



The Rio Grande *Redline*



BMW CCA New Mexico Chapter

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Notes From the Editor

Happy winter to you all! The BMW CCA New Mexico chapter election results are in. On January 17, at the Sandia Tech session, the ballots were counted. The current board of directors ran unopposed with no write-in candidates or nominations. Therefore no changes will be made to the board at this time. A special thanks to Sonia Martinez for organizing and running the elections.

Product Review

When it comes to good products I like to give credit where credit is due and the product review for this quarter is no exception. Just before the holidays, my dad called me to tell me all about this amazing wax he'd been using for his Mercedes. JaxWax. I listened intently like a good son as he explained how this wax had cut his time by more than half. He went on to explain that he had heard about it on a local radio station in his hometown of Columbus, Ohio and that he'd decided to give it a shot. A local company with a solid local product he'd figured was worth consideration. So, after his rave review I had to give it a try. A few days after ordering a bottle of the Cherry Wax "wet-look" and a bottle of their spray detailer, I received a very nicely packaged box. I really didn't expect such quick shipping.

It took a few days for the weekend to roll around and I was able to block out an afternoon and evening of zen-like car detailing time. So after a careful wash and other sundry detailing tasks, I cracked open my brand new bottle of creamy JaxWax. It did indeed smell like cherries. I started with the hood as I always do because it's my least favorite panel to wax. Probably because it involves bending and reaching. Using a soft terry cloth applicator I wiped it on and waited for it to haze. Within a few minutes it had dried to a nice milky white color and I wiped it with a microfiber towel. I was extremely impressed with how easily it came off. Typically waxing my 128i takes about an hour but with JaxWax I was finished the first coat in just over 30 minutes. Needless to say, my father had been right about the time savings but what about the finish?

After my ritual I backed the car out of the garage and did the all-important walk-around. The evening sun showed me all of the spots I'd missed but the results were fantastic. A couple of quick touch up wipes later and I was finished. I couldn't have been happier with the way the product had worked. JaxWax had come through. I went on to apply a second coat for good measure since winter was finally creeping into the southwest.

If you're thinking about giving your BMW a nice detail anytime soon, consider giving JaxWax a try. I'm certainly glad I discovered it because I find it to be a top quality product which happens to save time. They also offer a full suite of detail products; all of which are available from their website: JaxWax.com.



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President's Letter

Winter is here. As I write this (early January), we have had less than average snowfall early this winter, especially in the areas outside of Albuquerque. The climatologists are predicting a La Niña winter, so we may get less than average snow for the rest of this season. Therefore, that new set of winter tires may not be as important for your BMW, as it was in past years.

This past quarter, we had a karting event, and a holiday dinner. Thank you to David Penasa for arranging the karting event, and to Steve Nowaczek for arranging the holiday dinner. For the first quarter of 2013, we have scheduled twotech sessions and a membership meeting. (Editors note: the first tech session was held January 17 at Sandia BMW, more information on page 3)

The February 21st (Thursday) tech session will be at Southwest Collision Craftsmen. Owner Manny Córdova will be the host, at his BMW-certified body shop. Sunday, April 14, 2013 will be our annual Spring Fiesta at Sandía BMW. Start cleaning and polishing your car now. Watch your email for an announcement on the exact date. As is our normal custom, food is included in club events.

Modernization at BMW CCA.

As most of you know, the New México Chapter of the BMW CCA produces a quarterly newsletter, The Río Grande Redline. This is in addition to Roundel, which is the monthly magazine from the national office of BMW CCA.

For several years now, the New México Chapter of the BMW CCA has been looking for methods to improve the quality of The Río Grande Redline, while at the same time reducing its cost of production. At a formal meeting on Saturday, January 12, 2013, the Board of Directors voted to change the newsletter to a digital format for distribution to NM members. This was enabled by a national change in policy by BMW CCA.

The advantages to a digital newsletter are numerous. It will be in full color. It will have more pages, and feature more photos from club events. It can have links to additional content, and links to videos for things like DIY tutorials. It will be able to be read online (computer, iPad, etc.), or it can be printed on your nearest color printer. It will save some trees. It will cost substantially less for the chapter than the current four-page black-and-white newsletter that is sent by mail. Printing and sending a bigger and full color newsletter by mail is cost-prohibitive for the chapter.

If you wish to receive the newsletter in digital format, please be sure your email address is current with the national office. This will become the default address for the newsletter. When it is published, we will send you the link to the new and improved digital Río Grande Redline. If you prefer to receive a mailed copy instead, you will have the opportunity to opt out of the new digital format. You will then continue to receive the traditional four-page black-and-white printed version.

The other BMW CCA publications will be unaffected by this change. The national magazine Roundel, will continue to arrive in your mailbox every month. The bright blue postcards for major events will also continue to be mailed to you from the NM Chapter. Look for more information on the new digital chapter newsletter in the coming few weeks.

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

Calendar of Events

Feb 21 (Wed)	6:00 p.m. Tech session with Manny Córdova. Southwest Collision Craftsmen, 3401 Claremont NE, in Albuquerque
Mar 21 (Thu)	Membership meeting
Apr 14 (Sun)	Annual Spring Fiesta at Sandia BMW
May (TBD)	Annual Spring Tour. Details to follow
Jun (TBD)	Tech session at Santa Fe BMW
Jul (TBD)	Membership meeting
Aug (TBD)	The BMW/Porsche Challenge

Photos from the Sandia BMW Tech Session

We were very fortunate to have a BMW M1 (E26) on display for the tech session. Only 456 production examples were produced between 1978 and 1981. Originally BMW had commissioned Lamborghini for the chassis work but due to financial troubles, BMW resumed full control of the project in 1978. The story behind BMW's mission to rescue the M1 from the shuttered Lambo factory is a fascinating read and I encourage anyone interested in this car to read further on this subject



The BMW M6 powered by BMW M division's own S63 twin-turbo V8. Appx 560hp.

Certainly a favorite among every BMW enthusiast, the BMW M5. The new M5 has the same S63 twin-turbo V8 pictured above. An executive cruiser with a vast power reserve. Stickered at just over \$100,000, not for the faint of heart!



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