



The Rio Grande Redline



BMW CCA New Mexico Chapter

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Upcoming Events

October Event

Karl Fox Memorial Tour

October 11 8:30 am

Join us for a tour of northern NM meeting at San Felipe Casino Parking.

Email details to follow

November Events

Auto Museum and Lunch

November 14, 2015

J&R Vintage Auto Museum

Join us for a destination event at J&R Vintage Auto Museum in northern Rio Rancho off HWY 528 and US 550.

Email Details to Follow

December Event

Holiday Party

Join us for an as yet finalized BMW event!

Email details to follow



The Cars and Coffee Experience

James Irick, Newsletter Editor

I got involved with the idea of Cars and Coffee a couple of months ago as a means of involving other members of our Chapter in events that they could not otherwise participate in. It is interesting that at each event we have as a chapter I see different people. It shows that the experience of the BMW CCA is not limited to racing, driving or even drinking coffee.

The idea is simple really. You meet up at a coffee house or bring your own coffee, set up in a parking lot and wander around and look at other vehicles as you sip your coffee and talk with other car enthusiasts. It gives you a chance to clean the bugs off your car and show off to others in the neighborhood.

We started meeting up at a Starbuck's off of Jefferson near the Journal Center. The event was originated by another car club and attracted makes and models of all types including Porsches, Corvettes and Mustangs. Very few BMW's were there however...my first trip out was with the 'restored' M3 I had been working on this spring. There were three other BMW's at that event but it did allow us to gain a new member!

On our recent trip to Drive 4 Corners in August the idea of Cars and Coffee was taken to the extreme. Members of our Chapter and BMW owners from all over the US congregated in Pagosa Springs, CO for a weekend gathering. Of course there was coffee in the morning but you had the whole weekend to wander around other vehicles, sip your beverage of choice depending on time of day and talk to others who share your passion for BMW.

You'll find that in your travels around the US there are numerous Cars and Coffee events hosted by local car clubs and even chapters of the CCA. I attended an event in Des Moines, IA in June when the IA Chapter hosted a Cars and Coffee at a local mall. Several BMW's came out despite the inclement weather and a couple of modified electric cars were on hand. A local engineering group 'developed' a Porsche 944 with an electric motor. They even kept the 5 speed transmission. The same group had a Mazda Miata similarly modified. The cars looked almost stock save the 'electric' badge on the boot...

This idea has even spilled over to Sandia BMW. They recently started a "Wheels and Coffee" event the third Saturday of each month to celebrate the motor vehicle and all makes and models are invited. It includes motorcycles, MINI's and various ages of BMWs. The first event in August was a great success with several chapter members attending. There were even a few rare BMWs and a Lamborghini in attendance. That is the beauty of these events. It allows car nuts to gather and talk about the things that interest them while getting your morning cup of Joe...

What inspires you to rise in the morning? Perhaps you can take the time to wander down to Sandia BMW on the third Saturday and try out this Cars and Coffee thing for yourself? You might be surprised what you find or who you run into during your morning coffee break. It has certainly inspired me to continue the quest and search for another cup of coffee on a Saturday...

Wolf Creek Pass August 2015 Drive 4 Corners



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A Note From the President

Autumn is here; so far the weather has been very nice. Balloon Fiesta is just around the corner. The days are getting shorter and somewhat cooler. But, the long range weather projections are predicting a very strong El Niño Winter, with greater than average snowfall. Is your X-Drive (all wheel drive) prepared?

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

On July 16, August 20, and September 24, we had membership meetings. Thank you to all of you who attended. And thank you for helping to plan future events.

Many BMW CCA members went to the BMW Drive 4 Corners event in Pagosa Springs, Colorado. I had the privilege of attending, and had a great time. Thank you to Tom Schultz for putting together a great event.

Next quarter we are planning three events, the Fall Tour, a museum tour, 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 11th. The route this year will leave Santa Fé, and go through Los Alamos and Cuba. David Murrell will be the tourmeister. The scenery should be excellent. We have already put in a request for excellent weather. A nice lunch will be a part of the tour.

We will have a museum tour on Saturday, November 14th. This will be a first for our chapter. The J&R Vintage Auto Museum is located in northern Río Rancho. It features the fabulous automotive collection of the late Robert "Gab" Joiner. Mr. Joiner passed away a few months ago, but his collection is still largely intact. There are many fascinating and historic cars on display. Gab Joiner was very much a craftsman, and did a lot of his own restoration work.

Sandía BMW has begun hosting "Wheels and Coffee". It is open to all car enthusiasts, and is (for now) the third Saturday of every month. It is strictly a social event, with an opportunity to display our cars.

Back to the topic of X-Drive. My wife and I just took delivery of a brand new 2016 X3. So far, it is absolutely fabulous. There are many upgrades over our older X3. The new X3 is no longer available with a manual transmission, so both my wife and I will have to learn to drive an automatic transmission. The ordering process was fast and painless through Sandía BMW. They really lived up to their national awards. I hope to be fully ready for our upcoming El Niño winter.

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.

Jon van Arsdel
el Presidente

BMW CCA of NM



Tech Tips for your BMW
James Irick
DNTXT!

I am certain that all of you have been able to hold back on using your cell phone while driving. In Albuquerque it is illegal to talk on a cell phone while driving without a hands-free device. It is also illegal to text while driving. Fines are not necessarily extreme but they will get your attention. The more obvious thing that would get your attention is getting into a collision with someone else because you are driving distracted...

Fortunately all new BMW's have the option to sync your smartphone to your vehicle audio system for 'hands-free' calling. In iDrive there is a "TEL" function that allows you to pair your phone through a Bluetooth connection. This then lets you use your audio system to make and receive calls. New BMW's also have an option to send and receive texts via Voice Command if equipped. This lets you hear texts while you drive and respond using the microphone in your headlining.

There have been studies conducted by various groups that show driving while distracted can lead to serious lack of concentration. This concentration is not limited to talking or texting on a phone. Having a heated discussion with someone in the car, singing along to a favorite song or even reading passing bumper stickers takes your focus off of the task at hand. There was a reason BMW didn't put cup holders into their vehicles until the mid 1990's. They found that eating while driving is a huge distraction.

Needless to say while you are behind the wheel your primary concern should be operating the vehicle. More often than not your attention will help avoid an incident with someone who isn't paying attention to the road to answer that recent text...

NM DOT has a campaign using billboards to advertise "DNTXT" which to those in the know means: DO NOT TEXT.

Safe Travels and see you on the road.



Drive 4 Corners has come and gone and again it was a great experience. I had the opportunity to invite a co-worker from San Antonio, TX to collect his M3 from my garage and follow us to Pagosa Springs, CO. This event was the largest so far at over 115 cars on the pass at Wolf Creek.

One of the highlights was this rare 1937 BMW 327 originally hand built for a German motorcycle racer and delivered to him during 1943. It laid in a barn for decades and was lovingly restored several years ago. Currently owned and driven by a BMW enthusiast and on display at the host hotel during Drive 4 Corners. It did not make the Wolf Creek run however at only 50 hp...

James Irick, Editor

Random Photo

Santa Fe Concorso by Boyd Kleefisch
 Can you identify the vehicle?
 Hint: It was pictured earlier in the news letter...



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