



The Rio Grande Redline



BMW CCA New Mexico Chapter

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Upcoming Events

July Event

Tech Session-AWRS

July 13, 5:30 pm

Join us for a Tech Session at Alloy Wheel Repair Specialists!

Sandia BMW Re-Opening

July 14, 5:30-7:30

RSVP at rsvp@sandiabmw.com

August Event

Member Meeting

August 10, 6:00 pm

Join us for a Member Meeting!

Email Details to Follow

Drive 4 Corners

August 25-28

Purgatory Resort, Colorado

September Event

Member Meeting

September 14, 6:00 pm

Join us for a Member Meeting!

Email details to follow



The Ultimate Daily SAV

James Irick, Newsletter Editor

True to form, BMW announced the new 2018 X3 SAV to the world in June to awaiting fans. The mid sized SAV has the room for five adults and their toys in the back. The styling has improved over the prior model and mimics its bigger brother the X5. Though engine options are similar to other BMW products the integration of the B58 turbo 6 with an 8 speed ZF transmission would certainly get my attention.

As we learned in our tech session at Sandia in February the lineup of vehicles is moving towards certain common items to make the costs more reasonable. To that end the new X3 gets the touchscreen iDrive system with Apple Car Play as an option. It does not have the gesture control but I would bet that comes in a future edition.

BMW never really claims to be an off road vehicle company but I drove an X5 at a off road course during Oktoberfest 2014 and I was impressed with its road holding even on a offset slope, hill descent helped save the brakes and it forded a stream that was a couple of feet deep without any issues. I don't think I'd take an X3 on the Rubicon Trail in California but I wouldn't be too concerned with a forest road or trail to my cabin in the woods.

My E84 X1 has dealt with muddy roads, snowy roads and ice on occasion without so much as a hiccup or awareness from my part. The X-Drive system can lead you into a sense of security that may lead you to believe that you can go anywhere. Of course when you return to civilization the repair bill to the paint and body work may make you think twice about following the Jeep ahead of you down the trail...

All that aside the X3 is certainly a capable SAV that will take you and your family wherever you need to go as fast as you need to go. I'd never think of driving my old Jeep Wrangler over 100 but I can say that that isn't an issue with my X1 at least for dry paved roads.

The technology continues to evolve at BMW and the hybrid engine concept is working well especially in the X vehicles. It allows for the smaller N20 4 cylinder to power the front wheels and an electric motor to drive the rear wheels and boost performance when needed. It equates to the horsepower and torque of an older BMW V8 with the economy of the 4 cylinder. They even plug in so you can run on battery only for around 20 miles to gain the MPG even further.

For now I plan to keep the X1 as a nostalgia item since it's the last BMW with hydraulic steering. As time goes on we will be looking to change up the stable and the X3 may be the fit for us. I would think it could be the fit for your growing car collection as well.

Happy Motoring;
James Irick



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A Note From the President

Summer has arrived in New México. It has been a hot and smoky spring. The high daytime temperatures have been enough to challenge any air conditioning system, automotive or otherwise.

On April 2nd, 2017, we had our annual Spring Tour. Tourmeisters Dan Jones and 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. This tour was billed as “electric car friendly”, and included an excellent brunch at the Luna Mansion in Los Lunas. The tour then followed parts of historic Route 66. It was a fabulously beautiful New México day. We had a large turnout, including several electric BMW's.

On May 21st, (Sunday), Sandía BMW (6001 Pan American Fwy., NE in Albuquerque) 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. We also had several vintage BMW's, including a personal car belonging to Sandía BMW owner Mike Houx. The barbeque (contributed by Sandía BMW) was excellent. Mother Nature provided a beautiful and sunny day. 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 the fabulous expert volunteers who did the judging.

June 10th was the annual Santa Fé BMW Tech Session. Service Manager Andy gave an excellent tech session on old vs. new BMW's. Andy also announced his permanent departure from Santa Fé BMW cars; and going to the Santa Fé BMW Motorcycle dealer. Chad Fiebiger was introduced as the new incoming Service Manager for the BMW automobile dealership. Chad comes from Sandía Mini.

Upcoming. We are planning a tech session on July 13th (Thursday), which will be at an alloy wheel repair specialist. They are planning to demonstrate repair and modification of BMW alloy wheels. An optional group dinner will follow. Please watch your email, or our website, for details.

We have a membership meeting and dinner scheduled for August 10, 2017.

The Drive 4-Corners BMW Meet will be August 25-28th, 2017, in Durango, Colorado (Purgatory). For more details on this event, go to <http://drive4corners.com>. This is a non-BMWCCA event.

We have a membership meeting scheduled for September 14th, 2017.

The Annual Karl Fox Memorial Fall Tour will be on Sunday, October 15, 2017. We are actively seeking a Tourmeister for this event. Due to the way the calendar falls, the Fall Tour will not be on Columbus Day weekend this year.

Cabin Filters

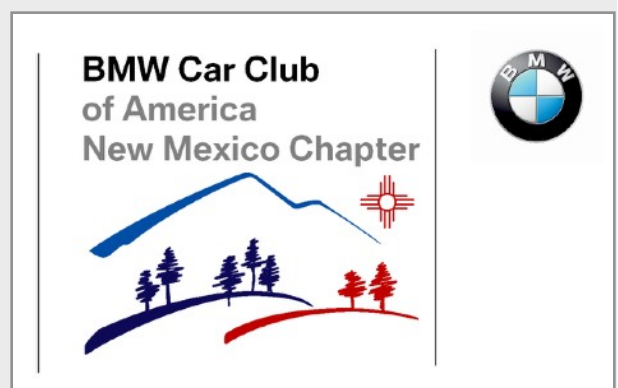
Most modern BMW's are now equipped from the factory with an interior air filter (also called “cabin filter” or “microfilter”). The purpose of this filter is to clean the air coming from outside into the interior of the car. This reduces allergens in the passenger cabin of the car. Due to forest fires in the surrounding area, central New México has lately had a lot of smoke in the atmosphere. This smoke is actually made up of suspended particulate, and is not a pure gas.

Most BMW's have cabin air filters made with activated carbon (also called activated charcoal). Activated carbon filters rely on physical adsorption to remove contaminants from the incoming air. In other words, smoke particles stick to the filter. Carbon has a large surface area per unit weight, which allows for contaminants to adhere to the activated carbon media, and not enter the car. The bad news is that activated carbon filters lose effectiveness, as more and more particles are adsorbed to the carbon molecules. Therefore, it is important to change the interior air filter more frequently, when the air is smoky or dirty.

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
BMW Connected

Last time we talked about Apple Car Play and how it integrates our smart phone with our BMW. Another useful tool in the smart phone line up is an app from BMW called BMW Connected. It allows you to connect to your BMW and send over navigation data ahead of your trip, locates your vehicle if it is misplaced (or even stolen). It even unlocks your doors or locks them if you forgot when you left the car.

The great feature for the summer months is the Climate Timer. It allows you to set a start time and the vehicle will begin to ventilate itself with the fan before you get into the car. In NM and the desert southwest this is a must have for black BMWs (just saying...). I used it in Phoenix when the temps were above 115 and the vehicle was almost livable when we got in.

Another tech app for your smart phone is iCarly for BMW. It is a diagnostic tool and works with a plug in receiver that you use to communicate with your vehicles on board diagnostic port. The app is a great way to learn about your vehicle and it even scans fault codes, hidden fault codes and will reset them. If your vehicle is out of the warranty period the idea of paying a shop to diagnose is daunting because all BMWs built after 2000 use several computers and miles of wiring to make the car work. The iCarly app speaks the language of BMW and allows you to look into the mind of your car to get an idea of what may be ailing it. There is a fee for the app and they send the plug in adaptor for free. I've used it on all my BMWs even the stately E36 and it works well at troubleshooting error messages on the dashboard and once you have fixed the problem it resets the computer to clear the fault. You can even customize your iDrive to remove the warning message at startup and other slightly annoying features mandated by law...



Classified Adverts for your Enjoyment

For Sale: 2004 BMW X3. Very rare 6-speed manual transmission. X-Drive (AWD) with 2.5 liter engine (M54). White exterior, beige interior, sunroof delete. Meticulously over-maintained, no accidents, never smoked in. This is one of the nicest X3 vehicles of the E83 series; you will not be disappointed. It has always lived in New México, and is rust-free. 104k miles. \$8000. For sale only to another BMW enthusiast. Please contact Jonathan van Arsdel at jvanarsdel@aol.com, or 505-867-4135 (home).

For Sale: 650i convertible WBALZ3C53CC397392 in excellent condition. Orion Silver Metallic/Ivory White full perforated Nappa leather, 36,000 miles, sport 8 speed automatic. 2012 BMW featured brochure car. Cold weather package, driver assist package to include side/top/ rear view cameras and heads up display, luxury seating package, Harman/Kardon stereo, navigation system, and 20" wheels w/Continental Extreme Contact tires. Escort 9500ci, 3M clear bra and tint, wind screen. One owner, always garaged, never tracked, BMW dealer serviced. \$38,500. Boyd Kleefisch: [505 506-5368](tel:5055065368)(c); wkleefisch@aol.com.



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