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BMW CCA New Mexico Chapter

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 6, Sunday (note date change). Spring tour. Very Large Array (VLA) west of Magdalena. This is a "destination" tour to the very fascinating astronomy site. The VLA will be offering guided tours throughout the day. Check our website for more information. We will have a late lunch in Socorro after the VLA tour. Jon van Arsdel is the coordinator. Depart at 9:30 a.m. from the REI parking lot, NW corner of I-25 and Montañito. Remember the change to daylight savings time.

April 26-27, Saturday and Sunday. Overnight tour to Silver City. This is a very scenic tour through the mountains of southwestern New Mexico. Driving time is about 5 hours each way. Steve Nowaczek is the coordinator. Depart from IHOP at I-25 and Montgomery 6:30am Saturday.

May 4, Sunday, 10:00 a.m. Clean Car Show. Mariposa Park in Taylor Ranch. Give your car its spring detailing. Steve Millard is the coordinator.

June 10, Tuesday 6:00 p.m. Tech Session at Santa Fé BMW with Scott van Doren. Pizza and beverages will be provided by the chapter.

July 10, Thursday. General meeting.

August. PCA/BMW CCA Challenge. Santa Fé.

September. General meeting.

September 28, Sunday. The Karl Heinrich Fox Memorial Fall Tour. The annual fall tour has been renamed in honor of the late Karl Heinrich Fox. The tour will go through the mountains of northern New Mexico, for a view of our spectacular scenery. The date has been moved forward one week in order to avoid a conflict with Oktoberfest.

October 5-11. Oktoberfest, Austin, Texas.

November. Tech session at Southwest Collision Craftsmen with Manny Córdova.

December. Tech session at Sandía BMW with Jim Johnson.

Remember to check our web site for periodic updates: www.nmbmwcca.org

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Spring has once again arrived in the Land of Enchantment. The winds have returned, and the temperatures are warmer. The sands have begun to shift, the trees are pollinating (achoo!), and oh yes, allergy season is here. The time has arrived to change the microfilter on your favorite BMW. The time has also arrived for springtime tours of New Mexico.

This quarter we had two business meetings and a tech session. The tech session was held at FIXX-A-DENT in Albuquerque, and covered painless removal of minor dents and dings. Please see the review elsewhere in this issue.

Elections are upcoming for chapter officers, so please give some thought to who you would like to guide the New Mexico Chapter for the next year. Nominations are now open, and elections will be held at the Clean Car Show on Sunday, May 4th. Yes, you may nominate yourself.

Our first spring tour will be to the Very Large Array (VLA) on Sunday, April 6th. This is a very interesting scientific exhibit, and guided tours will be offered on this day, which is why we changed the tour date (originally March 30th). The VLA is west of Magdalena, NM, on the Plains of San Agustín. More information is on the website: <http://www.aoc.nrao.edu/vla/html/vlahome/genpublic.html>

Our second spring tour will be to Silver City. This is a lengthy tour (about 5 hours each way from Albuquerque), so this will be a weekend trip with an overnight stay in Silver City. It is very scenic in the mountainous areas. We are also planning to rendezvous with some members of the Sonora chapter from Tucson. Timeframe is April 26-27. Steve Nowaczek is the coordinator, and will send out more details soon.

Please watch your e-mail, or check the website for details and updates.

The New Mexico chapter also has bad news this quarter. Member and supporter Karl Fox died tragically in January (see "Final Tour"). Vice-President Steve Millard was injured in a motorcycle accident in early March. Fortunately, he is recovering very well.

Thank you to all of you who are new members. We now have both BMW and Mini owners in our chapter. Please join us for some of our events. We try to have enough variety to appeal to everyone. Thank you to everyone for your continued support.

I hope to see all of you soon!

Jon van Arsdel
PRESIDENT NMBMWCCA

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Final Tour In Memorium

Karl Heinrich Fox died tragically in a motorcycle accident on Sunday, January 19, 2003. Karl was a devoted BMW enthusiast, and an active club member. He was always the smiling face and the quick wit at BMW CCA meetings and events. Funeral services were held for Karl on January 24 and 25. Several CCA members attended, and the chapter sent a gift of flowers.

The Board of Directors for the BMW CCA of NM voted to rename our annual fall tour the "Karl Heinrich Fox Memorial Fall Tour". Thank you to his father, Dieter Fox, for giving us permission to use Karl's name, and preserve his memory.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Karl and his family. He will be missed by all.

Jon van Arsdel
PRESIDENT NMBMWCCA

Tech Session

The New México chapter of the BMW CCA held a tech session at FIXX-A-DENT in Albuquerque on February 13, 2003. This was the first time here for a tech session. FIXX-A-DENT is located at 2900 2nd NW, and specializes in paintless dent removal, such as hail dents or parking lot dings. They do not really compete with a traditional body shop, since they don't do major repairs or painting.



Expert dentmeisters Chris Rasavage and Cody Dimmitt demonstrated and explained the careful art of dent removal. They use special tools that get behind the dent and gradually bend it out to where it is no longer visible. Special lights are very important in this work, to view how the light reflects off the body panel. Several BMW CCA

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members got a chance to try dent removal on a hood set up for demonstration purposes. It isn't as easy as it looks!

Can you use paintless dent removal? Basically, if the dent is fairly small, the paint is not damaged, and the metal is not creased, your car may be a candidate for their removal techniques. Several club members signed up to have dents removed from their own cars.

Thank you to David Penasa for coordinating this event.

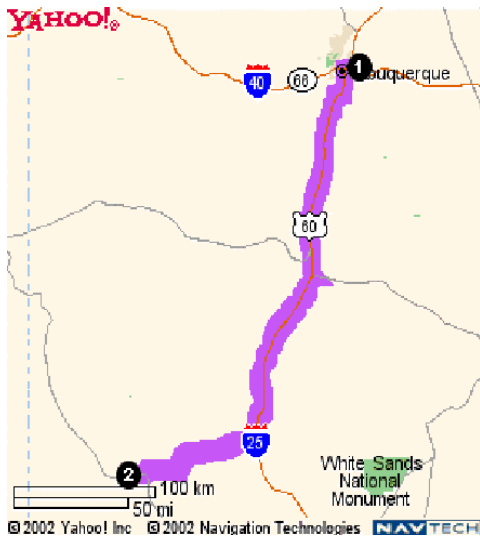
Jon van Arsdel
PRESIDENT NMBMWCCA

Last minute update (3/18/03): Cody Dimmitt called today to inform me he has started his own paintless dent removal business. It is called The Dent Shop, and is located at 7500 Central SE, just east of Louisiana. Cody can be reached at 505-261-0056. (JV)

NEW MEMBER WELCOME

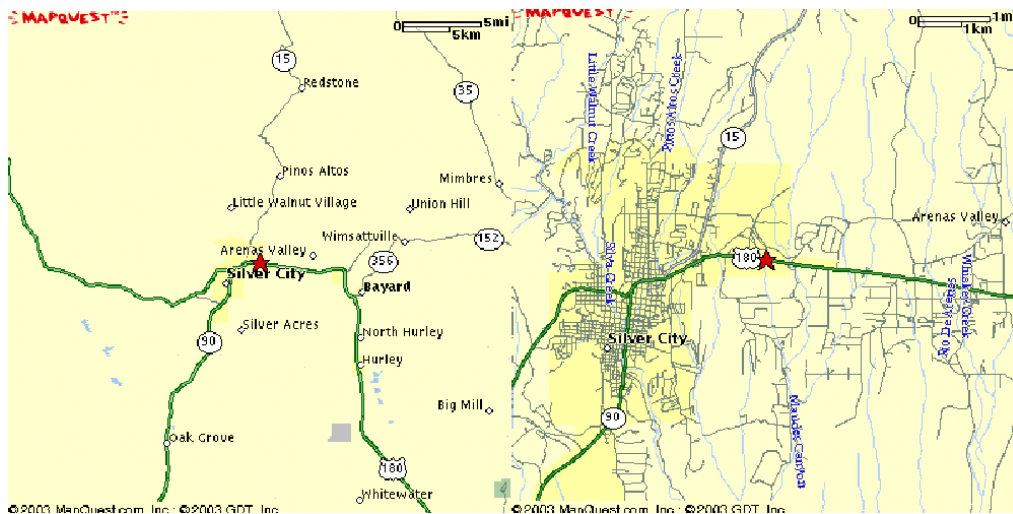
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Herring, Bob	01	325Ci
Joglekar, Yogesh	02	330i
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NM BMW CCA Silver City Drive April 26-27, 2003



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City of Rocks State Park 35 Mi
Gila Cliff Dwellings 42 Mi
Gila Regional Medical Center 2 Mi
Gila River 40 Mi
Grant County Airport 16 Mi
Lake Roberts Recreation 45 Mi
Phelps Dodge Chino 16 Mi
Phelps Dodge Tyrone 12 Mi
Pinos Altos 6 Mi
Rockhound State Park 60 Mi
Scott Park Golf Course 4 Mi
Silver City Chamber of Commerce 3 Mi
The Catwalk 60 Mi
Western New Mexico University 3 Mi



It is thought, by archeologists, that the modern pueblo culture in New Mexico had its origins with the people who are called the Mogollon (mug-ee-yone). These prehistoric peoples lived in small groups along the Little Colorado River system and as far south as Mexico.

Following the evolution of the earlier Cochise people (5500 bc to ad 500, the Mogollon were influenced by the more highly developed Anasazi who lived to the north in the Four Corners region. This was the period during which the Gila Cliff Dwellings were occupied -- after AD 1000. The earlier pit dwellings of the Mogollon have been destroyed by nature over the centuries. However, because they have been protected from the elements, the Gila Cliff Dwellings and a few other sites have survived. The dwellings and surrounding Gila Wilderness are national treasures.

The Cliff Dwellings

After stopping at the main park visitor center, you proceed to the trailhead, which is a mile down the road. There's a parking lot and another smaller visitor center here. The trail is 1 mile long and leads across the west fork of the Gila River through Cliff Dwellers Canyon. After the climb, visitors can walk through the five deep caves -- with 40 rooms in all. The caves are about 150 feet above the floor of the canyon. You should plan for a 60-to 90-minute walk, including the tour of the dwellings. The walls of the community are well preserved, shaded from the rain and winds. The national monument area comprises 533 acres, but it is placed within a much larger area -- three million acres -- of national forest, one of the most beautiful and wild regions and the first in the U.S. to be designated as a national wilderness area. In the immediate area surrounding the cliff dwellings are several hot springs which are accessible by a hiking trail. The nearby village of Gila Hot Springs includes a store with gas, camping supplies, and horse rentals. Guided pack trips into the wilderness are also available. The Gila Wilderness is crossed by 2,000 miles of trails and is a magnet for cross-country hikers and backpackers, who rarely meet another human on their trips through this spectacular mountain region. The village also has an RV park with hookups.

Trails to Hot Springs & Other Places

Several hot springs can be accessed by trails that begin near the monument visitor center. One, Little Fork Hot Springs, offers very hot soaking only 1/2 mile up the trail. Another hot spring is at the end of an 8-mile trail that leads through the Gila Wilderness. Several popular day-hikes can be taken from the cliff dwellings. A scenic trail along the west and middle forks of the Gila River leads from the cliff dwellings parking lot, or from the middle fork trailhead parking lot. Another trail leaves from Woody's Corral and proceeds via the West Fork Loop and the Stock Bypass. This 4.5-mile hike has an ascent of 210 feet. An 8-mile hike begins at Woody's Corral, 1 mile southeast of the cliff dwellings via Sideroad 15, and leads to the EE Canyon Loop, ending at the cliff dwellings parking lot. Another trail begins at TJ Corral and leads to the West Fork Loop

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Silver City, New Mexico

The former and present mining town is one of the great undiscovered places of the Southwest. It's a picturesque little community with a history, lying next to one of the most remarkable primitive areas in the country, the Gila Wilderness in the Gila National Forest.

Silver City is a stop on a favorite loop tour of southwestern New Mexico, with the Gila Wilderness (north of the town) as the prime destination. The community is at an elevation of 5,850 feet, 44 miles northeast of Lordsburg and Interstate 10. If you're traveling from Lordsburg, take New Mexico Route 90. This is the most direct route from the freeway. From Texas, Silver City is about 3 hours from El Paso, and 40 miles from Deming, New Mexico. Tourism is just beginning to catch up with this early silver mining center which began its existence in the 1880s. The silver boom lasted only ten years but the state Normal School, built to train teachers and later becoming Western New Mexico University, was established by the time silver mining became uneconomical. Cattle ranching and lumber helped save the community. The discovery of large copper deposits south of town gave new life to Silver City. The town has an historic business district and close to downtown is a collection of Victorian houses and other buildings which are on the chamber of commerce self-guiding tour. The town information center is located at 1103 N. Hudson Street (call 505-538-3785). There are a few places to stay in town including a couple of chain motels. There are two RV parks, and forest campgrounds are located north of town. Piños Altos, a few miles north of Silver City, is smaller, and in the midst of the Gila National Forest. History jumps out at you in this old gold mining town, and visitors come here not only to enjoy forest hiking, but to cycle, eat, and take in the local melodrama theater scene.

What to See & Do In Silver City

There are two museums that provide information on the early mining days in this area as well as displaying art and artifacts. The **Western New Mexico University Museum** is at 12th and Virginia Streets and has collections of African folk art and Indian pottery and jewelry, as well as photographs showing life in the old mining camp. The **Silver City Museum** (312 W. Broadway St., downtown) is a preserved 1881 silver magnate's mansion that holds exhibits on the history of the mining town of Tyrone. There's a recently built annex that houses other exhibits on the region. **Gila Cliff Dwellings National Monument** This remarkable historic site, 44 miles north on N.M. Route 15, offers a glimpse into prehistoric Mogollon Indian life. Seven natural caves hold more than 60 rooms built by the Mogollon about ad 1200. A 1-mile self-guided trail leads to the cliff dwellings from a trailhead a short drive from the monument visitor center. There are two campgrounds and trails lead to two hot springs located along the west fork of the Gila River. The Gila Wilderness that surrounds the monument is one of the most pristine and beautiful natural areas in America. Information -- on accessing the trails (including those that will lead you to the hot springs and others that lead into the Gila Wilderness) -- is available at the visitor center.

Piños Altos

This village is 7 miles north of Silver City, on the way to the Cliff Dwellings. It became a gold mining camp in 1860 and was the first county seat. The main street is a gallery of original buildings. Santa Rita del Cobre Fort is a three-quarter-scale reconstruction of a fort that sat at the Santa Rita copper mine in 1804 to protect the operation against hostile Apaches. The **Pinos Altos Opera House** is a replica of an 1860's opera house and is part of the Buckhorn Saloon (circa 1860) and Opera House. It is complete with opera boxes, cabaret seating and full bar service. In its fourth season, the **Pinos Altos Melodrama Theatre** performs hilarious spoofs every Friday and Saturday at 8pm, February through November. Audience members of all ages are encouraged to boo the evil villains, cheer the stalwart heroes and throw popcorn to their heart's delight. The comedy troupe has spoofed everything from science fiction to Dracula with Sherlock Holmes and Burns and Allen falling somewhere in between. The Opera House contains an extensive artifact collection. For melodrama reservations, and information on the area, call (505) 388-3848. For atmospheric dining, try **Buckhorn Saloon**. It's the premier dining experience of the area and many theater goers choose to dine before the show. Reservations are a must for this restaurant as it definitely is the place to eat. The saloon and dining rooms contain a pictorial history of the area. It's open daily except Sundays. Steaks are the focus of this historic adobe restaurant from the 1880s, with fireplaces and a perfect pioneer ambience -- with class. Many visitors come to the area just to get away and try their hand at gold panning. After a rain, gold can be found in the streets and Bear Creek and Cherry Creek are always sources of many hours of gold panning pleasure. Pinos Altos also plays host to the last day of the Tour of the Gila, an annual mountain bike race that brings world class cyclists from all over the world. Some members from the Sonora Chapter in AZ will be joining our group after all! Plans are to leave around 6:30-7am on Saturday morning. It is about 240 miles from Albuquerque to Silver City. Those planning on commuting from north of Albuquerque, should let me know. This will be the deciding factor on what time to depart from Albuquerque. There may also be a small group leaving on Friday, the 25th if anyone is planning on heading down on Friday to get more exploring time in around Silver City. For those down south, figure on meeting at the hotel around noonish??? We can head out to the Cliff dwellings once we all meet in the hotel parking lot. Dinner plans are to meet at one of the local diners at around 6:30-7pm. There are several places, but nothing firm yet. If anyone has 2-Way radios, might be nice to have some for the drive. You will be on your own Sunday, unless you want to carpool back up north together. I'm thinking a different drive route on the return trip would be nice, although might take a little longer due to the fact that you can't drive the back roads as fast as the freeways. Options are up to those participating.

Steve Nowaczek

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The Drifter Motel 800-853-2916 Fax: 505-538-5703	69 rooms, restaurant
Super 8 Motel 800-800-8000 Fax: 505-388-1983	69 rooms, business suites
Copper Manor Motel 800-853-2916 Fax: 505-538-5830	68 rooms, restaurant
Econo Lodge Silver City 505-534-1111 Fax: 505-534-2222	63 rooms
Holiday Inn Express 505-538-2525 (866) 836-9330	60 rooms, restaurant
Comfort Inn 505-534-1883 Fax: 505-534-0778	52 rooms
Palace Hotel 505-388-1811	18 rooms-suites
Larson's Gateway Plaza 505-537-5001 505-537-3741	19 rooms, 8 efficiency apartments, restaurant
Bear Creek Motel and Cabins 888-388-4515 Fax: 505-388-4501	15 cabins (9 with kitchens)
Grey Feathers 505-536-3206	16 rooms w/ private baths, restaurant
Lakes Roberts General Store and Cabins 800-224-1080	Furnished/cooking & sleeping only
Lake Roberts Motel 505-536-9393	6 units (4 with kitchenettes)

<i>From the NM BMW CCA Treasurer:</i>		Financial Report
BALANCE SHEET	<i>Current 2002</i>	
ASSETS		
Cash in bank accounts:	\$3326.72	
Total assets:	\$3326.72	
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Accounts payable:	\$219.00	
Total liabilities and equity:	\$219.00	
INCOME STATEMENT <i>Current 2002</i>		
INCOME		
Membership dues:	\$3799.04	
Rebates from National:	\$247.00	
Merchandise sales:	\$0.00	
Total income:	\$4046.04	
EXPENSES		
Newsletter costs:	\$560.78	
Postage:	\$895.00	
Autocross expenses:	\$139.00	
Meeting expenses:	\$1940.64	
Telephone expenses:	\$53.42	
MISC./OTHER:	\$640.79	
Total expenses:	\$4229.63	
NET INCOME (loss)	(-\$183.59)	



EDITOR'S NOTE

Let me start out by saying that I have enjoyed my short time as editor for the Rio Grande Redline! Unfortunately I have recently found out that I will be transferred to a new assignment within the Air Force and will be unable to continue editing this newsletter. Thank you for reading, I have enjoyed this very much

Charles Wolfsandle Jr.
RGR EDITOR

We will need a new editor as soon as possible to begin writing the July-September Newsletter! Contact the Board of Directors to volunteer. We need you!

TECH TIPS

Replacing Your Microfilter

This month's question is usually asked out of frustration. What does this microfilter thing do and where is it in my car? The microfilter thing is an electrostatically charged filter that captures dust and pollen particles (down to 5 microns) that normally are drawn into the passenger compartment through the ventilation system. It is similar to the filter that you have in your home AC unit. Just like your house filter your BMW's microfilter should be changed also. The recommended interval is at every inspection #1 and #2. However, if your AC smells musty or you have decreased blower fan volume change it sooner. As for "where is it in my car?" this depends on the year and model. The filter has been installed since 1991 in some 7 series and since 1992 in all cars except Z-3.

The locations are as follows:

- ? E-31 under hood at front of engine cowl.
- ? E-32 behind glove box at evaporator housing.
- ? E-34 behind glove box at evaporator housing.
- ? E-36 behind glove box at evaporator housing.
- ? 318ti under hood at engine cowl.
- ? E-38 in engine compartment encased at rear of hood.
- ? E-39 rear of engine compartment in enclosed casing.
- ? E-38 and 39 are charcoal activated.

The prices range from \$25.00 to \$40.00 each at the dealer, I am not aware of them being available from aftermarket suppliers.

Howard Smithson

First Coast Banner May/June 1997

First Coast Chapter

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Classified ads are free for NMBMWCCA Chapter members. Only BMW cars, parts, aftermarket ad-ons will be published. All ads will run in one issue and will be removed unless a request is made to run the ad again. Member number must be included in all submissions. Please submit all ads to editor@nmbmwcca.org / subject:Classifieds.

BMW's For Sale

Classic 1972 3.0 CS Coupe

Polaris Silver, great looking car, runs very strong, new project forces sale. Needs someone who will take good care of it. Must see car to fully appreciate. Asking \$7,950 OBO call Bob at (505) 345-5240.

1976 2002

VIN 2370154 dark grey metallic/tan fabric, new pirelli tires, new battery, 13" fondmetal alloy wheels, no rust, needs paint/interior, driveable, mechanically sound. \$1850.00, 505-662-5577, wheels@lanl.gov

1982 633CSI

VIN WBAEB360XC7505481, Ivory, Tan Leather, 150K Miles, 5 Speed, Sunroof, Original Paint, Upholstery, Everything works. For a 6-Series Aficionado, a Cherry. \$7500, (505) 856 1849, auslese@earthlink.net

1987 535IS

VIN WBADC8405H13718, Black Metallic, Black Leather, 128 K Miles, Auto, Cruise, Sunroof, Upgrade AC, P225-80-R15 Tires. Complete Original Tools. Beautiful condition throughout. For a 5-Series Aficionado. \$8500. (505) 856 1849 auslese@earthlink.net

1995 530i

1995 BMW 530i five-speed for sale. Alpine white with dove grey interior. Usual accessories plus heated seats, traction control, onboard computer. Engine short block replaced under warranty at 66,000 miles, car has just over 90,000 miles total. Upgrades include RD swaybars, BB Tri-flo exhaust system, Dinan chip, Bilstein HD struts and inserts. Replaced in the recent past: water pump and thermostat housing (aluminum); thrust arm bushings and rear subframe bushings; battery; brake rotors and pads; front wheel bearings; all coolant hoses plus drive belts; PS hoses and reservoir with new filter. No dents or dings in body, has typical stone chips around front fascia. Interior excellent, no tears, stains or unusual wear. Prime condition overall. Asking \$15,500. Call John at (505) 988-3777 or 438-6981 (Santa Fe).

1999 323is Silver Coupe

Description: 1999 323is Coupe, 46k, Silver, Dealer maintained, Certified BMW 100k Warranty, Sport Package and all Options, Extremely Clean Car, Recent Financial Commitment Forces Sale, This Car Priced to Sell at \$22,500 e-mail 02bob@comcast.net or call Bob at (505) 345-5240 for info and/or photos

1999 BMW 328i 4 door

Avus blue, grey leather, sport/premium package, Dinan stage 2 suspension, strut tower brace, intake, chip, M-3 front and rear spoilers, cross drilled rotors, automatic, xenon headlights, fold down rear seat, sunroof, parking distance control, heated power seats, Harmon-Cardon stereo, rain sensing windshield wipers, etc. 77K meticulously maintained miles, always had synthetic oil, runs/drives/looks beautiful. \$21,900. Call Byron @ 505 898-8778.

Beautiful 1999 323is E36 Coupe

Titanium Silver with Grey Interior, 47K Miles, Dealer maintained, Certified BMW 100K Mile Warranty, Sport Package and all Options \$22,500 OBO call Bob at (505) 345-5240 for info.

Mystery Bimmer Revealed



Correctly identified by Nathan Kempf:

This is a beautiful example of the obscure 1956-1959 503. The 503 was designed by Count Albrecht Goertz. The 503 and much more famous sister the 507 have something in common...the same chassis. Bob Kauffman correctly identified the building as part of the US Air Force Academy.

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Mystery Bimmer



Write in with your guess of what this BMW's year and model number is. The first person to correctly identify this car will have their name, as well as information about the car, published in the next issue.

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