

# CRVBMW NEWS

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## MDA Ride -- Planning For 2002

by John Badeen

I am really excited about this year's ride. There are so many things coming together. This is due to the great volunteer efforts of many people in great and in greater ways. They really work hard at our planning parties, oops; meetings as well as the follow through work in between. OK, so our planning meetings are not all work, with a bit of food and fun more gets done and folks are more inclined to keep coming back. That is one of the reasons our MDA ride is a success. The Muscular Dystrophy Association is a good cause that you can contribute to while having some fun with great folks. We are keeping this formula for success. In looking back at some old planning articles and follow up articles, the ride has come a long way. We have incorporated many suggestions and welcome more. If you have an idea, please let us know. Even if you have suggested something in the past that you don't see, please suggest it again. We have a lot of energy to implement things this year. Also it is easier to plan things in advance than integrate things in the middle of the event or just after. So far this year we have pins and they are donated. The route has been mapped out. Some of the food has been pledged.

Volunteers have started working and offering to help the day of the event, but many more are needed. There is entertainment. We have bottled water donated. A "bike show" is being "organated." When we figure out just how to do a bike show it will be organized. There are plaques made up for many prizes by Bob Naramore and Bill Libonati. Door prizes are starting to come in. Ed Mix was able to get a generous donation from his employer, Chandler Evans.

Several people have **volunteered** and made sure I wrote it down. We still have a lot to do in advance and especially on the day of the event. We will need **coolers** about a week in advance of the ride to pick up ice in. The MDA has provided us with a list of **food donation sources**. People are needed to make some calls and people to pick up the goods. **Tables** are needed. If you know of any source of 1 - 20 banquet type folding tables that can be donated please let us know. That will make it easier to set things up and to eat. In a pinch, Bob Naramore offered to make some out of bike pallets. If we could get banquet or picnic

tables it would be an easier thing to work with. The Canton Fire Dept has many picnic tables, but may be looking for reciprocation of some part with their LobsterFest fundraiser event the third Sunday in August. **Route work** is needed in terms of the final proofing, putting up signs, and taking down signs. A great deal has been done by Bob Naramore and Jon Gorman, or is that already. They have a very scenic route this year. We could use 4 - 6 people to work **registration**. Being all at one location, several shifts may work out best. Another 8 - 10 people will be needed for the **bike show, the 50/50 raffle, mileage pool, and door prize tables**. Help will be needed in terms of **food**. The coffee and donuts have to be set up and refreshed through the morning and day. Soda and beverages have to be stocked. The trash and deposit cans have to be kept clean. Plastic barrels have been donated for use as tubs to chill beverages and full size barrels to be marked to collect the deposit containers. We could use some people to **solicit donations, pick them up** (continued on the next page)

### CRV Activities for June (see details in the calendar)

June 5 -- Ride to Americade at Lake George, NY

June 9 -- CRV Meeting.

June 20 -- Ride and Dinner at Bill's Seafood.

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

June 22 -- Ride to the Aerodrome at Rhinebeck.

and do a general **gopher** detail throughout the day of the event. Keith Stankiewicz has been able to get a pledge for food from *Antonio's Restaurant* in Simsbury. As a thought, I wonder if they have a facility for a meeting. We will be stuffing pre-registration packets sometime the week before the event. That may even happen the night before at the campout in my back yard. **Poker** hands have to be read and scored. It looks like Mary will be back as the primary person for this. A couple of others will make that last minute crunch go much smoother. At the event **set up**, **clean up**, and **traffic/parking** volunteers are needed.

In simpler termsÖcontact me through email or make sure I write down if you can volunteer.

For advertising, the best way is always word of mouth. Please spread the word in your contacts and travels. If you are affiliated with other clubs or organizations or know anyone who is, please make sure word gets out and pre-registration forms are available. Those are working out very well so far. If on the average everyone gets one more person to come, the event doubles...

Just a reminder, I will be hosting a **night before the MDA Ride campout** at my place. The date is Saturday July 27. I will be at work that afternoon but will make arrangements for people to show up and set up early. The address is 281 Red Mountain Ave; Torrington, CT 06790. I generally have some sort of meal planned. Small side dishes welcomed. Details to followÖbut showing up and having fun is the most important part, even if it is just for a quick hello, a dish of food, a toast, and a smile.

We will have another **planning party**, oops meeting. It will be at Ed Mix's house, 9 Bonnie Drive, Farmington, CT 06032. His phone is 860-674-9408. The meeting will be **Wednesday June 26 at 6:30**. We hope to cover in greater detail the route, registration forms, a thank you letter for participants, volunteer work list, printing and any loose ends. I hope many can make it. If you have any input please email, call or stop in at Canton Cycles My email is [john.badeen@snet.net](mailto:john.badeen@snet.net). The phone is 860-496-7074. I believe there is information at the CRV Website and at [www.cantoncycles.com](http://www.cantoncycles.com).

### July Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, June 25, is the deadline for submitting articles for the next newsletter.

### Web Page Address

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

### Ride to Americade

On June 5, I will be leading a one-day ride, via the highway, to Americade at Lake George in New York. Come and spend the day at Tour Expo, where you can buy everything and anything related to motorcycles your heart desires. Ride home back roads, approximate home arrival time 8-9 PM. Meet at 7 AM in the parking lot of Burger King at exit 45 off I-91 in CT. Contact [lincombe@snet.net](mailto:lincombe@snet.net). **This trip will not happen if no one contacts me.**

Linda Combe

### June CRV Meeting Sunday, June 9

The June CRV Club Meeting will take place on Sunday, June 9, beginning at 5:00PM, at Rossini's Restaurant, on Route 6 near the Farmington/Bristol line. It is west of the Route 177 junction.

**Our meeting room is not available until 5:00PM, so please do not arrive early.** Plan a nice ride for the day, arrive at 5:00, and enjoy an Italian dinner.

### Ride to the Old Aerodrome at Rhinebeck

On Saturday, June 22, I'm going to lead a ride to the Aerodrome at Rhinebeck to coincide with Mike Friedle's "Airheads at the Aerodrome" camp out. Mike invites the vintage club to show their bikes before the air show, so we get old bikes and old planes. Since I'll be coming back to CT from the camp out, I'm going to meet people in the front parking lot at Housatonic Meadows State Park at 10:30AM. The park is on Route 7, just a few hundred yards north of the intersection with Route 4, and there is a gas station nearby. From there we have the option of a nice ride, stopping to eat, and then a short ride to the aerodrome, or a longer, nicer, ride to the aerodrome and grabbing something to eat on site. This is a fair weather only ride. If the weather is bad they won't fly.

Jon Gorman

## **Gathering of Friends & Other Strange Beings Seventh Annual CRVBMWR Club Camp Out**

On June 21-23, kick back and enjoy rural New York at the Sixth Annual CRVBMWR Club Camp Out. The camp out will be held at Clyde & Diane Pratt's House, 160 Sullivan Road, in Kirkwood, New York.

It will feature semi-primitive camping (one shower and porta-cans). An optional Saturday meal with shared costs. To cover the costs for the camp out, a \$5 donation is requested, proceeds after expenses will be donated to the MDA.

Directions: Route 81 to Exit #1. Go up hill on Cedarhurst Road, **not** toward Route 11. In approximately 1 mile, take first right onto Sullivan Road. In approximately 1/2 mile, at the top of the hill, turn right into 160 Sullivan Road, a yellow and brick house.

For further information call 1-607-775-9015 (home) or 1-607-725-7009 (work). If no answer leave a message.

## **Camping Option for the MOA National**

Camp-Easy will offer a set-up tent service at the International BMW Rally in Trenton Ontario. The following is a listing of the options we will have available:

Option A: \$ 30/night - 9 x 9 tent with two comfortable cots

Option B: \$ 25/night - 9 x 9 tent with two self-inflating sleeping pads

Option C: \$ 20/night - 8 x 8 tent with two self-inflating sleeping pads

Option D: \$ 15/night - 4 x 8 tent with one self-inflating sleeping pad

Additional cots or mats \$ 5/night

Reservations may be made on line: [www.camp-easy.com](http://www.camp-easy.com)

If you have questions contact us at [campeasy@hotmail.com](mailto:campeasy@hotmail.com) or 316-393-7076

Thanks  
Cyndi Landes  
Camp-Easy

## **7th Annual "Airheads at the Aerodrome" Campout 2nd Annual Vintage BMW Rhinebeck Meet 21-23 June 2002**

Come join us for two nights camping with lots of shaded camping space, clean restrooms, covered pavilion, swimming lake, boating lake, fields and hiking trails. A fabulous Saturday night dinner (ONLY for those whose pre paid pre registrations are postmarked by 10 June 2002). There are restaurants and stores about 8 miles east in Pine Plains, NY for those who don't choose to pre register or wish to fix their own meals. Cooking and campfires on site are permitted.

The campout is located at Wilcox Park which is located just east of the Taconic Parkway on Route 199 in Milan, NY. Follow the Roundels from the Route 199 exit of the Taconic Parkway to the campsite.

There are plenty of area attractions ranging from historical sites to a birds of prey sanctuary/center to fantastic winding roads to explore. If you were at the Rhinebeck '99 MOA National Rally then you know what an interesting and beautiful area the Hudson Valley really is. There will be a group ride to the Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome on Saturday afternoon for a simply amazing airshow. The \$10 admission to the airshow is not included in the camping fee.

Special guests this weekend will be members of the Vintage BMW Motorcycles Owners, Ltd. Club riding and displaying a nice selection of BMW motorcycle history. There will also be an informal swap meet for those who wish bring along parts or motorcycles to sell. Local self-guided tours through the area will be available as well as suggested lunch stops for those who haven't ridden enough already just getting there.

Cost for the weekend camping (and Saturday night dinner for the pre registered) is only \$20 .00 per person. Children 12 years old and under are admitted free. Make your check out to me.

For questions, directions, information or to pre register, contact:

NY Airmarshal Michael Friedle, 22 College Avenue.  
Poughkeepsie, NY 12603, 845-473-1337 or  
[mfriedle@attglobal.net](mailto:mfriedle@attglobal.net)

## Four Money-Saving Tips for Do-It-Yourself Service.

### Tool Tip

Buy (and use) a good torque wrench. There is a proper torque for each fastener on your bike listed in the repair manual. Too much and things can break (and fall off), too little and they can come loose (ditto). We do a nice business from torque-related problems, like repairing stripped threads and replacing fork legs where the axle clamp has been broken off. The "clicker" type wrenches are handy, but cheap examples are worse than useless. For a low-priced wrench, I recommend the beam-and-pointer style; even quite inexpensive ones can be reasonably accurate.

### Crush Washers

Replace crush washers every time you change fluids. See "stripped drain plugs", above! Crush washers are meant to be used only once because they get, well, crushed.

### What Have I Done . . . Help !!!

If all else fails, remove the motorcycle. If you get into a job you're not equipped for, take the part off the bike and bring it to the dealer. You get to be involved in the work, and save the labor to remove and replace the offending part. Tire replacement, wheel bearings, carburetors, and final drive work are good candidates. Just make sure you clean the appropriate area of the bike thoroughly before removing the part. This keeps dirt out of the opening you have just created and saves you money on shop time. This leads to the last tip:

### Keep It Clean

Clean the bike really well now and then. I mean everywhere, not just the painted parts. Dirt can hide problems and makes the bike hard to do good work on.

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: Visit the CRV Web Site :  
: to see images :  
: from this year's :  
: Charter Oak Rally :  
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## Items For Sale or Wanted For Sale

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)

1979 R65, 12k, Excellent. Asking \$3700. Also new windshield for RT '79 and earlier \$100 Call Trevor at 860-267-2633 or email to morningpond@earthlink.net (ad posted 5/02)

1995 BMW K75, silver, RT fairing, electric w/s, saddlebags, touring trunk, low seat, wrist rest, clean and well maintained. 16K miles. Asking \$7500. Call Walter in the evenings at 860-563-7108. (ad posted 5/02)

1999 BMW R1200C, blue, saddlebags, engine guards, exhaust heat deflectors, windshield, centerstand, wrist rest, clean and well maintained. 3.5K miles. Asking \$10,500. Call Walter in the evenings at 860-563-7108. (ad posted 5/02)

1975 BMW R60/5. Was running well when last ridden six years ago. Looking for \$2000 or best offer. If interested call Chris at 203-368-9281. (ad posted 5/02)

1999 Ducati 748 Monoposto. Perfect condition. Includes Heli bars, track stand, and side stand update. 2,867 pampered miles. Asking \$9,800. If interested call Micheal at 860-594-2395 (days) or 860-663-3679 (evenings until 8:30 p.m.). (ad posted 5/02)

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)

### Items Wanted

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)

## 2002 Calendar of Events CRV Activities

### June

- June 5 -- Ride to Americade at Lake George, NY  
Details on page 2.
- June 9 -- CRV Meeting. Details on page 2.
- 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 on page 3.
- June 22 -- Ride to the Aerodrome at Rhinebeck. Details on page 2.

### 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. Details on page 7.

### 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

### 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

### June

#### Canton Cycle Events for June

- June Special -- 10% off any helmet.

- June 8 -- Our Famous Hot Dog Roast.
- June 14 -- Flag Day. A flag on your bike gets you 10% off parts.
- June 15 -- Father's Day Weekend. All dads enter to win a new jacket.
- June 21-22 -- First Days of Summer Bike Sale.

- June 3-8 -- Americade -- 20th Anniversary Rally held in Lake George, NY.
- June 6-9 -- Iowa Rally
- June 14- 16 -- Quebec Rally
- June 15 -- Laconia Bike Week. Details to follow.
- June 21-23 -- 7th Annual "Airheads at the Aerodrome" Campout and 2nd Annual Vintage BMW Rhinebeck Meet. See details on page 3.

#### Canton Cycle Events for July

- July Special -- 10% off all luggage.
- July 5-6 -- July 4th Bike Sale.
- July 13 -- Ralph's Birthday and Pizza Party.
- July 23-27 -- Tire Sale, 10% off plus free mount and balance (wheel off bike).

- July 11-14 -- 30th BMW MOA International Rally. Held in Trenton in Ontario, Canada.
- July 28 -- 20th Annual MDA Ride. Details to follow.

#### 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 15-17 -- RA RALLY in New Mexico
- August 31 -- Finger Lakes Rally

#### 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

Additional items found on our  
calendar on the CRV Web Site

*JOIN THE 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL RIDE FOR MDA*  
*In Memory of Michael Bristol*

*Sunday, July 28, 2002*

**CANTON CYCLES**

Poker Run, Picnic, Door Prizes

Live Music by: *Broke and Hungry* DJ by: *New Sound Systems*

Scenic charity run through NW CT

Enter your bike in the bike show

**Help Jerry's Kids,**

*please* any donation for the **Muscular Dystrophy Association** accepted

Bring your friends and family

all brands and modes of transportation welcomed, rain or shine

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**Pre-registration:** *PLEASE PRINT* Send check made out to "MDA" and completed form to  
*Canton Cycles; PO box 473; Canton, CT 06019-0473*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Passenger's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 

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*Registration fee: adults \$15.00; ages 6-12 \$5.00; under 6 free*

*Free pin for first 200 adults pre-registered*

*must be received by Ralph's birthday, July 13, 2002*

check [www.cantoncycles.com](http://www.cantoncycles.com) for the latest information

# 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 30<sup>th</sup>; Tour ends October 31<sup>st</sup>.

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Wouldn't you rather be riding than reading this?**