



# The Rio Grande Redline



BMW CCA New Mexico Chapter

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## The 2010 Annual Karl H. Fox Memorial Fall Tour Provides a Memorable Jaunt Through Scenic Northern New Mexico

The New Mexico Chapter of the BMW CCA met on Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup> for the 2010 Annual Karl H. Fox Memorial Tour through northern New Mexico. This edition of the annual fall tour, planned and lead by Brian Beaudoin, proved to be one of the more memorable chapter events as a result of excellent pre-planning and outstanding and cooperative fall weather. Chapter members met at Santa Fe BMW at 9:00AM. to gather up the participants for the group drive. Albuquerque members had the



**Is This the Large Screen GPS??**

option for an earlier start by meeting at the Smith's grocery in the Four Hills neighborhood and driving east on old Hwy 66 to State Route 14 North to join the rest of the group in Santa Fe. The scenery along the route through Cedar Crest, Golden, Madrid, Cerrillos, and into Santa Fe was reported as breathtaking.

Once all the drivers were gathered, the tourmeister led the group out of Santa Fe on NM 599 and picking up Route 84/285 just north of Santa Fe towards Pojoaque and Espanola. The planned route was to take NM 503 toward Nambe and Chimayo. We learned at break stop in Pojoaque that NM 76 was under construction and the surface was dirt. A vote was taken to amend the route to stay on Route 84/285 into Espanola where we picked NM 68 towards Taos and we then headed east on NM 75 thus avoiding the dirt surface and possible damage to



**Time to Slow Down and Enjoy the**

any person's vehicle. Then we were back on our originally proposed route of NM 518 to Rancho de Taos, and then NM 68 to Taos. The group stopped in Taos for lunch at the Stray Cats Café where all enjoyed what can only be assumed to be non-feline oriented entrées! A note of special thanks goes to Dieter Fox for his very generous donation to help defray the cost of the luncheon. The Fox family has been a stalwart supporter of the chapter for many years.



**Taking a Lunch Break at the Stray Cat**

After the lunch break the tour continued on NM 68/NM 64 to the Rio Grande Gorge Bridge for some world class photo opportunities. After many mega-bytes of photo-memories at the gorge, the tour headed either south on NM 285 or alternatively on NM 64 towards Tierra Amarilla for one last chance to take in the magnificent fall colors on one of the most scenic drives in all of NM! (Cont'd Page 3)



**Looking West Across The Gorge**

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## ***President's Message***

by Jon van Arsdel  
January 2011

Winter is here. As I write this (December), it has been a rather warm and dry Fall for a lot of New México. The meteorologists are predicting a La Niña winter, so we may get less than average snow this year.

Tech tip #398: Having your BMW headlights covered with the 3M Clear Bra film (or equivalent) will protect them from sandblasting and yellowing. It is also cheaper than replacing or refinishing your headlights. This should be applied when headlights are as new as possible.

This past quarter, we had the Fall Tour, a membership meeting, and a holiday dinner.

The Annual Karl H. Fox Memorial Fall Tour was on Sunday, October 10, 2010. Brian Beaudoin did a great job of setting up the tour. About 25 BMW's and their drivers attended. The weather was on its best behavior, and we had a great tour. Thank you very much to Dieter Fox and Monika Fox. See the tour article in this issue.

We had a general membership meeting and dinner on November 18<sup>th</sup>. It was a social event and planning session.

On December 15<sup>th</sup>, we had our holiday dinner at Mimi's Café. Many members were able to join us for a turkey dinner and celebration.

Tech tip #375: The red rear turn signals on the E90 can be converted to amber by simply replacing the tail light units with European units. They are plug-and-play.

For the first quarter of 2010, we have scheduled two tech sessions and a membership meeting.

The January 13, 2010 (Thursday) tech session will be at Sandía BMW. Service Director Jeff Cline will be the host, along with some of his excellent technical staff. He is planning to have the new BMW X3 (F25) on display.

Reminder: Officer elections for the New México Chapter of the BMW CCA will coincide with the Sandía tech session. Please come and vote for (or against) your favorite candidate. Better yet, run for an office.

The February 17<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) tech session will be at Southwest Collision Craftsmen. Owner Manny Córdova will be the host, at his BMW-certified body shop.

March 17<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) will be a general membership

meeting. We will have more details available on the web as we get closer to the date.

April 10<sup>th</sup> (Sunday) will be our annual Spring Fiesta at Sandía BMW. Start cleaning and polishing your car now.

As is our normal custom, food is included in club events.

The new E90. Some of you may know that I had the privilege of taking delivery of a brand new 328i in late November. Wow, what a superb machine!

The purchase process started several months ago with a phone call from Sandía BMW new car salesman Rick Herman. He informed me that I could, once again, order a car without a moonroof. This was a huge breakthrough for me, since I am very tall and need a lot of headroom. The moonroof had been standard and mandatory on US models since late 2004.

I finally ordered my dream car in September. The dealership was able to honor my preference, and had my car built in the München (Munich) factory. Like an eager child, I followed my E90 through every step of the production and transportation process. I even tracked the ship as it crossed the ocean and came through the Panamá Canal. The entire process from order to delivery date was eight weeks. I was amazed by the speed of my car's arrival.

The new 328i has a 6-speed manual transmission, and a handful of tasteful options. It is a lightweight car (as E90's go). The emphasis is on sport rather than luxury. It is better in all ways than my older E46 3-Series. Unfortunately, it will be bittersweet to sell the E46, since that is such a beautifully-designed car.

Tech tip #399: The rear foglights can be enabled on E90 models by simply replacing the US-specification headlight switch with a European-spec switch. It is plug-and-play.

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](http://www.nmbmwcca.org) for additional information.

I hope to see each of you soon!

Jon van Arsdel  
el Presidente  
BMW CCA of NM

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2006 330 Ci Coupe with ZHP, still under CPO warranty with only 27,200 miles. It is white with black leather M interior. In addition to zhp package, it has cold weather and premium packages, Harmon-Kardan sound(with XM), clear bra, Remus exhaust and new ultra high performance all weather Continental tires. Only \$27,499 in Farmington. 505-326-1089

Two (2) chrome exhaust tip covers in good condition from a 2004 Z4 3.0. Asking \$50.00. Call 575-770-0554

## Rev it Up!! — Calendar of Events

**January 13, 2011**, (Thursday), 6:00 p.m. Tech session with Jeff Cline. Sandía BMW, 6001 Pan American Fwy. NE, in Albuquerque.

**February 17, 2011**, (Thursday), 6:00 p.m. Tech session with Manny Córdova. Southwest Collision Craftsmen, 3401 Claremont NE, in Albuquerque.

**March 17, 2011**, (Thursday), 6:00 p.m. Membership meeting.

**April 10, 2011**, Annual Spring Fiesta at Sandía BMW.

**May 01, 2011**, Annual spring tour. Details TBA.

**June 2011**. Tech session. Santa Fé BMW.

**July 2011**. Membership meeting.

**August 2011**. The BMW/Porsche Challenge.

Welcome Our New Members!		
Member Name	Vehicle Year	Model
GAVIN COLLIER		
MICHAEL DILLINGHAM	2011	335i
JOSEPH LAVENDER	2006	Audi A4
BARBARA MARX		
FILIPPO NERI	2004	M3
JOSEPH SOLIN	2007	Alpina B7
JIM ZABILSKI	2008	535xi
TIMOTHY BOWLING		
DANIEL FLEGEL		
RICHARD YOSHIMURA	2001	330ci
MICHAEL DILLINGHAM	2011	335i

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Many thanks to Brian for making this outstanding outing possible. The next tour is scheduled for May 1, 2011—save the date and make time to travel with us on our next tour. Enjoy this collage of additional photos of this years Fall Tour.



### The Ultimate Wedding Cake!

This Groom's cake was featured at the wedding reception of Katie and Gavin Kurey on September 11, 2010. They are proud owners of two BMWs, a 1989 E30/E36 M3 hybrid and a 2008 335i.

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## Got Brake Dust?

**Q:** After I wash my car the next day the wheels are full of brake dust. I wax them every time I wash the car, but the wax only helps the wheels clean easier. I was reading about dustless brake pads what do you think?

**A:** The original BMW brake pads are, indeed, very dusty. As for "dust free", the brake dust is a result of the pad material wearing away and some of it depositing on your wheels. Technically, there is no such thing as a "dust free" pad. Most of the pads that are marketed as "dust free" are actually not very good brake pads and certainly are not recommended as a match to your BMW's capabilities. There are various options that will substantially reduce the brake dust accumulation. These three brake pad options will generate far less brake dust on your wheels. Cool Carbon pads will generate the least amount of visible dust, and will be the highest quality pads, with the longest life and the best pedal feel. Pagid pads will be almost as good as the Cool Carbons, in low dust, and will feel much like your original BMW pads. Mintex pads are a great pad at a low cost and they still generate much less dust than the BMW pads.

(Taken from [blog.bavauto.com/bmw-e46/2001-bmw-325ic-brake-dust](http://blog.bavauto.com/bmw-e46/2001-bmw-325ic-brake-dust))

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