

CRVBMW NEWS

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Still Wandering

by Larry Friedman

Closer connections were made with old friends and new ones during recent motorcycle travels.

Brian is a club road captain with a natural affinity for fine road food and the best routes anywhere.

I consider getting lost as a series of dead ends without reaching an intended destination. Since I often have no definite destination I rarely get lost according to my definition. I followed Brian for a few days through Pennsylvania and West Virginia. Brian can deftly connect roads that are on the map with inviting turns and logical decisions that lead me to some fine pavement and the best vistas I would not likely have seen in my lifetime.

Near Harrisburg, Pa. we crossed the wide Susquehanna on a rickety ferry consisting of loose planks and an old engine. A car and a few motorcycles fit nicely and the craft silently drifts away from the dirt ramp toward a low dam. The captain uses a pole to get the voyage started then engages the belt to turn a stern paddle wheel. We connected with Todd on the other bank, as planned.

Choosing accommodations when riding with a group may require limited criteria: walking distance to a tavern.

One night we stopped at a marginally adequate motel attached to a tavern. The menu included chicken wings, of course. Beer and wings with a thunderstorm raging outside and all is well.

Next night brought more thunderstorms after arriving at a motel behind a tavern. The menu consisted entirely of - - you guessed right, wings. "How many you want?" In the land of "Honey, sweetie and darlin'" you order wings by the dozens. It was developing into a week on the Atkins Diet except they didn't serve the celery sticks. The next evening's violent thunderstorm found us back at the room with a choice: walk to the wing place, starve, or call the local taxi. The taxi took us to a local restaurant and safely home. Good choice. Skipped the wings on the menu.

The riding was great in West Virginia. Sweeping curves and uphill-downhill-esses. Roads follow meandering streams as they do in the New England countryside.

Thunderstorm during a breakfast stop and another one up ahead a few valleys later. Riding into the edge of the rain we quickly did a youee and raced back to the little church

we had spotted. We sheltered under an entrance and watched the bikes get drenched with lightning striking way too close.

Rainsuited, we proceeded toward Charleston and stopped at a roadside joint for lunch. When I pointed out that there seemed to be an error on the check, they neglected to charge for the soda, there was surprised appreciation from the waitress. Seem like she was surprised at honesty. Anyhow, I could afford the sixty cents.

The day's destination was the BMW Motorcycle Rally in Charleston. First year we've met in a city. Motels were a wise choice with more thunderstorms coming. The following day while some of us worked in the Civic Center at the registration tables, there arrived a particularly powerful thunderstorm.

Across the river at the university campus where thousands were camped, our enormous beer garden tent was blown down with several people injured. Many small tents were blown around the grounds with some going into the river. Friends Jim and Shirley appreciated the efforts of

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

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those who salvaged their tent with its contents inside. The most grateful campers were likely the ones whose tent was pulled from the river with their dog safely inside. The rally went on with some soaked riders heading home early. The following days consisted of rides, tech sessions, meetings and shopping at the vendor displays.

The urban rally made dining easier with a large mall adjacent to the Civic Center. Riding shuttle busses and navigating corridors of a convention center were not popular activities though tolerated by many.

At a typical rally one can run into every attendee by finding a good vantage point at a common crossroad on the grounds. No such place was available and many reunions were thwarted.

It's a safe bet that there will not be another urban rally for that club in the future.

Days of roaming alone through the hills and hollows of Kentucky were ahead. That state rivals West Virginia for impressive road construction cuts through formerly treacherous mountains. While the road cuts are amazing, I do miss the treacherous roads they replace.

Simple solution. Turn onto the roads with three numbers, four numbers or just a name. My route looked like a map drawn by dipping a worm into finger paint and setting it on a paper. The longest distance between two points is a great day's ride.

Small town museums provide varied opportunities to learn about the place and the people.

The Kentucky Coal Mining Museum near Harlan was a gem. Three floors in the old coal company store.

I wandered the humble displays that showed the mining history and methods. I passed sections depicting the tough life in coal country. Second floor and a whole lot more. It was a decidedly low budget attraction which added to the realities depicted by the large collection of most everything anyone in town ever owned. As I climbed to the third floor, still alone and unescorted since I paid at the front door, I approached the door at the top. Upon opening the door I found myself facing a veritable nirvana of Appalachian splendor. The entire floor, thousands of square feet of displays, was devoted to the quintessential symbol of musical success and humility in this region of isolated communities. I was standing, alone in silence, staring at the Loretta Lynn display. You know the story: thirteen year old bride to an older, devoted husband, adored by millions. The afternoon light streamed through the windows as I roamed the floor looking at her life in photos, in multiple mannequins, in down homey artifacts and praise heaped upon praise. Her aura followed me all the way down to the front desk.

The old math teacher at the local high school was eager to share impressions and facts about his community. King coal and the oppressive companies had shaped his world and he had left it only once, nearly fifty years ago, to attend teacher's college a couple counties away. His ten year old car had as many miles as most cars have in ten months. The historian and his bevy of teenaged protégés at the front desk were not aware the only impression of their Harlan County the outside world has is from the bloody role its people played in the history of unionization. Their lives are admittedly more comfortable, their health and safety somewhat improved but the microcosm of their isolated existence hasn't expanded along with the rest of the universe.

I rode off singing Tennessee Ernie Ford's old song; "You load sixteen tons and wadda you get? Another day older and deeper in debt. St. Peter doncha call me cause I can't gooooo. I owe my soul to the company store." Motorcycle humming through the hills and song stuck in my head. The clarity that comes from solo motorcycle touring crystallizes and condenses to the thought that I will soon return to my own version of the company store after a few weeks of looking into someone else's.

Next month; the colonel, mounds, pounds, fried green tomatoes, Chilicothe, Mid-Ohio, and the looooooong last day.

While on the road . . .

We stayed overnight in Herkimer, NY. Herkimer is a town with some old houses. These houses have beautiful architecture, and are nestled in between deteriorating buildings. I was rather apprehensive about leaving my bike overnight (even with a kryptonite lock) in the parking lot of the Inn Towne Motel. We began to chat with some of the members of the motley overnight crew. I decided they were scary looking, but harmless. One character named "Mickey" (no, not the mouse) was just fascinated with my F650 GS. He said, "I didn't know BMW made a single lunga." Across the street was the Carey's Corner Store. This was a retro store with just about everything you may need or desire. It was also the place to buy deli sandwiches and food like fish n' chips. We ate dinner outside of our motel room with the rest of the motley crew. After dinner, I decided to walk over to the corner store to buy a cup of coffee. This idea sounds simple enough, doesn't it? The polite conversation with the young woman behind the counter went like this:

"Do you sell coffee here?"

She looks over at the empty coffee pots and responds to me with direct eye contact,

"Only if it's made, and it's not made."

You've gotta love that New York attitude, and I do.

Mrs. Mad Dog

CRV Web Site Address

Visit our CRVBMW Web Site at

<http://www.crvbmw.org>

MDA Ride Old Enough to Vote!

2003 marks the 21st MDA fundraiser by Canton Cycles and the CRV BMW Riders. It was great to be a part of it. There were many wonderful people taking part in many ways. It was great to be with lots of folks I had personally missed over the past months in Florida. Ralph DeLuco and Larry Friedman stepped up to the plate with their presidential leadership and picked the date and got things going. Mike Dzen and John Shields put together a fantastic route. Participants praised the roads and the different areas they went through. The ride went further east than past rides. It covered tobacco farms, colonial historic districts, the Air Firefighters and other museums, and a variety of roads and scenery. Keith Stankowitz and Bill Libonati grilled the burgers and dogs for the hungry crowd. Don Garneau even had to go out and restock the supplies just after noon. The food list was compiled by Bob Naramore with help from Jim Faucher and George Schmidt from past experience and was invaluable. Seasoned volunteers tended to the tables and other tasks. Ed Mix, Matt Struss, Dave and Debbie Brodacki-Magnan, Carole and Dick Johnson, Rick and Sheree Zwiebel, Frank Horvath, Leslie and Roger Stevenson, Ken White, Pat Cruess, Tim Parola, Eric Mainardi, Jim Prabulus, Richard Stoddard and Larry Friedman all pitched in.

Canton Cycles and its staff all contributed to the event this as in past years. They started it as a "Mechanics Ride." Customers later rode along and volunteered to make this a bigger ride. I believe some of that volunteerism helped form the pack of rally going riders into the CRV BMW Riders, Inc. Many thanks to all the volunteers mentioned, and huge apologies to those left out. The ride has evolved over the past 21 years. New people have meant new changes. Losing people has left some voids, and made some opportunities. Some people have left contributions and ideas that are still in place. Thanks to all who have participated

The weather was sparkling. It was cool, bright and crisp. (It was *not* "a dark and stormy night . . ." and this is not the first sentence.) 100 people turned out. With so many other events on the same day participation was pretty good. Many chose to send a donation and had other things to do. Quite a few dropped in on their way to or from another event or stretch of road. Several outstanding people helped plan the event because they had other commitments on that day. Those coming did have a great time. Many brands and types of motorcycles gave us plenty to see, salivate over, dream about, reminisce on, and talk about. Everyone got at least one door prize. The folks at the *Broke and Hungry* band combined their talents with some of their musician friends. New Sound Systems provided DJ service and the sound system. They treated us to a variety of great music from many venues and eras. People met, mixed and mingled among motorcycles and food. Better than that, we were able to raise about \$2,500.00 for the MDA. Pres. Larry reminded me that the

CRV donation of \$500.00 would be added to that figure. That fact will be presented at the Jerry Lewis Telethon with special recognition.

Many Thanks
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CRV Members Ride on the Pony Express!

By Siouxzanne Harris

CRV members Siouxzanne Harris and Robin Moss just returned from riding 10 legs of the Pony Express Relay 2003. Patsy Moore, Dutch Country Rider also rode. The Pony Express tour helps raise money and awareness for Breast Cancer Research. The Women's Motorcyclist Foundation has been raising money for the Komen Foundation since 1993. The Pony Express Tours have occurred in 1996, 1998, 2000, and 2003. With this tour, they have raised almost 2 million dollars.

Strides have been made in breast cancer research and treatment. Still, the fact remains that 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.

The power and emotion of the riders was incredible as we woke each day at 4:30 for a 5:30 riders meeting and 5:45 departure. We rode through intense heat and in some urban traffic. Still, the award ceremonies were always positive and energizing.

We met up with the group in Cleveland at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. Many rider had been with them since the Eastern Trail left Orlando Florida and the Marshals were on the road since the tour left in mid-July from Seattle Washington! Some rode 14,000 miles!!

Robin, Patsy and I covered well over a thousand miles and together raised over 4 thousand dollars. We rode from Cleveland, OH, to Akron where the Harley Davidson Shop hosted the ceremony and then put on a great chicken barbecue for all of the riders and HD members. The next day it was off to BMW of Pittsburgh where after the ceremony we were treated to coffee and pastries. From there we rode some nice roads to Rock Gap State Park between Hancock and Cumberland MD, then after sandwiches and another ceremony, we went to Winchester Harley Davidson where they again hosted a barbecue. Did I mention that it was HOT and we were riding in parade formation? We were so hot and tired, that the three of us left after the ceremony, turning down free food in favor of a shower and meal at a restaurant near the hotel.

Another 4:30 wake-up, this time heading towards Orange, Va. We stopped at Waugh Enterprises Harley

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Dancin Dave on behalf of RiderToRider.Com

Davidson. This shop was on a substantial piece of land and included a 2-floor showroom, a separate HD clubhouse with tables, bathrooms, kitchen area, PA, and a huge park-like area with picnic tables and a pavilion. They fed us a great breakfast including yogurt, cereal, fruit, sandwiches, baked goods, coffee, and juice. From there we went down to the Capitol Building in Richmond, Va. where we got a warm reception by the towns officials. The ceremony occurred in the shady square in front of the capitol building and they fed us lunch. From there, we were supposed to get on I-95 to head north, but we got word that it was gridlocked, so we got a Blue Knight to take us the back way to Route 301 and we headed towards Washington DC on a Friday afternoon during rush hour in 98 degree heat!! We neared DC and headed toward Jessup, Maryland, where Bob's BMW had a great reception for us complete with a huge barbeque and local involvement. Robin had a front tire put on and a few others had a little work done. After dinner we had a thunderstorm that sent many people scurrying off to hotel before the award ceremony. We waited it out and rode back on wet pavement in the dark. By now, we were close enough to home that some friends joined us and helped us celebrate. Another 5:45 a.m departure, this time for Devon, PA, where they hosted a special event including fruit, muffins, yogurt, granola, coffee, juice, live music, and test rides for the locals. There lot was packed!!

At each stop, we picked up more and more riders. When we joined the group in Cleveland, there were about 25 riders, by the time we hit Bob's there were about 85. From Devon, PA, we went to BMW of North America Corporate Headquarters where they gave us a snack and hosted another medallion pass ceremony. We headed over to the Marriott where we picked up even more riders for the Sunday's final leg. We rode into New York City to the Hard Rock Café for the closing ceremony. By then we were close to 200 bikes! Riding around the island of Manhattan in a long parade of motorcycles was amazing. We rode past the site of the World Trade Center Memorial and saw some other landmarks before arriving on 57th street at the Hard Rock. By the time I got home Sunday night I had logged over 1700 miles on the '83 airhead.

It's not too late to make a donation. Take a look at the website: www.ponyexpressrides.org and read up on what has been done. Make a donation directly to them or to me or Robin and we will be sure that it gets there by the October 1st deadline. We are listed in the member directory or e-mail me, sharris@taconic.net, and I will give you the information

Thanks!
Siouxzanne

Greetings. You're listed at the MOA web site as a chartered club. I'm looking to you for help with an injured BMW rider and offering as well to help your club.

You may have heard that Tom Pomeroy had a serious accident at the Rocket City Rally while on a group ride led by a Rocket City club member. His medical bills now total over \$50,000 and the club itself did a wonderful thing to pass the hat for him at the rally. Tom at the time and currently was laid off work and has no health insurance coverage.

His injury was the impetus for the creation of a web site to help injured riders and also clubs who may wish to raise funds for an injured member of their club. That web site is www.RiderToRider.Com. The goal is to create a web site that is simply a mechanism for folks to directly pass the hat and contribute, in this case to Tom, but at other times to others including their own club members should it come to that.

The goal of RiderToRider.Com is simply to use the internet to pass the hat to help other riders in need facing serious medical bills with little ability to pay following an accident. Let's see if folks reach out to Tom Pomeroy who is now listed on the site. Riders are also invited to sign up so they can get word of others like Tom facing a similar predicament. All funds go directly to the intended person by the means reviewed at the web site. I mean directly into the rider's checking account.

RiderToRider.Com also makes it easy for clubs to help their own members. If clubs need to, they can use the web site so that members can "pass the hat in cyber space". This will happen as funds go directly to the rider and the web site is simply the agent to link RiderToRider. The mechanism for this is described at the web site. And I'm happy to personally address any concerns or issues you might have.

I'm not sure if this concept is going to take root. The larger goal of course would be to have a large pool of folks who "gift" \$5 a couple of times a year to a rider in need. If we had 10,000 such folks then their pocket change we could make a huge difference for a rider in need.

Let's see if anyone takes an interest. If not, we can always just close it down. I'm sure Tom could use a good word in any case. His contact e-mail is on the web site. And if this first salvo and test case gets a response we can keep pushing along so that once in a while we can help others. Feel free to use the site to help any of your club members should you need a mechanism whereby all funds go to the rider so that your club members can easily help one of their own.

So, I'd appreciate your calling this site and Tom's situation to the attention of your members. And if that gives you any anxiety or concern please get back to me with your questions. Thanks!

President's Remarks

John Badeen, former president of CRVBMW Riders, has organized another successful fund raiser for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. John coordinated the events on August 24, at Canton Cycles in Winsted. The weather was great. This has been an annual event that Ralph DeLuco and his associates have contributed to generously in time and money along with CRVBMW members, entertainers, and food donors who pitched in to offer a day of riding, music and food. Thank you John, Ralph and everyone who generously supported the most successful Michael Bristol Memorial Ride yet. You did it for the kids and other victims of neuromuscular diseases.

CRV picnic time. Look for details in this issue and act immediately. It's free to members. If you pay for your guests, they may want to become members too.

Still plenty of good riding days left this year. Get out there and have a safe, invigorating ride.

Comments on Canada

by Larry Friedman

Just returned from a couple weeks in Canada 's Maritimes with my soul mate.

I'd like to offer some observations on the journey:

Prince Edward Island is just like West Virginia but with open farmland instead of forests, with lower, gently rolling hills, the houses all freshly painted and the junk cars all towed away.

A forty-five foot tide, when at the low point, looks like the damn dam broke.

That trailer truck loaded with little wild blueberries, that's a lot of muffins somewhere.

They grow barley, wheat, hops, lobsters and more. Now, why did I come home?

The three L's hauled between Maine and New Brunswick: logs, lumber, lobsters,

In the Maritime Provinces nearly everyone smiles, waves, says "hello", drives courteously, gives helpful directions - - - what the hell's wrong with those people!

All bacon there is Canadian.

Potatoes: they can grow them boil, fry, scallop, and mash them better than anywhere else.

Blueberry jam, strawberry jam but no traffic jam.

"A" is the favored way of ending an utterance.

It is worth standing in line a few minutes for lobster and all the fixings and fresh pies you can eat?

A chocolate factory and a duty-free liquor/beer store across the street from the U.S. border.

WAKE UP DOROTHY, WAKE UP. You're home.

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.

September

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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

Oct. 18 -- Pizza Ride Camp Out. Details on page 6.

Oct. 19 -- The Borellas' Fall Pizza Ride. Details on page 6.

October 26 -- (CRV) Best of the West Ride. Details to follow.

November

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

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

October Newsletter Deadline

Thursday, September 25, is the deadline for submitting articles for the next newsletter.

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 August 2. After August 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). Currently five people have placed deposits for this trip.

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.

Borrella's Pizza Ride Camp Out and Ride

On Oct. 18, the Pizza Ride Camp Out @ the Borellas' abode. Rt. 6 Danielson, CT. Arrive in the afternoon. Chili Pot ... Campfire provided. Rain date Oct. 25. RSVP by 10/17 if you're coming.

On Oct. 19, the Borellas' Fall Pizza Ride - Snacks ... camaraderie from 10-noon then we ride the back roads of northeastern CT. to the Pizza King for some real food. Rain date Oct. 26. For directions or info on camp out or ride call 860-774-5535 days or email borella_ent@hotmail.com

Items For Sale or Wanted For Sale

- 1995 BMW K-750 K3, Arctic Silver, 18K, BMW RT Fairing, Electric Windshield, BMW Bags, Touring Trunk, Engine Guards, 2 Electric Plugs, WP Cover, New Tires, Garaged, Dealer Maintained \$6,500. Leave message for Walter at 860-563-7108. (ad posted 9/03)
- BMW Factory Stand for R-1200C. For garage use only. 050-90-88-6-001-550. New \$190, asking \$100. Leave message for Walter at 860-563-7108. (ad posted 9/03)
- 1982 BMW R100RT, black, like new. Selling because of health. Asking \$2,500. Contact Richard at 860-346-0508 or cbjohn35@yahoo.com (ad posted 8/03)
- 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)

Some additional bikes for sale, owned by non-club members, may be found on our web site. Check the "For Sale" listings located there.

Items Wanted

None currently listed

Were you there when . . .

CRV members enjoyed a dinner of German Foods



Buzzard Crest Campout -- October 3rd, 4th, and 5th Near Pine Plains, New York

Voyle and Sioux Harris invite you for a glorious fall weekend in the foothills of the Catskills, and Berkshire Mountains. Our 10 acres of land is located right on the Columbia/Dutchess County line and offers plenty of camping space. A firepit provides warmth and a gathering place for sharing stories and songs, and a grill provides opportunity to create a group meal for the campers. Plenty of great roads to ride nearby, and restaurants and shopping areas for those who have to spend money.

Enjoy two cool days (and cold nights) of fall camping on ten acres in Gallatin New York- October 3rd 4th and 5th 2003

For those of you who attended the NY National in 99, this is about 15 minutes closer to the Connecticut border.

Friday night there will be chili and munchies available, and a campfire going. Saturday there will be a few breakfast runs and foliage rides, then a grilled dinner with everyone's contributions.

Sunday we'll drink some coffee, eat some leftovers, and head for home.

Directions

From Rt. 44:

take 44 west through Millerton NY, turn south (left) onto Rt 22- follow for a little bit to NY rt 199. Take a right (west) follow 199 through Pine Plains. About 2 miles west of the town, take a right turn onto county rt. 50. Follow to the end. bear left at fork. Travel approx. 6/10ths of a mile- driveway is on the right side. There will be rondells to help guide you from Pine Plains.

From Rt. 84:

Rt 84 west to **Taconic Parkway**- go North to Jackson Corners Rd. exit. Go right (east) at end of exit. Travel 6/10ths of a mile to driveway on the left. rondells will guide you.

address:

1789 Jackson Corners Rd.

phone 518 398 5436 e-mail: vsharris@taconic.net

If you know you are coming, please call or e-mail so we can plan appropriately for food.

**Don't miss the CRV Barbecue
Sunday, Sept. 7 at 1 P.M.
Free! Free! Free!
Send your check today!**

You don't want to miss this one. The event will be held rain or shine. Your President has arranged for a super catered barbecue picnic. We will gather at the Stanley Park in Westfield, Massachusetts.

This is one of the most beautiful parks in New England. Walk through the gardens, along trails, and around the ponds. There are great roads to and from the park. This year's food will be better than ever, including sliced filet mignon. Our club has had another successful year and we want to share that with our members.

The CRVBMW Club is paying for all members and auxiliary members. It is worth more than your annual dues!

To get a correct count and to properly plan the barbecue, all persons age 12 and over must send \$20 to our Treasurer, Forrest Anderson. By attending the barbecue, members and auxiliary members will receive a full refund. If you don't show up we are still required to pay the caterer for the food prepared for you, so you will not receive a refund.

Last year, many club members found it to their advantage to apply their refund to the following year's club dues (members-\$20, auxiliary members \$10 and a \$10 refund). This year you will again have the opportunity to apply your refund to next year's club dues.

If you do not wish to apply your refund to next year's club dues and would prefer to receive a refund you will receive a full cash refund at the barbecue. **To receive a cash refund at the picnic, please include a note requesting a refund at the picnic and mail it along with the payment check that you send in.** Your refund will be given to you when you check-in at the barbecue.

Children 6-12 eat for \$5 each. Kids under 6 eat for free. Bring your friends or prospective club members along (no refund for them)

Great scenic roads— Look for BMW roundels near the park.

Send your checks today to:

Forrest Anderson
CRVBMW Treasurer
95 Boardman Road
East Haddam, CT 06423

All payments must be received by Saturday, August 30.

Group Ride to the Barbecue

If you are interested in taking a leisurely ride to the barbecue, this ride may be for you. I will be leading a ride from Prospect, CT, to the barbecue. The ride will begin at 10:30AM and arrive at the barbecue in one and one-half to two hours. We will meet in Prospect at the gas station at the junction of Route 68 and Route 69.

More details and a specific route will be posted on our web site in the calendar listings, prior to August 31. This should be a fun ride to a great event.

If interested in this ride, please contact me by Friday, September 5. I may be reached at 203-532-9733 or email to crvbmw@earthlink.net.

Keith

Directions to the CRVBMW Barbecue

Directions from Hartford:

I-91 to Bradley airport exit
Rt. 20 exit to Granby
At Rt 10/202 continue west 1/4 mile to Rt. 189
Right on 189 to Granville, Ma.
Right at T onto Rt. 57
1/4 mile and left on **Old Westfield Rd.**
(it becomes Granville Rd. in Westfield)
Straight ahead a for few miles, pass water filtration plant
Left on Northwest road, go slow for a mile.
At stop sign turn right.
2 miles to second park entrance.
Drive across parking field and park near fence.
Walk in through rose garden and past fountain.

From Southern or Western CT:

Rt. 8 north of Winsted , over Ma. line
Right on Rt 57 (fantastic road)
Through Granville and turn left on Old Westfield Road.
See directions to the left

From Springfield;

Rt. 20 West through West Springfield.
In downtown Westfield go left on Rt. 10/20
10/202 goes right onto Court St.- follow this
Court St becomes Western Ave. and leads to Stanley Park

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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Registration information for the CRV Barbecue inside. Deadline is August 30.