



# The Rio Grande Redline



BMW CCA New Mexico Chapter

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## Mmm, Mmm Good! June Tech Session at Santa Fe BMW Looks at the M Series

The chapter's annual tech session at Santa Fe BMW was held on June 18, 2011 and was hosted by Service Manager Andy Caperon. As usual, Andy put together an



**Andy Gets Revved Up Discussing All Things BMW!**

excellent event that looked at the history and technical advances of the BMW M series cars. Andy was able to arrange for a representative from each generation of M



**A Chapter Member's Tidy Engine Compartment on Dis-**

cars to be on hand for the club to examine. The highlight of the event was an "M Seies Opera" where Andy was

able to rev up an E30, E36 and E46 M car in the service bay so we could all study the distinctive engine/exhaust



**Checking Out the Underside of Nolan's E30 M3**

note of each. As Andy had instructed us, it was possible to readily distinguish between each of the cars. Thank you to all of the owners of the M cars for bringing their respective cars. A special thanks to Nolan Cason, who reassembled his E30 M3 on short notice to bring it to the session.



**Andy Explaining the Variations in the Engine Sounds**

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## **President's Message**

by Jon van Arsdel

July 2011

Summer has arrived in New México. It has been a long, hot, dry, windy, sandy, dusty, and smoky spring. The La Niña weather pattern was unusually strong this year. As I write this, New México is the driest it has been in many years, and the forests are burning.

Tech tip #453: Your BMW's cabin microfilter is suffering and it is calling to you, begging for replacement. Due to all of the sand, dust, and pollen, your filter is probably full of debris. Also, most modern BMW's are equipped with a charcoal-activated filter (carbon filter). The good news is that these filters do a fairly good job of keeping the smoke (from the recent forest-fires) out of your car. The bad news is the filter removes smoke particulate from the air by the adsorption process. Enough smoke particulate will deplete the filter medium, and render it ineffective.

This past quarter, we had the Spring Tour, the Spring Fiesta, and a tech session.

On April 10<sup>th</sup> (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 Cline was the coordinator. We had a huge number of people attend this very fine event, especially BMW owners. The barbecue (contributed by Sandía BMW) was excellent.

On May 1<sup>st</sup>, Joe Lavender led a destination tour to the Bandelier National Monument, near Los Alamos. Well actually, Joe PLANNED to lead the tour. Unfortunately, a freak late-season snow storm (in May!) forced the cancellation of the tour. BMW CCA member Ellsworth Stewart invited us to his home for a social hour. Thank you very much to him for rescuing a failed event.

June 18<sup>th</sup> was the annual tech session at Santa Fé BMW. As usual, Service Manager Andy Caperones put together an excellent event. The BMW M-Series was the topic of the tech session. Andy had a representative from each generation of M cars. Thank you to all of the owners of the M cars for bringing their respective cars. A special thanks to Nolan Cason, who reassembled his E30 M3 on short notice to bring it to the session.

Tech tip #454: BMW's do not withstand large hail very well. Actually, all cars don't like large hail. One of our members discovered this during a severe thunderstorm

out in west Texas. It was wide open country, and no shelter was available. The hail dented the body and broke the glass. Southwest Collision returned it to new condition, but it was still disappointing to get damage to the BMW.

Next quarter we are planning three membership meetings, and the Porsche/BMW challenge. Please refer to the calendar of events in this issue.

We are planning membership meetings on July 19<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday), August 25<sup>th</sup> (Thursday), and September 22<sup>nd</sup> (Thur.). We will publish details on our website about a week before the event.

### **Meet Jeff Reece.**

Many of you know that Jeff Cline has left Sandía BMW and moved to California. Health problems with his wife forced the move, and we all wish him the best.

Jeff Reece is the new Service Manager at Sandía. Jeff was formerly the Shop Foreman, and has worked for Sandía BMW for the past five years. Jeff is a BMW enthusiast, and has worked on BMW's since 1984. His previous location was BMW of San Diego, where he worked for ten years. He has owned nine different BMW's, and currently owns an E30 M3, an X5, and an M6. Jeff wishes to continue working with the BMW CCA on a variety of events. So, if you see Jeff, please welcome him.

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](http://www.nmbmwcca.org) for additional information.

I hope to see each of you soon!

Jon van Arsdel  
el Presidente  
BMW CCA of NM

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# CLASSIFIEDS

Classified ads are free for NMBMWCCA Chapter members. Only BMW cars, parts, aftermarket add-ons will be published. All ads will run in one issue and will be removed unless a request is made to run the ad again. Member number must be included in all submissions. Please submit all ads to: [webmaster@nmbmwcca.org](mailto:webmaster@nmbmwcca.org) subject: *Classifieds*. Ads may be edited due to space limitations. There is a free classifieds section on the chapter website for you to use.

Check [www.nmbmwcca.org](http://www.nmbmwcca.org) for current selection of advertisements!!

The following items were listed on the Club's website as of July 17, 2011:

**1992 325is**, lagoon green/black leather, 186k miles, 5 speed manual transmission, excellent interior and exterior condition. No drips. In-dash Alpine CD/AM/FM receiver. 2nd owner. Very Detailed records. \$2,800 OBO. David (505) 269-8717

**2004 Z4**, 2.5L, 5 speed 68,000 miles. Climate control, charcoal over black leather, blue tooth and electric heated seats. Car has been garaged and driving almost exclusively on the highway. (505) 453-6118

**1998 E36 Vert**: babied E36 Estoril Blue convertible, new Bilstein suspension, control arms, f & r bushings, steel impeller water pump, new battery, tires, front seat skins, fresh service, great original paint & respray of valance. See pics @ Photo-bucket. Asking \$9,995. Judy (303) 775-3925 in Algodones, NM

## Rev it Up!! — Calendar of Events

July 19, 2011, at 6:00 pm. Membership meeting. Fud-drücker's on I-25.

August 2011. The BMW/Porsche/et.al. Challenge. We will post details as soon as they are available from the Porsche Club.

August 25, 2011. Membership meeting.

September 22, 2011. Membership meeting.

October 09. The Annual Karl Fox Memorial Fall Tour. Gorgeous mountains, colorful leaves, great scenery, light winds, clear skies, and perfect temperatures (We advertise these conditions every year, regardless of forecast)

## Welcome Our New Members!

| Member Name       | Vehicle Year | Model        |
|-------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Robert Bucci      | 2008         | M3           |
| Mark Ferwerda     |              |              |
| Benjamin Fletcher | 1989/2002    | 325i/330xi   |
| Marvin Goldman    |              |              |
| William Kleefisch | 2005         | 325ci        |
| Grant MacCurdy    |              |              |
| Charity Ordaz     | 2004         | X3           |
| Michael Tobin     | 2009         | 335i M-Sport |

## 2011 Annual Spring Fiesta a Big Hit

Bright sunshine and crystal clear blue skies on April 10, 2011 announced the annual BMW Spring Fiesta and clean car show at Sandía BMW. The event was open to all BMW, Mini, and BMW Motorcycle enthusiasts. Sandía Service Director Jeff Cline was the coordinator. We had a huge number of people attend this very fine event, especially

BMW owners. The barbecue provided by Sandía BMW was excellent as always! Enjoy this selection of pictures of the cars and club members on hand.



# Redline

| <b>NM CHAPTER MONEY MATTERS - 2010</b> |            |
|--|------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>                          |            |
| Cash in bank accounts                  | \$4765.14  |
| <b>Total assets</b>                    | \$4765.14  |
| <b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>        |            |
| <b>Total liabilities and equity</b>    | \$0.00     |
| <b>INCOME STATEMENT</b>                |            |
| <b>INCOME</b>                          |            |
| Membership dues                        | \$5,267.06 |
| Rebates from National                  | \$310.00   |
| Misc./other                            | \$500.00   |
| <b>Total income</b>                    | \$6,077.06 |
| <b>EXPENSES</b>                        |            |
| Newsletter costs                       | \$1,313.34 |
| Postage                                | \$1,251.84 |
| Insurance                              | \$375.69   |
| Meeting expenses                       | \$2,288.15 |
| Misc./other                            | \$595.70   |
| <b>Total expenses</b>                  | \$5,824.72 |
| <b>Net income (loss)</b>               | \$252.34   |

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