

CRVBMW NEWS

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Riding with Marshall

Vern Wulle

I had a great time at the 2004 CRVBMW picnic. Hats off to Larry again for setting it up! It was at the 2003 picnic that I came across a fellow CRV member named Marshall Robinson. Since that time I've skipped many a lazy man's breakfast rides in favor of going on some great rides with him. Just this month alone he set-up two great rides. The first was a trip to upstate New York to go on a fossil hunt! We meet up with a group of about a dozen riders, many from the East Coast Amateur Motorcycle Club.

We took a scenic ride to Great Barrington where we ate at Martin's Restaurant. Then we drove to the Catskill Mountains where we went on our fossil hunt. Marshall set up a local person to explain the history of the ice age that formed the fossils we were to look for. Then along a water bed I actually found a real fossil. We then headed back and ate at a Polish diner. It was a 400-mile ride.

On Friday, the 10th of August, Marshall had a ride to New Hampshire and Vermont. We left Waterbury early Friday morning and we met-up with the rest of our group around noon in New Hampshire. We rode the Kancamagus Highway then stopped at the base of the

White Mountains for lunch. Next, we drove to Vermont and the group crashed at a local motel. We then took another great ride through Vermont. We ate at the Hawk Resort for lunch, and stopped at a roadside stand for souvenirs. This ride was about 700 miles.

I just mentioned two rides, but there were many more over the last year. Howe Caverns was another great ride also. If anyone wants to do some long rides on a Sunday morning Marshall usually has a great ride planned.

The Springfield Mile

The summer passed to quickly as it always does. One of my high points was a trip out to the Springfield mile in Springfield Illinois on Labor Day weekend. For those unfamiliar with it, the Springfield mile is to flattracking as Daytona is to Nascar. I saw some great racing on both the short track Saturday night and the Mile on Sunday. I don't remember who won the 883 Sportster Performance Mile, but I can tell you who came in 5th, Nichole

Cheza, a very fast young lady. Between the qualifying heats and the feature they have this deal where you can pay \$10 and do a parade lap around the mile track. I felt this was worth the 10 bucks and did it along with George Nowatne. It was fun and besides you also receive a pin "I rode the Springfield Mile". When we were in the infield with our bikes after the races, most of the autograph signing was done and the race teams were leaving. I saw an open gate leading onto the track. I thought, why not. Just before we left, George, Bruce and myself did our own lap around the mile. It was great. I think I enjoyed it more than the first trip around.

The trip out was great with a stop at the Ecksley Miners Village in Pa., worth checking out if you are interested in PA coal mining history. From then on it was super-slabbing it to about 15 mi from Ohio on I80 to one of my favorite motels. The next day was westbound exploring lightly used roads west of Akron, Ohio and then meeting my friend Bruce in Decatur, Ind for lunch after which we continued west to his home in Urbana, IL. If

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

- October 8-10 -- 29th Falling Leaf Rally
- October 8-11 -- Rubber Cow Campout
- October 17 -- CRV Meeting.
- October 23 -- Best of the West Ride
- October 24 -- Cliff's Fall Open House

somehow you wind up about 25 miles east of Illinois a bit north of I74, check out Wingate, Indiana for fuel or etc., no real reason for doing it of course.

VP Lenny

A drunk walks into a biker bar, sits down at the bar and orders a drink. Looking around, he sees 3 men sitting at a corner table. He gets up, staggers to the table, leans over, looks the biggest, meanest, biker in the face and says:

"I went by your grandma's house today and I saw her in the hallway buck naked. Man, she is one fine looking woman!"

The biker looks at him and doesn't say a word. His buddies are confused, because he is one bad biker and would fight at the drop of a hat.

The drunk leans on the table again and says: "I got it on with your grandma and she is good, the best I ever had!"

The biker's buddies are starting to get really mad but the biker still says nothing.

The drunk leans on the table one more time and says, "I'll tell you something else, boy, your grandma liked it!"

At this point the biker stands up, takes the drunk by the shoulders looks him square in the eyes and says,

"Grandpa,..... Go home, you're drunk"

submitted by
Stephen Varhol

Items at the CRV Club Store

Reflective vests are available through the club store. Two-inch reflective strips with/out club logo are \$30. Two-inch w/logo is \$35. Three-inch (one green, one white, and one green reflective strips) with/out logo is \$40 . . . with club logo it's \$45. One size fits all. matt strus madmatt@deadhorse.com

Matt Strus

Cliff's Fall Open House

2nd Annual Bavarian Blast!!! Cliff's Fall Open House on October 24 from 10 AM-3PM Join us for a day of fun, food, prizes, specials, vendors, and great, great people....Our Fall Bavarian Blast last year was tons of fun...don't miss it this year!!! Cliff's BMW Motorcycles of Danbury, 84 Mill Plain Road, Danbury, CT. 203-798-2779

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.

October

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Items For Sale or Wanted For Sale

1978 R80/7, 56000 miles in excellent plus condition. Good tires, new battery, new tune up. Has short handlebars and a cafe fairing and is a really neat bike. I can email photos. \$2850 Contact Marshall at 1-203-271-2378 or mkrobinson@cox.net (ad posted 9/04)

1968 Triumph T100C. One owner classic 500 cc motorcycle. Purchased new from Pioneer Valley Motorcycle Sales in Westfield, MA. Asking \$3,500. Contact Marc Phelps at 413-569-3381 or email mgphelps01@comcast.net (ad posted 8/04)

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

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

November Newsletter Deadline

Monday, October 25, is the deadline for submitting articles for the next newsletter.

October CRV Meeting

The October Meeting, on October 17, will take place at Central Pizza in Berlin, CT. Central Pizza is located at 96 Mill Street, west of Route 9 and the Berlin Turnpike, at the junction of Mill St. and Webster Square St. in Berlin, CT (adjacent to route 9.) Telephone: 860-828-0133. The meeting will begin at 2:00P.M. Come and share stories from your rides, rallies and other events.

Best of the West Ride

You've ridden the northern, central, and eastern parts of the state . . . well on Saturday, October 23, is your chance to ride the best of the western side of CT. Hopefully, it will be a great way to enjoy a beautiful fall day. We're going to ride from Greenwich, where we'll pass some of the homes of the rich and famous, up to the Mass. border and return south to Route 84, in Newtown. **This is not a high speed adventure**, but a day to enjoy the curves, country roads, and hopefully little traffic at a relaxed and fun pace. Rest and food stops are planned. For most of the day we'll be within 15 miles of the CT border, either in NY or CT.

The ride will begin promptly at 9:30AM, from the McDonalds, directly across from Exit 5, off of Route 95. Come early and enjoy breakfast at McDonald's or coffee and a snack at a nearby, great little Italian bakery. If you want to start a little later, there's a spot to join the ride in Danbury around 10:30. The ride will end between 3:00 and 4:00 in Newtown. **This ride will not be held if it rains.** If you plan on going on the ride please telephone or email me a day or two prior to the ride. Contact me at 203-531-6447 or email to crvbmwr@aol.com Hope to hear from you and see you at the ride.

Keith Olsen

Free to the Interested

Michelin Macadam 90X radial 160/60 ZR 18 40%-50% old.
Free to good home. Contact John Wareham at 860-685-2214

\$100 gift certificate towards the purchase, repair, or service of any Works Shocks directly from Works Performance. Donated by Jim Prabalos. May be requested from Keith Olsen at the October CRV Meeting.

October 2004

If you missed the CRV Barbecue you missed . . .

Sharing stories with friends . . .



. . . and great food on a perfect September day.



Thank you to Larry for all his planning and work towards making this a special day.

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Enjoy a ride and attend the October CRV Meeting on Sunday, October 17