



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 25, 2004. Spring tour to Lincoln, NM. This will be a day trip to a beautiful and historic site. Guided tour of Lincoln at 1:30 p.m. Andy Rutkiewicz will be the coordinator for this trip (see details in this issue).

May 2, 2004. Clean Car Show, Sunday at 10:00 a.m., Sandia BMW in Albuquerque. Bob Kauffman will be the coordinator for the show.

June 17, 2004. Tech session, Thursday at 6:00 p.m. Santa Fé BMW with Jim Johnson.

July 14, 2004. General membership meeting, Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.

August 7, 2004. BMW/Porsche challenge (BMWCCA/PCA), Die Serie #5. Sandia Motor Speedway. Contact Doug Brosveen 505-296-5709.

September 2004. General membership meeting.

October 2004. The annual Karl H. Fox Memorial Fall Tour.

November 2004. Tech session. Southwest Collision Craftsmen with Manny Córdova.

December 2004. Tech session. Sandia BMW with Jim Johnson.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy spring to everyone! In the January 2004 newsletter, I was commenting on our mild winter. Shortly thereafter, winter arrived (really arrived!), complete with snow, rain, and wind. If only I had that much control over other forces in nature. Anyway, it is time to do spring cleaning on your BMW. If you were in the salt, you may want to powerwash the underside of the car.

During this past quarter, we had two general membership meetings and a tech session. Thanks to Brody Hooper at SpeedLab for the great tech session in February. I counted 36 members in attendance; more than double what we expected!

Longtime member Bob Kauffman is continuing to coordinate the monthly Sunday evening get-togethers, called Sonic Bimmer Burger Nights. These are simply an opportunity to meet and talk about cars. They are not intended to be an official BMW CCA event, and no chapter business is discussed. Bob is sending out an email a few days in advance of each get-together.

The 2004 Spring Tour will be a trip to Lincoln, NM. This is a very scenic drive to an area that is very historic and beautiful. BMW CCA member Andy Rutkiewicz is putting together the tour, and has written an article later in this newsletter.

The 2004 BMW CCA of NM Clean Car Show will be Sunday, May 2, 2004. We will also have the election of chapter officers. Please come out and show off your BMW; you have a full month to wash, polish and detail in preparation. Let's see, 30 days at 24 hours per day gives you..... Also, help nominate and elect the people who will choose the direction for the club during the next year. I have included a brief overview of each elected office in this newsletter. Please consider running for an office!

I received an email from Angel Fire Resort, asking if the BMW CCA of NM would like to have a tour go there. It would probably be an overnight trip (one or two nights). They would offer a special group room rate, depending on time of the year, how many participants, etc. Please drop me an email with your comments. I was thinking of this as a possibility for the Karl H. Fox Memorial tour in late September or early October.

As always, please watch your e-mail, or check the website for details and updates. I hope to see all of you at one of our upcoming events!

Jon van Arsdel
el Presidente
BMW CCA of NM

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

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Club Officers

Here is a brief overview of elected officers for the New México chapter of the BMW CCA:

President. Oversees the operations of the chapter. Makes certain the chapter is in compliance with the national club, and acts as a liaison with national officers. Oversees and helps plan chapter events.

Vice-President. Assists the president with all facets of chapter operation. Helps plan and conduct chapter events.

Treasurer. Manages the chapter finances. The treasurer also prepares an annual financial report that must be submitted to the national office. Although an accounting degree is not necessary for this position, some financial background is desirable.

Secretary. Manages chapter correspondence. Takes meeting minutes, if necessary. Assists other officers.

Newsletter Editor. This is a very important position. The editor puts together a quarterly newsletter for mailing to the membership of the New México chapter. Normally, chapter officers and members submit articles for publishing. The chapter must publish a newsletter at least quarterly, to maintain compliance with the national club rules.

Webmaster. Maintains the NMBMWCCA website. An extensive background in computers is desirable for this position.

Driving Events Coordinator. A person who is enthusiastic about putting together chapter driving events. A person who has been to the BMW CCA national training is desirable.

Candidates. So far we have received the names of the following candidates for 2004-2005:

President: Jon van Arsdel

Vice-President: Carl Johansen

Treasurer: David Penasa

Secretary: Bob Kauffman

Newsletter Editor: Andy Sencak

Webmaster: Steve Nowaczek

Driving Events Coordinator: Steve Nowaczek

A Mini Celebration

Yes, the rumor has been circulating for a while, but now it is official. Sandía BMW has announced it will become an official Mini dealership. They will offer sales, parts, and service for the Mini Cooper and the Mini Cooper S. Although the details have not all been worked out, here is what we know. According to Simon Lees (Sandía Sales Manager), the Mini dealership will be up and running sometime in late fall 2004. Construction of a new Mini sales building, adjacent to the BMW building, will begin this spring. I am assuming it will be a mini-building (sorry).

Jon van Arsdel

...and the new 1 Series BMW is expected to debut this fall. -ed.

Recent Tech Session Info

The surprise event of this year so far was the tech session at SpeedLab on February 19th. It was a standing-room only crowd. SpeedLab owner Brody Hooper talked about performance upgrades for BMW's. His emphasis was turbocharging, but he also discussed nitrous-oxide, supercharging, and suspension upgrades.

There is obviously a lot of interest in getting more performance out of our BMWs. (We will consider having a follow-up session on how to get out of a speeding ticket.)

Jon van Arsdel



Figure 1



Figure 2



Figure 3



Figure 4



Figure 5



Figure 6



Figure 7

For larger pictures visit www.pelicanparts.com/bmw/techarticles/E36-Service_Lamp/E30-Service_Lamp.htm

TECH TIPS

Indicator Lamp on the 3-Series E36 BMW

Courtesy of Pelican Parts

One of the frustrations of late model BMWs is the service light indicator which comes on at a pre-determined number of miles. While the indicator light is a nice feature to have, it can be irritating, as BMW provided no means to reset it except for taking the car into a dealership or shop. With Peake Research's nifty R5 reset tool you can reset the light yourself, in less then 5 minutes.

Figure 1 shows the unit itself. It comes with a handy case and written instructions for use. The first step is to find the diagnostic port on your BMW. There are a few different locations where it may be, depending on the year and model of your BMW. Included in the instruction sheet is a diagram of port locations. Figure 2 shows the location of the port on our E36.

The first step is to turn on the ignition but do not start the car. As you can see in Figure 3, the service lights are turned on. Next, plug the reset tool into the diagnostic port as shown in Figure 4. The yellow "ready" light should illuminate. Now, press and hold the switch on the reset tool as shown in Figure 5. The red "reset" light will immediately begin to flash. In order for the "Oil Service" indicator light to turn off, count out seven flashes then release the switch. For the "Inspection" indicator light to turn off, count out 23 flashes then release the switch. As you can see in Figure 6, the indicator lights are now switched off. Now simply twist the dust cover back on as seen in Figure 7 and that's it, you're done!

Jared Fenton
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Redline

BALANCE SHEET		
ASSETS	Current Year Ending 12/31/03	Prior Year Ending 12/31/02
Cash	\$3169.67	\$3326.72
Inventory	0	0
Equipment	0	0
Acct. Receivable	0	0
Prepaid expenses/deposits	0	0
Other	0	0
Total Assts	\$3169.67	\$3326.72
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Accounts Payable	0	\$219.00
Other	0	0
Equity/Retained Earnings	0	0
Total Liabilities and Equity	0	\$219.00
INCOME STATEMENT		
INCOME	Current Year Ending 12/31/03	Prior Year Ending 12/31/02
Membership Dues	\$4343.66	\$3799.04
Rebates from National	390.00	247.00
Advertising Revenues	0	0
Driving School Fees	0	0
Autocross Fees	0	0
Other Event Fees	0	0
Merchandise Sales	0	0
Interest	0	0
Misc./Other	30.00	0
Total Income	\$4763.66	\$4046.04
EXPENSES		
Newsletter Costs	\$529.61	\$560.78
Postage	1231.40	895.00
Insurance	216.00	0
Driving School Expenses	0	0
Autocross Expenses	138.75	139.00
Meeting Expenses	2054.76	1940.64
Other Event Expenses	24.44	0
Telephone Expenses	0	53.42
Misc./Other	557.97	640.79
Total Expenses	\$4752.93	\$4229.63
NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$10.73	(\$183.59)
MISC./OTHER - INCOME		
DESCRIPTION	Current Year Ending 12/31/03	Prior Year Ending 12/31/02
Direct Deposit Credit	\$30.00	\$0
Total Misc./Other Income	\$30.00	\$0
MISC./OTHER - EXPENSES		
DESCRIPTION	Current Year Ending 12/31/03	Prior Year Ending 12/31/02
PO Box	\$76.00	\$219.00
Plaques	152.39	131.66
Parking	20.00	11.04
Web Page	104.45	167.80
Door Prizes	104.44	62.66
Karl Fox Memorial	57.07	48.63
Table	43.62	0
Total Misc./Other Expenses	\$557.97	\$640.79

THE SPRING TOUR

On Sunday April 25 2004, the chapter will hold a SPRING TOUR to LINCOLN NM. We invite members from all over the state to join the main group from ABQ for lunch at The General Store & Texas Embassy Café on US 70 in Tinnie, NM at 11:30AM and a guided tour with the Lincoln County Heritage Trust at 1:30PM. The main group will meet at the parking lot [behind La Hacienda] on the north side of Central Ave at the intersection with Dorado Dr. That is one traffic signal west of Central and Tramway Blvd. The Albuquerque Grill [in the Best Western] is adjacent [to the east] for those who want breakfast. However we will leave promptly at 8:00 AM to allow us to arrive in Tinnie by 11:30 AM.

The route from ABQ will take us over "The Salt Mission Trail, Scenic Byway" from Tijeras, NM to Carrizozo, NM and then over the "Bill The Kid, Scenic Byway" through Capitan, Alto, Ruidoso, to Tinnie for lunch. It is important to let Andy Rutkiewicz or Jon van Arsdel know you intend to eat with the group, so they can give the restaurant a headcount. After we will go to Lincoln for the tour at 1:30PM [~1.5hrs, \$4.80 per person].

We will return home by whatever route we wish. Look for further details on the chapter web site.

RSVP:

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THE TOUR ROUTE FROM ABQ

Members meet at ABQ or join us in Tinnie for lunch at 11:30AM and Lincoln tour at 1:30PM.

Start : Central & Tramway, 8:00 AM sharp
East I-40 to Exit 175 Cedar Crest / Tijeras, NM 337 [right fork of exit ramp, straight at light NM 337 South]

THE SALT MISSIONS TRAIL, SCENIC BYWAY
NM 337 South to NM 55 South [right turn]
NM 55 South to Mountainair [continue across US 60]
NM 55 South [61 miles] to US 54 (16 miles above Carrizozo) [right turn]
US 54 South to US 380 East / Carrizozo [left turn]

BILLY THE KID, SCENIC BYWAY
US 380 East to NM 220 West (4 miles past Capitan) [turn right]
NM 220 West to NM 48 South (2 miles above Alto) [turn left]
NM 48 South to US 70 East / through Ruidoso [bear left after town to Ruidoso Downs, turn left]
US 70 East to Tinnie (29 miles)
Lunch at "The General Store & Texas Embassy Café" (505-653-4944) 11:30 AM
US 70 West to US 380 West / Hondo (4 miles) [turn right]
US 380 West to Lincoln (10 miles)
Stop at Lincoln County Heritage Trust for 1:30PM tour
Return home [fastest way to ABQ, US 380 West to I-25 North at San Antonio]

Due to possible construction, we may not be utilizing Hwy 70.

The only Old West desperado to inspire a ballet (by Aaron Copland), Billy "the Kid" Bonney, like the National Scenic and Historical Byway linking the hamlets where his legend began, was one of a kind. Rough little Lincoln hasn't changed much since 1878, when Billy joined in a five-day gun battle ending the "Lincoln County War," a fight to control the region's cattle markets. The State Monument and National Historic Landmark preserves buildings figuring in the feud.

This is artist country now, where painters, not pistoleros, command respect. Many exhibit in the galleries of quaint San Patricio, where Billy's charm and fluent Spanish won more than one girl's heart. More info at www.zianet.com/billythekid/.

Salt Missions Trail

Take a journey back in time and visit ancient Indian ruins, prehistoric trade routes, and awe-inspiring mission churches. Play in the National Forests and hike, bike, camp or fish among the pine, aspen, and maple forests.

- Rural byways include NM 333, NM 41, US 60, NM 513, NM 55, NM 337, NM 131; 140 miles
- Connects to Route 66 and Abo Pass Trail
- Anasazi and Mogollon Ruins, Pueblo villages
- Native cultures and crafts, eclectic folk art
- National Forests and wilderness - camping, fishing, hiking and biking with developed facilities
- Staffed visitor centers at all three ruins provide maps, restrooms and handicapped facilities.

Billy The Kid National Scenic Byway

Follow the ghosts of famous lawmen, outlaws, and warriors through the rugged beauty of the million-acre Lincoln National Forest. This nationally designated historic byway has been home to Billy the Kid, the Lincoln County War, the Mescalero Apache tribe, Kit Carsor "Black Jack" Pershing, the Buffalo Soldiers, the world's richest Quarter Horse race and Smokey Bear.

- Mountainous/rural byways include NM 48, NM 220; US 70/380; 84.2 miles
- Billy the Kid Interpretive Center, Hubbard Museum of the American West, The Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts
- Ruidoso Downs Racetrack
- Capitan, Fort Stanton, Glencoe, Hondo, Lincoln, Ruidoso, San Patricio, Village of Ruidoso Downs

CLASSIFIEDS

Classified ads are free for NMBMWCCA Chapter members. Only BMW cars, parts, aftermarket add-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.

Parts For Sale

Dinan Exhaust for 97-00 six cylinder Z3. Perfect condition. \$500 plus shipping. Call Bill: 505-292-2242 or bipeabq@aol.com.

H&R sport springs for 1996 and newer Z3 1.9. Like new. \$150 plus shipping. Call Bill: 505-292-2242 or bipeabq@aol.com.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

April 16-19 3rd ANNUAL PACIFIC SHARKFEST in Paso Robles, CA. Contact: Paul@ pacificsharkfest.com or 831-595-5194.

May 8 VINTAGE at the VINEYARDS - a gathering of 1980 and older BMW motorcars at Westbend Vineyards. This is not some snooty concours event, but more of a come-one-come-all gathering of people with the same addiction . . . old Bimmers. Whether your BMW is a frame-off restoration, or sports faded paint and a few rust bubbles, you are more than welcome to attend. The display area will be reserved for BMW's of 1980 vintage and older; race cars are welcome. Registration is FREE, and there is no charge for spectators. The event site is Westbend Vineyards, in Lewisville, NC. For more information about the winery and directions to the event site, visit www.westbendvineyards.com . The host has offered a complimentary bottle of wine for each of the first 40 cars on display. During the afternoon there will be a short rally on the twisty country roads of the area to have fun and enjoy cruising with the other BMWs on hand. There is also a long distance award (so keep track of your mileage), and the coveted "Patina Award" will be given to the car with...well...the most patina. If you are interested in representing the New Mexico Chapter with your vintage BMW, contact Scott Sturdy at (336) 773-1809 or stur1809@bellsouth.net.

RMC SPRING DRIVING SCHOOL DATE CHANGE

Due to SCCA conflicts, the date has been changed from May 1-2 to May 22-23. Register in early April at <http://rmcbmwcca.org>. Contact Bob Sutterfield - bob@xc.org.

OPEN TRACK DAYS at SANDIA MOTORSPORTS

May 15

July 18

August 22

October 31 (scary costume optional)

Contact Wallace at wjbow@comcast.net for info.

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2004 Pacific Region Driving Schools

For those of you who may be interested in combining a little fun with your vacation this year, you may think about attending a driving school at another chapter.

Apr 23 SoCal: Pacific Region Instructor Training-Buttonwillow

Apr 24-25 SoCal: Buttonwillow-San Diego Chapter

May (pending) Central Cal: Laguna Seca-Golden Gate Chapter

May 15-16 Las Vegas: Las Vegas Speedway-Sin City Chapter

June 6 Seattle: Pacific Raceways-Puget Sound

June 11 SoCal: Buttonwillow-Central California Chapter

June 25 Seattle: Pacific Raceways-Puget Sound

June 26-27 Spokane: Spokane Raceway Park-Inland Empire Chapter

July 6-7 SoCal: California Speedway-Oktoberfest

Aug 28-29 NorCal: Thunderhill-Golden Gate Chapter

Aug 29 Seattle: Pacific Raceways-Puget Sound

Sept 11-12 SoCal: Buttonwillow-Central California Chapter

Oct 9-10 Phoenix: Phoenix International-Roadrunner Chapter

Oct 17 Seattle: Bremerton Raceway-Novice-Puget Sound

Oct 23-24 Spokane Raceway Park-Inland Empire Chapter

Oct 30 Portland: Portland International Raceway-Puget Sound

Nov 6-7 Bay Area: Infineon-Golden Gate Chapter

May 20-23 EAST COAST 8-FEST

Spartanburg, South Carolina, is home of the BMW factory for the X5 and Z4 and the former Z3 automobiles. The 2004 East Coast 8 Fest participation is **by registration only** and is limited in the number of participants. So, please check your schedules for this May weekend. Registration will open Monday, March 22, 2004.

The registration newsletter will announce all details in regards to hotel, agenda, attractions and event costs. There will be a non-refundable registration fee for this event. For more information and regular updates, please visit www.8-fest.com. Contact Marty Saracino at Marty@8-Fest.com.

EIGHTH ANNUAL ULTIMATE DRIVE PROGRAM

Tom Purves, Chairman and CEO of BMWNA, and Dr. LaSalle D. Leffall, Jr., Chairman of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, waved the opening flags for the ceremonial start of a one million mile cross country trek that will raise \$1 million, and underscored the commitment of this eight-year partnership to raise awareness and money for breast cancer research and community outreach programs. In the past seven years, the Ultimate Drive has raised more than \$7 million for breast cancer research, education, screening and treatment programs. This is a great way to check out the new models while generating some funds for a good cause. Spots fill quickly so sign up early.

**Sonic
Bimmer Burger Night**



*Not a NMBMWCCA event.
Everyone welcome.*

**Join fellow enthusiasts for
Burgers and Chat!
3rd Sunday of every month
4 - 6pm.**

**Sonic Drive In
5000 San Mateo NE
(between Montgomery and
McLeod on the east side of San
Mateo)
Albuquerque, NM 87109.**

You never call, you never write...

As the Chapter continues to grow and evolve, some changes need to be made. With over 330 members plus associates, getting current information about upcoming events to members is crucial. The email list has about 200 addresses on it. Please send an email with your current email address to:

webmaster@nmbmwcca.org
Subject: Email Address Update

I can make the changes as needed, but if you change internet providers or email addresses, please let the chapter know. This way our database stays as current as possible. Thanks.

Your NM Chapter Webmaster, Steve Nowaczek

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