



# The Rio Grande *Redline*



BMW CCA New Mexico Chapter

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Notes From the Editor

Hello summer! Hope everyone is enjoying their summer and are taking care in this hot weather. This is our first all digital edition, which we hope you enjoy. We are looking forward to bringing you more content and videos. Have something that you'd like to share with the club? Send your articles or videos to [editor@nmbmwcca.org](mailto:editor@nmbmwcca.org). Thanks!

## President's Letter

Summer has arrived in New México. It has been a hotter-than-normal, dry, and windy spring. Forest fires in the area put a lot of smoke into the air. Tech tip #502: On the topic of smoke, modern BMW cabin air filters are very effective at removing smoke from the air. The filters are an activated carbon (activated charcoal) type, which physically attracts and traps the smoke particulate. The bad news is, the cabin filter loses effectiveness after trapping a lot of smoke. Filter replacement is the only remedy.

This past quarter, we had the Spring Tour, the Spring Fiesta, and a tech session.

On April 14th (Sunday), Sandía BMW (6001 Pan American Fwy., NE in Albuquerque) hosted the annual BMW Spring Fiesta. The event was open to all BMW, Mini, and BMW Motorcycle enthusiasts. Sandía Service Director Jeff Reece was the coordinator. Jeff was also the master chef, and singlehandedly cooked enough food for about 50 hungry people. We had a very large number of people attend this very fine event, especially BMW owners. A brand new F30 3-Series and the new X1, were conveniently parked nearby, for all to see and admire. The barbeque (contributed by Sandía BMW) was excellent. Mother Nature mostly cooperated with the weather, but it was a bit windy, even in the morning. Thank you to Sonax, for sending some free samples of their wheel cleaner. And Congratulations to our People's Choice Award winners!

On May 5th, Robert Bucci (Tourmeister) led a destination and scenic tour to the Río Grande Gorge, near Taos. This area was recently designated as a national monument. It was a perfect day, with pleasant temperatures and clear skies. We had an excellent group lunch at Rancho de Chimayó, north of Santa Fé. A total of 19 BMW cars and 1 BMW motorcycle were on the tour. Virtually everyone had a great time.





June 22nd was the annual tech session at Santa Fé BMW. As usual, Service Manager Andy Caperones put together an excellent event. The new BMW 320i (F30) was the topic of the tech session. It is a detuned and more economical version of the new F30 328i. A new 328i Touring (wagon) was also on display, as well as a replica of a historic BMW 328. Andy also arranged for an excellent demonstration of paintless dent repair.

Tech tip #503: Your BMW's fuel system is much happier when it uses Top Tier Gas. For a list of the companies that sell the cleaner fuel, go to [www.toptiergas.com](http://www.toptiergas.com).

We are planning membership meetings on July 25th (Thursday) and August 17th (Saturday). The August 17th meeting is planned to be with members of the Houston Chapter, who are headed to Oktoberfest in California. We are planning tours on September 21st and October 13th. We will publish details on our website in advance of each event.

The September 21st (Saturday) tour will be a new type of event for our chapter. A "Trivia Tour" will be led by Mr. Ohio Knox (Tourmeister). It will be scenic, and it will be entertaining. Participants (each individual car) will be judged based on their answers to the questions on the route guide. This is not a time or speed event.

The Annual Karl Fox Memorial Fall Tour will be on Sunday, October 13. Monika Fox has volunteered to lead the October event. The original destination for the tour is now closed, and we are searching for an alternate. We regret the change. Please watch your email and the website for more information.

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

Calendar of Events	
<b>Jul 25 (Thu)</b>	Membership meeting. Fuddrucker's (I-25 & Jefferson) @ 6pm.
<b>Aug 17 (Sat)</b>	Membership meeting. Range Café in Bernalillo. Meet with members of the Houston Chapter headed to Oktoberfest in California. Details TBA.
<b>Sep 21 (Sat)</b>	Trivia Tour in the East Mountains. Ohio Knox, Tourmeister. This is a brand-new event for our chapter. Event to begin at 9:30am. Details TBA.
<b>Oct 13 (Sun)</b>	The Annual Karl Fox Memorial Fall Tour. Gorgeous mountains, colorful leaves, great scenery, light winds, clear skies, and perfect temperatures (We advertise these benefits every year, regardless of truth content.). Monika Fox, Tourmeister. Details TBA.



## Experience of a Life Time

*By Donald Crawford*

Do you own a BMW? Would you like to own a BMW? This is, of course, a rhetorical question. If you are reading this newsletter you probably own a BMW. If you fit either of these categories the BMW Welt and Museum in Munchen (Munich) Germany is the place to visit. It was our good fortune to be able to take such a trip in December of 2012. We were not there to pick up a new automobile just to see more of the world we have not yet seen.

There is no doubt in our minds that BMW has a very strong presence in Germany and especially in Munchen. The Welt, Werks and Museum along with the four cylinder administration building are located adjacent to Olympia Park, built for the 1972 Olympics. Olympic Park is now a venue for both sports and music entertainment. The tented stadium and the radio broadcast tower with the revolving restaurant are historically preserved landmarks. The Olympic Park has many tours available but designed more for summer viewing and not the wintery snow days we had our first week in Germany. That worked perfect for us as all of BMW, Welt, Werks, and museum are in air conditioned spaces.



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The BMW Headquarters, the four cylinders and the attached museum were designed by Austrian architect Karl Schwanzer. Construction started in 1968 and was completed in 1972 for the Munich Olympics. The structures were added to the historical preservation list and were completely renovated in 2004- 2006. The recent renovation of the museum makes it a wonderful place to visit.



Exterior BMW Welt- Munich, Germany



BMW Museum

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