

CRVBMW NEWS

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President's Column

by Larry Friedman

Many CRV members have expressed interest in attending club events and joining in our rides. It appears that the long, harsh winter has caused us to compress our year's motorcycling into the relatively short New England riding season.

Look at the list of upcoming events on the calendar in this issue of our newsletter. Mark your calendar and plan to join us as often as you can.

There are two worthwhile opportunities to get away that you will not want to miss; our Charter Oak Rally is on Memorial Day Weekend, and Matt Struss has arranged an autumn cruise for something different. Get out your checkbook and start writing.

Notice that the May and June CRV meetings are on a Saturday and Wednesday. Look for details elsewhere in the newsletter. There has been an effort to vary the dates and times to accommodate more members. The days are long and weather mild so plan to ride to the next meetings.

Canton Cycles and CRVBMW will be having the annual Michael Bristol Memorial Ride and picnic at Canton Cycles in Winsted this summer. For many years Ralph DeLuca and his staff have joined with CRV to

support the battle against Muscular Dystrophy. Members of CRV will be planning the poker ride and helping with cooking, registration and other tasks. Be sure to keep posted and attend this worthwhile event. There will be food, door prizes and music too.

The May meeting at the Stoddards' home will bring together founding members with the many friends we've met along the way. Ride to West Simsbury on May 10 and join us.

The staff at the Ramada Inn in Plainville were gracious hosts for the April meeting so we will return there on June 11 for a midweek evening meeting. The facility, food, and parking were good so we may consider periodically returning to this location that is relatively central to our members.

In the last issue I encouraged members to support our troops. Now we can continue to show them our support while we welcome many home.

Remember: Check your motorcycle thoroughly.

Ride safely.
Stay alert

Riding With Serendipity

by Larry Friedman

serendipity - The ability to happen upon fortunate discoveries when not in search of them.

fortuitous - Occurring by chance rather than by design.

Life's travels can be filled with ordinary and predictable experiences or a series of discoveries brought about through such factors as curiosity, courage and serendipity. The more interesting experiences are found along the route that was not planned far in advance and by happening upon events that seem to welcome the traveler.

Motorcycling along the infinite lines of interconnected roadways provides the best method of exploring the world according to my large group of fellow riders and friends. We sense the panorama as wide as our peripheral vision while feeling the wind and weather. Between rides I will have moments of vivid memories that bring me near to the countless experiences I have
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CRV and Local Activities for May (see details in the calendar)

- May 4 -- The Miracle Ride for the Connecticut Children's Medical Center.
- May 10 -- CRV Meeting.
- May 14 -- After Work Picnic.
- May 23-26 -- Charter Oak Rally.
- May 27 -- New Britain Rock Cats' baseball game.

accumulated in my decades of travel. Each trip could easily comprise a long and interesting story if the details were to be carefully crafted. Let me offer you verbal snapshots of some random memories from my travels.

Riding the tight, twisty Priest Grade down from Yosemite National Park two up in the morning the night after the bear stuck its snout in our faces as we slept beneath a tarp.

Riding into a full campground in Bryce Canyon in Utah and spending a friendly evening after being invited to share a campsite by fellow cyclists. The sunset on the Hoodoo rock towers was awesome.

A long dirt road into Chaco Canyon in Northwestern New Mexico led us to the massive cliff dwellings of the ancient Anasazi in a remote site with few people and no modern development.

Another window into the native's past at Canyon de Chelly where we saw the members of the local tribe climbing hundreds of feet up the footholds of the canyon wall to go to their homes on the plateau above.

A gravel road trip to Polebridge, Montana on the edge of Glacier National Park dicing with massive logging trucks to find a hidden gem of a village.

Rolling alone into Hastings, Nebraska and being treated like an old friend at the county Fair.

Along a remote farm road in western Kansas we stopped at the abandoned one room schoolhouse to let my daughter write her name on the chalkboard. Climbing into the tumble-down structure we see her sister's name still there from a few years earlier.

Mechanical breakdown in Glendive, Montana provides an evening to meet new friends in the town along the Yellowstone River.

Hundreds of miles north of Quebec City to the end of the pavement and a tour through an underground hydroelectric station below one of earth's largest meteor crater lakes.

Riding beneath a thunderstorm for hours to emerge with a double rainbow ahead.

Up the ramp from the ferry to the flowered city of Victoria on Vancouver Island.

World fireworks competition the next week in Vancouver. Seeing old friends along the road thousands of miles from home who are going to or from a motorcycle rally.

Fourth of July in Bozeman where we viewed the fireworks after a late northern sunset at the fairground the day before riding into Yellowstone Park.

A glimpse of another culture during a stop in Amish

country or Appalachia, the rural northwest or an isolated Canadian logging community.

Ride to the top of Third Mesa on the Hopi Reservation and the local guide extends a rare invitation to stay to see the ceremonial ritual Kachina dancers.

Swiftly coming upon nature's gift of seeing her creatures in their habitat of forest, stream and meadow; moose, elk, bison, antelope, bear, eagle, beaver, mink, whitetail and mule deer, salmon.

Slicing a beam of light through the night to reach a destination and deciding to stop where the sign says v-a-c-a-n-c-y at a mom n' pop motel where they provide local travel advice that forms the next day's adventures.

Perfecting the skill of glancing sideways on breathtaking mountain curves in the Rockies, Sierra Nevada, Olympic Range or Appalachians. They say your motorcycle goes where your eyes do, but the risk of that sidelong glance is richly rewarded.

An early Sunday morning ride through the heart of a city presents an opportunity for a view of urban life and architecture without the traffic and crowd that clog the road and threaten the motorcyclist on other days.

A night's stop in Bridgeport, in the heart of rural California during the smoky haze of forest fire season, gives a glimpse of the smokeater's life as crews from area reservations, prisons and Forest Service camps converge on the town for an evening break.

At a Klamath River campground in Oregon a show is provided as fire fighting helicopters scoop up water and head over the hill.

A triple digit stretch of high desert road on the Nevada side of the California leads to a valley with a private landing strip. The mechanic proudly shows his restoration works in progress and offers a nice route south toward Lake Tahoe. Once again I have proven that you are never lost forever.

A missed turn north of Missoula leads our trusting friends and us into Idaho. We were aiming for Glacier Park and mistakenly added an extra state to the itinerary as well as a long valley across the National Bison Range and past Flathead Lake to make for a perfect day's ride. Serendipity strikes again.

Discovering that accommodating shopkeepers are happy to ship purchases to your home so the decor will contain treasures that rekindle memories for years to come.

Some pleasant experiences are more fortuitous than others. Enjoy the results and tolerate some adversity.

Use your intelligence to diminish the risks and your sense of adventure to explore the opportunities.

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June Newsletter Deadline

Sunday, May 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>

May CRVBMW Meeting

The May CRV Meeting will take place on Saturday, May 10, beginning at 2:00 p.m. with chili at 3:00. Richard Stoddard and his wife are hosting our May meeting. This is a Saturday afternoon meeting that allows for a good ride before and after. Richard is the founding president of our club. Richard's dedication to motorcycling, BMW's in particular, has assured a strong start and many years of club activities for CRVBMW Riders. He is an avid motorsports fan who will be driving a new T-Bird in the Targa class in the Newfoundland road rally this summer. Come to this meeting and see their antique colonial home in the heart of some great riding country.

CRVBMW Riders Meeting
Saturday May 10
2:00 P.M.- chili at 3:00
73 West Ledge Rd.
West Simsbury, Ct.. 06092

Directions:

From Route 44:

Take Route 179 north to North Canton
Turn Right on Route 309
1.5 miles to 373 on the corner of Woodchuck Hill Rd.

It's the big white colonial house

From Simsbury:

Route 167 to 2nd light
Straight on Route 309 to the Stoddard home on the left at the corner of Woodchuck Hill Rd.

It's the big white colonial house.

Additions to our Web Site

We have added two features to our web site that may be of benefit to you. First, we have added a section listing items for sale. From this a direct link to your email is set up. Also, you may submit images of your bike to include with your ad.

Second, the Calendar on our web site has become more interactive. Numerous items have email or internet links to assist club members with accessing the information and sources you need.

We hope that these changes make your membership in the club even more beneficial.

Keith
Web Site Manager

After Work Picnic

The After Work Picnic will take place at Hurd Park on May 14. I will attempt to be there around 5:15 and this will happen rain or shine. The state did in fact bring in new picnic tables. So if the weather is good take a drive around the park and look for the pond, hopefully we will be there. If not or the weather is not good go to the Pavilion at the Ball Field. This is the only paved road in the park other than the main drive. It's on your right as you drive in about 1/4 mile from the gate.

Remember this is a bring your dinner and drink. I'll supply the fire. Just like in past years this is for fun. Please come, it really should be spring be then!

Hurd Park is about 3-4 miles south of Route 66 in Cobalt just off of Route 151. We'll be there until dark.

see ya,
Brian

As Matt would say " Now for something completely different"

So how about a ball game? On Tuesday, May 27, I'll be at the New Britain Rock Cats' baseball game. The "Cats" are a AA farm team for the Minnesota Twins. Game time is 6:35, we try to get there a bit early. General Admission tickets are the best deal (\$5) so that is what we go for. We also try to sit on the 1st base side. We will not wait on the outside. Just get your ticket and go in.

If going in a car we try to stay away from the stadium, it cuts down on the \$3 parking charge, yes we are cheap. I believe that bikes are less money. Any way, if interested show up! Or you can call me to find out where we park to save the bucks. If you have any questions contact me at 860-635-1173 or brainfish@deadhorse.com

see you there,
Brian

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

**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.

**The Miracle Ride for the
Connecticut Children's
Medical Center**

The Miracle Ride for the Connecticut Children's Medical Center -- The Miracle Ride for the Connecticut Children's Medical Center will be held on May 4, 2003. There will be a registration on the day of the ride at Canton Cycles and at sites throughout the state of Connecticut. The rally will start at the Bushnell Park at 9-10 am. A police escort past the Children's Hospital will begin about 10:30 and will finish at the Elks field in East Hartford. Registration is \$15/rider or \$25 for 2 and can be completed in advance online at <http://www.miracleride.com>

As always the ride benefits the Neonatal Unit at the Children's Hospital in Hartford. Have fun, pray for sun, and feel good about the children who will benefit from your participation.

**Items For Sale or Wanted
For Sale**

1999 R1100RT ABS, 23K, anthracite grey, bought and serviced at Canton Cycles. Extended warranty, heated grips, engine guards, large parabellum windshield, and corbin seat. A beautiful bike. Asking \$9800. If interested call Don at 860-674-0409(nights), days message 860-545-9657 (ad posted 5/03)

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)

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)

1995 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)

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, thermmeter, brake pedal cover, and side stand footpad. Asking \$8,000. Call Robert at 860-672-6088 (ad posted 2/03)

Items Wanted

None currently listed

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.

May

- May 2-4 -- Frosty Nutz Camp Out. See details on page 4.
- May 2-4 -- Jawja Mountain Rally. Hiawassie, GA.
- May 4 -- The Miracle Ride for the Connecticut Children's Medical Center. Details on page 4.
- May 10 -- (CRV) CRV Meeting. Details on page 3.
- May 14 -- (CRV) After Work Picnic. Details on page 3.
- 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 27 -- (CRV) New Britain Rock Cats' baseball game. Details on page 3.
- May 30-June 1 -- Square Root Rally. Thurmont, MD

June

- June 1-6 -- Americade, Lake George, NY
- June 8 -- (CRV) Nature Lover's Ride. Details on page 8.
- June 11 -- (CRV) CRV Meeting. Beginning at 6:00pm at the Ramada Inn in Plainville.
- June 12-14 -- Iowa Rally
- 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 CRVBMWR Club Camp Out. Details on page 4.
- June 27-29 -- 1st Laurel Highlands Camp Out. Johnstown, PA
- June 29 -- (CRV) Joint Club Brunch and Ride. Details on page 7.

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

November

- November 16-23 -- (CRV) November Cruise. See details on page 6.

Is there some favorite ride, event, or activity that you think other club members would like? How about planning a ride or arrange to meet at a location to share some fun.

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 CRVBMWR 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.

Itinerary

Nov. 16 - Sunday
Depart NYC, 4:00 PM
Nov. 17 - Monday
At sea
Nov. 18 - Tuesday
Port Canaveral, 9:00 AM to 10:00 PM
Nov. 19 - Wednesday
Miami, 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM
Nov 20 - Thursday
Nassau, 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM
Nov 21 - Friday,
Great Stirrup Cay, 7:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Nov 22 - Saturday
At sea
Nov 23 - Sunday
Arrive NYC 10:00 AM

Easy Questions??? Please contact Matt Strus at madmatt@deadhorse.com

Cruise Questions??? Please contact Terry Pelletier of Globe Travel at (860)-584-0517 or Terryyp@globetvl.com

see you on board,
Matt Strus

Gadgets

I hate to say it, but I love gadgets. Whether it's simple or complicated, manual or electronic, I'm an official gadgeteer. This is the time of the year where I think about all those gadgets I've seen all winter and how I'd like to add them to my bike. I've looked at auxiliary lights, GPS units, safety reflective or electronic devices, cleaning products, tools and many more items.

My two favorite places to look are the RiderWarehouse (Aerostich) catalog (or web site (<http://www.aerostich.com/riderwarehouse.store>)) and the Cycle Gadgets web site (<http://www.cyclegadgets.com/default.htm>) both are linked from our web site. The problem with a gadget is that you

never know how good it really is . . . so for all of you out there that have gadgets that you'd like to share your experience about with your fellow club members please submit your ideas. It would be great if we could include a few gadget suggestions or reviews each month. Tell what the item is, how it worked for you, where to get it, and about how much it costs. They don't need to be long or complicated, but please share your experiences with us.

Keith Olsen
Newsletter Editor

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. at a location to be determined north of Hartford. Possibly in East Granby. A final ride route will be posted online, in our Calendar, by June 1. 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

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, probably from the Groton or Mystic area, beginning at 9:30 a.m. A final ride route will be posted online, in our Calendar, by June 1. 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

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 203-532-9733, by Friday, June 20. I will compile a list of names and pass this on to Tim.

Keith Olsen

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 # _____

CRVBMWR
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May 2003

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

Hope to see you at this year's Charter Oak Rally on May 23-26.