



The Rio Grande Redline



BMW CCA New Mexico Chapter

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Upcoming Events

April Event

Spring Tour to Lincoln, NM

April 9, 8:00 am

Sandia BMW Albuquerque

Join us for our Spring Tour starting at Sandia BMW headed to Lincoln, NM for a guided tour!

Email details to follow

May Event

Spring Fiesta

May 15, 8:00 am

Sandia BMW Albuquerque

Join us for a Clean Car Show and BBQ at Sandia BMW! Jeff Reece will cook up lunch again for us.

Email Details to Follow

June Event

Tech Session at Santa Fe

BMW

June TBD

Join us for a Tech Session at Santa Fe BMW!

Email details to follow



The Future Continues...

James Irick, Newsletter Editor

As Henry Ford was quoted as saying, 'You can have it in any color you like as long as it's black'. BMW continues their recent tradition of badging coupes as even numbers. Behold the M2! Probably the lightest of the M vehicles, it certainly will have the better power to weight ratio than the prior E92 M3. BMW M is keeping the train running with this new model released later this summer. It is about the size of the E30 M3 but has almost the power of the E92 M3 with 370 hp. The current M4 has more hp but I'm sure the Dinan engineers are already working on squeezing more out of this vehicle. It certainly has the potential to bring BMW back to their roots of driving pleasure with performance.

To keep costs down the only interior color is Dakota Black Leather. Oh yeah there are only 4 color choices with Jon's favorite Alpine White the only non-metallic choice. But to my mind the colors and interior are really not important. If I plant my right foot in this beast I'd expect to leave smoky burnouts at any intersection I please. My favorite new BMW was the M235i but I may have to re-evaluate that theory with this beauty calling out to me. As a point of reference my wife doesn't allow me into the dealership without adult supervision for this reason...

When you look back at BMW's history you see certain times where the moment was just right for new innovation. Without the Isetta I mentioned last time we wouldn't be driving BMW's today. Although it only had 13 hp it kept the company alive long enough to get investors and inventors into the company to develop the cars we know and love. The M2 builds upon the tradition of innovation while tying the product line back to its roots from the 1960's through the 2010's. This means that BMW can claim a heritage of driving pleasure with performance to boot from their resurrection in the 1960's post Isetta. We would still be driving cars today had BMW not been allowed to continue but I think without their innovation the rest of the automotive industry would not have been able to see the future of automobiles nor be able to bring those innovations to market. Almost every car maker today has navigation, heated seats and backup cameras. But very few continue the tradition of innovation that BMW upholds when they release a vehicle like the M2. They are willing to take a chance on a design because it helps them build their tradition into the future while creating a new concept or idea that will soon be commonplace in other brands vehicles. Have I mentioned that I really like this car?

The best part of this release is due to the limited number of colors and choices the initial buy in to the M2 is under \$55000. I can't believe that you can get into the dream of M ownership for under \$70000. I built several versions of 'my' new M2 on the BMW website and none of them were over \$55000. Plus I can get the manual transmission that so few manufacturers remember still exists in performance driving. I may not be able to shift in 0.24 seconds but I will feel better knowing I have 2nd gear engaged rather than hoping the DCT got my request correct before the corner...

Happy Motoring!



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A Note From the President

Happy spring to everyone! I hope all of you had a splendid winter. Our wetter than normal El Niño winter has given way to a very dry spring (so far). And I hope spring turns out to be pleasant for automotive activities.

This past quarter, we had two tech sessions, and a membership meeting.

The January 21, 2016 tech session was at Sandia BMW. Service Manager Jeff Reece was the host. The main topic was the new X1 (F48) and 7-Series (G11) BMW cars. The new X1 has created a lot of excitement in the automotive press. BMW is predicting this to be a strong seller. The new 7-Series is a definite move in the direction of luxury, rather than sport, for BMW. We also held officer elections for the New México Chapter of the BMW CCA.

The February 18th tech session was at Southwest Collision Craftsmen. Owner Manny Córdova was the host, at the BMW-specialty body shop. Manny talked about riveting and bonding techniques on modern BMW's. Expensive and sophisticated machines are required. Some of the technicians were on-hand to demonstrate all of these new methods. We witnessed their commitment to top-quality repair and body work. Thank you to Rebecca and Sara for helping with the tech session.

March 24th was a general membership meeting at Café Delicias. We had good food, good conversation, and even a couple of new members. Thank you to all of you who attended.

During the second quarter of 2015, we have scheduled the Spring Tour, The Spring Fiesta, and a tech session.

The Annual Spring Tour is scheduled for Saturday, April 09, 2016. James Irick has volunteered to be the Tourmeister. He has set up what is planned to be a fabulous and beautiful historical tour.

The annual Spring Fiesta (clean car show and barbecue) will again be held at Sandia BMW. It is scheduled for Sunday, May 15th. Jeff Reece and all the very hard working people at Sandia will host the event. Jeff will try to have an example or two of the new BMW models parked at the Fiesta (depending on stock at the dealership). We have submitted a request for nice weather, moderate temperatures, and light winds.

Santa Fé BMW and Andy Caperones will be hosting a tech session in June. Watch your email for details.

We are planning a membership meeting in July. This could be replaced by a tech session on the new BMW electric cars.

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

Please come and join us; we try to have events that appeal to many tastes.

Air bag woes, next installment.

The saga of the Takata airbags continues. BMW is in the process of issuing another airbag recall. This again involves airbags using ammonium nitrate as the propellant. Ammonium nitrate was introduced as a low cost alternative to other air bag propellants, such as sodium azide and tetrazole. Quoted from Bimmerfest:

BMW AG is conducting a Voluntary Safety Recall involving Driver-Side Front Air Bag Module on certain BMW vehicles that are equipped with non-desiccated Takata PSDI-5 inflators. These vehicles, covering model years 2006-2015 have not been part of earlier Takata-related air bag recalls. There are approximately 840,000 vehicles in the US.

E82 1 Series Coupe incl M - 2008 - 2013
 E88 1 Series Convertible - 2008 - 2013
 E90 3 Series Sedan incl M - 2006 - 2011
 E91 3 Series Sport wagon - 2006 - 2012
 E92 3 Series Coupe incl M - 2007 - 2013
 E93 3 Series Convertible, incl M - 2007 - 2013
 E84 X1 - 2013 - 2015
 E83 X3 - 2007 - 2010
 E70 X5 incl M - 2007 - 2013
 E70 X5 Diesel - 2008 - 2013
 E71 X6 incl M - 2018 - 2014
 E72 X6 ActiveHybrid - 2010 - 2011

This recall looks like it will include more than one of my personal cars. Incidentally, the recall includes several manufacturers other than BMW. Mercedes, Audi, Volkswagen, and many others are also affected.

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
EfficientDynamics for Earth Day(or Eco Pro Mode)

Eco Pro Mode? Does that mean I'm helping the environment finally? In a short answer-yes. Eco Pro is a driving mode on all BMW's built after 2013 that assists the driver in gaining the most environmental performance possible. The dreaded "Start-Stop" function is part of this mode but the larger idea is teaching good efficient driving behavior. Like Pavlov's dog it shows an increase in range or miles gained by driving more efficiently. When you select the mode on your BMW you can see on iDrive where you will be gaining efficiency by deselecting the AC on cooler days, accelerating slowly from a stop and coasting when able. According to BMW you can see increases in fuel economy by as much as 20% but that may be even better if you're used to leaving the scene of an intersection with smoking rear tires...

Although you can select this driving mode at any time since Earth Day is April 22 it might be a good time to show your commitment to the environment by driving the entire day with the mode engaged. Personally I've only been able to go a couple of fuel tanks worth because I bought a BMW for performance, not efficiency. I am not happy with the sluggish acceleration and inability to engine brake on hills but I do agree with the concept of helping our mother Earth shed the unwanted CO2 from her atmosphere. Maybe an i8 would be a better vehicle to drive on Earth Day...

In all I would recommend Eco Pro mode for you to at least try out. I use it on highway trips and it does seem to improve my fuel economy. Steady state driving is it's best friend. Unfortunately in the city I tend to get fed up with the apparent lack of power and switch it off instead of following the larger plan of EfficientDynamics. I have gotten used to the Start-Stop feature finally...but that's another article.



NM Chapter		2015 Financial Statement	
Assets			
Cash in Bank Accounts		6693.91	
Total Assets		6693.91	
Liabilities and Equity			
None			
Income Statement			
Income		Expenses	
Membership Dues	4255.97	Newsletter Costs	131.92
Rebates from National	370.00	Postage	550.40
		Insurance	432.34
		Meeting Expenses	2348.43
		Other Event Expense	308.48
		Miscellaneous	761.57
Total Income	4625.97	Total Expenses	4533.14
		<u>Net Income</u>	<u>92.83</u>

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