

# CRVBMW NEWS

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## Ramblings from Red Hook

Siouxzanne Harris

This was not a high mileage season for me. Plans to go to the National in Spokane were thwarted when friends decided they were going to get married in July.

My consolation destination was to be the AMA Vintage Days in Mid -Ohio. Right before leaving for that trip another friend- who we only see once or twice a year called and said he would be in town that weekend!!

So this was the season we went to more+“camp-outs” than rallies.

The first event of the season was the Borella Pizza Ride in early April.

That was a great way to see old friends for the first of the season!

We went the night before and spent the evening eating and hanging out with John, Andrea, Josh, and Ray McKenna. The next morning bikes started arriving in a continuous stream from 9:30 till 11:30. We visited for a while and headed home through Massachusetts following rt. 57 for the most part. Later in April was Brian’s Breakout campout on the river Windsor CT. This was another great campout- to

add to that excitement I low-sided on some sand in a sharp curve on 57 and had to cobble together a shift lever with right angle metal pieces, hose clamps, and duct tape!! Then trying to make up for lost time I got stop by the cops in Granby. Got out with just a warning.

Hook, NY then we went to Clyde and Diane’s Campout in Kirkwood. That was a great party- complete with a birthday cake for RJ and fireworks!!

July started with another campout for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend with a big group of friends on top of a mountain in Massachusetts , and then

just some day rides up to Vermont, around the Catskills, etc. due to friends and weddings.

August brought the Damn Yankee campout and then Bobbles Beaver Brook Beer Bash!!

That was right in the middle of all those hurricanes hitting Florida and running up the cost. The weather report was full of such doom and gloom that MOST people went to that one by car (Brainfish rode J). That was a great event- with friends all helping out to put together several fabulous meals. Digger Dan was there and it was nice to see him in good spirits- moving around aided

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

November 20 -- CRV Election Meeting

by a cane since the lightning strike on his new bike!!

We also got to spend a week up in the Adirondacks staying with friends who ride- so we did some notches and ate tons of food. Burp!!



Finger Lakes Rally Labor Day weekend is one of my favorite events. Again getting to spend the weekend with friends and riding great roads. This year we also booked a van that took us to several wineries the safe way!!

Fall riding and camping is always fun! The club picnic was huge success and later in September was the Moto Guzzi rally in NE Connecticut. It always has more beemers than guzzis- and then the first weekend of October was our Buzzard Crest Bash. A small turnout this year, but the weather was cooperative and the food was great. Two more weekends of great riding doing the leaf peeping thing and getting the old homestead prepared for the colder weather- and we just returned from the fall Borella Pizza Ride, riding through incredible yellows and reds the whole way.



As you can see, most of the time was spent at campouts rather than rallies. I so enjoy these small venues- knowing everyone there so you can shoot the breeze comfortably, getting to ride some new roads with a shared home base, pooling our creative energies for food and fun, sitting around the campfire till the wee hours. When people open up their home and property to share the

weekend with other motorcyclists, I always feel such a sense of community. I have made such great friends in this club- people who I love to ride with, talk to, and camp with. Winter makes it harder to get together, but somehow we still manage.



The season is not over yet. Next weekend is the bean run in Wyalusing Pennsylvania and the following weekend is a campout at Somerset Reservoir in Vermont. After that is Brainfish's campout in Ct. Last year we woke up to 14-degree temperatures!! But the night was grand and included pork roasts, fresh baked apple pies, and a lunar eclipse!!

My non-riding friends think I am crazy when I tell them that I ride 100+ miles to sleep in a tent in the cold and eat camp food. But they don't understand. They probably never will!!

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The plan was to go for a ride on Saturday and enjoy some of Connecticut fall foliage on the way to the campout. What campout you may ask. Well John and Andrea Borrela's Campout and Fall Pizza ride.

I was to meet Joni at the intersection of Routes 6 and 66. I was going to a bit early so I really met her as she was leaving from Brother Fred's place. We headed out sans Fred who was in the middle of a reassemble of his Moto Guzzi. Wishing him well and saying we will see him later or Sunday morning we left.

Off into light traffic we went, first to the gas stop. The only one that I would need this weekend. From there we headed out to Bolton and on. One of the many rides I have been on I noticed a road that I wanted to see where it went. I had a vague idea where it would go and was not let down. I ended up on rte. 44 and it missed some lights. Not a good thing in this case because we needed to cross traffic and there was not a light here. After some wait and a fast start we did indeed get on to 44 heading east.

This was to prove to be the place on the entire trip where the ride bogged down due to the volume of cars. We rode out to Abington on 44 where we split off and got over to 169 south across rte 6 and on to a back road which brought us out to, you guessed it rte 6 again. Oh well we followed this to almost the Rhode Island border.

John's place is on rte 6 and we were there.

After saying hello to folks that were already there the tents were set up and our little nests were made. I wanted to have some beer for around the campfire so Joni and I left for a while. We stopped here and there and found just the really standard brews, I being fussy wanted to have something from Rhode Island. Oh yes we did head east in our small quest. I was turning ugly after 15 miles and we just turned around and headed back and there was small store that I stopped at. Filling our order. It was rapidly getting dark now! I wanted to off the road by dark and we were.

Timing was great! Supper was ready just as we got back. And oh what a meal. Pork Shoulder slow cooked all day ,and salad done by Andrea. Jon Gorman pitched in with a Jambalya. All very good. Oh did I mention dessert? Brownies ala' John Borrela.

Now it was time to retire to the fire pit where our hosts had set up a large bonfire for the evening. Nothing like a caveman TV. We kept warm two ways one from the fire and two from moving away from and back to the fire. Some of us kept warm by moving our jaws in rapid movements and expelling words.

Good stories, by all. John Shields had his tent setup when we were gone, Jon Gorman was already set up. Ray Mckenna was staying inside, along with Voyle and Sioux Harris. John Baddeen came in around 9 PM. He also stayed in side. Pretty much by midnight we were all turned in for the night. A good night rest, not as cold as predicted. What good night!

Upon waking in the AM we were able to bring the fire back to life just to take a slight chill out of the air. It was easy to pack up everything was dry. Although we did take our time doing this. Coffee finally was done and we were able to really get our eyes open to take in the day.

The morning was gray, and I think that might have affected on how many showed up. That just left more muffins and pastries that John was making fresh for us. I believe over 30 riders were on hand when were ready to leave for the Pizza King. I led a small group over. I think John took the rest on a short ride in the back way.

The owners were waiting for us so our orders were taken and delivered. All in all a good time.

The ride back was to be little more scenic, but Mother Nature had other thoughts on the matter. So it turned out to be more of a direct ride home.

We ran into a drizzle for 15 miles or so. When Fred and Joni turned to head toward the barn, Harley Joe and I kept going over to RTE 384 and home. But the rain stopped, damm I should have headed home on the back roads.

My thanks go out to the Borrelas for being wonderful hosts year in and year out.

Brian Fisk

## Details from the October Meeting

Brian was appointed as Rally Chairman for a two-year period to include the 19th and 20th Charter Oak rallies.

Nominations for the Nov. 20 election were:

President: Larry Friedman  
Vice Pres.: Lenny LaRose  
Secretary: Bill Drachenberg  
Treasurer Mark Altschwager  
Member at Large  
Keith Olsen and Tracy Smith  
Road Captain Brian Fisk  
Assistant Road Captain:  
Fred Bjorkland, Chris Jennings, and  
Fred Rosenbaum

Forrest is endorsing Mark as his replacement.

Tracy is pleased to transfer his duties to Bill.

Both Tracy and Forrest want a break and they have done truly fine service for our club for years. They will both remain active in CRV activities and enjoy the ride.

The second and third place candidates for Assistant Road Captain will become active participants in planning and leading rides though they will not have votes in the executive committee.

A donation motion for the Marlboro 4 H was tabled until the next meeting

Dues are to remain at \$20

Motions to donate \$500 to the AMA and the MDA were passed

Submitted by Lenny LaRose

## November CRV Meeting Election Meeting

The CRV Meeting, on November 20, beginning at 2:00PM, at Digger McDuff's in Cromwell. Digger McDuff's is located at 193 Shunpike Road, in Cromwell, CT. Digger's is just south of the Rocky Hill-Cromwell town line. It is right next to a car wash.

### Directions:

**From I-91 South Bound:** Exit at Exit 23. Turn right at the end of the exit and then a left at Route 3 (Shunpike Rd.). Digger's is on the right in about 2 miles.

**From Route 9 North Bound:** Exit at the Route 3 Exit (Exit 19??). Take a left at the bottom of the exit and then a right at Shunpike Rd. (Route 3 North). Diggers is on the left in about 1 3/4 miles.

## 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.

### November

November 20 -- CRV Meeting. Details on page 3.

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## Items For Sale or Wanted For Sale

1994 K75RT, 37K miles, excellent condition. Stainless steel brake lines, tank cover, tank bag, bag liners, Reynold's back rest, temp and fuel gauges. New front tire (not on bike), new front brake pads. Asking \$5,200 or B.O. Contact John Allen at 860-589-6815 or ljallen2@msn.com (ad posted 11/04)

1999 R1100RA 26,000 mi. If interested contact Bev Perry at 203-445-0676 (ad posted 11/04)

ALL ITEMS GO TO THE FIRST REASONABLE OFFER  
-Saddlebag liners for "system" bags as used on '92 K100 and many other BMWs.

-BMW tankbag, liner, and rain cover from '92 K bike. (may fit others)

-BMW battery charger.

-Bridgestone Battleax radial tire 160/60 ZR18...( '92 K100RS rear) tubeless radial. Lots of tread. One tiny puncture professionally patched.

Contact Steve Varhol at 860-583-9893 or packardsix@yahoo.com (ad posted 11/04)

The following items were installed on a 1998 R110R. They will fit other models as well.

-Corbin dual seat, black. Very good condition. Asking \$200.00

-BMW hand guards. Very good condition. Asking \$50.00

-Techlusion TFi unit. (eliminates surging on single spark oil-heads) asking \$50.00

I will guarantee the above items for sixty days. If not satisfied, full refund. Any questions please call or contact Pat McGinley at rpatrickmc@comcast.net or (860)7478653

### Wanted

PD Airhead , R100GS , R80GS , KTM 950 .....looking to buy one of these motorcycles. Please contact Jim: 860-926-0272 ( weekdays after 8PM ) Or email to faucher@mindspring.com.

## December Newsletter Deadline

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

## Voting Instructions for CRV Officer Elections for 2005

In an attempt to make it easier for you to vote, there are three ways you may vote for CRV Officers for 2005.

### Option 1: Attend the CRV Meeting on November 20, receive a ballot, and cast your vote.

To vote by Option 1, attend the CRV Meeting on November 20. Details of the meeting are on page 3.

### Option 2: Mail a printed copy of your ballot.

To vote by Option 2, use a printed copy of the ballot found on page 5 of this newsletter.

For each position, **circle** the **one** candidate you wish to cast a vote for.

If you choose to have a "Write-in Vote", on the available line for the position, print the person's name you are voting for, then circle the name.

Cut the ballot at the marked line and mail your completed ballot to:

Forrest Anderson  
95 Boardman Road  
East Haddam, CT 06423

Ballots must be received by Friday, November 19, 2004.

### Option 3: Cast your vote by email.

To vote by Option 3, go to the URL:

<http://www.crvbmw.org/Election/CRVElection04.html>

A link to the above site will be available on the CRV Web Site. When you get to the Election Web Site, follow the instructions printed at this site. Ballots must be received by Friday, November 19, 2004.

## Important Details

Anyone voting by Option 2 or Option 3 will lose the privilege of voting during the CRV Meeting on November 20. This includes the right to vote for any candidates nominated for a position at that meeting.

In the event that you submit two ballots, only the first ballot received will be accepted, processed, and recorded.



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**Details on the 2005 CRV Officer Election are enclosed**