



# The Rio Grande Redline



BMW CCA New Mexico Chapter

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## Upcoming Events

### October Event

#### *Karl Fox Memorial Tour*

**October 12 2014 - 8:00 am Santa Fe BMW**

Lets meet up at Santa Fe BMW at 8:00 on Sunday for a Fall Drive through the Enchanted Circle of Northern NM. Light breakfast provided by Santa Fe BMW with drivers meeting at 8:30.

Hope everyone can make it to this one!

Email details to follow

### November Event

**November 13 2014- 6:00 pm Member Meeting**

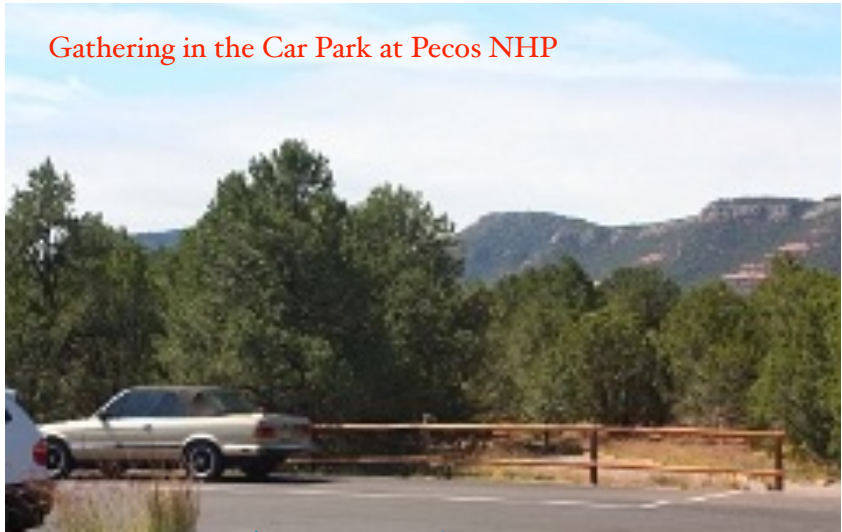
Check your email for further information

### December Event

**December 2014 - Holiday Party**

Festivities abound at this year's Holiday Party at El Norteno restaurant in Albuquerque. Check your email for details as they are finalized...

Gathering in the Car Park at Pecos NHP



## September Drive to Pecos

*James Irick, Newsletter Editor Photos by Steve N.*

For awhile now I have had an idea to have a picnic. Nothing fancy, just a way to get out and see what's going on in New Mexico.

We got the opportunity in September to head out from Edgewood to Pecos National Historic Park near Pecos, NM. Heather and I prepared a lunch for the trip at the park, then we headed up the Pecos River canyon to the old mining town of Terrero. As part of the drive to keep people aware my father and I prepared a "trivial" tour guide to point out useless bits of information along our route through Galisteo, Lamy, the Civil War Battlefield at Glorieta Pass and Pecos. We got a couple of comments that we should start a tour of our own and make an App for it...go figure.

After Lunch and Ready for the River Run!



**September Drive Continued:**

There were 13 cars along for the ride and about 28 people. We had a nice presentation from the Park Ranger at Pecos and several made the self guided tour around the ruins of Pecos Pueblo. After the tour we belted up to the picnic bench for a quick meal. Now that we're full of food lets take a run up the twisty canyon road to Terrero...

The road up to Terrero was originally made by miners at the end of the 19th Century to get to the minerals that were found in the mountains of the Pecos Wilderness. The road roughly follows the river up the canyon and many of the original bridges were replaced to allow for modern traffic. There is one bridge at Terrero which is one of the original Truss bridges and now sits on the National Historic Register. Terrero was originally the third largest town in New Mexico in the 1920's with over 3000 people. Hard to believe now as most of the houses and buildings are gone. The general store at Terrero wasn't original to the townsite but keeps the history alive by offering a place to relax and hear the river. If you're adventurous they also have trail rides up the river canyon.

In all it was a great day with beautiful weather (eventually by lunch). We hope all who went had a good time and we'll try to plan for another picnic next year. Cheers! James Irick, Editor

**A Note From the President of the Chapter**

**By Jon van Arsdel, President NM BMW CCA**

Autumn is here; so is the State Fair, the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta, the BMW CCA Fall Tour, and gorgeous weather (with some notable exceptions). The days are getting shorter and cooler. Long range weather projections are a possible El Niño Winter, with greater than average snowfall. Is your X-Drive (all wheel drive) prepared?

Tech tip #581: X-Drive is now available in most BMW models. Hmm...

This past quarter, we had two membership meetings, and a historical tour with a picnic. It is great to see a lot of new faces bringing new enthusiasm to our club.

On July 17 and August 21, we had membership meetings. Thank you to all of you who attended. And thank you for helping to plan future events.

On September 13, 2014, we had our first ever Historical Tour and Picnic. Tourmeister James Irick put together a great route up the east side of the Sandía and Sangre de Cristo Mountains. We then did a walking tour of the Pecos National Monument. This was followed by a fabulous picnic. After lunch, we continued a very scenic drive up to Terrero, a few miles north of Pecos. James also handed out historical notes about the tour, which were a really nice addition.

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President's Note Continued:

Tech tip #582: Heated seats are really nice. (I think I repeat this almost every year.) Your BMW dealer will help you to order a set of heated seats, with a brand new BMW built around them. Hmmmm....

Next quarter we are planning three events, the Fall Tour, a membership meeting, and a holiday dinner. We are also planning great tech sessions in January and February. Please see the calendar of events in this issue. Details are still being worked out for the tech sessions; so watch your email for updates on those and the holiday dinner.

The Annual Karl H. Fox Memorial Fall Tour will be held on Sunday, October 12th. The route this year will leave Santa Fé, and go through Las Vegas, Mora, and part of the Enchanted Circle. Len and Meg Heinz will be the tourmeisters. The scenery should be excellent. We have already put in a request for excellent weather. A gourmet lunch will be a part of the tour.

We will have a membership meeting and dinner on Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup>.

The annual chapter holiday party will be in December. Thank you to Steve Nowaczek for making the arrangements.

Tech tip #583: The newly revised X3 is now available in Diesel. It is also available with heated seats and X-Drive. Hmmmmm.....

#### Do you recall?

As some of you know, my E90 sedan was among those cars included in the VANOS bolt recall. I had been using the car sparingly, pending completion of this recall. The parts have now arrived for the recalls, and I had this important service performed. The car runs like a dream. Thank you to Service Director Jeff Reece, and to Master Technician Peter Limone, for the great job on my car. Other people who are included in this recall may want to contact the nearest BMW dealer.

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.

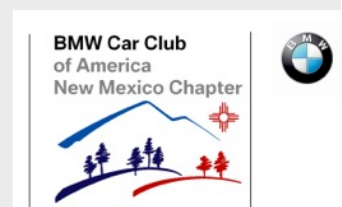
As always, watch your email for changes and updates to the events. You can also check [www.nmbmwcca.org](http://www.nmbmwcca.org) for additional information.

I hope to see each of you soon!

Jon van Arsdel

el Presidente

BMW CCA of NM



**Tech Tips for your BMW**

By James Irick

**Keeping the inside looking good**

For those who take your car to a professional car wash, you may be disappointed to find that they really don't clean the inside of your car out very well unless you pay the premium for an "interior cleaning". This usually consists of cleaning the carpets and slathering some goop on the seats and dashboard. Unfortunately, this doesn't always keep the leather in your car looking and feeling its best.

There are many products on the market available at local auto stores to help you keep your interior clean without the large expense of the car wash. Many of these products have several different types of cleaner depending on what you're trying to clean in your car. You can get cleaners for your leather, vinyl, carpets and glass all in one place. With a little investment and some elbow grease you can keep your car looking like it did when you bought it at the showroom...here's how.

First, head to an auto parts store or go online to find a leather cleaner. There are many brands and I won't sponsor one over the other but try to find one without silicone in it. This only makes the leather slippery and causes you to slide out of your seat at inopportune times. There are also cleaners with preservatives that help the leather stay supple and soft without leaving a residue that sticks to your clothes. Carpet cleaners are usually spray on and vacuum out. You can remove your floor mats and give them a soak with a garden hose then let them dry in the shade so they don't fade in the sun. Glass cleaners spray on and wipe off.

Now the hard part. Follow the manufacturer's instructions and apply the products to the leather and vinyl surfaces, let the material soak for a bit then towel off with a clean towel. That's it. Now you can charge your neighbors for a professional "interior cleaning".

**Drive 4 Corners in Pagosa Springs, CO  
August 1-4 2014**

A first time view of the Drive 4 Corners event allowed Heather and I to have an open mind. The weekend started at Santa Fe BMW where we grouped up in a caravan of 7 cars and headed north to Pagosa Springs via US 84. Only one minor mechanical problem plagued one of the cars and we all made it to the hotel at Pagosa. The hotel was still under "renovation" and not all the facilities were fully open but there was enough to keep us alive and entertained for the weekend.

The hosts of the event planned for most every detail and we headed out to the drive Saturday morning. We left the hotel in stages and headed up to Wolf Creek Pass ski area for a photo op and hang out at 10000 feet. Over 85 cars made the trip to the top of the pass and we spent some time walking around the ski area and looking over each others BMW's. Some of us continued on East to the town of Creede and beyond to a stage stop along a mountain road for lunch. Returning to the hotel in Pagosa found us witnessing a Gymkhana in the parking lot. A homemade barbecue and camaraderie met us for the evenings festivities.

Sunday we were up and headed to a brunch at the hotel's sister property west of town. A lovely cook to order smorgasbord was well worth the drive from the hotel. After brunch we meandered our way back to ABQ with a stop in Chama to see the train depot. Great driving roads along US 84 have spectacular views and make for a great ride home.

We will definitely plan on heading up next August. Thanks to the hosts Tom and Ted Schultz!  
Heather and James I



Top of the Pass at Drive 4 Corners!

**Reader's Rides**  
**Douglas Brown, Ph.D**  
**CCA Member Number 176**

I guess this is just an image for "Member Cars" as the photos I took at the only car show I have ever participated in didn't survive my editing. The attached image is of my '91 E31, V12 6 speed, taken along NM64 after riding the Cumbres & Toltec train. Car is basically stock, except for the CD43 radio head and the red intake manifolds and valve covers. Has 54000 mi and taken about \$6K to get back into good mechanical condition.



My first BMW was a '68 1600-2 bought new on my way to graduate school; joined BMW CCA in either 1969 or 1970. Choice was that, a VW Beetle (cost 1/2 as much) or a Mini; the choice was fortunately obvious. Had that car for 18 years and 160000 mi before I gave it away (no local market then for a classic BMW) to a local high school automotive shop. The E31 is my 3rd BMW, 2nd E31.

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January 2015 has our Elections for Board of Directors  
Are you ready and willing to volunteer?**

Here is a brief description of each of the positions needed to keep your Chapter of the BMW CCA running. We will have elections in January 2015 and would like to give all of you the opportunity to check out what it takes to be a member of the Board of Directors. For a full description check out the BMW CCA website: <http://www.bmwcca.org>. **If you are interested in standing for a position let the President Jon van Arsdel know by the end of December.**

**President:**

Presides over Chapter meetings, prepares agenda and directs discussion. Executes documents on behalf of the Chapter. Co-signs checks for the Chapter. Responsible for corporations reports filed on time.

**Vice-President:**

Presides in the absence of the President at Chapter events. Assists the President and Board in any manner they may direct.

**Treasurer:**

Keeps and preserves the records and books of accounts reflecting the financial condition and operation of the Chapter. Keeps record of any corporate documents that obligate the Chapter financially. Monitors and maintains Chapter bank accounts; Co-signs Chapter checks as required. Prepares annual financial report for the National office.

**Secretary:**

Keeps records of Board of Directors meetings when called. Presents such minutes at the request of the President. Prepares email notices for announcements to the membership.

**Member at Large:**

Serves on Board of Directors as a liaison to the Membership. Voices comments and concerns presented to them from members for the Board's consideration.

**Webmaster:**

Develops and maintains a website for the Chapter. Ensures current Chapter events are maintained on the website for use by the membership. Maintains a history library of the NM Chapter Redline newsletter for viewing by the Chapter membership.

**Newsletter Editor:**

Prepares the quarterly newsletter of the NM Chapter, The Rio Grande Redline. Obtains articles, tech tips and photos for use on the newsletter. Sends a copy of the newsletter to members via Chapter website posting and US mail as requested.

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