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The Name Game

by Forrest Anderson

I recently had the fun, or anguish, of entering scores of e-mail addresses into my computer's address book. If you knew what a lousy typist I am (without Jani and Keith Olsen to edit for me) you might wonder why I even bothered. But none-the-less I wanted to e-mail BMW Clubs information about CRV's Grand Tour. (P.S. if you haven't seen the Around The World Grand Tour info. it is included in this newsletter.)

Anyway, while typing some of the club names it got me chuckling. Like *Promise-Breakers* of Minnesota, I could be a candidate for that club. Imagine, a nice warm sunny day while starting your bike you say: "Honey, I'm just going for a short ride. I promise to be back before your mother gets here." The *Promise-Breakers*, I love it.

Most club names offer the region in which they reside, like ours for example. There are dozens of similar handles, *Mid-Atlantic Riders*, *BMW Riders of Mississippi*, etc.

Some clubs put their state mottoes/logos first, like,

Granite State BMW Riders (NH), *Ocean State* (RI), *Bluegrass Beemers* (KY), *Hoosier Beemers* (IN), etc.

Some of those locales are quite vivid,

Land Of Enchantment (NM)

or *Rim Riders* (AZ),
Blue Ridge Riders (VA), or
Citibeemers of (where else?)
NYC.

Skyland Riders and
Mountaineer Riders

imparts a sense of the Rockies, where as, the *Dust Devils* and *Dust Bowl Riders* depicts a more arid region. *Beeline Beemers* appear to enjoy straight roads, which is a good thing as they are from Central Florida. For me, the name *Nebraska BMW Nightriders* imparts a sepia-toned scene of cowboys, in long rain slickers, galloping across a moonless prairie. However, the scene is shattered when I read their e-mail address of solo@ My personal favorite place to ride would have to be with the *Left Lane* MC of Germany. The worst place has the dubious name of *Toxic Landfill Riders*. Yuk!

Then there are those that play with words, *Bee Cee Beemers* of Vancouver BC, or the *Florida Sunbeemers*, or (the best yet) *Boston Baked Beemers*.

A bunch of clubs profess to give allegiance to one model of BMW, *K1200LT Riders*, *K-1*, *Club Boxer*, *Int'l Oilheads*, *GS Int'l*, *Dual Sport Riders*, *Nat'l R90S*, etc. For those with more

open requirements might be the *European Motorcycle Owners* or the *Generic Motorcycle Club of Florida*. There is the *Chain Gang*, which is complimented by the *Shaft Twisters*. Then there is the double entendre *Airheads* or believe-it-or-not, *Jugs & Shaft*.

One can only imagine why a group of BMW patrons would name their club the *Antigonish Touring Society* or the horrific *Spouse Hits Spouse* motorcycle club. Then there are the *Cayuga Curmudgeons*. Or (get this) when the *Pure Stodge Touring Assoc.* has its belly full it can join the *Party Riders of Greater Toledo* and then wake up in the morn with the *International Sufferin' Bootheads MC*. Oh my!

Might we tell a little about some clubs by their name, *Free Spirit BMW Riders*, the *Unorganized BMW Club* . . . or another play-on-words, *Mass Confusion*? If a club's name is a harbinger of how they view reality, don't ask the *Denizens of Doom*. We just hope that *Lunatic Fringe Beemers* don't ally with *Bomb Plant Beemers*.

How some feel about the machines they ride comes out with the *Saratoga BMW* (continued on the next page)

CRV Activities for April and May (see details in the calendar)

April 21 -- CRV Club Meeting.

April 27 -- Seventh Annual Spring Breakout.

May 15 -- After work picnic at Hurd State Park.

May 24 - 27 -- Sixteenth Charter Oak Rally.

Thoroughbreds, or the *Dragon Riders*, or the *Flying Circus* (highly touted WW1 German air squadron). Not so impressed? Join the *Int'l Order of Rolling Broccoli Riders* or the *Apathos MC*.

Knowing that B.M.W. really is a reminder when you go to the dealer to Bring My Wallet, I find *Poverty Riders Int'l* to my leaning.

While typing these names I also tied some of their e-mail addresses together. Can you picture

fastR90S@ being arrested by collarman@ who then calls his attorney DAKiller@? Yes, I know there are times I should be an applicant for *The Village Idiots*.

Why some ride can also be found in their titles. For example there are the *Rally Seekers of Indiana* and the *BMW Breakfast Club of Minnesota*. And others question simply, *YBMW?*

How they ride could be found speeding along with the *Blue Flame Beemers* or flying with the *Bahnsturmern* MC (barn stormers). But please pass me the camera if we meet the *Bare Beemers*.

In all fairness to those BMW Clubs aforementioned please take this as a bit of cabin fever. Some of you I know and socialize with and the others I hope to. 'Course with a name like mine I'm used to name related punning.

Anyway, for this month . . .
ride safe, ride far
Forrest

President's Column

Seems like last week I was out riding in the Berkshires on a warm late winter day with no snow in the woods or sand on the roads. That was still winter. Now that spring has arrived I have six inches of snow and sanded roads with a bitter cold wind mocking my farewell to winter.

Two months until our Charter Oak Rally and the rally committee, headed by Jim Faucher and Lenny LaRose, is busy planning a really fine Memorial Day weekend at our new location in northeastern Connecticut. Plan to attend.

(continued on the next column)

Web Page Address

Visit our CRVBMW Web Site at
<http://www.crvbmw.org>

May Newsletter Deadline

Thursday, April 25, is the deadline for
submitting articles for the next newsletter.

Whether you stay in a cabin or camp out you can expect to see old friends and meet new ones. There will be good riding and, as usual, good food.

I've been hearing CRV members talking about travel plans for this year. Keep informed about rides and rallies by reading this newsletter and checking our website regularly. Plan to ride to our next meeting on Sunday, April 21. Want company? I'll be at the Granville Country Store at Rt. 189 and Ma. 57 at 11 a.m. I'll be riding to lunch and a couple stops before heading to the meeting at Rossini's on Rt. 6 at the Farmington/Bristol line at 4 p.m.

Our club has been asked to support numerous worthwhile causes and to provide riders to escort runners, walkers and bicycle racers. Many of us have enjoyed riding our motorcycles in the Hartford Marathon, and other events, as we zoom through a sea of participants and brush past throngs of happy spectators. The riding is often quite technical. Riders are at their maximum level of alertness and prepared for anything ahead. Our club does not have an official role in the events. Liability issues in our era of litigation have convinced us that the individual riders can be informed of the request for riders and contact the event coordinator to offer their services. An individual rider may choose to serve as a contact person to facilitate communication.

The Housatonic Classic bicycle race in Danbury is on May 19th. This is a fast paced professional event. If you want to know more about helping on this one you can contact CRV member Art Daly at 203-245-1311 or ACDK75@webtv.net The event coordinator of motos is J. Christopher Shinnors, 730 Hunsicker Rd., Telford, Pa. 18969. His work # 215-822-5900 or fax# 215-822-1499. By the way, this event provides a hotel room and dinner to the motorcyclists the night before the event.

Larry

April CRV Meeting Sunday, April 21

The April CRV Club meeting will take place on Sunday, April 21, beginning at 4:00PM, at Rossini's Restaurant, on Route 6 near the Farmington/Bristol line. It is west of the Route 177 junction. We will be meeting in the main dining room.

Lunch or dinner will be available. The restaurant (Italian/Pizza fare) opens at noon; or stay after the meeting.

Minutes of the Connecticut River Valley BMW Riders, Inc.

(Minutes are unofficial until accepted at the next scheduled business meeting)

The March monthly meeting of the Connecticut River Valley BMW Riders, Inc. was called to order @ 1:04 PM on March 16, 2002, Larry Friedman presiding.

Thirty-nine members and guests were in attendance at Digger McDuff's Tavern, Cromwell, CT.

Officers in attendance:

President	Larry Friedman	Present
Vice-President	Lenny LaRose	Present
Secretary	Tracy Smith	Absent
Treasurer	Ron Faibusch	Present
Co-Road Captain	Brian Fisk	Present
Co-Road Captain	John Shields	Absent
Member-At-Large	Jani Anderson	Present

Officer Reports:

President Larry Friedman shared how Penny Podgwaite had items from the club store with her, the items were on sale, and that club members may want to see her about getting items. Three new members were introduced Janet Hallbergh, John Hallbergh, and Bob Poulin.

Treasurer Ron Faibusch reported the current checkbook balance. Ron stated that funds have been coming in from membership renewal, Charter Oak Rally registrations, and Grand Tour registrations. A short discussion was made on the switch to our new web site host location (once the change occurs, our same <http://www.crvbmw.org> address will bring you there) and upcoming email addresses for club officers.

Road-Captain Brian Fisk shared information on an overnight trip to the Great Barrington Brewery on April 6, the Borrella Pizza Ride on April 7, change in the Spring Breakout location to Markum Meadows in East Hampton, the Frosty Nutz Camp Out, and the after work picnic on May 15.

Committee Reports:

Larry gave an update on the Charter Oak Rally. He said that it is being discussed to send out a registration form to all past attendees sharing the information about our new rally location. An application is in the current newsletter.

Ed Mix discussed the upcoming MDA Ride. It will be held on July 28. Volunteers are needed to support the running of the event. Plans may include pins or patches

and shirts which will be sold. The next planning meeting will be on April 16, at Ed Mix's house, beginning at 6:00pm.

It is hoped, but has not been confirmed, that the club will be working Registration at the MOA Rally on Thursday from 4 to 8 pm.

Larry asked for a volunteer in the Canton area to check the club mailbox and forward the club mail to Tracy Smith. Mike Altschwager volunteered for the job.

Forrest Anderson discussed the *Around The World Grand Tour* being sponsored the CRV this year. He showed the flags and pins to be used. Details appear in the newsletter and on the club web site (crvbmw.org). He also shared another Grand Tour called the *Touch em all Baseball Grand Tour*.

Steve and Deb Brodaki-Magnum spoke about this year's Connecticut Miracle Ride which will benefit the Connecticut Children's Medical Center. The ride will be held on April 28. There are 12 satellite locations around the state from which to start the ride. One site will be at Canton Cycles with registration from 8:30-10:00. Pre-registration is \$15 single rider and \$25 for 2-up riders. The ride will go into Bushnell Park in Hartford and there will be a police assisted parade ending at the Elks Club in East Hartford. The day will feature the ride, lunch, and music. For additional information visit www.miracleride.com on the Internet.

Matt and Suzanna Parkhouse are now the proud owners of a BMW dealership in Colorado.

Jan Demosthenes presented her motorcycle prints which are enhanced digital photographs printed on canvas and matted of BMW motorcycles. Her artwork comes in two sizes. She may be reached at home 860-778-8808, work 860-768-4208, or email p.demosthenous@worldnet.att.net

The next monthly meeting will be on Sunday, April 21, 2002 at 4:00 PM at Rossini's Restaurant on Route 6 on the Farmington/Bristol line.

The prizes during the 50/50 raffle included a Chase Harper Tank bag, \$23 prize, CRVBMW engraved knife, and many Charter Oak ceramic mugs.

A motion to adjourn was made @ 1:50 PM, meeting closed by Larry Friedman, President.

Respectfully submitted,
Keith Olsen
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MOA National CRV Working Registration

Well it getting closer now, I can feel the riding seasons here, but when I look out the window it's snowing. Oh well! The reason for this blurb is that the club has been given the time beginning at 4PM on Thursday July 11 to work the BMWMOA 2001 Rally Registration.

We have done this in the past with great success and having a great time. Its one of the best ways to watch riders coming in. Never know who you will meet. We get to do it as a club and let other MOA members know how good we are as a club.

I need some info from the people who will be working. I need your name, street address, town, state, and zip. Send it to me via e-mail at brainfish@deadhorse.com or snail mail: Brian Fisk 409 Main ST. Cromwell,CT 06416

This might be the list that you need to be on if you think . . . you want to get in early. No guarantee on that, but you got to start somewhere.

We should meet about 15 minutes before the start of our shift (3:45pm). We will then be instructed as to what we are doing (fairly easy). Also to let the person in charge know that we are there.

Okay folks lets do it. Brian

Items For Sale or Wanted For Sale

1974 R90 with later R100s engine. 86k miles. Adult owned since new. Dependable and strong. Includes tools, small aftermarket fairing, service records, owners manual and shop manual, and even a Luftmeister fairing with VDO gauges and lowers. Asking \$2900. call Steve at 860-583-9893 or email packardsix@yahoo.com (ad posted 4/02)

Joe Rocket Ballistic Jacket. Bought new Sept 2000 for \$240. Red and black. Like new. Asking \$100. Contact Bob Poulin at 860-567-0329 (ad posted 4/02)

1986 GL1200 Gold Wing and trailer. 40,000 miles, too many extras to list. For information call Rick Arnold at 203-426-2904. (ad posted 3/02)

1996 Triumph Trophy 900 British Racing Green 28K+ miles. Meticulously maintained. Race Tech fork springs. BMW plug for heated clothing. Clean, shiny, outstanding condition. Asking \$5900 or BO. Contact Linda Combe at 860-257-4285 or lincombe@snet.net (ad posted 2/02)

Great Roads in Canada

Planning on going to this year's MOA National in Canada? Visit Great Ontario Bikeroads at:

<http://www3.sympatico.ca/elhum/>

This site is linked from our CRV web site and was submitted by Mark Flanagan.

Borella's Spring Pizza Ride

Sunday April 7th at our humble abode located near Danielson, Ct. Arrive 10-12 for home made snacks, strong coffee ... motorcycle related BS. Ride departs noonish for the Pizza King Restaurant

Directions ... other info call John @ 860-774-5535 days or email borella_ent@hotmail.com Rain/Snow date Sunday April 14th.

See you there!
John Borella

Brian's Spring Breakout

Well the wonderful state of Connecticut has a policy that makes it very difficult to get a campsite reservation. After spending 20 minutes on the phone the reservation official and I decided that it would not be a good thing for me to have my annual Spring Breakout at Devil's Hopyard. In fact I should not have one at any state campground.

Someday I will meet this person and make his life a little more miserable. It won't do any good. But I'll feel a bit better.

With that off my chest The plan for the Breakout goes like this. We'll be back at Markam Meadows in East Hampton, CT, on Saturday, April 27. I have 3 sites, the same as last year. **See map on page 5 .**

Bring something for the stew pot, your own camping gear, and whatever you want to drink. I'll plan to be there early to set up. I may even be there the night before if this weather stays as nice as it is.

Bring a joke to tell or a friend or both. We'll have a fire, food, and friends. If you play your cards right you could be all three (that's a joke, by the time we set you on fire we'll be too full to eat). Give me a yahoo if you plan on coming so I can have a bit of a head count. Any questions? e-mail me at brainfish@deadhorse.com or call [860-635-1173](tel:860-635-1173).

2002 Calendar of Events CRV Activities

April

April 21 -- CRV Club Meeting. Details on page 2.

April 27 -- Seventh Annual Spring Breakout.

Details on page 4.

May

May 15 -- After work picnic at Hurd State Park.

Rain or shine about 5PM. I'll bring the fire, you bring your own food and drink. I'll try to be at the tables down by the pond or at the pavilion. Just off Route 151 in East Hampton, CT. Brian Fisk.

May 24 - 27 -- Sixteenth Charter Oak Rally. This year's rally will be held at a new site in Abington, CT. We will have four days of fun at the Windham County 4-H Outdoor Center. As usual there will be plenty of free food, good camping, hot showers, and lots of friends. For additional details see page 7.

June

June 20 -- Ride and Dinner at Bill's Seafood. Meet at the Cromwell K-Mart Plaza exit 19 from Route 9. An enjoyable ride led to Bill's Seafood in Westbrook. Meet at 4:45 PM. Please let me know that you plan on attending so that I can give a heads up to the restaurant. Brian 860-635-1173 or brainfish@deadhorse.com

June 21-23 -- Pratt's Annual Club Camp Out. Held in Kirkwood, NY. Details to follow.

July

July 1 -- Scenic Ride along the Connecticut River and Hot Dog Run. Meet in Portland, CT by 5PM on Route 66, right at the bridge. There is a gas station there. A scenic ride along the river is promised. This will not happen if the weather is real bad. Light rain is a go, it is after all July.

July 27 -- Pre-MDA Ride Camp Out at John Badeen's.

July 28 -- 20th Annual MDA Ride. Don't miss this one. Volunteers needed.

August

August 28 -- Ride and Dinner at a German Style Restaurant. Meet at the Olympia Diner on the Berlin Turnpike at 4:30PM for an uninspiring ride to downtown New Britain for some excel-

lent German Style food. Please let me know that you plan on attending so that I may give a heads up to the restaurant. Brian 860-635-1173 or brainfish@deadhorse.com

November

November 9 -- Cattletown Camping End Of The Year Gig. See your camping mates one last time. Cancelled if weather is bad. In question call and listen to message at 860-635-1173.

Other Motorcycling Activities

April

April 7 -- Borella's Spring Pizza Ride. Details to follow.

April 16-20 -- Canton Cycles offers all Connecticut M/C Clubs 10% off on all parts to card carrying members.

May

May 3-5 -- 12th Annual Georgia Mountain Rally -- The BMW Motorcycle Owners of Georgia proudly present the 12th Annual Georgia Mountain Rally on May 3 - 5, 2002. Additional details to follow.

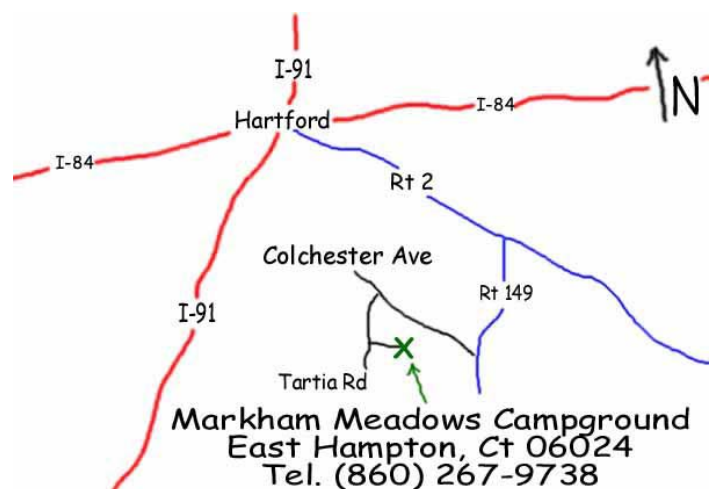
May 3-5-- Frosty Nutz Rally -- Details to follow.

May 5 -- Canton Cycles Annual Open House

May 5 -- BMW Swapmeet -- A Dutch Country Riders event. Annual swapmeet. No fees, setup in the rear of the restaurant. Dealers and vendors welcome. 7am - 5 pm. Distelfink's

Additional items found on our calendar on the CRV Web Site

Map to Brian's Spring Breakout



Weather or Not **by Larry Friedman** **copyright 2002**

Motorcycle travel puts us in touch with the weather. If it falls we get wet. If it blows we compensate. If it fluctuates we may freeze or bake. When I've shared a ride, there's at least one other person who really understands the experience. I've often ridden alone with nobody to share my meteorological adventures. In these travels the weather is as much a part of my memories as the scenery and the people I meet along the trail. Perhaps my extreme weather experiences will trigger your memories of past rides, or foretell future ones.

Flat and straight roadway humming from Ohio to Indiana then on to Kansas City. One hundred and six degrees and high humidity. Heat, humidity, and traffic too. Shannon in her leathers and an invitation from a friendly motorcycling couple to their air-conditioned home.

Kansas-Colorado border and jet black sky. Electric atmosphere brewing a violent storm. Could be a tornado coming. Triple digits down the two-lane into the nearest town. Scoot to the ballpark and bikes against the leeward side of the little concrete building. Howling wind and horizontal rain with flipping picnic tables. Standing water on the muddy dirt roads while riding out of town, under a rainbow. The rain brings out the grasshoppers that splat against the chaps from ankle to knee.

Chicoutimi, Baie Comeau, and on to Sept Isle along the North Coast of the St. Lawrence. Low, dark clouds race overhead dropping cold showers along the sparsely tree covered landscape.

The deluge comes and Chris spots the only covered parking in sight. The rain passes leaving the wind to dry the land.

Dry and sunny from Colorado Springs over Monarch pass. A forty-degree temperature drop and snow falling up and over the summit with a quick stop to suit up for the cold. Down, down into the valley on the western slope with a fifty-degree rise into the dry heat.

Off the ferry from Nova Scotia at midnight and awake to a rainy Maine day. Belstaff waxed-canvas riding suit with duct tape at key points. Passing bikers huddled, soaking while I stay dry at highway speed.

Hundreds of miles later I arrive home after riding under sunny skies the final half hour, with tattered duct tape and with jet black hands beneath the old wet gloves.

Riding across the San Joaquin Delta from Stockton to Martinez on an eighty-mile morning commute. The tule fog hugs the peat bogs and the white line is barely visible in front of the wheel. After the chilly fog season passes, the farmers plow the powdery peat soil that enters every crevice and browns the sky for days.

Cleveland thunderstorm and an ill advised stop at the underpass. Rainsuit on as the puddle deepens while local drivers make sport of swerving toward the deep water to drench the bikers.

Wind at my back across the prairie that allows for heightened visual enjoyment while the engine hums quietly. Best gas mileage ever.

The crosswind on the plains, while passing big trucks or the infrequent overpass, slams the machine back from the moment of calm.

Welcome, warm breezes in the Sierra Madre bring the stinging haze of forest fire smoke.

There is no quick escape from the choking pall.

Clean the motorcycle and head out for a clear day's ride. At the turnaround point the sky opens up and begins the grimy process that will lead to a repeat of the day of cleaning the motorcycle to head out for a clear day's ride.

Riding over Loveland pass heading back into Denver from a Labor Day weekend of camping in the Rockies. Serious snow, the kind that sticks and deepens. A couple inches deep after the summit and nowhere to hide. Boots as outriggers and steady speed curving downward for miles to that altitude where snow becomes rain.

These are among the intense impressions that weather has embedded in my mind. I combine these memories with others of visual impact like mountains and endless vistas, with the smells of the forests and fields and the sounds of thunder or of crickets and birds in a campground. Motorcycling has helped to sharpen my senses and added immense pleasure to life.

BMW Club Quebec Motorcycle Rally June 14-16, 2002

The motorcycle BMW CLUB QU...BEC # 86 Rally in Granby Qc. Growing stronger every year.

Never visited QuÈbec? Or you have, then its time to either discover or return to our " Joie de vivre ". It is with pleasure that we invite you to this 22nd edition of the BMW CLUB QU...BEC Rally. This year it is happening in GRANBY Qc. Only 45 miles south east of MontrÈal. (a short 50 minutes drive). See mapquest info on our web site at; www.bmw-club-quebec.qc.ca

For only \$42. cdn (\$ 32. us) you get 3 days and 2 nights of camping, including; swimming pool, clean showers, rally pin, rally souvenir, door prizes, Sat and Sun breakfast, Sat night supper.

On Saturday Gs ride and Touring long or short ride, field events on site. Half way between MontrÈal ... Sherbrooke, from route 10 exit 74 to Granby. At the end make a left and at the next traffic light turn left to Mont SacrÈ Coeur (210 Denison east (route 112) Gps info N 45° 23.606' W 072° 42.613'). At the top of the hill go to rear left of the building. For more info contact; Michel (the pope) Vachon moa 80949 at lepape@sympatico.ca or (450) - 375 - 7035 after 5:00pm

MDA Planning Meeting Notes: 2002 March 11

On Monday, March 11, we had a planning meeting for the MDA Ride at Ed Mix's gracious home. The ride is Sunday July 28, 2002, at Canton Cycles. In attendance were **Matt Struss, Ed Mix, Dave and Debbie Brodski-Magnum, and nhoJ Badeen**. Dave and Deb are founders of Victory Charter Club #1 (In the World!). They actively help organize the Miracle Ride to benefit the Connecticut Children's Hospital.

The merits and options of **pre-registration** were discussed. We could use the format of the Miracle Ride forms. This could open some options for more activities that may bring in more people. They could include categories for **bike show** judging categories. These could include "people's choice" as well as a volunteer judge; **volunteer judges wanted (pretty pleeeeeeeze)**. Some categories could be best antique, American, foreign, British, Italian, German, European, best touring set up, sport bike, Japanese, paint, etc. The categories are only limited by the number of plaques, the availability of judges, and the work we would like to do. Generally an extra fee of \$10.00 to enter into a category is required as an additional donation. We would like some suggestions, feedback, and hint, hintÖsome volunteer judges, pleeeeeeeze, for this idea. With pre-registration people could donate ahead of time whether they were going to show up or not. It could have a "do you plan to attend" line to help determine food needs and expected count.

We do have some loyal volunteers to provide wood and make **plaques** for the top prizes. Bobble Naramore and Bill-Bob Libonati have yet again volunteered to help with this. The number of plaques would have to be worked out and any categories for Bike Show judging would have to be determined as soon as possible.

We need a volunteer to help **spread the word**. It would be helpful to get a flyer together and circulate it among other clubs, events, and publications. Several people could do a part of the job and all of us could carry a few flyer copies to spread around in our travels. The info flyer could have the pre-registration form on it. Also, please talk it up with friends, relatives, co-workers, folks you meet in your travels on a bike or not. If you see any publication that offers free announcement for charity events, let us know. Matt had a clipping from a local classified "newspaper".

There were a lot of **cars**, bikes and people in the parking lot last year. It was suggested separate parking be determined and marked for cars, and a separate entrance and exit. Probably the parking lot on the East Side of Canton Cycles, toward the Whole Donut could be used.

There is advertising, money, and recognition in **pins and tee shirts**. Ralph has a bunch of tee shirts that we plan to send out to have something like "Michael Bristol Memorial Ride to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association; Canton Cycles July 28, 2002; Helping Jerry's Kids" put on the back. We will look into having pins made . . . a simple logo/theme would be needed. Suggestions

anyone? If we had pins, they could be mounted on the plaques.

It was suggested that the **50/50** doesn't have to be split that way. It could be 50// 25/15/10. There would be three chances to win, and more chances for the MDA to win. That is taking the thinking from the mental box and hopefully filling the cash box. Maybe even make a few more people happy.

There could be some **advance** busy work that would make things a bit smoother. Most of the **door prizes could be pre-tagged** and results posted on prize boards. More people could win on a more flexible schedule. Prizes not picked up by a set time, such as 2:30 would be then raffled off. The past few years we gave a chance to win the largest prizes with an extra ticket chance. More dollars were raised. We don't mind holding a few prizes or arranging shipping. The afternoon wouldn't drag as long. Some of the give away items could be **prepackaged**. This would be easier with the pre-registered people. We would still have tables for various duties and opportunities for donations.

Dave was able to have a pickup load of bottled water **donated**. If anyone knows someone who could pledge food to be donated or door prizes, gift certificate prizes, activities of interest at the event, please check and let us know. We won't have the stunt rider this year. He has retired from that activity. **Sometimes it is as easy as asking**. Does anyone know anyone from Coke, Pepsi, a supermarket, or a restaurant? These are tax deductions for them.

At the next meeting we would like to discuss more on the above topics. We would also like to hear more suggestions from everyone. Specific volunteer duties will be laid out. This will make it easier for folks to offer their services and us to know what is covered. If anyone has something in particular that they would like to know, please let me know. If there is something you see which needs to be done, even by someone else, also let me know. If there is something we can do better . . . please let me know. It would be great to see you at the meeting. Any ideas could also be emailed or phoned. Monday was picked as a good day at the last meeting. If April 15 seems like a good tentative date, and it is good with Ed Mix maybe that would be a good place to start firming up plans for the next meeting. We met around 6:00, with some finger food and ordered out dinner.

Thank you
John Badeen
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Around the World Grand Tour



Entry Form



The entry fee of \$22 (\$27 with passengers) can be mailed to CRV, care of F. Anderson, 95 Boardman Road, East Haddam CT 06423-1338. Please make checks or money orders payable to —Connecticut River Valley—. Your tour packet (i.e. the ATW GT pin and flag, official list of towns and rules) will be mailed immediately after receipt of your entry (but not prior to April 1). Registration is open until September 30th; Tour ends October 31st.

please print

Rider: _____

Passenger (if applicable): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Town: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____ Telephone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____ AMA # _____

Motorcycle (Make/Model/Color): _____

M/C Club Affiliation: _____

THIS IS A RELEASE, READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING

I understand that the Around the World Grand Tour is a motorcycle-riding event. I understand that motorcycling is an inherently dangerous activity, which should be undertaken by competent, experienced individuals. I further acknowledge that during the course of the Around the World Grand Tour, I will be subjecting myself to any and all hazards associated with motorcycling. I agree to abide by all applicable traffic regulations in the state(s) in which I ride. I accept full and complete responsibility for my own safety during this Tour. I acknowledge that motorcycling under adverse road, light, weather, rider and traffic conditions is inherently dangerous and could result in injury or death. I hereby accept these risks which I might incur or which I may cause to another as a condition of participation in the Around the World Grand Tour and hereby waive any and all claims I may have against the Around the World Grand Tour, its organizers, agents and sponsors as a result of my participation in the Around the World Grand Tour. I further agree to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Around the World Grand Tour, its organizers, agents and sponsors any claims against them by third parties as a result of my conduct of actions during the Around the World Grand Tour.

Rider's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Passenger's Signature: _____ Date: _____



CHARTER OAK

Includes:

- * Free chili Friday night while it lasts!
- * 2 Free Breakfasts
- * 2 Free Dinners -- Prime Rib and T.B.A.
- * Free Continental Breakfast on Monday
- * Free continuous coffee
- * Snacks available for purchase on the site
- * 3 nights camping and hot showers
- * Door prizes
- * Organized rides and a Poker Run
- * Rally Awards
- * Modern enclosed pavilion and lodge
- * Cabins available
- * Rally pin, cup, and dinners guaranteed to the first 250
- * On-site Tire Man
- * Other surprises planned

For Preregistration contact:

Tracy Smith, Charter Oak Rally
 66 Morris Street, Naugatuck, CT 06770
 E-mail at crvsecretary@juno.com or
 Telephone 203-720-7409

Make checks payable to: CRVBMW Riders, Inc.

Sixteenth Annual

Charter Oak Rally

May 24 - 27, 2002

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*** *New Rally Site* ***

Location: Windham County 4-H Outdoor Center in Abington, Connecticut

Registration: \$36 preregistration (prior to May 17), \$41 at the Gate. Children 6-15 \$23, \$28 at the Gate, 5 and under Free.



Directions:

From the West: Route 44 East out of Hartford. Left on Route 97 North.

From the North: Interstate 84 West to Ashford, CT, Exit; Route 89 South to Route 44 East.

From the East: Route 44 West from Providence, Right onto Route 97 North.

From the South: Can't get here from there!!

Follow the Rally Signs from the Intersection of Routes 44 and 97.

Please . . . No glass or pets at the rally site

Registration Form

A separate registration form is needed for every person, including passengers and every child.

Name: _____ Rider Male
 _____ Passenger Female Date of Birth: _____
 Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Email Address: _____

Name(s) of Local Club Affiliations: _____ Send me information on cabins: Y N
 Make of Motorcycle: _____ Model: _____ Year: _____ Sidecar: Y N

Waiver: I agree to hold harmless the Connecticut River Valley BMW Riders, Inc. the AMA, and the Windham County 4-H Outdoor Center, for any injury, damage or loss incurred while attending or travelling to and from the rally.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

For Official Use Only Amount Received \$ _____ Cash or Check # _____ Received by _____
 Information Verified _____ Rally # _____

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