE REDS
Texas Lover's
Late Braking Red
Clear out the Cupboards
Chili Billy Bee
Texas Weed & Seed
Black Bean Bimbo
Bison & Beans

THE EXOTIC'S
Hearts on Fire
Mike's Pansy Ass Marine
College Chili (AKA
Beer & Hotdog
Cheese Chili)
Pale Bean Stew



THE WINNERS
Diana Patten, Exotic
Doug Wittkowski, Chairmans Choice
Laura Toro, Red



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In 1997, at a BMW driving school in Topeka, Kansas, Dave Brennan and Jay Read met for an introduction and soon began wondered why there was no longer an active Iowa chapter of the BMW CCA. They discussed events that might be enjoyable and, even what seemed like them the time them a far-out fantasy, of having a BMW CCA driving school in Iowa. Following that initial meeting with Jay, Dave also met with then regional BMW CCA representative Nancy Malone and obtained a list of members located in Iowa.

Fast forward to 1999 at the BMW CCA National Oktoberfest in Indianapolis..... Doug and Martha Wittkowski posted a note on the bulletin board inviting any Iowa residents that were in attendance to contact them. Dr. Brennan saw that note and along with his family they all sat down together for the Saturday Banquet, the grand finale to Oktoberfest 1999. That Finale became a beginning to what is now the Iowa Chapter BMW CCA, as it was decided at that banquet that we would all make an effort to really make it happen.

Martha and Dave took the bull by the horns and did a lot research with the national office and our then Regional VP, Scott Blazey. Doug and Dave started meeting several times a month in what can only now be called "M///Power lunches". They consisted of automotive talk of all kinds, BMW club business, and were also fueled by the best alcoholic beverages Polk County, Iowa had to offer.

On October 2nd 1999 Dave, Doug and Martha decided to give it a gallant try and organized an informational meeting for the BMW CCA members living in Iowa. The national office required, based on the Iowa membership of 226, that we needed to have 15 people sign a petition to start a chapter. To be honest, the three organizers hoped that the remainder of Dr. Brennan's family along with a few local BMW owners that the three of them knew, might show up. We set up a lunch buffet, some nostalgic articles and apparel from the previous Iowa chapter and waited, and worried. Before the meeting started over 50 members and family members arrived and when it was all said and done the conference room was full.

We did not wait for another meeting, we signed a petition and voted in the initial officers and board members. And today, all of these folks are still involved with our chapter at some level.

Where have we gone from there? In 2004 our membership went over 1000 and we see about 150 members very active at our wide variety of events. The far-fetched idea of having an annual Iowa Chapter driving school has been achieved, with high praise from organizers and attendees. We have had a very successful run from 1999, with a variety of events and programs, some extremely successful, some not, but all were fun. Some of these events were for the benefit of our members others were charitable. The Iowa chapter is here to stay and the only question left is where are we going from here?

That remains to be seen, but we know we have the talent, membership strength, excitement, and spirit to accomplish anything we set our minds to.

So we ask you the question... This is your club. Where shall we go from here?

A special Thank you to the Brennan's and Wittkowski's for getting it in their head and heart's that we could have an active and fun Iowa Chapter BMW CCA!

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