



The Rio Grande Redline



BMW CCA New Mexico Chapter

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Notes From the Editor

Happy New Year to you all! The BMW CCA New Mexico is happy to introduce our new club logo! After a much anticipation the club is excited to have a club logo. The logo was designed by Joe Lavender, our current Newsletter Editor. The logo has been "blessed" by National and we can now start promoting it. We hope to start incorporating our new logo across our site and will be selling club t-shirts. Ask about them at the next club event!

**BMW Car Club
of America
New Mexico Chapter**



Annual Financial Statement 2012

Assets

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| Total Cash in Bank Accounts | \$ 5,019.69 |
| Total Liabilities and Equity | \$ 0.00 |

Income Statement

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| Membership Dues | \$ 4,597.69 |
| Rebates from National | \$ 310.00 |
| Other | \$ 300.00 |
| Total Income | \$ 5,207.69 |

Expenses

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| Newsletter | \$ 1,107.79 |
| Postage | \$ 1,177.70 |
| Insurance | \$ 370.74 |
| Meetings | \$ 2,288.08 |
| Other | \$ 414.68 |
| Expenses Total | \$ 5,358.99 |
| Net Income (Loss) | \$ (151.30) |

Calendar of Events

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| Apr 14 (Sun) | Annual Spring Fiesta at Sandia BMW |
| May 5 (Sun) | Annual Spring Tour to Rio Grande Gorge. Tourmeister, Robert Bucci. |
| Jun 22 (Sat) | Tech Session at Santa Fe BMW w/Andy Caperones |
| Jul 25 (Thu) | Membership meeting |
| Aug (TBD) | The BMW/Porsche Challenge |

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President's Letter

After a mostly dry La Niña winter, spring has arrived. It looks to be windy and sandy, but maybe less so than last year (2012). Still, the blowing sand seems to get into everything. Trying to keep a BMW clean may be a challenge. Also, your BMW will be happier if you keep the sand out of the window tracks.

This past quarter, we had two tech sessions and a membership meeting, held on March 21st. The January 17, 2013 tech session was at Sandía BMW. Service Manager Jeff Reece was the host. The main topic was the M cars. We had the privilege of seeing an original BMW M1 (thank you, Mike Houx), as well as the fabulous new M5 and M6. We also held officer elections for the New México Chapter of the BMW CCA. The February 21st tech session was at Southwest Collision Craftsmen. Owner Manny Córdova was the host, at his BMW-certified body shop. Manny discussed and demonstrated basic body repair for BMW's.

During the second quarter of 2013, we have scheduled the annual Spring Fiesta car show & barbecue, our spring tour drive, and a tech session. The annual Spring Fiesta (car show and barbecue) was held at Sandía BMW. It was a little windy on Sunday, April 14th, so Jeff Reece kindly let us use the inside of the dealership showroom (thank you). Jeff and all the very hard working people at Sandía did a great job hosting the event. This year we did People's Choice awards and everyone seemed to enjoy the voting process. Congratulations to our winners!

The Spring Tour is scheduled for Sunday, May 5th. The Tourmeister for this event will be Robert Bucci who will be leading the group to the newly designed Rio Grande Gorge. Please watch your email for details on the tour.

Santa Fé BMW and Andy Caperones will be hosting a tech session on Saturday, June 22nd. The topic for the tech session will be the new 3-Series (F30). As is our normal custom, food is included in club events. Please come and join us; we try to have events that appeal to many tastes.

Regional Chapter Congress. On April 5-7, 2013, three of us attended the Congress. David Penasa, Steve Nowaczek, and I attended the Fort Worth meeting, which emphasized the changing demographics of BMW owners. They also discussed the requirement for all participants to sign a waiver before a tour, or any event in which "wheels are turning". Minors will be required to have a waiver signed by both parents. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Modernization at BMW CCA.

This is a partial repeat of a section of my January 2013 column. For several years now, the New México Chapter of the BMW CCA has been looking for methods to improve the quality of The Río Grande Redline, while at the same time reducing its cost of production. At a formal meeting on Saturday, January 12, 2013, the Board of Directors voted to change the newsletter to a digital format for distribution to NM members. This was enabled by a national change in policy by BMW CCA.

The advantages to a digital newsletter are numerous. It will be in full color. It will have more pages, and feature more photos from club events. It can have links to additional content, and links to videos for things like DIY tutorials. It will be able to be read online (computer, iPad, etc.), or it can be printed on your nearest color printer. It will save some trees. It will cost substantially less for the chapter than the current four-page black-and-white newsletter that is sent by mail. Printing and sending a bigger and full color newsletter by mail is cost-prohibitive for the chapter.

If you wish to receive the newsletter in digital format, please be sure your email address is current with the national office. This will become the default address for the newsletter. When it is published, we will send you the link to the new and improved digital Río Grande Redline. If you prefer to receive a mailed copy instead, this is your opportunity. Please contact Newsletter Editor Joe Lavender ASAP at editor@nmbmwcca.org, and tell him you wish to continue receiving a paper copy of the Río Grande Redline. You will then continue to receive the traditional four-page black-and-white printed version.

The other BMW CCA publications will be unaffected by this change. The national magazine Roundel, will continue to arrive in your mailbox every month. The bright blue postcards for major events will also continue to be mailed to you from the NM Chapter.

Our current Newsletter Editor, Joe Lavender, will be leaving New México in early June. He is taking a new job. Thank you to Joe for helping the chapter for the last couple years, and congratulations on the new position. Sonia Martínez has volunteered to take over the newsletter. So we will transition from Joe to Sonia over the next few weeks. Thank you for stepping up, Sonia.

That is all for this time. We really need event leaders for future events. So please volunteer, if you have some spare time to help organize.

Jon van Arsdel
el Presidente
BMW CCA of NM

Introducing The BMW X4 Concept

Wondering what is next on BMW's list of production vehicles? Well wonder no more, BMW is set to debut their prototype of the 2014 BMW X4 Concept towards the end of April at the Shanghai Motor Show. BMW has released photos of the Concept X4, which very much resembles the larger X6, yet has the same wheelbase of an X3.

The Concept X4's total length is longer than the X3 and about 70mm lower and wider than the X6, giving it a more aggressive stance as it takes its place among the other BMW 'Sport Activity Coupes'. A pair of large front air intakes flank the trademark kidney grille, and the large wheel arches are filled out with 21-inch bi-color alloys. Some of the obvious concept car design touches, like the mirrors and lights, will be changed before the car goes on sale – although the overall design will remain almost unchanged for production.

See more photos on YouTube: www.youtube.com/watch?v=4cT2Bsvorog.



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