

CRVBMW NEWS

A Newsletter for Members of the Connecticut River Valley BMW Riders, Inc.

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Sturgis 2005

by Vern Wulle

Just finished my 4.5K ride to Sturgis, South Dakota. John and I left from his girlfriend's house in Prospect at 7:30 on Saturday, August 6th. We road mostly backloads the entire way to Sturgis. Pennsylvania was one long state to drive thru. When we got there at 10am little did I think we would still be in the same sate at 5pm. We stopped in Ashland, Ohio where we ate at a great restaurant called Jakes (best Prime Rib I've ever had). Back on the road early Sunday, we drove thru Indiana and Illinois and stopped at Davenport Iowa where we met up with Paul, Mike, and Bill. Had another great meal at "The Machine Shed" and enjoyed Bills magic tricks and stories and spent the night there.



Iowa was interesting. It was so hot I put on my HJC half helmet. Kept getting hit by bugs but I've never felt

something that bad before. I asked a girl at the next gas stop and she said they were flying grasshoppers. We stopped that night at Mitchell South Dakota. The next morning we checked out the Corn Palace in downtown Mitchell, then hit Cabala's. We had a long drive to Deadwood, because we stopped at the Badlands first and hit Wall Drug in Wall South Dakota. Next, we hit the city of Deadwood where we were going to spend the next four days.

We unpacked our bikes at the lodge in the center of town and hit Cody's Saloon for some beers. It took us four days to get to Deadwood about 1800 miles.

Wednesday, we took a long ride to Wyoming to checkout Devils Tower and the local town of Huwit. Huwit was pretty crazy, a mini Sturgis (like Deadwood). Later, we drove to Keystone (like Sturgis also). We ate there, and then drove up the road to Mount Rushmore.

Got to see it in daylight, then at nighttime with lights shining on it. We saw lighting on the horizon when we drove back to Deadwood at 10pm. Half way back to Deadwood we got clobbered by a bad rainstorm.

Thursday, we test drove Victory's new Hammer, Triumph's Rocket 3, and Kawasaki's 1600 Meanstreak. Bill said it best, they

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

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are nice bikes to drive to Jimmy's to get clams. We then spent 3-4hrs walking the streets of Sturgis. More of everything here than the other party places. Can't believe how many chopper's people are trying to sell.

Friday, we drove to Custer State Park. Cool seeing Buffalo right next to the road with no fence either (scary too). We ate in Custer, and then hit Crazy Horse Monument. It is four times the size of Mount Rushmore, but still has a long way to go to get finished.

Saturday, it started to rain a lot and the whole bike week was coming to a fast ending. I got \$23 T-shirts at the Deadwood Harley dealer for just \$10. The ride back was a long one with Paul's Gold wing breaking down in Indiana. We could have done an 800 mile single day or two 400 mile trips. We chose the latter and stopped by York, PA, to see the Harley Davidson Factory. Finally got home by Wednesday night at 9pm, it was a long trip, but I had some of the best times of my life.

Minutes of the November CRVBMW Riders' Monthly Meeting

Meeting called to order on November 27, 2005 at 2:15 PM with 25 members present.

Treasurer's report read and accepted.

Connecticut Public television is looking for volunteers to answer the phones during a fund drive. The club is looking at volunteering an evening or some time during a weekend, possibly in March of '06. The veterans of this Endeavour ensure a good time for all who participate. Stay tuned for further details.

President Larry discussed the winter Banquet to be held on January 21 at the Polish National Home, 60 Charter Oak Avenue, Hartford Ct. If you haven't made this event in a while or at all, think of attending the banquet as an easily attainable new year's resolution.

Elections:

Keith Olsen, Member at Large made the following nominations.

President: Larry Friedman

Vice President: Lenny Larose

Treasurer: Mark Altschwager

Secretary: Vacant

Road Captain: Brian Fisk

Co Road Captain: Chris Jennings

Member at Large: Keith Olsen

The Secretary cast one ballot for all nominees.

The Club Secretary's position has gone unfilled. The executive board is rearranging duties of the chairs to handle the business of the club.

Brian Fisk made the motion to keep dues the same as last year. Motion seconded by Chris Jennings, accepted by unanimous voice vote.

Rides and Rallies:

The BMW MOA rally will be held on July 20th to the 23rd. in Burlington, Vermont

The BMW RA Rally will be held on July 6th to the 9th in Boise, Idaho

The New years Day ride, will Start from the Rte. 72 Diner. Located at route 372.and Beckley Rd. Berlin, Ct. The road has changed names since diner originally opened but the date is still the same, 1-1. Tanks full and kick stands up at 11am. Arrive earlier for breakfast.

There will be a rally planning meeting on January 21 starting at 4:30, at the Polish National Home. Same date and place as the winter banquet, just an hour and 1/2 before our Winter Banquet.

The same weekend, (1/22/06), The New York International Motorcycle show takes place at the Javits center in New York City. Stay tuned for further details about getting to the show.

Meeting adjourned at 3pm
Bill Drachenberg

CRV Web Site Address

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

New Year's Day Ride

Hey its time for the annual New Year's Day Ride. So circle your Sunday January 1st. 2006. We will meet at 10 AM for breakfast, Plan on leaving at 11 AM. Show up with a full tank and empty bladders . Those that have breakfast can lighten their er! ahh! load just before we leave.

The starting point will be at the RTE 72 Diner (formerly the Good ... Plenty) in Berlin CT. it is located about 1 mile from ether RTE. I91 or the Berlin Turnpike on RTE 372.

If you just want to show up for breakfast you may do so. The ride will depend on the type of weather that Mother Nature decides.

Any questions call Brian at 1-860-635-1173. But do so on Saturday and before I go out or you might not get me!

Brian

Welcome to New CRVBMW Members

The following are new members to our club. This list includes members who enrolled as far back as September 2004, but who were not acknowledged and recognized as new members to the club. Please welcome these new members into our club when you meet them at our meetings, rides, and other activities sponsored by the club

Tom Cameron from Newtown

Nord and Jeanine Christensen from West Simsbury

Rick Crane from Woodbridge

Joseph "Hitch" Hitchery from Niantic

Bob Johnson from Newtown

Jeffrey Lundberg from Ridgefield

Thom McKinlay from Chesire

Chauncey "Mitch" and Freda Mitchell from

Willimantic

Todd O'Keefe from Storrs

Guy Roberts from Windsor

Chuck Shirley from Cromwell

Paul Stockmann from New Fairfield

Jack Williams from Weston

Items For Sale or Wanted For Sale

Holsclaw Motorcycle Trailer. Carries two bikes. Asking \$225. If interested contact George Schmidt at 203-743-0271. (ad posted 12/05)

Several Items:

Corbin smoke grey leather seats for R1100 or 1150RT excellent condition \$75

Aerostream windshield for 1100 or 1150 RT very good condition \$90

Contact Don Hight at 860-674-0409 or email dwhight@comcast.net (ad posted 12/05)

1995 BMW K75, Arctic Silver, 18K, BMW RT Fairing, saddle bags, trunk, electric windshield, engine guards, 2 electric plugs, wp cover, new tires, garaged, dealer maintained, very clean. Asking \$5,000 or B.O. Contact Walter Wutsch at 860-563-7108 (ad re-posted 12/05)

1979/81 Ducati Darmah 900 "SS Special", which has been awarded numerous prizes since I finished restoring it in 1993. Featured in Old Bike Journal and ESPN. 3979 km (2472 miles) since 1993. Please contact me at: yolph.nikki@worldnet.att.net Rolf Bjork (ad posted 10/05)

2002 Ducati MH900e (No.1513 of 2000 units built). Many aftermarket parts by Ducati Performance, such as an all-titanium exhaust system. 229 km (143 miles). Please contact me at: yolph.nikki@worldnet.att.net Rolf Bjork (ad posted 10/05)

2000 R1100R, 41K miles, Silver/Black, uncommon Gimble fairing, BMW Saddlebags, BMW Top Case, Bill Mayer seat, \$5100. Selling bike for friend currently overseas in military. Photos available. Located in Latham, NY. Contact Josh Ascher at either jascher@nycap.rr.com or 518-785-4671. (ad posted 10/05)

2001 MV Agusta 750 F4S (No.227), with carbon fiber exhaust system and other aftermarket features. 1045 miles. Please contact me at: yolph.nikki@worldnet.att.net Rolf Bjork (ad posted 10/05)

Wanted

Nothing currently listed

Free

Safety Stand for an R1200 Cruiser. Contact Walter Wutsch at 860-563-7108 (ad posted 12/05)

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CRVBMW Members Hawaiian Cruise Opportunity

This will be Kat's ... my 3rd cruise. We had such a great time with fellow members of the CRVBMW CLUB, we thought it would be great, if we did a Hawaiian Cruise with fellow friends ... members of the CRVBMW CLUB. We chose Hawaii because; I have been there and I always wanted to return. I rented a Honda 350 the last time I was there, and toured the Island of Oahu. This time We plan to fly there two day's early and rent a Motorcycle to tour Oahu. This will complete Kat's 50th state on a motorcycle.

The NCL Cruise will also be in port for two days, but only one night on Maui. This will allow us to go, on THE ROAD TO HANNA VIA MOTORCYCLE and the road to the top of a volcano. I have been told by many motorcyclist, that, there are many motorcycle roads and there are many motorcycles to rent. Come join us. We already have four people signed up for the Cruise.

Least Expensive fare \$1,530.28

Air Fare with Cruise \$549, plus tax if booked with Cruise from Bradley

Cancellation Insurance \$122

Call Jane AT AAA Travel in Pittsfield 413 443-4943

or FAX 413 442-3942

Jim Haggerty ... Kat Bravo 413 442-8485

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.

January

January 1 -- New Year's Day Ride. Details on page 3.

January 21 -- CRVBMW Winter Banquet. Details below.

CRVBMW Winter Banquet

When: Saturday, January 21, 2006

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: \$25 per person payable to CRVBMW

Reservations: Send to:

Larry Friedman
900 Granville Rd.
Westfield, Ma. 01085

Reservation Deadline: Monday, January 16

January Newsletter Deadline

Friday, December 23, is the deadline for submitting articles for the next newsletter.

**If you are
planning to
attend the
CRVBMW
Winter Banquet
on Saturday,
January 21,
please
send in your
registration
early (today would be
perfect) to help
Larry with the
planning.
Thank you**

Current Members for 2006

Beginning in January or February, you will be receiving information concerning renewal of your CRVBMW club membership. It is hoped that all members will renew in a timely manner after receiving your membership renewal application. To assist you in your planning, the **club members listed below are paid and already active club members for 2006.**

Most of these people became active members for 2006 by attending the CRVBMW Barbecue in September. Instead of receiving a refund for their attendance, they applied their payment to cover their 2006 membership.

Approximately ten of these people are new members of the club who did not get added to our club roster. Since they were not on our roster, they did not receive any information or newsletters to become aware of club activities. For this reason a recommendation was made at the October CRV Meeting to apply these new members over as 2006 members. The recommendation was resoundingly approved and applied to these new members.

If your name does not appear in the list below and you are planning to renew your membership . . . do not send in an application at this time. All current club members will receive an information sheet to verify and a membership form for those members who are not currently active for 2006.

John Allen	Brian Fisk	Todd O'Keefe
Linda Allen	Larry Friedman	Keith Olsen
Deborah Lee Altschwager	Linda Friedman	Barbara Phelps
Mark Altschwager	Todd Gagnon	Marcus Phelps
Forrest Anderson	Joe Goneau	Jim Prabulos
April Arnold	Jack Greenlaw, Jr.	John Raymond
Richard Arnold	Jim Haggerty	Judi Raymond
Josh Ascher	Hitch Hitchery	Guy Roberts
Nicola Bjork	Chris Jennings	Fred Rosenbaum
Rolf Bjork	Bob Johnson	Curly Schmidt
Batman Bjorkland	Carole Johnson	Amber Shepard
Andi Borella	Dick Johnson	Art Shepard
John Borella	Dennis Kelly	Chuck Shirley
Tom Cameron	Bruce Lamke	Tracy Smith
Nord Christensen	Mary Lamke	Mike Snowden
Paul Clifford	Lenny LaRose	Millie Snowden
Linda Combe	Bob Ljungquist	John Stiefel
Rick Crane	Jeffrey Lundberg	Maria Stiefel
Peter DeSeno	Pat McGinley	Paul Stockmann
Don Dupuis	Ray McKenna	Matt Strus
Jane Dupuis	Thom McKinlay	Ron Voog
Charles Famolare	Keith Miska	Jack Williams
Jim Faucher	Mitch Mitchell	
Shirley Faucher	Bobble Naramore	

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The Club, organized in 1986, is primarily a social club whose members are a diverse group of active men and women with a love of motorcycle travel and adventure. Our members range in age from 20 to 78. While most members are experienced and excellent riders, novices and new owners are encouraged to join, for both riding companionship and technical assistance.

As a prospective member, you are asked to attend the first scheduled meeting after applying for membership. This allows you to get to know us and we you. Yearly dues (currently at \$20 for Full Members) helps defray costs of our newsletters. Associate memberships are available to other family members living in the same household for an additional charge of \$10 each.

The club meets monthly at different locations across the State of Connecticut (with the exception of July, August and December), usually on the third Saturday or Sunday of the month. Business portions of the meetings are kept as brief as possible. Meeting attendance is suggested but not required.

As our name suggests, we stress owning a BMW motorcycle; however, anyone who rides (and has a license to ride) a street-legal motorcycle is welcome to apply for membership. Currently in our club owners ride other European brands, many Japanese bikes, and several Harleys! We are chartered by the BMW Motorcycle Owners of America, BMW Riders Association and the American Motorcyclist Association.

A club newsletter is published monthly, informing the members of forthcoming meetings and events. The newsletter is also used for advertising motorcycles and parts for sale or wanted, and for announcements of interest to the members. We have a dealer discount program that will save you money on the purchase of parts and accessories at participating dealers. You are only required to show your membership card.

Our Club is incorporated as a nonprofit (social status) organization. The Club organizes a number of events, such as our Charter Oak Rally, held every year on Memorial Day weekend. Other events include the Michael Bristol Memorial Ride for Muscular Dystrophy, the Club Picnic, Awards Banquet, and numerous rides coordinated by our Road Captains. We also participate in SuperRide and volunteer at Connecticut Public Television. There are many opportunities to join in, have fun, ride our bikes and promote the sport of motorcycling!

If, after the above, we've still got your interest, please print the application form below, complete it, and send it with your check for \$20.00 to the address listed. We in turn will send you a copy of our most recent newsletter and a questionnaire. Do it today. In our opinion, you couldn't make a better decision.

The Executive Committee
Connecticut River Valley BMW Riders, Inc.

Membership Application

Please print clearly

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - Please print clearly!

Date: ____/____/____

Full Member Name: _____

Nickname(if used): _____

Address: _____

City, State: _____

Zip: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Phone [home]:(____)_____ [work]: (____)_____

Associate Membership names (if applicable): _____

Send to:
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c/o Keith Olsen
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Send in your registration for our Winter Banquet today. Details are on page 5.