

CRVBMW NEWS

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Frogg Toggs Rain Gear A Product Report

by Matt Strus

After a good soaking at the Hartford Marathon in the fall of 2002 I figured it was time to replace my 10-year-old Dry Rider rain gear (they were getting kinda tight too). I purchased a set of Frogg Toggs over the phone and thru the mail. There was a problem with the initial delivery. A phone call and a couple days later I was extremely pleased with how the Frogg Togg people handled the error. Let me now pass on some of the details of my first use of Frogg Toggs. I'm 5' 9", 225 lbs wearing a set of XXL rain gear. There is plenty of room at the waist as well as for the boots going thru at the zippered cuffs on the trouser legs. More room than I really need to fit the heavy leather jacket I wear under the raincoat. Better too big than too small for raingear. My car is laid up for transmission work; the faired K75RT had a mouse move into the air box

over the winter, that I've yet to finish cleaning up, so I'm riding an unfared R65LS as my transportation for work and play. The first time I needed the raingear the center of my chest was wet as well as my backside from waistband to, well, you know. The second time I had to don the Frogg Toggs I paid close attention as to whether all the snaps were clipped on the front, they were. The rain still found its way thru the zipper behind the 11/2" overlap of the front snaps. I WAS WET. I also paid attention to my waistband. The wind raised the back of the rain jacket some 4 to 6 inches exposing my backside to all the water that could flow down my pants. The front also opened up, but not as much, only an inch or two, still enough to get soaked. Pulling the front or back down was a lost cause. As soon as I let go of the jacket, the wind opened the gap again allowing the rain to pour down the trousers. The openings for

the snapped pockets remained dry. There appeared to be no leaks thru any of the stitching or Tyvek type material the Frogg Toggs are made of. Perhaps a Velcro enclosure down the front would cure the leak thru a wind driven rain around the overlap and the snaps. Snaps or Velcro to secure the jacket to the pants may keep the jacket from riding up off the pants, bib type pants would cure this problem even better. An elastic tie waistband in the jacket might help if the pants were taller from crotch seam to top of trouser waistband (bib type pants would fix this also). Walking upright while hanging around a rally site in Frogg Toggs will keep you dry, perhaps behind a fared motorcycle also. In any event, I'm looking to buy new raingear again. With my belly, jacket size is the biggest problem.

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

June 8 -- (CRV) Nature Lover's Ride.

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Pony Express Breast Cancer Ride

Dear Friends,

Once again, I am planning to ride in this very important fundraiser. I have participated in this event since 1996 and have raised close to a thousand dollars each time I've ridden. This year I want to break the thousand dollar mark.

Here are some important facts about breast cancer:

Approximately one in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer during her lifetime. Although much less common, men also get breast cancer. Additionally, breast cancer is the number one killer of women between the ages of forty and fifty-nine. That's why I'm riding down the "Road to a Cure" with other Pony Express Riders.

I personally know 3 women with breast cancer. Two are younger than me! This is a very scary thing! Thanks goodness they found out early enough and got good treatment. One has had several remissions, but is currently healthy and working full time. We need to continue to fund research in this area to help all of our sisters (and brothers) get the help they need. One in eight! Those aren't very good odds. Chances are, if you don't know someone who has breast cancer, you will meet someone soon. It may be a co-worker, or a sister, or even you.

The Susan G. Komen Foundation has been doing incredible work to help find a cure for this disease. Every penny earned goes to research. The event I am participating in involves riding a motorcycle with a small group of other riders who have raised money for the cure. More information and the exact route can be located at www.ponyexpressrides.org You can also get more information about the Susan G Komen Breast Cancer Foundation at www.breastcancerinfo.com

Please support my participation in this event by sending your tax deductible donation to me:

Siouxzanne Harris
1789 Jackson Crs. Rd.
Red Hook, NY 12571

All checks should be made out to the **Komen Foundation** with the memo line to read: **Pony Express Relay 2003.**

Thanks for your help!

Siouxzanne

July Newsletter Deadline

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

CRV Web Site Address

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

June CRVBMW Meeting

The June CRV Meeting will take place on Wednesday, June 11, beginning at 6:00 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. Come early and mingle if you want

The day is long and the weather will be warm. Let's plan to meet at the midweek gathering. We will talk about the successful Charter Oak Rally and more.

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.

First Ever[B]⁵ Gathering

When?: August 15,16 ... 17th

Where?: @ Bobble's in Montrose,
PA

Why?: Beats the hell out of me.

Details: A weekend gathering to feast, frolic and get stupid in the Endless Mountain Region of N E Pennsylvania. Friday night stew pot. Sat dinner will be a shared cost peoples choice. Plenty of tent space. Might even have a porta shower. Yuengling on draft.

Bob Naramore

RR3 Box 300

Montrose, PA 18801

(570) 553-3000

bobble@deadhorse.com

Directions:

RTE 84 towards Scranton PA.

RTE 81 North towards Binghamton, NY

Exit# 223†- RTE 492 End of ramp go left towards
New Milford, PA

Ω Mile @ RTE 11†- Go South (left) for 1 mile to RTE
706 towards Montrose. It's a right turn onto RTE
706

On the East side of Montrose you will meld in with
RTE 167.

Stay on RTE 706 ... 167 into Montrose. As you leave
Montrose, RTE 167 makes a VERY SHARP Right
turn to go North. Take RTE 167 North for about 6
miles. Look for the intersection that has signs for
E Wilkes Barre Tpk on your right and W Wilkes
Barre Tpk on your left. GO LEFT for 100 feet and
turn Right onto Kane Road (T810).

Go approx 1 mile to the first set of mail boxes (on
your right)

RT into a shared driveway. My house is the first on
the left.

New Country Store Coordinator Needed

After running our Country Store for some time, Penny Podgewaite 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

November Cruise with Club Members and Other Motorcyclists

Have you ever wanted to go on a cruise with a group of motorcycle friends? This may be your chance, as a special cruise is in the works. A seven (7) day cruise out of New York City to the Bahamas and Florida. The cruise will depart Sunday, November 16, and return Sunday, November 23, 2003. An inside cabin, with all port charges and taxes included will cost \$677.73 per person based on double occupancy, plus your beverage tab. Upgrades in cabins are available at an additional cost. This special group rate is available to CRVBMW members and their friends, as well as to members of other BMW and Guzzi clubs.

This special cost of \$677.73 includes port charges and taxes. This does not include gratuities, drinks, insurance and shore excursions. The number of rooms, inside cabins, category K is limited. You must reserve early to get one of these rooms at this price. Room upgrades are available. You can have an ocean view or balcony overlooking the water if you wish. This rate is good until June 2. After June 2, contact Terry Pelletier for cabin availability and possible rate increases for the cruise. Reserve now. Norwegian Cruise Lines will provide round-trip bus transportation from Hartford to the pier for \$50 per person (perhaps a better rate and better pick-up locations if we have enough people).

A \$250 deposit is required to hold your cabin on The Norwegian Dawn.

Additional details are located on our web site or in the May Newsletter.

On page 6 you will find a copy of our membership application. At our last meeting it was requested that this form occasionally be included in the newsletter so that we may print it and carry it with us to give to potential new members.

Items For Sale or Wanted For Sale

- 2000 R1100RS Titanium Silver. Excellent Condition, 8K miles, ABS, Heated Grips, PIAA's, Throttlemeister, cylinder protectors. BMW tankbag with elec accessory kit. Racks for saddlebags, Corbin saddle. Dealer maintained. Asking \$10,500. Contact Briant Wolfe at (203) 486-3613 or wolfeb@us.ibm.com (ad posted 6/03)
- BMW K100RT/Cal I sidecar rig, black, professionally set up, drop sports bikes in twisties, Lowell Neff subframe and leading link forks, factory hard bags/tank bag/top case, new battery, extras, needs nothing, great rally mobile/club staff "car" \$5250 Contact Debbie or Jim Knowlton at 508-347-3448 (ad posted 6/03)
- Moto Guzzi Cal 1100 injected '96, factory hardbags, stock hot rod runs perfect, needs nothing, from AJ's, only cruiser you can take to track day (and Harley riders wave!), special order red/maroon, \$4550 Contact Debbie or Jim Knowlton at 508-347-3448 (ad posted 6/03)
- Bike Trailer, 3-rail with 4rth offset for airheads, 15 in wheels, spares with Cragar mags, perfect balance-push around by hand with two bikes loaded, \$375 Contact Debbie or Jim Knowlton at 508-347-3448 (ad posted 6/03)
- Aerostich Darien suit, black, men's 46 reg jacket/ 38 reg pants virtually brand new \$475 (not separate); men's XL carbon fiber/Kevlar Fr. Thomas gloves, new, \$50 Contact Debbie or Jim Knowlton at 508-347-3448 (ad posted 6/03)
- 1983 R100RT, Pearl White, 60th Anniversary. 92K and running great. One Owner, Have all service records, documents, Anniversary Decals, etc. Best offer over \$5K. Contact Forrest (860) 873-8712. (ad posted 5/03)
- 1995 BMW K-750, silver, 18K, hard bags, tank bag, trunk, RT fairing, electric windshield, Wrist Rest, 24 Hour Clock, 2 Electric Plugs, WP Cover. Excellent condition. Garaged. Dealer maintained. \$6,000. Leave message for Walter at 860-563-7108. (ad posted 4/03)
- 1999 BMW R1200C, Montana, Blue, 4K, hard bags, engine guards, exhaust guards, wire wheels, BMW windshield. Garaged. Dealer maintained. \$9,500. Leave message for Walter at 860-563-7108. (ad posted 4/03)
- 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 4/03)

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.

Joint Club Brunch and Ride

On Sunday, June 29, we will join members from the Ocean State BMW Riders, of Rhode Island, for a brunch and ride. The brunch will be held at 11:00 a.m. at Johnson and Wales in Warwick, Rhode Island. Following the brunch, Ken Richmond, the OSBMWR Road Captain, will lead a ride to Jamestown and the Beavertail light house or maybe Fort Getty. This brunch and ride is a rain or shine event.

At our brunch we will be requesting a private room, so an accurate head count is needed. Please contact me no later than Friday, June 20, if you plan to attend the brunch.

I will lead a ride to the brunch, from Mystic, beginning at 9:30 a.m. A final ride route will be posted online, in our Calendar, by June 13. I will be riding to the starting location from Greenwich via Route 95. If anyone would like to meet along the way, please contact me.

This is an opportunity to have multiple clubs share the knowledge of their area and foster camaraderie between our clubs and riders. I hope many club members participate in this activity. If interested, contact me no later than June 20, to confirm your participation on this ride and brunch. I may be reached at 203-532-9733 or by email at crvbmw@earthlink.net. Leave a message and I will get back to you.

Keith

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.

June

- June 1-6 -- Americade, Lake George, NY
June 8 -- (CRV) Nature Lover's Ride. Details to the right.
June 11 -- (CRV) CRV Meeting. Details on page 3.
June 12-14 -- Iowa Rally
June 14-20 -- Pemmi River Camp Out
June 19 -- (CRV) Bill's Seafood Ride. Contact Brian at brainfish@deadhorse.com or 860-635-1173.
June 20-22 -- (CRV) Gathering of Friends & Other Strange Beings, Eighth Annual CRVBMWR Club Camp Out. Details on page 4.
June 27-29 -- 1st Laurel Highlands Camp Out. Johnstown, PA
June 28 & 29 -- Motorcycle Trials in Exeter, Rhode Island
June 29 -- (CRV) Joint Club Brunch and Ride. Details on page 4.

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 on page 3.
August 21 -- (CRV) Ethnic Food Ride
August 29-Sept. 1 -- Finger Lakes Rally, Watkins Glen, NY

Nature Lover's Ride

For those of you who love being outside, walking in a park, or working in your garden, this is the ride for you. On Sunday, June 8, there will be a ride that will visit two areas of interest in Litchfield, CT. We will visit the White Flower Farm (<http://gardening.whiteflowerfarm.com/default.html>) and The White Memorial Conservation Center (<http://www.whitememorialcc.org/>). Both of these locations have been recommended by club members who have visited them.

The ride to these locations will begin at 10 a.m. from East Granby at the Dunkin Donut located at the intersection of Routes 20 and 187. A final ride route is posted online. I will be riding to the starting location from Greenwich via Routes 95, 15, and 91. If anyone would like to meet along the way, please contact me.

Our two-hour ride to the White Flower Farm will be over scenic roads in the northern area of the state. We will arrive at the White Flower Farm around noon. After a one to one and one-half hour visit we will take the short ride to The White Memorial Conservation Center. Bring a picnic lunch and we'll eat at their picnic area. After lunch we can walk the grounds, which range from short park-like strolls to longer hiking trails. For those interested, at a time to be determined, but no later than 5:00 p.m. (the Center's closing time), I will lead a ride back to the junction of Route 8 and Route 6 in Thomaston. From that point everyone may head off in their own directions.

Based on the need to be outside for this activity, this will only be held in the event of good weather. If you are interested in participating on this ride, contact me by Thursday, June 5. If I don't hear from you, I won't be there. I may be reached at 203-532-9733 or by email at crvbmw@earthlink.net. Leave a message and I will get back to you.

Keith

Weekend at the Races

If you enjoy watching motorcycle races, this is for you. On most weekends there is a racing program being held at the Loudon Race Track in New Hampshire. The weekend usually features about 25 races over Saturday and Sunday. CRV member Tim Parola has offered to arrange a possible group rate, the usual rate is \$20 for the weekend. Fifteen to 20 people are needed for this group rate.

The tentative schedule is to hold this on either July 26 & 27 or August 16 & 17. This would not be a group ride to New Hampshire, but everyone would meet there on their own. There are plenty of hotels and campgrounds in the area.

If you are interested in participating in this, contact me at crvbmw@earthlink.net or 203-532-9733, by Friday, June 20. I will compile a list of names and pass this on to Tim. Keith Olsen

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P.O. Box 791
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The Club, organized in 1986, is primarily a social club whose members are a diverse group of active men and women with a love of motorcycle travel and adventure. Our members range in age from 20 to 78. While most members are experienced and excellent riders, novices and new owners are encouraged to join, for both riding companionship and technical assistance.

As a prospective member, you are asked to attend the first scheduled meeting after applying for membership. This allows you to get to know us and we you. Yearly dues (currently at \$20 for Full Members) helps defray costs of our newsletters. Associate memberships are available to other family members living in the same household for an additional charge of \$10 each.

The club meets monthly at different locations across the State of Connecticut (with the exception of July, August and December), usually on the third Saturday or Sunday of the month. Business portions of the meetings are kept as brief as possible. Meeting attendance is suggested but not required.

As our name suggests, we stress owning a BMW motorcycle; however, anyone who rides (and has a license to ride) a street-legal motorcycle is welcome to apply for membership. Currently in our club owners ride other European brands, many Japanese bikes, and several Harleys! We are chartered by the BMW Motorcycle Owners of America, BMW Riders Association and the American Motorcyclist Association.

A club newsletter is published monthly, informing the members of forthcoming meetings and events. The newsletter is also used for advertising motorcycles and parts for sale or wanted, and for announcements of interest to the members. We have a dealer discount program that will save you money on the purchase of parts and accessories at participating dealers. You are only required to show your membership card.

Our Club is incorporated as a nonprofit (social status) organization. The Club organizes a number of events, such as our Charter Oak Rally, held every year on Memorial Day weekend. Other events include the Michael Bristol Memorial Ride for Muscular Dystrophy, the Club Picnic, Awards Banquet, and numerous rides coordinated by our Road Captains. We also participate in SuperRide and volunteer at Connecticut Public Television. There are many opportunities to join in, have fun, ride our bikes and promote the sport of motorcycling!

If, after the above, we've still got your interest, please print the application form below, complete it, and send it with your check for \$20.00 to the address listed. We in turn will send you a copy of our most recent newsletter and a questionnaire. Do it today. In our opinion, you couldn't make a better decision.

The Executive Committee
Connecticut River Valley BMW Riders, Inc.

Membership Application

Please print clearly

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - Please print clearly!

Date: ____/____/____

Full Member Name: _____

Nickname(if used): _____

Address: _____

City, State: _____

Zip: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Phone [home]:(____)_____ [work]: (____)_____

Associate Membership names (if applicable): _____

Send to:

Connecticut River Valley BMW Riders, Inc.

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Canton, CT 06019-0791

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 _____

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Prime riding season is here . . . get out and enjoy it.