

CRVBMW NEWS

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Words of Motorcycle Wisdom

Midnight bugs taste best.
Saddlebags can never hold everything you want, but they CAN hold everything you need.

NEVER argue with a woman holding a torque wrench.

Never try to race an old geezer, he may have one more gear than you.

Home is where your bike sits still long enough to leave a few drops of oil on the ground.

You'll get farther down the road if you learn to use more than two fingers on the front brake.

Routine maintenance should never be neglected.

The only good view of a thunderstorm is in your rearview mirror.

Never be afraid to slow down.

Only riders understand why dogs love to stick their heads out of car windows.

Bikes don't leak oil, they mark their territory.

Never ask a rider for directions if you're in a hurry to get there.

Don't ride so late into the night that you sleep through the sunrise.

Pie and coffee are as important as petrol.

Sometimes it takes a whole tankful of fuel before you can think straight.

Riding faster than everyone else only guarantees you'll ride alone.

see end credits

Never hesitate to ride past the last street light at the edge of town.

Never mistake horsepower for staying power.

A cold hamburger can be reheated quite nicely by strapping it to an exhaust pipe and riding forty miles.

Never do less than forty miles before breakfast.

If you don't ride in the rain - you don't ride.

A bike on the road is worth two in the shed.

Respect the person who has seen the dark side of motorcycling and lived.

Young riders pick a destination and go... Old riders pick a direction and go.

A good mechanic will let you watch without charging you for it.

Sometimes the fastest way to get there is to stop for the night.

Always back your bike into the curb - and sit where you can see it.

Work to ride ... ride to work. Whatever it is, it's better in the wind.

Two-lane blacktop isn't a highway - it's an attitude.

When you look down the road, it seems to never end - but you better believe it does.

A motorcycle can't sing on the streets of a city.

Keep your bike in good re-

pair: Motorcycle boots are NOT comfortable for walking.

People are like Motorcycles: each is customized a bit differently.

If the bike isn't braking properly, you don't start by rebuilding the engine.

Remember to pay as much attention to your partner as you do your carburetor

Sometimes the best communication happens when you're on separate bikes.

Well-trained reflexes are quicker than luck.

Good coffee should be indistinguishable from 50 weight motor oil.

The best alarm clock is sunshine on chrome.

Learn to do counter-intuitive things that may someday save your butt.

The twisties-not the superslabs-separate the riders from the squids. (inexperienced rider)

A friend is someone who'll get out of bed at 2am to drive his pickup to the middle of nowhere to get you when you're broken down.

From the book:
"Sit Down, Shut Up ... Hang On!"

Written by Penny Powers and Chuck Hays

Upcoming CRV and Local Activities (see details in the calendar)

January 1 -- (CRV) New Year's Day Ride/Meeting for Breakfast

January 3 -- (CRV) Trip to the New York Bike Show

January 11 -- (CRV) CRVBMW's Grand Tour Awards Banquet

January 24 -- (CRV) CRVBMW Winter Banquet

January 31 -- Cliff's BMW Motorcycles of Danbury Tech Night

**Update on
“And now for something completely
different”
Saturday, Nov 29,
Dinner and Wolf Pac Hockey**

For the close to 275 members that did not attend, you missed a really good time. Being Thanksgiving weekend, there were a lot of out of state members visiting the area. I had made reservations for 10, with the possibly of more for dinner at City Steam Brew Pub/Restaurant, 14 members and guests showed up. Many friends and members that we don't see often enough attended. Members from Ohio and Penn. were there for dinner as well as guests from Florida and East Hampton. We had our own private dining area (room), keep in mind reservations for 10 or more, there was room for 12, with 14 of us there it was a VERY intimate dinner!! Three of us in attendance had gone on the CRVBMW Cruise to Florida and the Bahamas, hence many stories going around the table. After dinner 8 of us ambled over to the Civic Center to purchase \$19.50 tickets in a “nose-bleed” section behind the goal (don't let me kid you, EXCELLENT view on ALL that was going on in the game) (in the last 3 minutes, 3 players were ejected for fist fights) to see ALL the action in the game. Steve, the guest from Florida, is a hockey fan. I extend my thanks to him for his patience in explaining the finer points of hockey, penalties, rules etc to those of us new to the sport. The Wolf Pac trounced the Huston Aeros 4-0. There were a lot of penalties on both sides, hence a lot of power plays, 4 on 5 skaters. All at dinner had a good time, a still better time had by those at dinner and the hockey game.

Matt Strus

**And now for something
completely different**

10 PIN BOWLING Monday Jan 19 @ 7:30 PM at Bristol Ten Pin, 177 Farmington Ave (next to Shaw's, behind the Bristol Commons Mall Stores) \$12 per person, including shoes for 2 1/2 hours bowling. Sports Rock USA pub is on site {we need 10 people to get this rate} otherwise it is per game plus shoes. Drop me a line if you hope to attend email to madmatt@deadhorse.com or 860-584-5760 (there is a answering machine). BINGO in February.

Matt Strus

PS the cruise WAS GREAT the team of Penny-Candy-Matt WON \$750 playing BINGO on the ship.

**Cliff's BMW Motorcycles
of Danbury -- Tech Night**

Place: Cliff's BMW Motorcycles of Danbury
84 Mill Plain Road
Danbury, CT 06811

Date: Saturday, Jan 31, 2004

Time: 3:30 PM

Event: Tech Night!!

Join us for our second in a series of Tech Nights at Cliff's BWM Motorcycles of Danbury (www.cliffsbmw.com) Learn more about your BMW and how it operates. Tips and techniques for a better and more knowledgeable riding experience.

Pizza and soda to be served. To RSVP or for more info contact service@cliffsbmw.com

Good Thoughts on Tire Gauges

I have a Roadgear that I got for \$20 and have compared it with the ANSI compliant gauges at work. It has been within 0.1lb each time. However what I have been in the habit of doing is using a style I learned at the Rally this year. I check them at home, then when I get about 15 miles in I stop and check again to see if the pressure has gone up by 10%. It also helps that my commute to the office is 16 miles.

I will also say that I trust my feeling of the handling more than I trust myself to remember to check the pressure.

However the first weekend of every month, even winter months... I check the tires. The check is both visual and pressure check.

Brian Fisk

CRV Web Site Address

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

February Newsletter Deadline

Sunday, January 25, is the deadline for
submitting articles for the next newsletter.

CRVBMW Winter Banquet

When: Saturday, January 24, 2004
Where: Polish National Home
60 Charter Oak Avenue
Hartford
Social Hour: 6-7 p.m.
Dinner: Buffet dinner with dessert,
beginning at 7p.m.
Activities: Music, Awards, Prizes

This will be a very enjoyable evening in a European style club atmosphere. Good food, good drinks, good friends. If you've been there, you will surely return. All members, family and friends are welcome.

Cost: \$20 per person payable to CRVBMW

Reservations: Send to:

Larry Friedman
900 Granville Rd.
Westfield, Ma. 01085

Reservation Deadline: Monday, January 19

Directions:

I-91, Capitol Area exit
Then take first exit
Left at end of ramp
1/4 mile to light, turn right on Charter Oak Ave.
Parking is on the right - look for BMW sign

Items For Sale or Wanted For Sale

1994 BMW R100 Mystic, BMW hard bags 28K miles asking \$6k. Contact Clyde Pratt 607-725-7011 or E-mail qwak@juno.com (ad posted 1/04)
69/2 conversion, '79 R100 motor and Ural sidecar, asking \$8k Contact Clyde Pratt 607-725-7011 or E-mail qwak@juno.com (ad posted 1/04)

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

2003 and 2004 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.

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May

May 28-31 -- (CRV)18th Charter Oak Rally. Current details are on page 3.

CRVBMW's Grand Tour Awards Banquet

The CRVBMW's Grand Tour Awards Banquet Will be held at The Troutbrook Restaurant in Windsor, Ct. On January 11, 2004, starting at 1pm.

Join us for an afternoon of eating, drinking, swapping stories, exciting door prizes and looking at the photos of places near and far.

As in years past, we will display selected photos from the tour and have awards for visiting the most towns, as well as the patches for each level of achievement. Unofficially, there will be those amongst us, which will feel the need to exercise some bragging rights. I will leave it to the participants to decide which is the best tale.

The banquet is open to all of the participants of this year's grand tour, as well as significant others and anyone else interested in attending. The banquet will be "order from the menu", so please bring enough money to pay for yourself and any *deserving* hosts.

Please forward your intent of attending to: Mark Altschwager at maltschwager@comcast.net or by snail mail 12 Gildersleeve Ave., Canton, Ct. 06019; or by phone (860) 693-6460

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Reservation details for this year's Winter Banquet are found on page 3.