



The Rio Grande Redline



BMW CCA New Mexico Chapter

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Spring Clean Car Show a Sparkling Success!

By Bill Kurey, NMBMWCCA Newsletter Editor

The New Mexico Chapter held its annual Clean Car Show and Barbeque on Sunday morning, April 26, 2009 at Sandia BMW in Albuquerque, NM. The unpredictable Albuquerque spring time weather cooperated magnificently by providing a glorious cloudless sky filled to the brim with bright sunshine. The turnout was the largest to date and all enjoyed a day filled with good cars, good friends and good food!

The Clean Car Show gives chapter members an opportunity to show off their vehicles in a friendly competition of what for the most part consisted of daily drivers. Awards were presented in three production year based categories and an overall "Best of Show" award. The categories were aligned along the 1980s, 1990s and 2000 year intervals.

Award winners in the Model Year 1980-1989 category were:

1. Ellen Goodman -1988 M6
2. J.R. Pliner - 1989 325ic
3. Ell Stewart - 1988 325ic



Award winners in the Model year 1990-1999 category were:

1. Joey Martínez - 1990 525i
2. David Penasa - 1999 M3
3. Dan McCormack - 1999 M3



Music was provided by The Peak 100.3



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President's Message

by Jon van Arsdel
July 2009

I hope everyone had a good Spring. As some of you may know, I spent a few weeks in Oklahoma City on a job assignment. I had the privilege of experiencing some of their violent spring weather there, including an actual tornado. I really love New México!

Tech tip #369: BMW's do not withstand tornadoes and large hail very well. Take something less valuable when driving to Oklahoma in the spring.

This past quarter, we had a tech session, two tours, and the Clean Car Show.

On April 4th Daniel Flegel led an unofficial tour to the Trinity Site at White Sands. This is the location of the first atomic bomb test, and is historically very significant. We went as a convoy of BMW's, and later toured the Trinity monument, the farmhouse, and the exhibits.

On April 17-19th, the Sonora Chapter (Arizona) of the BMW CCA hosted a tour in Silver City, Pinos Altos, and the Gila Dwellings. I was unable to attend, but I am told the tour was beautiful and interesting.

On April 26th (Sunday), Sandía BMW (6001 Pan American Fwy., NE in Albuquerque) hosted the annual Clean Car Show and Barbecue. The event was open to all BMW, Mini, and BMW Motorcycle enthusiasts. Sandía Service Director Jeff Cline was the coordinator. We had a huge number of people attend this very fine event. The barbecue (contributed by Sandía BMW) was excellent.

The May overnight tour was cancelled by the hotel that was to host the event in Ruidoso. Thank you to Henry (Phil) Márquez for planning and putting together this event. We regret it did not happen as planned.

June 27th was the annual tech session at Santa Fé BMW. As usual, Service Manager Andy Caper-

ones put together an excellent event. The new BMW 7-Series was the featured car at the session. It looks to be a superb new automobile. Andy also showed some of his Germany photos, including Die BMW Welt (BMW Museum). Other fabulous BMW's (is that redundant?) were on static display at the session, as were BMW engine components.

Next quarter we are planning two membership meetings, and the Porsche/BMW challenge. Please refer to the calendar of events in this issue.

Tech tip #370: The X3 has a burned-out light bulb indicator on the instrument panel. It doesn't seem to look like anything recognizable, such as a burned-out bulb. A trip to the owner's manual is required. Ask me how I know this.....

Tech tip #371: If your BMW power window (especially E46) is starting to make "popping" noises, or other abnormal behavior, you will probably be replacing the window regulator in the near future.

The New Mexico chapter of the BMW CCA is always looking for event leaders, and also officers for the board of directors. If you are interested, please notify someone on the current BoD.

As always, watch your email for changes and updates to the events. You can also check www.nmbmwcca.org for additional information.

I hope to see each of you soon!

Jon van Arsdel
el Presidente
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Award winners in the Model Year 2000-2009 category were:

1. Dóminic Martínez - 2008 335i
2. Steve Krasulick - 2001 Z8
3. Deron Hart - 2006 M6 (tie)
3. Betty Harrison - 2009 335i (tie)



The Special Award for Best of Show was:
J.R. Pliner - 1989 325ic



BMW Motorcycles were well represented too.



| Welcome Our New Members! | | |
|--------------------------|------|---------|
| Gregg Aguilar | 2006 | 330ci |
| Gary Bebber | 2003 | M3 |
| Kelly Bihl | 1991 | 325ix |
| Fred Bobberts | 2002 | 530i |
| Margaret Case | | |
| Joe Crofts | 1987 | 325E |
| Kenyon Fausett | 2002 | M3 |
| Kelly Gee | 1995 | M3 |
| Scott Gordon | | |
| Craig Griffith | 2009 | 335xi |
| Alvin McKenzie | 1987 | 635 CSI |
| John Montville | 2000 | 323 |
| Nicole Namingha | 2008 | 335i |
| Judy Parks | 2007 | 335I |
| Randy Peterson | 2008 | 335i |
| Larry Robinette | 1998 | Z3 |
| Jeffrey Stark | 1991 | Z1 |
| Robert Storch | | |
| Jerry Timmons | 2003 | M3 |

Another look at the Best of Show Winner and his beautiful 1989 325ic.



Car Club Factoid – The June membership roster indicates that the 395 members of the NM Chapter own a total of 425 vehicles. The average vehicle model year of NM BMW CCA member is 1998 1/2. The oldest reported vehicle is a 1968 2002tii!

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June Tech Session at Santa Fe BMW

By Bill Kurey, NM BMWCCA Newsletter Editor

Santa Fe BMW hosted a Tech Session on Saturday, June 27, 2009. The club departed Sandia BMW in a convoy to Santa Fe with a brief stop at the Bernalillo Railrunner parking lot. Andy Caperones gave a presentation about the new 7-Series BMW.



Club members listening intently to Andy describing the new technologies of the 7 series.

This is the beginning of a new design direction for BMW and Andy showed pictures from his recent Germany trip, including the BMW M factory and the BMW Die Welt museum. As usual, the chapter provided a pizza lunch at the conclusion of the presentation. About 30 members attended this very interesting event.



This new 7 series came equipped with tires rated at a 101 Y load rating



There's always something interesting to look at under the hood of a new BMW even if you can't work on it yourself!



Bob Kauffman and Jon van Arsdel delivering pizza BMW CCA style!

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: webmaster@nmbmwcca.org subject: *Classifieds*. Ads may be edited due to space limitations. There is also the free classifieds section on the chapter website for you to use.

ITEMS LISTED

The following cars and/or parts were listed on the Club's website as of July 12, 2009:

2003 M3, 4 Used Borbet Wheels, Continental OEM Tires for E46 M3 18, WTB: E46 M3 18" OEM Wheels

Check the Club's Website at: www.nmbmwcca.org for current availability

Silver City Spring Tour

By Bill Kurey, NM BMWCCA Newsletter Editor

On April 17-19th 2009 the Sonora and New Mexico chapters of BMW CCA toured the charming hills of Silver City, New Mexico. Home base for the weekend was the Holiday Inn Express. The highlight of Saturday's activities was a tour of the Gila Cliff Dwellings via a great and winding road north of Silver City, through the historic district of Pinos Altos and along a route of some forty miles of great views and winding roads to challenge our "Ultimate Driving Machines". The group returned



to Silver City for an evening in Pinos Altos with dinner at the Buckhorn Saloon and Opera House. This historic district was one of the hang outs of Billy the Kid and other famous desperados of the wild west. Sunday morning included breakfast at Diane's in the old town district of Silver City before driving home to Tucson or Albuquerque. Many thanks to Patty Beth for the work in setting up this great weekend.

Rev it Up!! — Calendar of Events

July 28, 2009, at 6:00 pm. Membership meeting. We will meet in the private dining room at Fuddrucker's on I-25 (south of Jefferson) in Albuquerque.

August 2009. The BMW/Porsche Challenge. We will post details as soon as they are available from the Porsche Club.

September 24. Membership meeting.

October 11. The Annual Karl Fox Memorial Fall Tour. Gorgeous mountains, colorful leaves, great scenery, light winds, clear skies, and perfect temperatures. (The previous conditions will exist somewhere in the world, but maybe not here.)



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Car Allowance Rebate System (CARS)

By Jon van Arsdel, NM BMWCCA President

It is not normally the function of this newsletter to promote (or condemn) any government program. However, the Car Allowance Rebate System (CARS) may be of interest to people in this club. This program was just passed by Congress, and is expected to become law. In short, it will pay either \$3500 or \$4500 for people to scrap older cars deemed as "less fuel-efficient", and purchase a new, "more fuel-efficient" car. The official website www.cars.gov gives the following guidance:

Your vehicle must be less than 25 years old on the trade-in date

Only purchase or lease of new vehicles qualify

Generally, trade-in vehicles must get 18 or less MPG (some very large pick-up trucks and cargo vans have different requirements)

Trade-in vehicles must be registered and insured continuously for the full year preceding the trade-in

You don't need a voucher, dealers will apply a credit at purchase

Program runs through Nov 1, 2009 or when the funds are exhausted, whichever comes first.

The vehicle that you are trading in is required to be destroyed. Therefore, the value you negotiate with the dealer for your trade in is not likely to exceed its scrap value. The law requires the dealer to disclose to you and estimate of the scrap value of your trade-in vehicle.

So, if you are planning to purchase a new BMW, and have an older dilapidated vehicle that you rarely use (and is low in value), the above could apply. Please see the above-mentioned website after July 1st for additional details. Again, the club takes no position in favor of, or against, this new program.

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