



The Rio Grande Redline



BMW CCA New Mexico Chapter

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New Mexico Chapter Participates In Inaugural Santa Fe Concorso

By Bill Kurey, Photos by Jon van Arsdel

On Sunday, September 26, 2010, ten members of the New Mexico Chapter of the BMW CCA and their vehicles participated in the first annual Santa Fe Concorso. The Chapter participation at the event was facilitated by Mike Houx, owner of Sandia BMW – Thanks Mike!!!!



1973 BMW 2002tii Owned by Mike Houx

The participating members convoyed to the Buffalo Thunder Resort on Highway 84/285 just north/west of Santa Fe where they completed registration for the event. Once registration was completed, the cars were then staged forward to the club's display area in the "driveway exhibit of cars of interest."



**Concorso Display in Front of La Mesita Ranch
Equestrian Center**



1969 BMW 2800cs Owned by Dieter Fox



1959 BMW Isetta Owned by Matt DiGregory

Those members who did participate reported that they experienced a thoroughly enjoyable day. Do your self a favor and keep this event in mind for next year!

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President's Message

by Jon van Arsdel
October 2010

Fall has arrived. So has the State Fair, Balloon Fiesta, back to school, and mostly gorgeous weather. Long range weather projections are forecasting a La Niña Winter, with less than average snowfall.

Tech tip #395: Now might be a good time to inspect your wiper blades, in anticipation of winter weather.

This past quarter, we had three membership meetings. It is great to see a lot of new faces bringing new enthusiasm to our club.

The New México Chapter had the honor of being invited to the first-ever Santa Fé Concorso (thank you Mike Houx, owner of Sandía BMW and the Sandía Automotive Corp.). The Concorso was held September 24 through 26, and was open to the (paying) public on Sunday the 26th.

The Santa Fé Concorso was the first event of its type and magnitude to be held in New México. The focus of the show was cars that are historically significant; they had to pass an extensive entry pre-judging and assessment process. The cars on display were absolutely stunning (think Pebble Beach Concours).

Many VIP's in the world of automobiles were at the Concorso. Sir Stirling Moss, arguably one of the greatest-ever racing drivers was at the show. Famous automotive journalist Denise McCluggage was also present. Alma Hill is the widow of Phil Hill, the USA's only F1 champion, and attended with her son Derek Hill. Indy 500 champion Al Unser Sr. of Albuquerque was present. All of the afore-mentioned were on the judging committee.

Approximately 50 historically significant cars were on display. Many brands were well represented, such as Bugatti, Jaguar, Cadillac, Ferrari, Porsche, Mercedes, and Morgan. Many extinct marques were also present, such as Packard, Hudson, and Hupmobile. Mike Houx displayed his gorgeous Ferrari Dino.

A particularly interesting part of the show was called "Then & Now", and included both historical and modern examples of cars such as Bentley, Rolls Royce, Morgan, Mercedes (Gullwing), Corvette, and Mini.

The car club section was in addition to the main show, and had cars from the BMW club, Ferrari club, Porsche club, and Alfa Romeo club. We at the BMW CCA were

fortunate to have 10 BMW's. This is in addition to the other BMW's on exhibit throughout the show. Matt DiGregory's 1959 Isetta and Dieter Fox's 1968 2800cs attracted the most attention of the club cars. Matt's 850csi Individual was also a head-turner.

The Sandía BMW display was just inside the front gate. On display were BMW cars, BMW motorcycles, and Minis. A Z8 and a beautifully restored 2002 were part of the exhibit.

All of us who attended thought the Santa Fé Concorso was an overwhelming success. Proceeds went to benefit the Boys and Girls Clubs of Santa Fé. I hope the event will be repeated in future years.

Tech tip #396: Replacing your BMW's dirty interior air filter will increase the performance of your defroster and heater.

Next quarter we are planning the Fall Tour, and two membership meetings. Please see the calendar of events in this issue.

The Annual Karl H. Fox Memorial Fall Tour is scheduled for Sunday, October 10. The planned route is through the Sangre de Cristos to the Taos area. Brian Beaudoin will be the tourmeister.

Tech tip #397: The new BMW X3 is now scheduled for introduction in December 2010. The styling is reminiscent of the current X3 (E83). A manual transmission will not be available for US models (at least initially).

The New México 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
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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 a free classifieds section on the chapter website for you to use.

Check www.nmbmwcca.org for current selection of advertisements!!

The following items were listed on the Club's website as of October 7, 2010:

2008 335i Coupe, 28,500 miles, sport pkg, 18" OEM rims, 6sp manual, leather, heated seats, USB/iPod interface, excellent condition. Includes separate snow package: 17x8 Rial Salerno + 225/45R17 Conti ExtremeWinterContact tires. \$29,500. Contact David at 505.920.0330 or davidnari@gmail.com. Pics here: <http://tinyurl.com/e92forsale>

2004 X3 - Beautiful Black X3, Premium Package, Sports Package, XM Radio, BMW has all the maintenance records. 96,000 miles, must sell ASAP, 505-977-5328 \$15.900 OBO.

Rev it Up!! — Calendar of Events

October 10, 2010 (Sunday). The Annual Karl H. Fox Memorial Fall Tour. Gorgeous mountains, colorful leaves, great scenery, light winds, clear skies, and perfect temperatures. (Hey, we can always dream.)

November 18, 2010, at 6:00 pm. Membership meeting.

December 09, 2010. Membership meeting.

January 2011. Tech Session. Sandia BMW.



Another Picture From the Santa Fe Concorso

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Welcome Our New Chapter Members!

Member Name	Vehicle Year	Model
BRUCE BAINBRIDGE	2007	530i
RICHARD BENTLEY	2006	330ci
EDWIN CROW	2004	M3
ALEXANDER GRIEGO	1987	325e
GEORGE KASPER		
SCOTT KOMINIAK	2004	330ci
DERRIK LIEBERT	1967	R60/2
JERIK LOVE		
MICHAEL LUCERO	1999	528it
GARY MIDDLEBROOK	2006	330i
MARCUS MINER		
KOJIRO NODA	2004	M3
DON PINNOCK	2007	335i
MATTHEW PUCCETTI	2011	328i
KARL SPENCE		
LARRY TOMINBERG	2004	330ci
WAYNE WRUBLE	2011	535i



Bimmer's Along the "Driveway of Interest!"

Removing Convertible Top Stains

By Bill Kurey

With colder weather closing in on us, some of us with rag tops will be garaging our open top rides for the winter. Before you put the car cover on make sure you aren't letting any stains set into the fabric for a 4-5 month period. I've used this technique successfully a time or two—keep it in mind if you are ever faced with a hard-to-remove stain.

Sooner or later, your top will be inflicted with a stain that will not come out with regular shampoo. Common stains include bird droppings, tree sap and grease. For these occasions, you will need to use a stronger cleaner that can penetrate and release the foreign matter. Your first inclination will be to scrub the stain with the regular shampoo. DON'T! All scrubbing will do is spread it around. To remove stains from your canvas or vinyl top, use Wolfstein's RaggTopp Cleaner in full concentration. Spray it liberally on the stain before washing the whole top. Let it soak in, but don't let it dry. After it has soaked for 3 to 5 minutes, rinse your top and wash as usual. Rinse the stained area with a stiff stream of water.

Taken From the Autopia.org website. The entire convertible top care thread can be found at: <http://www.autopia.org/forum/guide-detailing/80227-convertible-top-care.html>

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