

CRVBMW NEWS

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Motorcycle Wandering

by Larry Friedman

The less planning the more surprises.

After decades of motorcycle travel solo, two up, and in groups, I have concluded that the best travels were the journeys with the least rigid agenda.

My Webster's Dictionary defines "wander" thusly: to ramble here and there without any certain course or object in view; to roam; to leave home; to go through the world; to deviate; to err; to be delirious; not to be under the guidance of reason; to travel over without a certain course. I know my friends will wholeheartedly agree that the ones about deviate, err, and delirious particularly apply to me. The wanderer's style fits the person who is flexible, spontaneous, and independent. A compulsive and highly organized type would require detailed plans in advance. Riding partners seem to stay on the same trail when their personalities are similar and tend to part ways when tolerance diminishes. This phenomenon also applies to domestic partners who either stay along and enjoy the ride, part ways or wave as we roll away on our solo wanderings through distance and darkness, rain, and fog, to return time after time like two wheeled homing pigeons.

The Chaos Theory determines my route. Nothing is truly random and events are somehow interconnected. I consult maps, incorporate advice from acquaintances, and sometimes head off in another direction.

In a couple weeks I will be heading out to ride on my motorsickle for a few thousand miles. I can logically predict some minor issues that each compass direction would present.

North would offer a border, bugs, and sparsely traveled roads.

East would offer cooler seacoast, a border, and friendly Maritimers.

South would be the heat, greasy food, and slower talkers driving too fast. West would be loooooong roads with short towns offering a view into times past. I have been in those directions and the ones in between. Each wandering has been a different set of memories. I don't dwell on the roads not taken, there are too many.

The interconnection of events seemed more random in the past, though I now tend to doubt their random nature and gravitate toward something more organized. If I stop to talk

with the farmer in the town it is not done with the intent to assure my view of a rainbow before sunset. But, having stopped in the town and hours later cresting the hill for a perfect fleeting rainbow I believe that the earlier encounter contributed to the later view.

If I am riding alone and never tell anyone about the perfect rainbow, yes it still existed.

I expect to return from my wandering before the next newsletter and share some experiences with you.

Who knows? If the turns and timing coincide I may see you along the road.

Charter Oak Rally Update

We had a rally, and it was a great one! The 16th annual Charter Oak Rally was held as usual on the Memorial Day weekend, at our new site in Abington, Connecticut. Approximately 168 intrepid souls were treated to great food, more showers, more "facilities", camping by the lake, and new roads in a pretty much unsullied area. One person actually asked me if anyone really lived out here. A bit of (continued on the next page)

CRV Activities for August and September (see details in the calendar)

August 28 -- Ride and Dinner at a German Style Restaurant.

September 8 -- CRV Barbecue. On Sunday, Sept. 8 beginning at 1 P.M. in Stanley Park in West-field, Massachusetts. See details on page 3.

a stretch to be sure, but it is a bit more “empty” than the rest of the state. We had President Friedman’s annual slide show on Saturday, and Irish music on Sunday. Also motorcycling videos running whenever desired. The two most watched were Harleys doing wheelies and that cult classic, “Biker Chicks in Zombie Town”. Which “stars” Billie Bob Thornton, believe it or not. As always, the rally ran smoothly due to the innumerable small tasks, and some large ones, that are done by so many of you without really being asked for help. You know who you are; thank you again. So, plan for next year, where we hope to have it in the same spot. Come on back, and have a good time.

Mad Dog and Lost Lenny

President’s Column

It’s a midsummer night and I’ve been dreaming about another motorcycle trip.

You have been out riding in spite of other commitments and due to your expertise in postponing those dreaded chores. I’ve seen many members at the recent BMWMOA International Rally in Trenton, Ontario and at other events such as the Canton Cycles/CRV fund-raiser for MDA.

I tried a novel approach to an evening’s ride this week. I sponsored a hot dog roast for some local (Ma.) BMW riders and we met at a remote park in the Berkshires, Chesterfield Gorge. I brought a small grill, easy-start charcoal and all the rest fit in the saddlebags. The riders came from different directions and enjoyed a small group ride after supper. I don’t know if they’ll join CRV but I know they will remain my friends.

Tracy Smith is stepping aside as club secretary after years of great service. We have discussed the transition and Tracy has offered to train his replacement(s). He could help us to divide the duties among members. Please consider stepping forward to keep our club strong. Remember to thank Tracy for all his efforts on our behalf.

The annual barbecue/picnic will be held on Sept 8 at 1 p.m. at Stanley Park in Westfield, Ma.

This one will be better than any we’ve had, even better than the legendary pig roast /all day feed we had in the late 20th century. Send your check now. See you there.

Larry

September Newsletter Deadline

Sunday, August 25, is the deadline for submitting articles for the next newsletter.

Knowing When to Sell

In the stock market, the secret of success is knowing when to sell. No one likes to let go of something that is doing well, so our natural inclination is to hang on...and on...and on....sometimes until it’s too late. Anyone that owns WorldCom or Enron stock can understand how that feels. Well, I’m feeling the signs of knowing it’s the right time to sell and not run for re-election this November for a seventh consecutive term as your Secretary.

There have been many changes in my life over the past year, and I don’t feel I can ever properly thank all of the many, many club members who offered their support. I struggled with meeting my Secretary obligations this year. I was apprehensive in accepting last years’ nomination, but since I didn’t give the membership enough time to prepare another candidate for the position, I accepted and tried my very best. I want to publicly thank the current slate of officers that were very accommodating to me and tried to lighten the load.

Over the last two years I have put less than 1000 miles total on both bikes, my skills are rusty, and I really need to make time to do all the things that I need to do. I enjoy all the things I do for the CRV, but I don’t feel I can meet the time demands of the Secretary position.

So, I’d like everyone to think about running for Secretary. I’ll provide all the records, help, and encouragement to anyone who is elected. I would like to continue to make a contribution to the CRV, so, if the membership wishes, I’ll accept a nomination for Member-At-Large.

Thank you, everyone, for a wonderful ride, but it’s time to sell.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tracy Smith
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Web Page Address

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

Old Newgate Prison

Channel 3 news stated that the Old Newgate Prison Museum was going to be closing do to lack of funds sometime in September. Originally founded as a copper mine in the early 1700's. Newgate was first used as a prison to house Tories and Loyalists during the Revolutionary War. It was the first State Prison in America. The prison also held Confederate prisoners during the Civil War. In 1976 Newgate Prison was declared a National Historic Landmark.

I visited Newgate Prison a couple of years ago and found it just as interesting as I had many years before. It is definitely worth a visit whether for the first time or just to refresh old memories.

A trip to Newgate Prison could easily be tied in with a visit to the Bradley Air Museum as they are located in the same area. It would also make a nice stop on the way to the club picnic if you are coming across Route 20 to Route 189. Although in September I would call ahead to make sure they are open.

Directions: Take exit 39 off I-91, heading West on Route 20. Proceed for approx. 8 miles until you come to the intersection of Route 187 ... 20. Continue up the hill, take a right at the signal light. Head North on Newgate Road for 2.3 miles, Old Newgate Prison is on the left.

Address: 115 Newgate Road, East Granby, CT

Phone: 860.563.3563

Hours: May-Oct., Wed-Sun 10 am - 4:30 pm

Admission: \$4.00

Lenny

Don't miss the CRV Barbecue Sunday, Sept. 8 at 1 P.M. Free! Free! Free! Send your check today!

You don't want to miss this one. The event will be held rain or shine. Your president has arranged for a super catered barbecue picnic. We will gather at the Stanley Park in Westfield, Massachusetts.

This is one of the most beautiful parks in New England. Walk through the gardens, along trails, and around the ponds. There are great roads to and from the park. This year's food will be better than ever. Our club has had another successful year and we want to share that with our members.

The CRVBMW club is paying for all members and auxiliary members. It is worth more than your annual dues!

To get a correct count and to properly plan the barbecue, all persons age 12 and over must **send \$20 to our Treasurer**, Ron Faibusch. Members and auxiliary members will **receive a full cash refund at the barbecue**. If you don't show up we pay the caterer anyhow but you get no refund.

You will be asked to apply your refund to next year's dues (members-\$20, auxiliary members \$10 and a \$10 refund at the picnic)

Children 6-12 eat for \$5 each. Kids under 6 eat for free.

Bring your friends or prospective club members along (no refund for them)

Great scenic roads— Look for BMW roundels near the park.

Send your checks today:

Ron Faibusch

CRVBMW Treasurer

241 Talcott Notch Road

Farmington, CT 06032

Directions to the CRVBMW Barbecue

Directions from Hartford:

I-91 to Bradley airport exit

Rt. 20 exit to Granby

At Rt 10/202 continue west 1/4 mile to Rt. 189

Right on 189 to Granville, Ma.

Right at T onto Rt. 57

1/4 mile and left on **Old Westfield Rd.**

(it becomes Granville Rd. in Westfield)

Straight ahead a for few miles, pass water filtration plant

Left on Northwest road, go slow for a mile.

At stop sign turn right.

2 miles to second park entrance.

Drive across parking field and park near fence.

Walk in through rose garden and past fountain.

From Southern or Western CT:

Rt. 8 north of Winsted , over Ma. line

Right on Rt 57 (fantastic road)

Through Granville and turn left on Old Westfield Road.

See directions to the left

From Springfield;

Rt. 20 West through West Springfield.

In downtown Westfield go left on Rt. 10/20

10/202 goes right onto Court St.- follow this

Court St becomes Western Ave. and leads to Stanley Park

2nd Annual CT United Ride And Beach Rally

Held on Sunday, August 18, 2002. This is benefit motorcycle ride for CT Firefighters, CT Police Officers, and Local United Ways

Sponsored by: The Fairfield County Labor Council, AFL-CIO in conjunction with the United Way
All motorcyclists are welcome . . . wear your flags

Be part of history: This is the first motorcycle event allowed at the beach, inside Bridgeport's Seaside Park in over 20 years. Motorcycles will be allowed at the beach for our event only.

The event: registration begins at 7:45 a.m in Norwalk, CT at exit 17 (Norden Park). The Ride begins at 11:30 a.m. The Ride ends with an all day Beach Rally at the Amphitheater at Seaside Park in Bridgeport, CT, for an afternoon of food, rock bands, and wrestling celebrity entertainment* The suggested rider donation is \$25 per bike. A Donation is required to ride in the escorted line!!

Ride Route: Motorcade from Norden Park Exit 17, to Route 33, to Route 7, to Danbury, to Route 84 Exit 10, down Route 25 to Bridgeport Exit 2, finally to Seaside Park with Bridgeport Fire Rescue 1 leading the Motorcade.

Thousands of motorcycles riding through 10 towns - 60 Miles - no lights - no stops with police motorcycle escorts. Several thousand riders are expected for this years event.

Ride/Event Director: Fred Garrity, Jr., Vice President CT State AFL-CIO 203-852-5046 or www.ctunitedride.com

More Motorcycle Signatures found on e-mail

Midnight bugs taste best.

Saddlebags can never hold everything you want, but they CAN hold everything you need.

NEVER argue with anyone holding a torque wrench.

Never try to race an old geezer, he may have one more gear than you.

Home is where your bike sits still long enough to leave a few drops of oil on the ground.

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Items For Sale or Wanted For Sale

1983 BMW R100RT 66K miles. Burgundy. Never down. Maintenance records since new (recommended plus extras) With Reynolds stand, Telefix fork braces, Koni shocks, Seat backrest, and Stainless steel lines. Asking \$2950. Contact Jeff Burke at (860) 668-9796 or email JBurke@smgmeats.com (ad posted 8/02)

2000 Kawasaki W650 Retro in very good condition with 10K.Givi Bags, Five Star Rack, Hagon shocks and galfer brake line included. Asking \$4,200. Won second place "Best Japanese" at the 2001 British Iron Association Meet. Contact John Shields at 860-646-5177 or jjshields01@snet.net (ad posted 8/02)

1995 BMW K75, silver, RT fairing, electric w/s, saddlebags, touring trunk, low seat, wrist rest, clean and well maintained. 17K miles. Asking \$7000. Call Walter in the evenings at 860-563-7108. (ad posted 8/02)

1999 BMW R1200C, blue, saddlebags, engine guards, exhaust heat deflectors, windshield, centerstand, wrist rest, clean and well maintained. 4K miles. Asking \$10,000. Call Walter in the evenings at 860-563-7108. (ad posted 8/02)

2001 BMW R1100RL. Black, wire wheels, BMW hard bags, windshield, heated grips, Run-N-Lites, tank bag, and cover. 9,500 miles. Perfect condition. Asking \$7,500. Call Bob Ljungquist at 860-491-9703. (ad posted 6/02)

Items Wanted

1999-2001 BMW R1100RT to buy immediately. Contact Jeff Burke at (860) 668-9796 or email to JBurke@smgmeats.com (ad posted 8/02)

Trailer hitch for late airhead ('85 to '95); prefer Reynolds but will consider others. John Helming, 860 536-7549, john27fv@aol.com (ad posted 6/02)

More Motorcycle Signatures (cont.)

You'll get farther down the road if you learn to use more than two fingers on the front brake.

Routine maintenance should never be neglected.

It takes more love to share the saddle than it does to share the bed.

The only good view of a thunderstorm is in your rear view mirror.

2002 Calendar of Events CRV Activities

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 excellent 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

September

September 8 -- CRV Barbecue. On Sunday, Sept. 8 beginning at 1 P.M. in Stanley Park in Westfield, Massachusetts. See details on page 3.

October

October 4-6 -- Buzzard Crest Campout, Near Pine Plains, New York. Siouxzanne and Voyle Harris invite you to enjoy two cool days (and cold nights) of fall camping on their ten acres in Gallatin New York. See details on page 6.

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

August

Canton Cycle Events for August

August Special -- 10 % off oil and lubricants.
August 13-17 -- All Connecticut M/C Clubs Appreciation Week. 10% off parts to card-carrying members.
August 17 -- topping off club week will be a Hot Dog Roast for all.
August 10 -- Poker Run for the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Details on page 6.
August 15-17 -- RA Rally in New Mexico.
August 18 -- New England Ride for Kids. Details on page 6.
August 18 -- 2nd Annual CT United Ride And Beach Rally. Held on Sunday, August 18, 2002. This is benefit motorcycle ride for CT Firefighters, CT Police Officers, and Local United Ways. See details on page 4.
August 31 -- Finger Lakes Rally

September

Canton Cycle Events for September

September Special -- 10% off gloves.
September 7 -- Grandparents Day. All grandparents enter to win a \$100 gift certificate. Show us your pictures.
September 14 -- Super Saturday of September #1 BMW Day with a German menu.
September. 21 -- Super Saturday of September #2 Triumph Day with more great food.
September. 28 -- Super Saturday of September #3 Victory Day with an American menu

September 28 -- NEMG Rally..

October

Canton Cycle Events for October

October Special -- 10% off all heated apparel.
October 19 -- Clean Out the Barn Day. Our day to clean house and your day to find that special old part at a great price. Lots of used parts!
October 31 -- Halloween Party with free candy. Don't let us eat it all.

October 6 -- Marcus Dairy - Super Sunday

November

Canton Cycle Events for November

November Special -- 10% off all battery chargers.
November 5 -- Election Day. Free tire gauge to all who voted. Show us your "I Voted" sticker.
November 12-16 -- Veterans Week. All vets and armed forces personnel get 15% off all parts and accessories plus entered to win a \$100 gift certificate, our way of saying thanks!
November 19-23 -- Enter to win a free Thanksgiving turkey all week.
November 23 -- drawing for free turkey at 1 pm. winners will be notified.

November 2 -- Frost on Da Pumkin in Vermont - Deadhorse

November 9 -- Cattletown Camp Out. 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.

Canton Cycle Events for December

December Special -- 10% off all repair order charges.
Closed December 22-25 and December 29- January 1.

Buzzard Crest Campout October 4th, 5th, and 6th Near Pine Plains, New York

Come join us for a glorious fall weekend in the foothills of the Catskills and Berkshire Mountains. Our 10 acres of land is located right on the Columbia/Dutchess County line and offers plenty of camping space. A firepit provides warmth and a gathering place for sharing stories and songs, and a grill provides opportunity to create a group meal for the campers. Plenty of great roads to ride nearby, and restaurants and shopping areas for those who have to spend money.

Siouxzanne and Voyle Harris invite you to enjoy two cool days (and cold nights) of fall camping on their ten acres in Gallatin New York- **October 4th, 5th, and 6th 2002.**

For those of you who attended the NY National in 99, this is about 15 minutes closer to the Connecticut border.

Friday night there will be chili and munchies available, and a campfire going. Saturday there will be a few breakfast runs and foliage rides, then a grilled dinner with everyone's contributions.

Sunday we'll drink some coffee, eat some leftovers, and head for home.

Directions:

From Route 44: take 44 west through Millerton NY, turn south (left) onto Route 22- follow for a little bit to NY Route 199. Take a right (west) follow 199 through Pine Plains. About 2 mile west of the town, take a right turn onto county Route 50. Follow to the end. bear left at fork. Travel approx. 6/10ths of a mile- driveway is on the right side. There will be rondells to help guide you from Pine Plains.

From Route 84: Take Route 84 west to Taconic Parkway- go North to Jackson Corners Rd. exit. Go right at end of exit. Travel 6/10ths of a mile to driveway on the left. There will be rondells to guide you.

Address:

1789 Jackson Corners Rd.
phone 518 398 5436

If you know you are coming, please call so we can plan appropriately for food.

Poker Run for the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

Fellow Motorcyclist;

The Springfield Motorcycle Club, along with the St. Jude Children's Hospital, would like to invite your members to a motorcycle poker run. The poker run will take place on Saturday, August 10, 2002, with a sign up starting at 2:00 to 5:00 P.M. The starting place will be the St. Stanislaus Club, West Warren, MA. The fee will be \$15.00 singles and \$10.00 for passengers. Food and trophies after the ride.

This is the first, in what I hope, will be an annual event. The Springfield Motorcycle Club's aim is to promote a positive image of motorcycling. A charity event with all proceeds going to a very worthy charity, such as the St. Jude Children's Hospital, can only help in promoting a positive image we all desire.

St. Jude recommends a system in which riders get pledges. The Springfield M/C would like to make a little change in this system. We ask that the rider pay an entree fee and if the rider would like to get pledges, he may do so. The pledge forms will be available by contacting me. We are encouraging clubs to pledge at least one rider, and clubs may also make a donation. All donations should be in check form and made out to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Thank you and hope to see some of your riders at our event.

Directions: Route 67 to West Warren. Turn on to South Street; the Club will be on right

New England Ride for Kids

A quick reminder the New England Ride for Kids(R) is coming up Sunday, August 18th. The ride begins on Route 20 in N. Oxford MA at the Wal-Mart.

Ride registration opens at 8am and we leave at 10am sharp rain or shine. \$'s raised go to the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation of the US to fund research for Children with Brain Tumors. Please come out and support. Duncan Doughnuts will have a Winnebago on site giving out free coffee and doughnuts and Subway Subs will be provided at the end of the ride. Registration is \$35 per bike. For more information, please call Wayne Anderson at 508-892-3521 or email at wayne.anderson@verizon.net

Thank you for your time.
Wayne Anderson

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: _____

Scenes from this year's MDA Ride at Canton Cycles on July 28, 2002



Ron Faibususch, the CRV Treasurer, gives a gift to Josh Nadeau. The gift were two motorcycle based, Sony PlayStation games, donated by Best Buy at Corbins Corner in West Hartford.

Many CRV Members volunteered their time at Registration, sign-ups for the poker ride, and with door prizes.



As with most events there were plenty of bikes to look at and talk about.



John Badeen was regularly seen trying to make sure everything was running smoothly.

At the grill, burgers were being flipped and cooked to perfection.



When the rain came, nearly everyone ducked under the tents while the band played on.

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**It's time to register for this year's CRV Barbecue,
see the details on page 3.**