

# CRVBMW NEWS

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## What Are You Gonna Do?

What are you gonna do?  
So you wake up on a Sunday morning, give yourself a stretch, get out of bed and walk into a wall. Well open your eyes! You should miss the wall. What are you going to do? Well if you are up early enough you make sure everything is all set for your Breakfast Ride.

Remember every Sunday there is a brunch ride that meets in Guilford, CT. At the commuter parking lot on Route 77 and I95. We are there at 9:00 a.m. till 9:15 or so. Then the group is off usually in two different directions, but the destination is the same. Breakfast, at the long table (no not the last supper, you were supposed to do that homage before you left for the ride). The long way to breakfast is a quick ride, well fast anyway. But not super sonic, just spirited. It mostly is the same the route (unless I lead), but on occasion it deviates a bit. All in fun. I have a hard time going the same way twice.

Once there at Marty's we are sent to "our ROOM" were we can exchange hellos and other pleasantries. Everyone gets a chance to talk, laugh or frown. It is up to the individual. Run out of coffee, help yourself. But be forewarned you grab the pot you better ask if anyone else wants some.

## Brian Fisk

Yes it is casual, should it be anyway else? I think not! It is sorta like back door friends, which are best. I have never had a bad time at the "Lazy Man's Brunch".

This past weekend was a bit cool (read cold), we still had over twenty for the fast breaking. I am not sure who was long distance Fred Bjorkland, Joe Niewinski, or Jon Gorman. Short distance went to Art Daily or George Noewatne Sr. or Jr. Really does not matter, all ate well, and relieved their hot air build ups.

In fact we all did, that's the reason we go, it is easy to be friends there. We all have at least two things in common. Motorcycles and hunger.

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## Happy New Year 2005

## From the ofise of the Cat . . . as told to her servant

It is hard to believe another year of riding has passed, but easy to look forward to the next one. I went to some new rallies, met some new people, got to

know some old friends better . . . it was a great year. Next year the plan is more rallies, more riding and spending more time with old and new friends. The weekend at Niantic was great. I hope to do it again, and hope more folks can come. This year will be much easier with much of the decisions, purchases and lessons from last year. I did miss some "house rallies" and small gatherings that I really did hope to attend. They are fun. Thanks to everyone who had one, joined in one, or helped out.

The MDA ride was much smaller this year. It did bring in some good money for a good cause. Thanks to so many volunteers and participants, especially to the many people making donations, contributions of time and skills, and support. This year hopefully Canton Cycles will again host this annual event and the CRV will pitch in. The rain in the first minutes of the ride put a damper on attendance. "Rain happens." Rain was an annual expectation for this ride for many years. Then we had 12 almost perfect days of rides. We are looking into a bike raffle to be a major

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

January 29 -- CRV Awards Banquet

May 21 -- An Experience Rider Course will be available to CRV members

May 27-30 -- Charter Oak Rally

money source and depend less on the ride and day for the fundraising. I will be meeting with some more experienced bike raffle people right after Christmas and will have some ideas and information for the February Newsletter and meeting.

I would appreciate input on why you do go, or why you do not go. What would make the event and the fundraising better. What is a good date? What are fun activities? What have you gone to that you enjoyed or that you saw raised money and awareness? If we can plan early, we can make it work.

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and Precious, too!

## CRVBMW Winter Banquet

- When:** Saturday, January 29, 2005  
**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.

It is hoped that all members who want to, will be able to attend this banquet. Unluckily, there are space limitations which lead to a limited capacity. To guarantee your spot, make your reservation today.

**Cost:** \$20 per person payable to CRVBMW

**Reservations:** Send to:

Larry Friedman  
900 Granville Rd.  
Westfield, Ma. 01085

**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

## 2005 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 29 -- CRV Awards Banquet. Details to the left.

### May

May 21 -- An Experience Rider Course will be available to CRV members on a first-come first-served basis. Details below.

May 27-30 -- Charter Oak Rally. Details will be in the February Newsletter.

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## Experience Rider Course for CRV Members

I took the liberty of asking the manager of the Gateway Community College site to reserve an Experienced Rider Course (ERC) for our club members. The class is scheduled for Saturday, May 21, 2005 in Stratford, CT and will go from 8:00 AM to approximately 4:00 PM. There are 12 slots available and signups will be open only to CRV BMW Club members until April 1, 2005. If slots are unfilled after that date, they will be open to the general public.

If the club does not want to commit to this date/location then please let me know ASAP so I can remove the block on open registrations. If there is a lot of interest, then we can talk to this site or another one about reserving further courses (there is another ERC in Stratford scheduled for the next day, May 22nd).

The contact number to sign up at Gateway is (203) 285-2085. People signing up should mention that they are CRV Club Members and that they want to sign up for ERC 01. The cost for the ERC in 2004 was \$85.00. I'm assuming the price will remain unchanged, but I'll know if it has changed by late January. People passing the ERC are eligible for discounts with most insurance companies.

If the club wants this date, I'd appreciate it if you could add this announcement to the club newsletter and mention it at each club meeting.

George Noewatne

## Items For Sale or Wanted For Sale

1995 K1100 LT, 45K miles, great shape. Good rubber. Throttlemeister, BMW tank bad, Kathy's liners, Corbin and original seats, wired for Garmin GPS V (unit available if wanted). Asking \$6,100. Contact Bill Porter @ 203-315-1160 or wporter@snet.net (ad posted 1/05)

The following items are available from George Schmidt. Contact him at 203-743-0271

- Semi soft Eclipse luggage. Good Condition. \$35.00
  - Two leather jackets, size medium. \$15.00 each.
  - Two Lectric Vests:
    - Widder, size 46, \$20.00
    - BMW, size L, \$20.00
- (ad posted 11/04)

1994 K75RT, 37K miles, excellent condition. Stainless steel brake lines, tank cover, tank bag, bag liners, Reynold's back rest, temp and fuel guages. 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

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## Wanted

No items currently listed.

### 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

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**Don't wait,  
make your  
reservations for the  
CRVBMW Winter  
Banquet today.**

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### January Newsletter Deadline

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

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