



The Rio Grande Redline



BMW CCA New Mexico Chapter

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Upcoming Events

July Event

Member Meeting

July 22, 1:00 pm

Somewhere in Albuquerque

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

Email details to follow

August Event

Member Meeting

August 18, 6:00 pm

TBD

Join us for a Member Meeting at a location soon to be determined...

Email Details to Follow

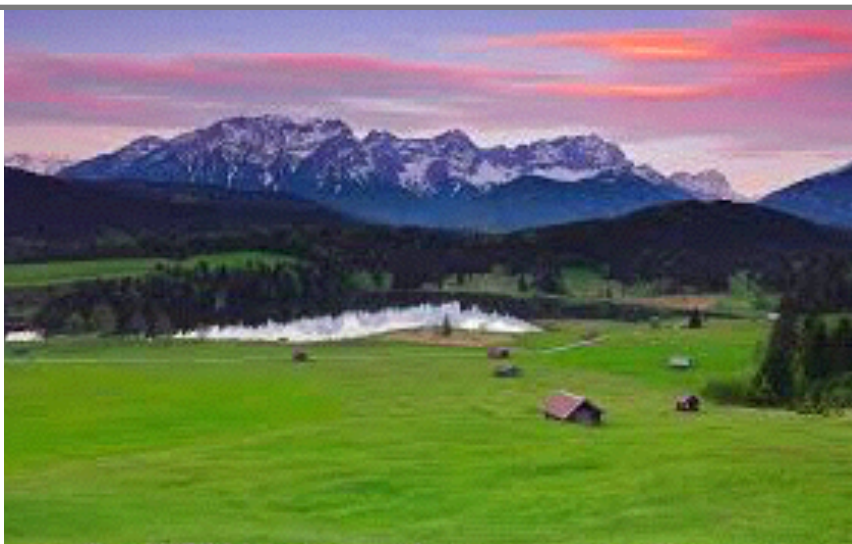
September Event

Tech Session at Santa Fe BMW

September 10, 10:00

Join us for a Tech Session at the Remodeled Santa Fe BMW!

Email details to follow



The Road We Travel

James Irick, Newsletter Editor

I have wondered what it would be like to spend time in a Bavarian town. Somewhere off the main tourist destinations and within reach of some driving roads. You could partake in the cuisine, perhaps have a liter beer after driving, stop and smell the flowers. Your trusty steed a rental BMW or perhaps the one you just bought and chose to pickup in Munich with the European Delivery.

I have wandered the world and been to many interesting and sometimes terrifying places. I consider it a privilege to take part in the assistance of our military by keeping my airplane flying for the better of our country and our safety back home. Most of the places I've been to aren't easily accessible and certainly not recommended on a tourist brochure but my trip to Iraq in 2007 had us stop off at several places in Europe on our way to the desert. Unfortunately we didn't stop in Bavaria but I did check off Rammstein on the way home. Mostly this trip taught me to be curious about our European neighbors and I decided to head back when I could. I am still planning that trip and it will most certainly include a stop in Bavaria.

We are blessed with fairly good driving roads and stunning scenery while we drive. Bavaria I believe holds this fascination as well with the added bonus of the Autobahn to keep your right foot busy. We take for granted the mountains and sunsets here as a matter of course. I am always excited to introduce new visitors to New Mexico and show off our natural beauty via driving tours around the state. Often European visitors compare the scenery to Spain or Portugal but I think it's uniquely our own. I would expect that same idea holds true when I visit Bavaria and drive the mountain roads for the first time.

It seems fitting that as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of BMW we reflect on the landscape and home soil that inspired the BMW brand and caused them to celebrate their homeland in its name. I would expect the roads out of Munich were often seen with new prototypes of the 2002, 3.0 CSL and the Neue Klasse as the company began to take stock of its market and where they could expand and grow. It was an obvious choice to sell in the US but that really didn't happen until the 1960's when Max Hoffman implored the developers at BMW to create a car the US public would want to buy. His motivation proved timely for the company and their expansion into the US and other North American markets allowed the company to survive and indeed thrive over the next decades.

As your current and future BMWs inspire you to travel roads you wouldn't normally visit you should be glad the engineers in Bavaria have their natural beauty to inspire them to push the boundaries of technology and performance to keep us wanting for more and witness the delight of the next century of BMW...

Happy Motoring!



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A Note From the President

Summer has arrived in New México. It has been a wetter-than-normal spring. Due to warmer temperatures in the Pacific Ocean, El Niño is still present, and may continue across the summer. This *could* result in another active monsoon (rainy) season this year. Check the tire tread and wiper blades on your BMW.

This past quarter, we had the Spring Tour, the Spring Fiesta, and a membership meeting.

On April 9th, 2016, we had our annual Spring Tour. Tourmeister James Irick put together an excellent event. The tour was centrally located, and intended for members from all parts of the region; both north and south. Members from the Las Cruces area drove up and met members from Albuquerque, Tijeras, Río Rancho, and Santa Fé. The early morning fog gave way to a glorious and sunny day. The tour began with a rendezvous and great lunch in Carrizozo. We then had a very nice historical walking tour of Lincoln, New México.

On May 15th (Sunday), Sandía BMW hosted the annual BMW Spring Fiesta. The event was open to all BMW, Mini, and BMW Motorcycle enthusiasts. Sandía Service Director Jeff Reece was the coordinator. Jeff was also the master chef, and singlehandedly cooked enough food for about 40 hungry people. We had a good number of people attend this very fine event, especially BMW owners. Several new BMW's were conveniently parked nearby, for all to see and admire. The barbecue (contributed by Sandía BMW) was excellent. Unfortunately, Mother Nature provided a somewhat cloudy and rainy day, which perhaps reduced the attendance a bit. There were new people at the event, and we hope they want to attend future events. Thank you to James and Heather Irick for managing the judging on the Clean Car Show. Also thank you to Len Heinz and Boyd Kleefisch for judging.

June 16th was a membership meeting and dinner. This replaced the planned annual tech session at Santa Fé BMW, which was postponed due to construction at the dealership. We have rescheduled the tech session in September.

Upcoming. We are planning membership meetings on July 22nd (Friday) and August 18th (Thursday). The July 22nd meeting will be an electric car orientation hosted by PNM, possibly on UNM campus. Please watch your email for details.

The Drive 4-Corners BMW Meet will be August 12-15th, 2016, in Pagosa Springs, Colorado. Details on this event are included in this newsletter, or go to <http://drive4corners.com>. This is a non-BMWCCA event.

The Santa Fé BMW Tech Session is planned for Saturday, September 10th, 2016. This replaces the tech session originally scheduled for June. Andy Caperones will be the Host.

The Annual Karl Fox Memorial Fall Tour will be on Sunday, October 09, 2016. We are actively seeking a Tourmeister for this event.

DriveGuard.

Some of you may remember from a previous column, I installed a set of Bridgestone DriveGuard tires on my 2011 E90 328i, about this time last year. This was an experiment based on a Bridgestone presentation at Oktoberfest in Colorado, a couple of years ago. The advantage of run-flat tires is obvious; no changing a flat tire on the side of the road. Corollary advantages are: no tire jack, no mini-spare, more trunk space, no over-torqued lug bolts, and no wheels that are stuck on the hub. The common complaints about traditional run-flat tires include: harsher ride, more road noise, poorer handling, and high replacement cost. So far the DriveGuards have managed to greatly reduce the disadvantages of many run-flat tires, such as harsh ride, noise, high cost, and heavy handling. It seems they have created a "run-flat tire for people who hate run-flat tires". I am now more than a year into this experiment.

On a somewhat related topic, I now carry a small 12 Volt air compressor in my trunk, just in case I develop a slow leak in one of the tires. The idea is to inflate the tire long enough, so I can get to the BMW dealer or a tire store. So far, I have not deployed the compressor, but I think it is good peace-of-mind. A good 12V compressor can be purchased for around \$50 at many auto parts outlets. This works for either run-flat tires or "go-flat" tires.

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
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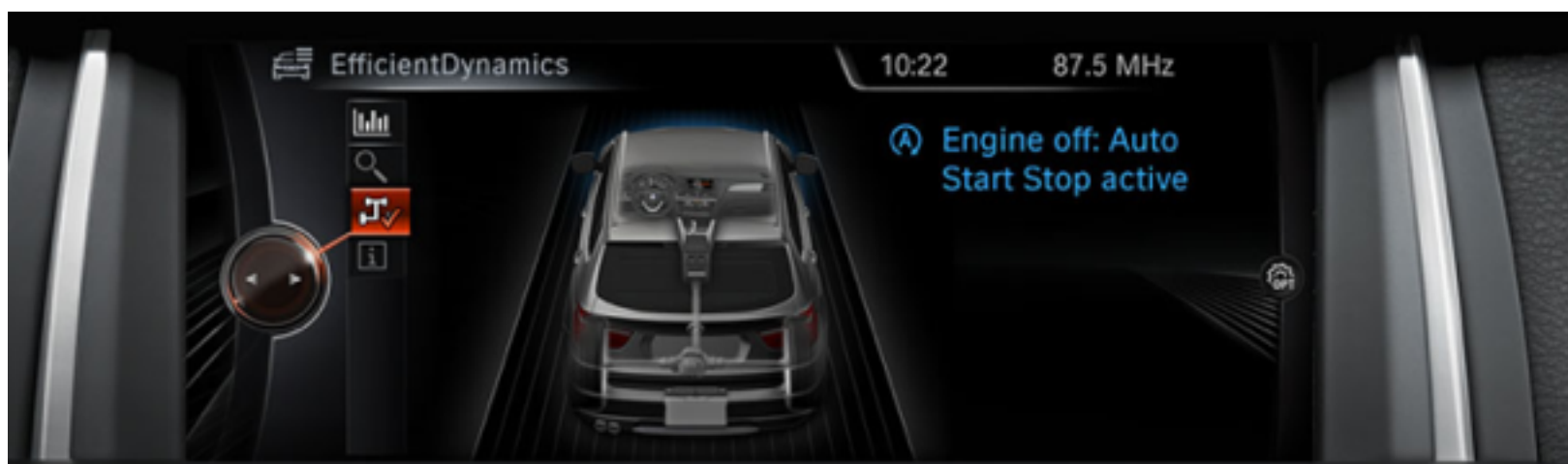


Tech Tips for your BMW
James Irick
EfficientDynamics Start-Stop Mode

Eco Pro Mode? Does that mean I'm helping the environment finally? In a short answer-yes. As we continue into the heart of driving efficiently we fall upon the dreaded Start-Stop Feature of the modern BMW. How many of you remember changing the starter motor on your 1972 Mercury Comet every 6 months? Am I the only one?? The first thought I had when I learned about this economy feature was the dreaded starter replacement and the joy of removing the intake to make that happen on most BMWs. Engineers have determined that the strain of constant starting of the engine is less worrisome than the impact on the environment of you sitting idling at a stop light...and they may be right.

I've owned two E84 X1's with the Start-Stop and I can say that after a year and a half with each I didn't have to replace the starter. That may mean that I replace it at 50001 miles after the warranty but I don't think that will happen. The engine actually reduces load on startup using Dual Vanos and Valvetronic to reduce compression during start and immediately boosting compression after light-off (an aviation term I know but that is what I normally do so...). The N20 4 cylinder engine is a bit rough at startup and vibrates a bit but the N55 and newer B-series 6 cylinders show no vibration of note and actually you hardly notice the start-stop. That's the main reason they changed the RPM gage to show "Ready" versus 0 RPM to show the engine is still technically on but not running.

I am now an advocate for EfficientDynamics after three years of questioning it's validity. Overall I tend to get better mileage and go further on a tank of fuel when I follow the electronic nanny and pay attention to my efficient driving. Ultimately I feel the technology will evolve to a point where we don't even know it's working for our benefit. Hybrid BMWs (the 'e' and other 'i' models) show that BMW has worked to perfect the interaction between electric motors and gas powered engines to a stage where we can benefit from the interface.





BMW Engine Randomizer set to “Cool”...N55 in a 435i

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