



The Rio Grande *Redline*



BMW CCA New Mexico Chapter

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Notes From the Editor

Happy New Year and welcome 2014! It's amazing how fast time is flying by. We sure had a packed last few months and there is lots to look forward to. Make sure you review the calendar of events so you don't miss out on any of the upcoming events. If you have anything you'd like to share, please send us your ideas to editor@nmbmwcca.org. Thanks and we'll catch you next time!

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President's Letter

Winter is here. After a rather dramatic and rainy fall, the weather has again become dry and warmer than average. As I write this (early January), we have had less than average snowfall this winter, especially in the areas outside of Albuquerque. The forecasters are predicting another La Niña winter, so we may also get less than average snow for the rest of this season. X-Drive may not be absolutely essential for New México this winter.

This past quarter, we had the Fall Tour, a membership meeting, and a holiday dinner. The Annual Karl Fox Memorial Tour was a great success. Thank you to Monika Fox for being the Tourmeister. The holiday dinner was also very well attended and took place at Nicky V's Pizzeria. Thank you to Sonia Martínez for arranging the dinner and thanks to Nicky V's for their hospitality & great food.

Incidentally, congratulations to Dominic and Sonia Martínez on their brand new beautiful baby boy, Elijah, born in December. I think I see a future new member of the BMW CCA.

For the first quarter of 2014, we have scheduled three tech sessions and a membership meeting.

The January 16, 2014 (Thursday) tech session was held at Sandía BMW. Service Director Jeff Reece hosted, along with some of his excellent technical staff.



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2014 Elections: Officer elections for the New México Chapter of the BMW CCA were conducted at the Sandía tech session. We are looking for new members to

join the board, please consider getting involved.

Election Results are as follows; **President:** Jonathan van Arsdel **Vice-President:** Dominic Martínez **Secretary:** James Irick **Treasurer:** David Penasa **Webmaster:** Steven Nowaczek **Editor:** Sonia Martínez.

January 23 was the first Tech Session Lite, on the new BMW i3. I attended the Tech Session Lite, and had the privilege of seeing the new i3 (see photos from James Irick). I went in with modest expectations, but I came out very impressed. BMW USA sent three demonstrator cars. The cars were very nice. Although the i3 looks small in the photos, it is much larger (not like the golf cart I had imagined). Interior space was about the same as a 3-Series, and was very sufficient for my 6'4" tall body. The front and rear seats are very nice, and the cargo space is generous. Well OK, so it is not up to the standards of a 750iL, but it will be priced like a 3-Series, not a 7-Series.



The February 13th (Thursday) tech session was at Southwest Collision Craftsmen. Don Truesdale hosted this years event. As always, a great big "Thank You" to Manny for offering up his BMW-certified body shop.

March 20th (Thursday) will be our next tech session at Alloy Wheel Repair Specialists of NM. Owner, Eddie Ransbottom, will be hosting the event. Please keep an eye out for location details via email.

April 5th (Saturday) will be our annual Spring Tour. We are still working on the details, but are planning on going to the Trinity Site, east of Socorro, at the White Sands Missile Range.

May 4th (Sunday) will be our annual Spring Fiesta at Sandía BMW. Start cleaning and polishing your car now. Watch your email for an announcement for event details.

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

The national BMW CCA Oktoberfest will be in Beaver Creek, Colorado this year, on June 16-20. Several people in the New México Chapter have indicated an interest in going to Oktoberfest. We will try to get a traveling group together. The drive is a few hours in the scenic mountains of New México and Colorado.

Several years ago, BMW CCA Oktoberfest was held in Keystone, Colorado (just east of Vail). A group of us drove up from New México. I think all of us had a splendid time.

Lastly, The Drive 4 Corners BMW Meet is coming up in August. The event will take place in Pagosa, Colorado. The event was attended last year by a few of our club members and also Santa Fe BMW was represented by Andy Caperones. It was a great social event and lots of cool cars. Check out the 2013 video clip and visit the website for more information, <http://drive4corners.com/>.



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.

Hope to see you all soon!

Jon van Arsdel
el Presidente
BMW CCA of NM

Calendar of Events	
Mar 14 (Fri)	March 14-16. BMW CCA training conference in DFW.
Mar 20 (Thu)	Tech session at Alloy Wheel Repair Specialists of NM. Event will start at 6pm and food will be provided. Location TBA.
Apr 5 (Sat)	Spring tour to Trinity Site at White Sands Missile Range. More details to follow.
May 4 (Sun)	Annual Spring Fiesta hosted by Sandía BMW. Details TBA.
Jun 15 (Sun)	June 15-21. Oktoberfest in Beaver Creek, CO. Planning a convoy to and from. Stay tuned for more information. http://ofest.bmwcca.org/register
Jun TBA	Tech session at Santa Fe BMW. Details TBA.
Aug 1 (Fri)	August 1-4. Drive 4 Corners BMW Meet in Pagosa, CO. http://drive4corners.com/ .

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Countdown to Ofest

45th Annual BMW CCA Oktoberfest

The countdown has begun for this years BMW CCA Oktoberfest! The much anticipated event will take place June 16-20th in Beaver Creek, Colorado. For us here in New Mexico, we are super excited, as this is the closest Oktoberfest has been to us in a while, so lots of NMBMWCCA members are making plans to attend.

What is Oktoberfest? It's basically the biggest party to celebrate all things BMW. It is known as the "ultimate motorsport family reunion" that attracts thousands of participants each year from around the states. It's a great time to meet up with old friends and make new ones. Ranging in different activities, from a Welcome a Reception to attempting the Bridgestone Autocross course to the many Car a Control Clinics and the annual BMW NA Awards dinner, there's something for everyone. The main attraction this year will be the prestigious Pirelli Concours d'Elegance. You will have an opportunity to witness some of the most beautiful machinery in BMW history. And of course, lots of time for socializing with like-minded car enthusiasts!

Who should attend Oktoberfest?

EVERYONE! Ofest is designed to be fun for the whole family. There is even a Kids Camp & Babysitting offered to families that include fun activities for the kiddos.

When can I register? NOW! Registration is currently open, so get registered and start making your travel plans now!

We will be putting together a caravan to head up to Ofest, so stay tuned for further details.

Don't miss out on the biggest BMW party of the year, hope to see you all there!

<http://ofest.bmwcca.org/register>



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