

Upcoming Events

January Event

Annual Meeting/Tech Talk

January 21, 6:00 pm

Sandia BMW Albuquerque

Join us for our annual meeting and tech talk at Sandia BMW.

Email details to follow

February Event

SW Collision Craftsmen

February 18, 6:00 pm

SW Collision Craftsmen, Albq.

Join us for a destination event Manny Cordova's SW Collision Craftsmen for a unique look into the bodywork of BMW.

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March Event

The new X Drive system allows up to 100 % of torque to be transmitted to either axle like the old system. However, the normal driving mode for the system is front drive only, not 40/60 like the last generation X Drive. It can change it's mind in as little as 250 ms, so it will still be able to keep you off of the curb when you hit the patch of ice on Tramway. It also allows for Launch Control if you have the Sport Package and transmission. Certainly not available on my XI...

BMW has led the way introducing many technologies that we take for granted today. The current G series 7 has technology that one would only dream about even a couple of years ago. With it's key fob you can 'call' the car to back out of the garage and meet you in the driveway. In the future it has the capability to drop you at the front entrance and find it's own parking space. When you've finished your errands you can call it and it will meet you at the entrance ready to go on the next route. Check it out on Youtube. Unlike driver-less cars on the internet blogs the 7 will gladly let you thrash it about on a motorway or even the track though most 7 owners won't be interested in driving that spiritedly in it.

The new 7 Series also features touch screen technology in it's iDrive. No more turning the knob in and out to zoom into a map. Just pinch and swipe like you would on your smartphone. It's voice command also recognizes normal speech patterns so you can ask where the nearest gas station is instead of several one word commands.

Indeed the future is now. With it's commitment to driver input and feedback BMW continues to lead the industry in driving dynamics and pleasure. New materials, software and engineering continue to make our vehicles the envy of the road and allow us to keep the right foot planted well into the next turn.



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A Note From the President

Winter is here, in case someone missed its entrance. The weather has become cold and stormy. The forecasters are predicting a strong El Niño winter, so we may also get more than average snow for the rest of this season. This should be good for skiing enthusiasts. X-Drive may be a welcome feature on your BMW for New México this winter. My new X3 may be very necessary this winter.

This past quarter, we had the Fall Tour, a museum tour, and a holiday dinner.

The Annual Karl Fox Memorial Tour, on October 11, 2015, was a great success. Thank you to David Murrell, for being the Tourmeister. David is a member-at-large on the Board of Directors. He put a lot of time and effort into planning the tour. It was a splendid route, and took us to a great new place for lunch (El Bruno's in Cuba). The weather was great for the tour.

On November 14, we had our first ever museum tour, at J & R Vintage Auto Museum, in Río Rancho. This museum is a collection of over 60 historical cars, owned by the late Robert "Gab" Joiner, who passed away a few months ago. Many of the cars were restored by Mr. Joiner himself. We had the privilege of touring both the museum and the restoration shop. After the tour, we had a fabulous lunch at the Placitas Cafe (in Placitas), arranged by Heather Irick. Heather is on the Board of Directors for the chapter.

The holiday dinner was also well attended. Thank you to James Irick, for arranging the dinner and tour, at the Scottish Rite Temple, in Santa Fé. James is the Chapter Vice-President. I am told it was a great event. I was unable to attend the event, due to a prior engagement in Hawaii.

For the first quarter of 2016, we have scheduled two tech sessions and a membership meeting.

The January 21, 2016 tech session will be at Sandía BMW. Service Director Jeff Reece will be the host, along with some of his excellent technical staff. The all-new and exciting X1 is planned to be one of the vehicles at the tech session.

Officer elections for the New México Chapter of the BMW CCA will coincide with the Sandía tech session. Please come and vote for (or against) your favorite candidate.

The February 18th (Thursday) tech session will be at Southwest Collision Craftsmen. Owner Manny Córdova will be the host, at his top line body shop.

April 9th (Saturday) is planned to be our annual Spring Tour.

May (TBA), 2016 (Sunday) will be our annual Spring Fiesta at Sandía BMW. Start cleaning and polishing your car now. Watch your email for an announcement on the exact date.

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

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 Map Updates for your Navigation

When I got my new X1 last year I was interested in the navigation function it provided. Up to this point I haven't had a vehicle with built in navigation. I have had to rely on the 'old school' Garmin carry on or at worst my iPhone. As it turns out the iPhone is actually better at navigating and the Garmin is much faster to use then my onboard system. It seems BMW has a few tricks to learn from the established map companies...

One feature I do like is the traffic information that comes through the built in network in the car. It shows slowing traffic in real time on the map as well as a separate menu that shows traffic 'hot spots' and where they are in relation to where I am driving.

As the last year came to a close I wanted to see if I could update the map on the vehicle since the new flyover from I-25 to Paseo del Norte was missing. As it turns out you can order an update direct to your computer and upload it into the car through a USB port in the glovebox. It won't speed up the navigating but the map will be more accurate. Goto the website <http://store.bmwgpsmaps.com> and enter your vehicle data. BMW recommends you update the maps at least once a year to keep the vehicle maps up to date.

If your vehicle is older than 2010 you'll have to go to the dealer for any updates. If the vehicle is older than the current series models (F series, G series, E84) you will likely have a DVD based navigation system. The dealer would be the source for information on obtaining updates but more than likely the iPhone would be the best bet at that point...



Random Photo

Topless in March...James Irick
Can you identify the vehicle?

Hint: It is a part of the BMW family. Extra Credit if the model is identified...



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