

CRVBMW NEWS

A Newsletter for Members of the Connecticut River Valley BMW Riders, Inc.

AMA #05636
BMW MOA #164
BMWRA #45

President
Larry Friedman
413-562-3164
lfrdmn@map.com

Vice President
Lenny LaRose
860-635-2032
lennel@snet.net

Secretary
Tracy Smith
203-720-7409
crvsecretary@juno.com

Treasurer
Ron Faibusch
860-678-8088
faibusch@connix.com

Road Captains
Brian Fisk
brainfish@deadhorse.com
John Shields
jjshields01@snet.net

Member-At-Large
Jani Anderson
860-873-8712
ama_rep@sprynet.com

Newsletter Editor
Keith Olsen
203-532-9733
keitho54@earthlink.net

This newsletter is published monthly by the Connecticut River Valley BMW Riders, Inc. solely for the use of its members. Any copying and/or duplication of the contents without prior permission is prohibited. Classified ads are free to members. Send newsletter articles, ads, flyers, events, etc. before the 25th of the month for inclusion in the following month. Preferred method is to email an attachment to: keitho54@earthlink.net or mail to:
Keith Olsen
53 Richland Road
Greenwich, CT, 06830

Grand Tours Past and Present

Here it is March already and it feels like May . Lots of bikes out on the weekends and some are already riding to work . Our last club meeting was filled with an almost endless list of rides and club activities for the summer . Just the way it should be . . .

As club members, I hope you have kept up with our progress on this year's Grand Tour, the Around The World-Grand Tour. **Lost Lenny** carried CRV's banner to last October's AMA District 1's sanctioning meeting . He presented our theme for the Grand Tour which was accepted as District 1's entry into the Dunlop Elite Touring series . With that, not only, is the Around The World Grand Tour the only one sanctioned by the AMA for all of New England, but we will receive special listing in the AMA's *American Motorcyclist*.

Additionally, AMA's Road Riding Director, Eddie James, had contacted me late last November and asked if I could have someone submit an article about our 2001 Grand Tour . Happily Sandra Stevens, a 2001 CRV-GT finisher, volunteered to do just that . Hopefully we'll see her article in one of the AM issues that "kick off" the up coming riding season.

The *Motorcyclist Post*, the

by Forrest Anderson

BMWRA and the BMWMOA will be running an ad on our 2002 GT . The MOA's editor, Sandy Cohen, thought the Around The World Grand Tour sounded like great fun and contacted me for more information and by the time our conversation ended I had volunteered (damn not again!) to write a bit about the 2001 GT for the *BMW Owners News* . So CRV might get some more press coverage in the MOA . Keep an eye out for it . You might even see your picture in there too (if you were of the many 2001 GT finishers).

I had communicated with Gus Breiland of the PromiseBreakers, a BMW club in Minnesota (what a great name for a motorcycle club!) They too are hosting a Grand Tour for 2002 . Theirs is named "Touch 'em All- Baseball Grand Tour" and their theme is to take pictures of our bike at Major League and Minor League ball fields throughout the U.S . There are over 200 of them . Sounds like fun, especially if you enjoy baseball, hotdawgs and all that (hey, this is America, ain't it?).

One thing that I do enjoy is riding . And scouting out and riding to ball parks to me is a great idea . I plan to partake

in both Grand Tours . Lets see while riding over to Dodd Field and then over to the New Britain Hellcats, I'll stop by Lebanon, Columbia, as well as, Berlin and snatch a few photos for the ATW-GT . This will be a can-do riding adventure.

If you want to join in both you can go to their web site (www.promisebreakers.com) and find their Grand Tour listed under "events." If you don't have a computer then drop me a note (with your ATW-GT entry form, hint, hint) and I will have their entry mailed to you.

This summer will be Grand . Grand for Grand Tours that is.

ride safe, ride far
Forrest

President's Column

Our 2002 riding season is looking good. As this issue is being prepared it is February and the temperature is sixty outside. This has been the driest and warmest winter in many years. We have many rugged riders in our club who rarely allow foul weather to deter
(continued on the next page)

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

March 16 -- CRV Club Meeting in Cromwell.

March 29 -- Good Friday Ride.

April 7 -- Borella's Spring Pizza Ride.

April 27 -- Seventh Annual Spring Breakout. Camp out at Devils Hopyard.

them, but we all appreciate those perfect riding days. Spent a day going to favorite motorcycle shops in my area of western Massachusetts recently. Valley Motorsports on the north side of Northampton along Route 5 has over one thousand motorcycles in stock with display models including Honda, Ducati and MV Agusta. Farther north, along Route 2 east of Greenfield is A-J Cycles in Gill, Ma. They are a small and friendly BMW/Moto Guzzi dealer surrounded by fine roads in three nearby states. Those old style small shops are worth the journey.

At the February meeting we heard a long list of rides and events on tap in coming months. These riding opportunities will be listed and updated in the newsletter and on our website.

We will have another great time at the Charter Oak Rally on Memorial Day weekend when a large number of CRV members and their guests gather at our new site.

The CRV/AMA Grand Tour this year will provide many unusual roadside stops to while we photograph the place names of countries and capitals such as Peru, (Ma.).

We are still asking members to plan a ride in an area where they like to ride. We could pick up route sheets at breakfast or on the website and ride to a destination individually or in small groups. Contact your road captain or other club officer with ideas.

Lets share some true riding tales in future newsletters and at upcoming rides or rallies. My motorcycling memories include countless adventures awaiting the fate of a fading recollection. Recalling those events revives some flickers of the original experience. Nearly any ride on the motorcycle beats any day at work. Brief and profound memories of a long ride can be equally memorable as long descriptions of a shorter journey. Descriptions of the sights and scents of the countryside or remote towns are worth relating. Remember, we are fellow motorcyclists and friends so we will understand.

Attend the next club meeting and share in the planning while you kick tires with friends.

See you on March 16th.

Larry

Minutes of the Connecticut River Valley BMW Riders, Inc.

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

The February monthly meeting of the Connecticut River Valley BMW Riders, Inc. was called to order @ 1:10 PM on February 24, 2002, Larry Friedman presiding.

Forty-one members and guests were in attendance at Digger McDuff's Tavern, Cromwell, CT. Three members were attending their first meeting!

Officers in attendance:

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

Officer Reports:

Prez Larry spoke about local BMW dealers in and around the state, including the state of Lindners' Cycle in New Cannan. See the newsletter and the Yahoo! Group for details. Prez Larry encouraged support of the people that has always supported the Club.

Secretary Tracy Smith reported on the 2002 renewals with 166 members renewed as of right now. We ended 2001 with 236 members.

Treasurer Ron Faibusch reported the current checkbook balance. Ron also discussed Exec. Committee Guidelines for charitable giving by the club. Prez Larry read a Thank-You note from MDA for the latest gift from the Club.

Prez Larry recognized Matt Strus for putting together the "Now for something completely different" events, and Matt told us of an upcoming event on Feb. 28.

Committee Reports:

Road Captain Brian Fisk reported on a number of events that can be seen in the newsletter. Brian spoke about an alternate Breakfast club ride on Sunday mornings; many club members meet at the Lazy Man's Brunch ride in Branford, 9am on Rt. 77 and I-95. Jon Gorman is putting together a Good Friday ride – see the newsletter.

John Badeen spoke about a planning meeting for the MDA ride – see the newsletter for details. This event needs volunteers to be a success for the 20th Annual MDA ride on July 28th!

(continued on the next page)

Web Page Address

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

April Newsletter Deadline

Monday, March 25, is the deadline for
submitting articles for the next newsletter.

The club will be working Registration at the MOA Rally on Thursday from 4 to 8 pm.

Brian discussed the Yahoo! Groups bulletin board – join up and get the last-minute ride information. Send an e-mail to brainfish@deadhorse.com and he'll sign you up!

Rally Committee: Jim Faucher reported on the plans for this years' upcoming rally at the 4-H camp at Abington, CT. Please note there are NO RV hookups! Costs will stay the same as last years' rally.

Forrest Anderson discussed the "Around The World" Grand Tour being sponsored the CRV this year. Details appear in the newsletter and on the club website. (CRVBMW.org)

The next monthly meeting will be on Saturday, March 16, 2001 at 1:00 PM at Digger McDuff's in Cromwell, CT.

The 50/50 raffle was won by Bill Drachenberg, John Badeen, and Todd Gagnon, and Brian Fisk and Carol Bellino.

A motion to adjourn was made @ 2:10 PM, meeting closed by Larry Friedman, President.

Following the meeting, Jim Faucher chaired the Rally organizational meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Tracy L. Smith
Secretary, Connecticut River BMW Riders, Inc.

March CRV Meeting Saturday, March 16

The March CRV Club meeting will take place on Saturday, March 16, beginning at 1:00PM, at Digger McDuff's in Cromwell. Digger McDuff's is located at 193 Shunpike Road, in Cromwell, CT. Digger's is just south of the Rocky Hill-Cromwell town line. It is right next to a car wash.

Directions:

From I-91 South Bound: Exit at Exit 23. Turn right at the end of the exit and then a left at Route 3 (Shunpike Rd.). Digger's is on the right in about 2 miles.

From Route 9 North Bound: Exit at the Route 3 Exit (Exit 19??). Take a left at the bottom of the exit and then a right at Shunpike Rd. (Route 3 North). Diggers is on the left in about 1 3/4 miles.

Rally Registration Volunteers!

Hello Everyone!

Rally Registration this year will open on Friday at noon and close around 9 pm. Saturday hours will be 8 am to approximately 2 pm and reopen at 5.

I'm looking for anyone who would be willing to give me some help anytime on Friday or Saturday so I have some time to enjoy the rally, too!!

Seriously, this year Registration will be indoors...just like last year...and NO computer skills are necessary!! I'll do all the heavy lifting !!

Please send me an e-mail to crvsecretary@juno.com if you can help out. We're not asking for much...just a little time.

Thank you very much for helping to make this Rally successful.

Tracy Smith
Registration Chair/Computer Data Fool

CRV Club Store

The following items are available for purchase from our club store:

- Club T-shirts — heather gray with club logo
 - Short sleeve S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL \$8
 - Long sleeve M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL..... \$10
- Club Sweatshirts — heather gray, crew neck, club logo, lettering on arm M, L, XL, XXL..... \$15
- Club Hooded sweat shirts — heather gray, club logo, lettering on arm M, XL, XXL \$20
- Cycle foot \$2
- CRVBMW Belt Buckle \$15
- CRVBMW Club pin \$2
- CRVBMW 4" decal \$2
- CRVBMW 3" decal \$1

If you're interested in purchasing any of these items from our club store, contact Penny Podgwaite at 203-776-9757 or email to mrmrsp191@aol.com

CRVBMW Yahoo Group

You've been invited to join the CRVBMW Group, an e-mail group hosted by Yahoo! Groups. This is a free, easy-to-use email group service.

Join now, it's easy. Begin by going to the Yahoo! Groups site at:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/CRVBMW/>

By joining the CRVBMW Group, you will be able to exchange messages with other CRVBMW Group members. Yahoo! Groups also makes it easy to store photos and files, coordinate events, and more.

Here's an introductory message from the group moderator:

Hello CRVBMW members. To some of you who do not know me I am one of the club's newly elected Co-Road Captains. I've created a place where members could exchange email about up coming rides. This service is meant to be a filler, when the next newsletter cannot carry any information about a ride. If a person would like to host a last minute ride! Or perhaps to see a photo from a ride or camp out that has just happened. Impulsive rides are really the main thrust of this group and to this end I invite you to join.

Now if you are not one to relish getting all sorts of email you have other choices than single email. You can get a daily digest. Or you go online to see the most recent posts. There is also a place to add photos or check a calendar that will hold most of the proposed rides for the year.

It's mostly up to you! If you want any more info on a one-to-one basis please feel free to e-mail me at brainfish@deadhorse.com

Thanks, Brian Fisk

Good Friday Ride

On Good Friday, March 29, I'm going to take an early season back roads ride in western CT. I will leave the commuter parking lot at the intersection of Route 34 and I-84 (exit 11) at 10:00am. The target destination will be Woody's Pit Barbecue on Route 209 in Bantam for a late lunch. As per my usual, the route will evolve as we go, but I promise anyone that joins me that there will be at least one road you have never ridden before. This is a spur of the moment idea, so I haven't had the chance to check on non-meat offerings at Woody's. They definitely have beef, but I'm not sure if they have any fish or salad entrees if you have a restriction on Good Friday. This is a weather-permitting ride, with a Saturday rain date. If the weather is questionable I'll post a message on the yahoo group. If you don't have access to the web, please call Thursday night. 203-926-6996.

Jon Gorman

Items For Sale or Wanted For Sale

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)

Two H.D. Leather Jackets, size 36, \$20 each. White leather solo seat, \$85. Vetter Hippo Hands, \$15. Ladies riding suit, brand new and still in box, size small, \$20. Call George Schmidt at 203-743-0271 (ad posted 2/02)

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)

2002 Calendar of Events CRV Activities

March

March 16 -- CRV Club Meeting in Cromwell.

Details on page 3.

March 29 -- Good Friday Ride. See the details on page 4.

April

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

April 27 -- Seventh Annual Spring Breakout. Camp out at Devils Hopyard. Details to follow.

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 Breen'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 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

March

March 12-16 -- Canton Cycles new BMW Apparel Department Grand Opening.

April

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 Drive-in Restaurant, 4 miles north of Gettysburg, PA at the intersection of Old Harrisburg Road, Business Route 15 & Route 394. From U.S. 15 exit at Hunterstown, Route 394, proceed West 0.5 mile to Distelfink's. Info: Ron 717-632-4378, rlmase@blazenet.net

May 17-19 -- Down East Rally. Details to follow.

May 18 -- Brew Pub Tour. Details to follow.

Additional items found on our calendar on the CRV Web Site

MDA Ideas 2002

By John Badeen

Hello again. This year will be our 20th MDA fundraising event. At least we think it is the 20th. It well may have been longer! If anyone has any recollections about the start, please let us know. We hope it will be the biggest and the best. If you have any ideas about how to make it bigger, better, more fun, and more lucrative please send them our way. **We will be having a planning meeting on Monday, March 11, 2002. It will start at 6:00 at Ed Mix's house.** This is on 9 Bonnie Drive in Farmington, CT 06032. For directions please call Ed at 860-674-9408 or email at: edbmwharli@peoplepc.com. Pizza will be ordered at the start of the meeting for which a contribution will be asked. If you have any thoughts or interest and can't attend, please email or call us. More meetings will follow before the event.

First I would like to thank so many people who helped make the events a success all of these years. All the volunteers who so ably and whole-heartedly gave their time and energy to pitch in made the event possible. I brainstormed with a few people the past months. We hashed over some of the past events, other groups' fundraisers and ideas for this year. Here are a few highlights. I guess that's why hours long meetings get summarized into "the minutes".

Last year we tried starting and ending at Canton Cycles. This allowed people to come and support the fundraiser all day. Over all less volunteers were required at any one time. We also started a bit later in the morning. Overall, we did raise more money because of this. Some folks came as late as 4:00 and were able pitched in.

We discussed the admission fee. It had always been \$10.00 in the past. Last year we went to \$15.00 per adult and there was no problems or complaints. It would take a bit of extra work, time, planning and help to do a pre-registration. This would collect money in advance, and whether a person could attend the date of the event or not. We definitely would need ideas and volunteers for this. The same would apply to corporate matching funds and other outside sponsors and contributions.

For activities there could be one or two rides. A poker run has been standard. It does help add to the donations with extra hands and cards. We could also do an observation run or fun run of a different sort if there was enough interest in setting it up, working it, and interest in general. These would be self-guided loops starting and returning to Canton Cycles. Field events would be tough on the limited parking lot. We could set up a motorcycle trivia booth. Does anyone know of another fun activity? We will have the same band and DJ as last year. I have contacted the MSF instructors at CONREP. I am hoping they can do some demonstrations and have a booth. I have also contacted Michael Bryant, the stunt rider. Hopefully they will get back in a positive way for us.

(continued on the next column)

For additional fund raising, the MDA has promised us some "supporter cards" to boost donations. These are like the ones put up in supermarkets, bars, etc. They are available now and could back up the pre-registration and awareness in the dealership. Overall they should help to raise more money for MDA. Please stop by the dealership or send in a contribution if you can.

If we had some help with things like bike judging or other ideas it could make the event more interesting. Any ideas, suggestions, experiences or maybe even a volunteer? Some of the ideas may require changes to the registration forms. Some ideas are oldest, youngest, largest club, whatever.

Many of the trophies we have used in the past were donated. Right now we are out of trophies. If you have any old trophies, plaques and or awards that you would like to see recycled we could have new plates engraved for them and fix them up as needed. We could also make up plaques, or certificates. For door prizes I would like to make it quicker. What do you think of pre-ticketed items? Give out a stub and have folks get a prize pre-tagged with the matching half? For the past few years, the various category winners got first pick, and the rest went at random. This can drag on a bit with the plethora of prizes we have been fortunate to drum up. Volunteers to sort out door prizes would be helpful. Additionally, someone to send out thank you letters for them.

We decided to stick with the same Sunday we used last year. It is the last Sunday in July the 28th. Please mark your calendar and spread the word. Speaking of dates, there are many deadlines for advertising. If someone would like to help spread the word around that would boost things a lot. Also, we need a small flyer to pass around at rallies, gatherings, motorcycle meeting places, other clubs, wherever we can spread the word and attract more people. We would like to get more advertising exposure before and after the event. If anyone has any contacts, ideas or can take pictures it all helps.

These are the highlights and changes. If you have any ideas, comments or a desire to participate please let me know. I can be reached at Canton Cycles 860-693-6339 or home at 860-496-7074. E-mail works great: john.badeen@snet.net

Thanks
John Badeen
Ed Mix

(Ed was thanked for letting us invite ourselves to his house)

PS. The MDA was flabbergasted and very thankful for the thoughtful contribution made to them from funds diverted from the CRV banquet prizes.



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

Sponsored by CT River Valley BMW Riders, Inc.

*** *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 # _____

Around the World Grand Tour



AMA sanctioned



hosted by the **Connecticut River Valley Riders**

Tour the countries and capitols of the world! Make 2002 the year that you ride to magnificent cities like Madrid, Paris and Moscow and exciting places like Brazil, Panama and Peru.

What? You say you don't have the time (or the funds) to go trotting around the globe on your motorcycle. Fear not, you can visit those places and more without renewing your passport. You can visit them without having to venture outside the borders of the good-ole U.S.A.

How? Consider that the town of Madrid can be found in Alabama, New Mexico, Kentucky, Maine, and four other states. Paris is in Arizona, Idaho, New York, South Carolina and 14 other states. There are 21 towns named Moscow found within the continental United States. Likewise, the town of Brazil can be found in six states, Panama is in eight separate states while Peru can be found in fourteen states of the Union. Can you imagine the possibilities?

Come on and join the fun! All entrants will get a complete set of rules, a Grand Tour Pin, an **Around the World Grand Tour** flag, and an official list of destinations. You will have until October 30th to visit as many towns and cities having the same name as countries and capitols of the world.

Proof of your visit will be a photograph of your bike, with your **Around the World Grand Tour** flag, next to an official town sign (town limit sign, post office, police or fire department, school or town hall).

Awards for finishing the **Around the World Grand Tour** will be tiered, depending on your level of completion: bronze for visiting 25 towns, silver for 50 and gold for those visiting 75 and over. Additionally, there will be ten special awards for the top riders who submit the most towns. All finishers will be eligible for door prizes too. The higher your level of finishing the more chances you will have in the drawings.

You will have up to seven months, until October 31, 2002 to finish the **Around the World Grand Tour**. Although the Grand Tour begins April first, registration will remain open until September 30th.

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).

P.S. Visit our web site; www.crvbmw.org

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: _____

March 2002

NEWS

CRVBMWR

CRVBMWR
c/o Tracy Smith
66 Morris Street
Naugatuck, CT 06770

Find the 2002 Charter Oak Rally Registration Form on page 7.