

CRVBMW NEWS

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After Tour Gathering

by Forrest Anderson

On December 9th CRV hosted a Gathering and Awards luncheon for those that participated in our club's first Grand Tour. The event was open to all CRV members and others who might be interested in our 2002 Grand Tour, as well as, the 2001 Grand Tour riders. The turn out was fantastic with 51 people in attendance.

Jani and I greeted all as they entered with a ditty bag containing some vendor advertising, a bottle of M/C cleaner, the CRV-GT final results and an application to the upcoming "Around the World Grand Tour." Those in attendance were allowed to take home the pictures that they had submitted as proof of visiting the Tour's stops. These submitted pics were not going to be mailed back, so this was a nice feature of getting together.

Also, posted on an entry wall were almost 100 photographs taken by the riders on the tour. Each of the 96 towns were displayed. Although New Englanders rode along the Connecticut River to take each picture, we were delighted to see photos from many other parts of the country, some as far away as Iowa and South Carolina.

Those in attendance studied the photos on the wall with

interest, not only to see if their own were posted but also to check out where other riders found their appropriate photo sites. The wall of photos was a great source of conversation and discourse between riders, many of whom had never met before.

As the lunch progressed Larry Friedman was asked to assist in the drawing of door prizes. Twenty generous M/C vendors donated almost \$1200 worth of door prizes. Twenty-eight door prize tickets were drawn. Even though the CRV-GT finishers did not have to be present to win, those present at the Gathering won many. Only nine had to be mailed. It's always thrilling to have the winners present.

The last formal presentation was the bestowing of "Top Honors" for those completing 100% of the tour. As it turned out all Gold place finishers (having 85 photos or more) did just that. Fifteen of the 17 Gold finishers were present to receive their well-earned wall plaques. These plaques were adorned by a CRV-GT logo and a plate announcing "Top Award Winner" plus a mounted 4X6 photo from their tour submissions. Everyone seemed quite pleased with their

awards and some proudly passed them around the tables for others to see and enjoy.

With the formalities over, we finished our lunches and got serious in swapped touring stories and riding tales. Paul Clifford presented a side-stand caddy that someone left at a tour site. It's always a hoot to pull up to a tour site for a picture and see other motorcycle tracks next to the spot. Sandy Stevens got a chance to meet the helmeted rider on the black K bike that she met at one of the tour sites. We were to learn that there was only one sign for Waterford, VT and it was on a gravel road near a rock quarry. (Most submitted Waterford, CT, which was allowed by the rules.) One town hall sign had been taken down and placed in the town hall while the road frontage was re-built. One of the GT riders went into the town hall and asked if they could bring the sign outside so they could photograph it. And they did! However, the town's people forgot and left the sign outside and it was later stolen. Story after story.

Those at the luncheon, appeared to have a really a (continued on the next page)

CRV Activities for January and February (see details in the calendar)

January 15 -- Gilson's Cafe and Cinema.

January 26 -- CRVBMW Annual Winter Awards Dinner.

February 2 -- Bowling in Winsted.

February 23 -- Planning Party.

good time. Many whole-heartedly thanked Jani and I (and CRV) for the event and the awards presentation. Many professed that they were anxious to sign up for CRV's next tour starting in April. (We have 5 applicants already.)

The Troutbrook Restaurant in Windsor, where the meeting was held, reserved their main dining room for us and was very accommodating. They put on extra wait staff, set up extra tables, allowed us to tape signs and pictures all over and in general were gracious of our needs and grateful for our business. We will use them again in the future for the 2002 "Around the World" Grand Tour awards presentation.

Stay tuned for more on Grand Touring around the world!

Ride safe, ride far
Forrest & Jani

Web Page Address

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

Don't miss the
Winter Awards
Dinner. The
registration
deadline of January
21 is quickly
approaching. For
full details read the
information to the
right.

February Newsletter Deadline

Friday, January 25, is the deadline for
submitting articles for the next newsletter.

CRVBMW Annual Winter Awards Dinner

Date: Saturday, January 26, 2002

Place: Polish National Home
60 Charter Oak Ave., Hartford

Time: 6 p.m. -7 p.m. social hour
7 p.m. buffet dinner

Music and dancing to Shorty and the Allstars

Last year's party was a great success so there will be no changes. The food and music will be great.

Payment: Send your checks now, **\$24** per person, payable to **CRVBMW**.

Payment Deadline: January 21, 2002

Mail to:

Larry Friedman
900 Granville Rd.
Westfield, Ma. 01085

Directions to Polish National Home:

I-91 to Hartford
Capitol Avenue Exit
Then take first Exit on right.
Turn left to Columbus Blvd.
At second light, turn right on Charter Oak Ave.
First traffic light is at the entrance to the
Polish American Home.
Turn right into parking lot.

From Main St. Hartford:

South past Wadsworth Athaneum and Public
Library
Go to Charter Oak Ave.
Turn left, go to light, turn left into Parking lot

Items For Sale or Wanted

For Sale

- 1977 R100/7, Black, Fairing, Bags and Trunk, 39,000 miles, new battery: \$2000. Contact Forrest Anderson 860-873-8712. (ad posted 1/02)
- 2001 BMW R1150GS orange, 1,300 miles, full BMW warranty, new condition, dealer serviced, BMW hard cases, BMW tank bag, hand guards, Mustang tank cover, always garaged, \$13,500, call Eric at 860-677-2913. (ad posted 1/02)
- 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 12/01)
- 1996 R1100RT. 13,000 miles. Blue. BMW saddlebags, Givi trunk, custom seat, Aeroflow windshield, and radio. Excellent condition. \$9,995. Contact Mike Dzen at 860-386-0781. (ad posted 12/01)
- 1997 F650. 4,100 miles. Black. Givi bags. Asking \$4,800. Contact Mike Dzen at 860-386-0781. (ad posted 12/01)
- 1986 Jawa sidecar currently on a R80GS (but I'm keeping the bike because it has 49 pre-sidecar states on it) for \$300. Also a couple trials bikes and gear that are going. 1999 Scorpa 280 for \$2,800. 1999 Beta Alp for \$2,500. Contact Jay Koonz at (203) 758-2961 or jkoonz@snet.net (ad posted 11/01)

2002 Calendar of Events

CRV Activities

January

- January 15 -- Gilson's Cafe and Cinema. Details to the right.
- January 26 -- CRVBMW Annual Winter Awards Dinner. See details on page 2.

February

- February 2 -- Bowling in Winsted. Details to the right.
- February 23 -- Planning Party. See details to the right.

Other Motorcycling Activities

January

None posted activities.

January 2002

Planning Party

4th Annual

When: Saturday, February 23, 2002

Where: Bob Naramore's
6 Stoddard St.
Seymour, CT 06483

Why: A gathering for those riders wishing to share their favorite weekend junkets and forays for the 2002 season.

Time: 6PM . . . till? Feel free to bring along a Thermarest and bed roll. Plenty of floor space for those wishing to avoid a DWI.

Agenda: Besides decorating your calendar, I will have some malt beverage, pasta with sauce and garlic bread and a fresh jar of TUMS. Bring a snack if the spirit moves you.

And now for something

COMPLETELY different

A double header in Northwest CT.

Gilson's Cafe ... Cinema Tuesday Jan 15

Movie to be determined by the first few people that arrive. (Gilson's doesn't know what the movie will be till the week before) doors open 6 PM - movie at 7 PM. \$5.00 entry. Soup ... sandwich menu available as well as nightly specials

*****full bar service*****

Gilson's Cafe ... Cinema, 354 Main Street, Winsted, CT

Parking on the streets in the area, check the papers for our choice of film. Late arrivals- say you are with CRV and ask which film we are viewing

Laurel Bowling Lanes, Saturday, February 2, 7 PM an evening out with friends trying to knock down those little pins with the little balls (duck pin bowling), shoe rental \$1.00, \$3.00 per game. 266 Main Street, Winsted, CT

Traveling north or west through town both are on the right side of the road

Thru feedback-10 pin (large pins ... balls) to be held in Simsbury, Plainville, Newington or Bristol Alleys in late Feb??

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**Are you going to the Winter Awards Dinner on January 26?
The registration deadline is January 21. Register today.**