



The Rio Grande Redline



BMW CCA New Mexico Chapter

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The 2011 Annual Karl H. Fox Fall Memorial Fall Tour

World Class Beautiful Weather Highlights This Year's Scenic Drive!

This year's Annual Karl H. Fox Fall Memorial Fall Tour kicked off in the bright and sunny morning hours of Sunday, October 9th 2011 and was lead by Tourmeister Monika Fox. The chapter members assembled at one of two rallying points, one in



Unmatched Beauty on A Drive up North!

Albuquerque and one in Santa Fe before heading out to enjoy the spectacular fall foliage with fellow BMW enthusiasts.



A Colorful Car Touring Through the Scenic Fall Foliage

A small but noticeable dip in local gas prices was also an added bonus. One member reported filling up with a top-tier premium fuel for only \$2.86 a gallon! We can use more of that anytime. This year's route to enjoy and celebrate the changing Fall colors in the gorgeous mountains of northern New Mexico took us through the Jemez Mountains, the Sangre de Cristo Mountains,



Thirsty Bimmers Taking a Pause for Some Go Juice

on to Abiquiu, and then the Truchas area before returning home. The weather cooperated completely this year and numerous scenic photo opportunities were encountered. As is custom-



Anxious Drivers Awaiting the Start of the Tour

ary with our chapter events, we all enjoyed a wonderful lunch stop at Gabriel's for some delicious food and friendship!

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President's Message

by Jon van Arsdel
October 2011

Fall has arrived. So has the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta, and (mostly) gorgeous weather. Long range weather projections are forecasting another La Niña Winter, with less than average snowfall. According to a release by the National Weather Service, this was the hottest-ever August in New México, for as long as weather has been recorded (about 150 years).

Tech tip #460: Now might be a good time to enable your rear fog light(s), in anticipation of winter weather. This can be done on many recent models by replacing your US -specification headlight switch with a European-spec switch.

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

The Annual Karl H. Fox Memorial Fall Tour was held on Sunday, October 9th. The route was to Abiquiu and the Ghost Ranch area, and then to the Truchas area. Monika Fox was the tourmeister, and put together a truly magnificent and fun tour route. The scenery was excellent, and we were able to tour the Ghost Ranch Museum. Although the morning temperatures were a bit cool, it later turned out to be "convertible-friendly" weather. The tour ended with a great lunch at Gabriel's Restaurante, just north of Santa Fé.

Apparently the Fall Tour is starting to get a reputation, even outside of New México. Two BMW CCA members from the Houston Chapter drove here to participate in the tour. Obviously, they won the long distance award. Thank you to James Saynay and Priscilla Irawan for coming this far and participating. I hope your memories of New México are great.

Incidentally, Monika Fox is the sister of the late Karl Fox, for whom the Tour is named.

Tech tip #461: Heated seats are really nice. (I think I repeat this almost every year.)

The New México Chapter participated in the Río Rancho Oktoberfest on September 30th and October 1st. This event had been dormant for several years. Dana Köller, with the backing of the Chamber of Commerce decided to revive the event. In addition to many BMW's, there were Volkswagens and Audis at the car show. Oktoberfest featured live music, German food, and great German bever-

ages. Thank you to Sandía BMW for also sending some cars to the show. We are hoping to make Oktoberfest an annual event again.

Next quarter we are planning two membership meetings. We are planning great tech sessions in January and February. Please see the calendar of events in this issue.

Tech tip #462: The new BMW 3-Series (F30) is now scheduled for US introduction in Spring of 2012. It will have been revealed by the time you read this. The styling is expected to be similar to the new 5-Series (F10). The base engine is scheduled to be the N20, which is a turbo-charged and direct-injected four cylinder.

Chapter Vice President Daniel Flegel announced he will be working in Washington, DC. Therefore, he has stepped-down as Vice President. He has been a great asset, and helped the chapter tremendously, during his years in office. We all wish him well in DC.

Our chapter Secretary, Dominic Martínez, has volunteered to serve as interim Vice President. Our chapter Driving Events Coordinator (DEC), Sonia Herrera, has volunteered to serve as interim Secretary. The next officers' election will be in January. Thank you to Dominic and Sonia for volunteering.

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
el Presidente
BMW CCA of NM

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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 17, 2011:

1995 525i with 1997 M3 drivetrain professionally installed by Korman Autoworks in North Carolina. Excellent mechanical and cosmetic condition, Oxford green exterior and tan leather interior. Asking \$6,500, call John at 505-228-2010. Pics available, test drives and pre-purchase inspections welcomed! cjgillis74@msn.com

2004 X3 3.0 Titanium/black leather interior, brushed aluminum trim. 53,xxx miles, 6 spd, Dinan "S" pkg, Premium pkg, H-K premium hi-fi w/Dice iPod adapter, heated front seats, Xenons, rain-sensing wipers, BMW assist, BMW Class III hitch, privacy glass. Maint is current, including recent driveline fluids (3/11), new battery (4/11), oil change (6/11). All maint records, garaged, non-smoker, excellent condition. \$17,500/OBO . Mike (505) 982-6608 mikemuth9@msn.com

Rev it Up!! — Calendar of Events

October 09, 2011. The Annual Karl H. Fox Memorial Fall Tour. Gorgeous mountains, colorful leaves, great scenery, clear skies, and perfect temperatures.

November 17, 2011, at 6:00 pm. Membership meeting.

December 08, 2011, at 6:00 pm. Membership meeting.

January 2012. Tech Session. Sandia BMW.

February 2012. Tech Session. Southwest Collision Craftsmen.

Welcome Our New Members!

Member Name	Member Name
Matthew Barstow	William Hill
Elizabeth Bretton	Matthew Locke
Anthony Brown	John Lorio
Edwin Case	Edward Martin
Brian Costanzo	Joel Meidinger
R DeJesus	Andrew Ocleireachain
Peggy DeJesus	Frank Rodgers
Joe Farinash	David Salas
Christopher Farmer	Michael Shenkman
Wayne Flowers	Kenneth Zupkow
Daniel Goddard	

More Fall Tour Pictures



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**Maintenance Tips to Increase Tire Performance,
Life and Durability**

Check and Adjust First Thing In The Morning. Set according to the vehicle manufacturer's cold tire pressure(s) recommended on the vehicle's tire placard or in its owner's manual. This must be done before rising ambient temperatures, the sun's radiant heat or even driving short distances temporarily warms the tires.

Indoor-to-outdoor Temperature Variation. Significant differences between the conditions tire pressures are set (the warmth of an attached garage, heated garage or service shop) and in which the vehicle will be driven (winter's sub-freezing temperatures) requires inflating tires 1 psi higher than recommended on the placard for every 10° F difference in temperature between interior and exterior temperatures.

Afternoon Ambient Temperature Increase.* Set 2 psi above vehicle manufacturer's cold inflation recommendations when installing new tires or if the vehicle has been parked in the shade for a few hours.

Tire Heat Generated While Being Driven (or at speeds of less than 45 mph).
* Set 4 psi above vehicle manufacturer's cold inflation recommendations.

Heat Generated While Being Driven Extensively (or at sustained speeds greater than 45 mph). * Set 6 psi above vehicle manufacturer's cold inflation recommendations.

Do Not Release Hot Tire Pressure if any of these variables could be the cause of measured tire pressure exceeding the maximum psi branded on the tire's sidewall by the 2, 4 or 6 psi indicated above for the various conditions. This temporary pressure increase is expected and designed into the tire's capabilities.

*NOTE: Tires on a parked vehicle exposed to direct sunlight will appear over-inflated due to the heat absorbed from the radiant energy of the sun. Pressures cannot be accurately set on these tires until all have stabilized in the shade.

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