

CRVBMW NEWS

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President's Column

by Larry Friedman

Our club members are busy planning a riding season of choices. You will notice that each issue of this newsletter will contain listings of rides, special events and rallies. Many of us have already ventured out to dodge obstacles and experience the open spaces on mild Spring days that enhance our pleasure.

At these times of war in Iraq and vigilance against terrorism we may experience feelings of guilt or apprehension when we are having a good time or planning leisure pursuits. I can tell you that during my tour in Vietnam I may have had yearnings for home life, including my motorcycle enduro exploits, but I had no resentment that fellow citizens were going about their normal lives in the real world. Our brave military persons stationed near and far are postponing their former lives and deserve our respect and support. Regardless of our individual political affiliations and opinions we are obligated to do our part to make America function. I know that you pay taxes, obey (most) laws, help others, vote and ride your motorcycle. I know that you and I have enough strong mutual interests to remain friends and share our enjoyment of a glorious Spring

ride. As I have emphasized each Spring as we get out of our complacent winter mode and back on the open road- STAY ALERT !

See you down the road,
Larry Friedman

Vice President's Column Daytona 2003

I was at the Daytona Speedway Friday, Sunday and Monday this year and saw some of the best racing I've ever seen. Sunday's card got washed out after 3 races although this was not a bad thing for me as it moved the Daytona 200 to Monday when the crowd was only a fraction of what it had been on Sunday. It reminded me of the times I had to get up early on a Monday to make it back to Loudon for a race that had been rained out on Sunday. Always give yourself an extra day when going to races.

The racing was awesome from veteran Rich Oliver winning the 250 GP. The always tightly contested 600cc race. The cylinder head bumping and rubbing in the Boxercup where the win was

decided by .050 seconds to Miguel DuHamel winning the Daytona 200 by .069 seconds. It was great.

Some of the Best and worst:

Worst Traffic: everywhere
Worst Weather: Sunday
Worst Hamburger: Infield paddock area

Best Umbrella girls: BMW Motorrad

Best Sound: BMW Motorraders on the high banks (track announcer likened it to a squadron of ME109's)

Best T-SHIRT: (Ducati Flying D Logo) LOUD CLUTCHES SAVE LIVES

The BMW Motorrad International BoxerCup made its first-ever stop in the United States with a 13-lap season opener at Daytona International Speedway. Forty-nine riders including 14 competitors from the United States aboard BMW R1100S motorcycles battled on Daytona's famed 3.56-mile road course.

After the season opener at Daytona the BMW BoxerCup runs a nine-race schedule that goes through France, England, Italy, Spain, Netherlands and Germany, five of which will

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

- April 6 -- Spring Pizza Ride
- April 13 -- (CRV) Ride to the CRV Meeting in Plainville
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be held as part of the MotoGP Motorcycle World Championship Series.

Results:

Italian Roberto Panichi nipped Californian Brian Parriott by .050 seconds in a photo finish. The race was a wild affair with a 12-rider breakaway pack battling for the win all the way to the checkered flag.

1. Roberto Panichi, Italy.
2. Brian Parriott, USA.
3. Markus Barth, Germany.
4. Andy Hofmann, Switzerland.
5. Thomas Hinterreiter, Austria.
6. Sebastien Legrelle, Belgium.
7. Fernando Cristobal, Spain.
8. Alessandro Tomassoni, Italy.
9. Federico Aliverti, Italy.
10. Tripp Nobles, USA.

Lenny LaRose

Minutes of the Connecticut River Valley BMW Riders, Inc.

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

The March Meeting held at the Ryamond-Moffit Garage in Canton on March 16. The meeting was called to order at 2:17.

Today's tag sale was discussed with club members sharing stories of buying and selling items. Not many club members participated.

Approximately twenty bikes were ridden to today's meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Revenues have come in from both membership renewals and enrollment in this year's Grand Tour. The budget report was accepted unanimously.

Keith Olsen was thanked for recording the meeting minutes.

Upcoming meetings will be held on April 13, May 10, and June 11. There will be no meetings in July or August.

Upcoming rides and club activities were discussed.

Pat McGinley shared an interest in attending the car races held near Watertown, NY in July. Details will follow.

Dealer Open Houses have not yet been announced. Cliff LaMotta of the new BMW Motorcycles of Danbury has been in contact with our club officers. He is considering holding special discount days and offering a free year's membership to our club with new bike purchases.

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MayNewsletter Deadline

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

Officers in attendance:

President	Larry Friedman	Present
Vice-President	Lenny LaRose	Present
Secretary	Tracy Smith	Absent
Treasurer	Forrest Anderson	Present
Road Captain	Brian Fisk	Present
Asst. Road Captain	Keith Olsen	Present
Member-At-Large	Mike Vinette	Absent

New Business:

Matt Strus discussed a pre-MOA Rally option of white water rafting. Also, for later this year, Matt is attempting to organize either a one-week cruise out of New York or a four-day cruise out of Florida. Details will follow.

A request was made for nominations for the Wrong Way Diesel McGee Award.

50-50 winner was Richard Johnson.

Larry shared his thoughts on the value of a personal rotary hair trimmer he purchased.

Charter Oak Rally: A discussion began about planning for this year's rally. Club member questions included questions concerning entertainment and the planning process being followed. Brian Fisk and Lost Lenny said they have been involved with planning with the Rally Chairman Jim Faucher.

CPTV Telethon: Interest was shared about our club participating in this year's CPTV Telethon collections. Matt Strus, as the past organizer of this activity, will check with CPTV representatives. A sign-up sheet was passed around for interested club members to sign.

MOA National: The question was raised about our club working a shift at Registration this year. It had not been pursued with the Rally Chairs at this time. Forrest and Larry discussed last year's BMWNA sponsored ride to the National and wondered if a ride was being planned for this year.

Club Country Store: After serving as the coordinator of our Country Store, Penny Podgwaite is stepping down from that position. A new coordinator is needed to maintain and run our Country Store.

MDA Ride: A chairperson for this event is needed.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:58.

Respectfully submitted,
Keith Olsen
Asst. Road Captain,
Connecticut River BMW Riders, Inc.

New Country Store Coordinator Needed

After running our Country Store for some time, Penny Podgwaite is stepping down from the role. Any members interested in taking over this role are asked to contact Penny at her email address of mrmrs191@aol.com or to telephone her at 203-776-9757

PRODUCT REVIEW

by Larry Friedman

Remington Model NE-3 Precision Wet-Dry
Rotary Nose and Ear Trimmer

At the recent CRVBMW club meeting I presented some comments about yet another device that every (male) motorcyclist must have. As I held up the sleek item with its one inch diameter gleaming chrome body measuring six inches long there were a few gasps and groans. The battery powered cylinder bends at the middle with a rubber collar resembling a BMW motorcycle drive shaft boot. As I explained to the assembled members and guests that the shiny tubular item would insure their pleasure on a long trip away from home I realized that I had not yet mentioned that the personal item was for trimming nose and ear hairs. When I later asked a friend if I had offended many people he said "not enough".

Most motorcyclists I associate with no longer have enough hair where they want it and too much where the whistling wind causes unpleasant sensations in spite of helmet coverage.

At risk of hearing you say "that's more than I need to know" I will tell you that the commonly available reciprocating trimmers are better suited for the edges of sideburns and mustaches whereas the rotary model is more efficient when inserted into the nostrils and ears (not necessarily in that order). A few stray hairs on the earlobe, eyebrow or sideburn will also fall prey to that spinning cutter head and you will not risk losing blood as with the old scissors method. The rotary cutting head is removable and washable.

There is a cautionary comment with the instructions that tells you to switch the trimmer on before contacting the hair. I guess it's a low-RPM=low torque situation that will leave you with a snagged nasal hair being yanked by battery power. OUCH!

Now you can imagine yourself riding your motorcycle at cruising speed with your usual high level of concentration and enjoyment of the experience. Then that stray hair starts to annoy you. Soon you are all too aware that the tickle has grown to a maddening vibration inside your nostril. Before long you would welcome the sudden, though excruciating, yank of a needle nose pliers. You get the picture.

Only \$9.99 plus shipping at www.Amazon.com or at your local mall. Wahl makes a similar model.

Web Page Address

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

April CRVBMW Meeting

The April CRV Meeting will take place on Sunday, April 13, beginning at 2:00 p.m. at the Ramada Inn located at 400 New Britain Ave. (Rt. 372) in Plainville. The meeting will be held in the lounge area and food will be available for purchase.

Directions:

From I-84 East; Exit 34 (Crooked Street) Left at end of ramp Ramada is on the right.

From I-84 West; Exit 33 (Rt. 72 West) Take Exit 2 (Rt. 372). Right at end of ramp and first Right onto Crooked Street. Ramada is on the left.

Ride to the April CRV Meeting

As my first official club ride as the Assistant Road Captain I will be leading a ride to today's club meeting in Plainville. The route I have planned will start near the coast and work its way northeast to our meeting location. This will be a get back on the road and have some fun ride. The route I am planning will start in Westport, possibly go through Newtown, Oxford, Prospect, then north. My proposed route will be posted on our web site, under the ride listing in our Calendar of Events, one week before the ride.

The starting location for the ride will be in a commuter parking lot in Westport. We will leave from the lot at 10:00a.m. With food available at our meeting location at 2:00, there will not be a lunch break.

If you would like to participate on this ride or to meet along the route, please contact me in advance at either 203-532-9733 or email at crvbmw@earthlink.net If I don't hear from you, I won't be there to lead a ride.

Directions to the starting location. Take Route 95 to Exit 18, Sherwood Island. At the end of the ramp if southbound turn right, if northbound turn left. The commuter parking lot is about 1/4 mile ahead on the right.
Keith Olsen, Assistant Road Captain

Items For Sale or Wanted For Sale

- 1997 F650ST Orlando Orange, 17K, lowered, contoured seat, accessory plug, after mkt windsheild, Givi luggage rack, tank bag, maint. rec. available. Always garaged, FOL and safety check by BMW Dealer annually. \$4500.00. Contact: Shirley Faucher (860)928-0272 / faucher@mindspring.com (ad posted 3/03)
- 1981 BMW K-750, silver, 18K, hard bags, tank bag, RT fairing, electric windshield. Excellent condition. Garaged. Dealer maintained. \$6,000. Leave message for Walter at 860-563-7108. (ad posted 3/03)

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Gathering of Friends & Other Strange Beings Eighth Annual CRVBMWR Club Camp Out

On June 20-22, kick back and enjoy rural New York at the Eighth 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.

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.

Items For Sale (continued)

1999 BMW R1200C, Montana, Blue, 4K, hard bags, engine guards, exhaust guards, wire wheels, BMW windshield. Garaged. Dealer maintained. \$10,000. Leave message for Walter at 860-563-7108. (ad posted 3/03)

2000 K1200LT basalt gray, 12.5k, still under warranty, heated grips, cruise control, excellent condition, 12,000 mile tuneup done, \$12,000. Peter Burr, Fairfield 203-255-0291, pburr@optonline.net (ad posted 3/03)

1995 K75/3 ABS, 8K miles, Marrakesh Red, Parabellum Scout color-matched fairing with sport shield, BMW tank bag, BMW hard bags, BMW hand protectors, BMW front splash guard, always garaged, bought from and serviced by Canton Cycles, very clean bike. Asking \$6,250. Contact Paul by e-mail (preferred method) at pshadic@snet.net or evening phone: (860) 646-5289. (ad posted 3/03)

1999 R1100R SE ABS, 10,050 miles. Black. Bought and serviced at Canton Cycles. With Parabellum windshield, BMW Saddlebags, hand protectors, bar backs, heated grips, throttle lock, front mudguard, Russell seat, stock seat too, thermometer, brake pedal cover, and side stand footpad. Asking \$8,000. Call Robert at 860-672-6088 (ad posted 2/03)

1981 BMW R65 Runs well. If interested call Larry at 413-562-3164 or e-mail to lfrdmn@map.com (ad posted 2/03)

1970 BMW R60/5 25,874 miles, not recently ridden. If interested call Larry at 413-562-3164 or e-mail to lfrdmn@map.com (ad posted 2/03)

Breakout Camp Out

Gee! It is spring, I only hope it stays spring till it gets to be summer. I hope to see many of you here and that you have a good time as well.

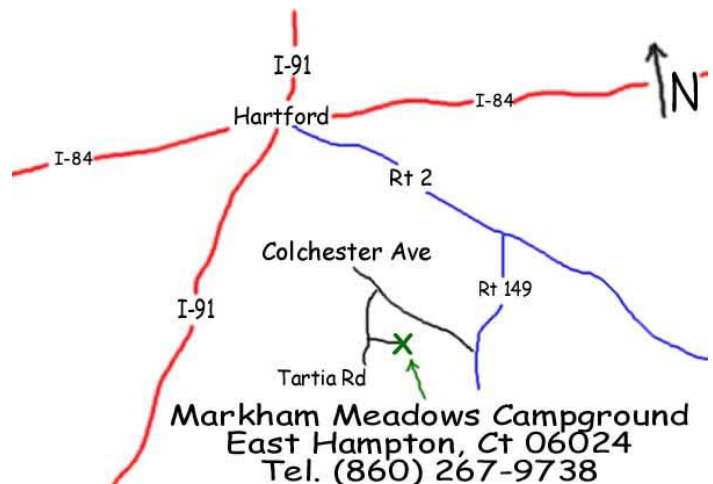
The plan for the Breakout Camp Out goes like this. We'll be back at Markam Meadows in Easthampton, CT, on Saturday, April 26. I have 3 sites reserved, the same as last year.

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, 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 to 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 brainfish@deadhorse.com or call 860-635-1173

Map to Brian's Spring Breakout Camp Out



Frosty Nutz

Frosty Nutz is going to be on May 2-4, in Jamaica Vermont. It is at the Vermont state campgrounds just off Routes 100&30 in downtown Jamaica (no really). It is sponsored by Yankee Beemers. Basically you get nothing, but they do get us a very good break on the campsites. In the past few years they have set up a coffee pot. I plan on bringing my stew pot for Saturday night. The same as always, you need to bring your eating gear and if you want in as well, bring something for the pot. Please tell the Yankee Beemers thanks for their effort.

2003 Calendar of Events

Every Sunday -- Coffee Break. Meet in Guilford at the commuter parking lot at the intersection of Route 77 and Route 95. Meet at 9:00, go to breakfast, then decide on your ride for the day.

April

April 6 -- Spring Pizza Ride. Meet at the Borella's abode in Danielson, Ct. 10-noon for coffee, pastries, tire kicking & to celebrate the return of DST and spring(finally!!) Ride to the Pizza King Restaurant leaves shortly after noon. Call 860-774-5535 days or email

borella_ent@hotmail.com for info or directions. Rain/snow date 4/13.

April 13 -- (CRV) Ride to the CRV Meeting. Details on page 3.

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April 13 -- Open House at Branchville Motors in Ridgefield.

April 26 -- (CRV) BreakOut Camp Out. See details on page 4.

April 26 -- New Sweden BMW Riders Spring Flea Market. 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM At BMW Motorcycles of Cherry Hill, Rt 70 Cherry Hill, NJ Contact: Wayne Reiss 856-662-3300 or George Hickman 609-298-3623

April 27 -- Marcus Dairy Super Sunday

May

May 2-4 -- Frosty Nutz Camp Out. See details on page 4.

May 2-4 -- Jawja Mountain Rally. Hiawassie, GA.

May 10 -- (CRV) CRV Meeting. Details to follow.

May 14 -- (CRV) After Work Picnic. I can not say right now that we can use Hurd Park. The wonderful state of Connecticut is sucking wind. Who knows what the Governor will do next. But I'll have an update in a month or so on this.

May 23-26 -- (CRV) Charter Oak Rally 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. Details on page 7.

May 30-June 1 -- Square Root Rally. Thurmont, MD

June

June 1-6 -- Americade, Lake George, NY

June 11 -- (CRV) CRV Meeting. Details to follow.

June 12-14 -- Iowa Rally

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June 14-20(?) -- Pemmi River Camp Out

June 19 -- (CRV) Bill's Seafood Ride

June 20-22 -- (CRV) Gathering of Friends & Other Strange Beings, Eighth Annual CRVBMW Club Camp Out. Details on page 4.

June 27-29 -- 1st Laurel Highlands Camp Out. Johnstown, PA

July

July 7-10 -- MOA National in Charleston, WV

July 13 -- Marcus Dairy Super Sunday

July 16 -- 12th Annual Ride To Work Day

July 19&20 -- Ramapo 500

July 29 -- (CRV) Hot Dog Run

August

August 1-3 -- Damn Yankees Rally, Heath, MA

August 15-17 -- (CRV) First Ever [B]⁵ Gathering.

Camp out at Bobble's in Montrose, PA. Details to follow.

August 21 -- (CRV) Ethnic Food Ride

August 29-Sept. 1 -- Finger Lakes Rally, Watkins Glen, NY

September

September 7 -- (CRV) CRVBMW Club Picnic

September 12-14 -- Penguin's Perpetual Rally, RI

September 12-14 -- MOV Rally, Brandon, VT

September 26-28 -- NEMG Rally, Munson, MA

October

October 3-5 -- Buzzard Crest VI. Details to follow.

October 2-5 -- the "RA's Triple B in 2003 - Beemers, Barber in Birmingham" Rally.

October 5 -- Marcus Dairy Super Sunday



Images from this year's ride planning meeting at Todd Gagnon's house.



President's Grand Tour of the Americas



Official Entry Form

This Tour is **AMA** Sanctioned and **CRVBMWR** Approved

The entry fee of \$22 (\$27 with passengers) can be mailed to CRV, care of Mark Altschwager, 12 Gildersleeve Ave., Canton, CT 06019. Please make checks or money orders payable to — Connecticut River Valley —. Your tour packet (i.e. the Grand Tour pin and flag, official list of towns and rules) will be mailed immediately after receipt of your entry. Registration is open until September 30th; Tour ends October 31st.

please print

RIDER _____

(if applicable)

PASSENGER _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

TOWN _____ STATE _____

ZIP _____ PHONE NUMBER _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____ AMA# _____

—————THIS IS A RELEASE, READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING—————

I understand that the President's Grand Tour of the Americas 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 President's Grand Tour of the Americas, I will be subjecting myself to any and all hazards associated with motorcycling. 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 President's Grand Tour of the Americas and hereby waive any and all claims I may have against the President's Grand Tour of the Americas, its organizers, agents and sponsors as a result of my participation in the President's Grand Tour of the Americas. I further agree to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the President's Grand Tour of the Americas, its organizers, agents and sponsors any claims against them by third parties as a result of my conduct of actions during the President's Grand Tour of the Americas. 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.

Rider's Signature _____ Date _____

Passenger's Signature _____ Date _____



Seventeenth Annual Charter Oak Rally

May 23 - 26, 2003

Sponsored by CT River Valley BMW Riders, Inc.

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 to clubs for a rental fee of \$35
- * Rally pin, cup, and dinners included
- * On-site Tire Man
- * Other surprises planned

For Preregistration or Club Cabin Rental 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.

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

Registration: \$36 preregistration (prior to May 16), \$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: Route 169 North to Route 44 West.

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: _____ Contact Tracy Smith for cabin rental
 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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c/o Tracy Smith
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Give your bike a good inspection before going out for your first ride of the year