



The Rio Grande *Redline*



BMW CCA New Mexico Chapter

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Upcoming Events

October Event

Karl Fox Memorial Tour

October 15, 9:00 am

**Join us for a Tour of Northern NM
starting at Santa Fe BMW!**

November Event

Member Meeting

November 9, 6:00 pm

Join us for a Member Meeting!

Email Details to Follow

December Event

Holiday Dinner

**Join us for a Member Meeting and
Celebrate the Holidays!**

Email details to follow



D4C- A Different Viewpoint

Heather Irick, Member at Large

First off - a huge 'Thank-you' to the Schultz brothers for hosting yet another successful Drive Four Corners. This year we had a change in venue and spent the weekend at the Purgatory Resort just outside of Durango. Since you will most likely read about all the beautiful cars from the men that attended this event, I thought I would offer up a slightly different point of view. I'm going to talk about the many sights, shopping and dining opportunities that we experienced over the course of the weekend.

On Saturday, after a bagel and coffee at the deli, we proceeded down to the staging area to take our place for the group photo and admire all the beautiful Bimmers both old and new. From there we were offered 2 different driving tours. We opted for Ouray with a quick stop in Silverton. Now in our many conversations with other attendees, I had heard quite a bit about this "Million Dollar Highway". Having survived a driving tour with my husband through the Black Range down south from Silver City I thought ... how hard could this be? More on that later.

Silverton is a quaint little town with lovely architecture and a bustling Main Street. If you have the time, a ride on the narrow gauge railroad from Durango to Silverton would be a lovely way to experience the beautiful scenery and all that Silverton has to offer. After a quick drive through Main Street it was off to Ouray. Now during our drive, we went around some tight curves and there were some breathtaking drops, but nothing I couldn't handle. This Million Dollar Highway wasn't so bad. Imagine my surprise when my husband turns to me and says 'now we are on the Million Dollar Highway'. Oh Dear!

Made it into Ouray just fine! Whew! Delightful little shops and restaurants. We found an Irish Pub for lunch and window shopped up and down Main Street. So now it was time to head back to the resort via ... you guessed it ... the Million Dollar Highway. As a passenger, on the way in I was on the mountain side so it wasn't too bad. However, on the way back I was on the canyon side. I can't believe there aren't any guard rails and that drop is so steep I can't see the bottom of the canyon. I'm sure the scenery was beautiful... don't remember much as I had my eyes closed and death grip on the arm rest.

Made it back to the resort in one piece, freshened up and headed to the BBQ. I have to say as a flexitarian (I don't eat red meat, pork or chicken) in the past this meal would consist of coleslaw and potato chips for me. Oh so very happy to see so many salads and veggies this time. This was a great meal! And as always lots of laughs at the award ceremony afterwards.

The next day after a great brunch at Purgys, we headed into Durango. Again, lots of lovely little shops with unique offerings. I actually got a head start on my Christmas shopping! But I think the highlight of this day had to be the Train Museum. This is a must see if you ever have the chance to holiday in Durango. From there we waited around to see one of the trains arrive back at the station, found a great outdoor restaurant with live music and amazing food, and then headed back to the resort.

To sum up our weekend, it was a chance to reconnect with fellow BMW enthusiast while enjoying breathtaking views, great shopping, amazing food and of course - the beautiful cars. This is how I view Drive 4 Corners! Can't wait for next year!



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A Note From the President

Autumn is here; so far the weather has been a bit wetter than normal. We have had some very heavy rains, and even some hail, which is unusual for this time of year. Balloon Fiesta is just around the corner. The days are getting shorter and somewhat cooler. The leaves on the trees should be beginning to change color, over the next few weeks.

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

On July 13, we had a tech session hosted by Alloy Wheel Repair Specialists (AWRS) of New México. Eddie Ransbottom hosted the club, and technician Andrew demonstrated repair and restoration on a wheel from a 6-Series BMW. It came out looking factory new. AWRS specializes in premium car wheels. www.awrswheelrepair.com

On August 10, and on September 14, we had a membership meeting and dinner.

Many BMW CCA members went to the BMW Drive 4 Corners event in Durango, Colorado. This year, it ran from August 25-28. It was hosted by the Purgatory Ski Resort. My wife and I had the privilege of attending, and we had a great time. Thank you to the Schultz brothers for putting together a great event.

Next quarter we are planning three events, the Fall Tour, a membership meeting, and a holiday dinner. We are also planning great tech sessions in February and March of 2018. 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 15th. The route this year will leave Santa Fé, and head north towards Taos to Tres Piedras. Dan Jones and Dan Flegel will be the Tourmeisters. 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 are planning a membership meeting and dinner on November 09, 2017.

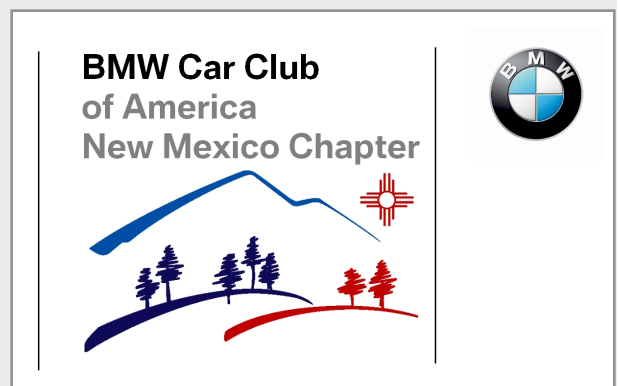
The annual chapter holiday party will be in December. Watch for details in your email.

Sandía BMW continues hosting "Wheels and Coffee". It is open to all car enthusiasts, and is the third Saturday of every month. It is strictly a social event, with an opportunity to display our cars. They usually have coffee and donuts, and sometimes they even have live music. Thank you to Barry Bolio (Sales Manager), and all of the great people at Sandía BMW for hosting this event.

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
Storing your Classic BMW for the Winter

It is getting close to the time to bed down your classic BMW and keep it safe for the winter. Although all of my cars are daily drivers I am aware that not all of you like to drive your vintage BMW 3.2 CSL in the snow. Here are a few tips to help get the car ready for a winter hibernation and ready for the Spring Fiesta in 2018!

First you should take care of the fuel system by getting hold of Stabil fuel stabilizer (or equivalent). This is mixed into the fuel when you fill up and will allow the fuel to remain active over the winter without that dreaded stale smell and operation in the Spring. Put into the fuel at your last fuel stop, drive around a bit to get into all of the system including the carburetor or fuel injection pump and park. A full tank is better than empty or low since the fuel will help stave off condensation in the tank allowing water to mix with the fuel and rust the fuel system.

Next make sure to give her a bath prior to storing to get off any accumulated dirt and road grime which will sit on the paint all winter. If you have a car cover make sure it is clean as well prior to covering the car.

If it is going to sit for several months you might try the trick of keeping the car on jack stands to keep the tires from going out of round. For our climate this isn't normally necessary and keeping an eye on tire pressures over the winter will also help with the tire health.

Next we'll have to address the battery. Most vintage owners have a battery tender (small trickle charger) that keeps the battery top charged when not in use. This is the best way to keep the battery fresh when you're not driving. You can also remove the battery from the vehicle and store it on a shelf off the concrete garage floor to keep an eye on it.

Finally make sure to take care of any leaks that will accumulate over the winter. Fuel leaks should be fixed immediately but oil/hydraulic fluids can stay as long as you have something on the garage floor to keep them in line. Owning an older BMW comes with the awareness that something will always leak but major leaks are bad in any weather, especially winter.

With the coming of the Spring and warmer weather take off the cover, clean off any dust and fire her up! Preparations ahead of time will make the first start in Spring much easier and almost normal.



Classified Adverts for your Enjoyment

2000 BMW Z3 convertible for sale. Original ocean blue paint, original tan cloth top, manual, air conditioning, AM/FM, power windows, new tires, good condition. Garage kept and has 76,000 original miles. Asking \$6,800. Contact information: Call Ted at 505-514-2305



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