

CRVBMW NEWS

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Upcoming Club Activities

Two Ferries and a Republican

What do you get when you cross two ferries and a visit to a Republican president's house? OK . . . now get your mind out of the gutter: the answer is a ride. I will lead a ride crossing by ferry from New London to Orient Point across the Isle of Long and then back across the Sound from Port Jeff to luxurious Bridgeport, CT. The fee is \$22.00 for the New London Ferry for bike and rider. The return trip from Port Jefferson is \$20.50 plus an additional fee. This is also for bike and rider.

We will stop at Sagamore Hill, home of Teddy Roosevelt, and we will also stop some place on Long Island for lunch.

Meet at the Guilford commuter parking lot on Sunday, May 22nd, at 9:00AM. This is at the intersection of Routes 77 and 95. This is the same time and place as the weekly coffee break; however we probably won't stop for breakfast because I want to get to the ferry early. Both ferries recommend reservations but it shouldn't be much of a problem for motorcycles. Call me, Chris Jennings, at 203-368-9281 if the weather is bad but do so by 7:00AM or you may miss me. Bon Voyage.

Chris Jennings

by Various Club Members

And now for something kind of different (with apologies to Matt)

Let's all go see a Baseball Game. The New Britain Rocks Cats are close and cheap. 5 bucks for General Admission. (Plus something for parking.)

Of course you can spend more on food and beverages. That is up to you.

Some of us will be at the Game on the dates listed below. We will try to make it to all the games. But because this is going 4 months out there may be a chance no one from the club there on a particular day. BUT even if you are the only one there from CRV you will have a good time.

The dates and times are listed below. We be in the General Admission seats, Sections 201, 202, 203. They are on the right field/first base line.

These are all on Wednesdays:

June 22 Against Binghamton 6:35
July 27 Against Portland 7:05
August 24 Against Reading 7:05

Penny Podgwaite

After Work Picnic

Come to an after work picnic on Wednesday, May 18th, at Watrous Park, Geer St. Cromwell, CT. We'll be starting at approximately 5 PM in the Pavilion. This is rain or shine, as we have a roof over our heads. Hope to see you there!

Brian Fisk

Hartford County 4-H Camp Clean-up

CRV will participate in the Hartford County 4-H Camp clean-up on May 14th. We should be there in force at or before 9AM. Please let this be a good showing. I know that many things are going on that Day/Weekend. But please at least drop by to lighten the load, so that we all can have fun on the day.

Larry Friedman

May CRV Meeting

The May meeting of CRVBMW Riders will take place after the 4H Camp cleanup at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 14.

There will be a ride to an eatery after the meeting. If you are unable to help with the cleanup that starts that morning, then try to make it to the meeting and ride.

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

May 14 -- Hartford County 4-H Camp Clean-up
May 14 -- Spring Camp Out
May 14 -- CRVBMW Club Meeting
May 18 -- After work picnic
May 21 -- An Experienced Rider Course will be available to CRV member
May 27-30 -- Charter Oak Rally

The Animal Magnetism Grand Tour 2005 Official Rules

The Connecticut River Valley Riders would like to thank you for joining us in the 2005 Animal Magnetism Grand Tour.

1. You are allowed a maximum of seven months, from April 1st to October 31st, 2005, to ride to as many sites as you can.
2. Sites must have a statue of an animal. For purposes of the Grand Tour, a statue is a 3 dimensional representation or a two dimensional representation (i.e. silhouette) in the shape of an animal. (Rectangular signs with animals painted on them are *not* acceptable.) For example, statues of a rider on horseback or of a seal with a ball balanced on it's nose are acceptable, while a rider on an actual horse or a stuffed moose are not.
3. A photo will be used as proof of your visit to a Statue. Required in each photo will be (1) your bike (or any portion of your bike or riding gear), (2) your Grand Tour flag (if you choose to make one) and (3) the Statue. Digital cameras *are* permitted and even encouraged.
4. If entered as rider and passenger, the passenger should be visible in about half of the photos. Although not mandatory, try to get at least one photo with both of you in the photograph. Likewise, it is suggested that single riders try to be in at least one scene as well.
5. Each animal can only be used once as a statue. The exception to this rule is riders on horseback, where it is said that the number of feet that the horse has on the ground indicates the fate of the rider: For these mounted riders, sites with each number of feet (i.e 2, 3, or 4) on the ground is allowed.
6. A maximum of two statues per site is allowed. If a site has multiple statues (for example, a manufacturer of statues with hundreds of statues on display), only two may be used from that site.
7. Participants are encouraged to upload a photo of themselves and their bike at a site to the Photos section of Grand Tour web site.
8. Participants can apply to the Grand Tour Organizer for a participant number. Requests should include name, passenger's name, address, phone number and email address. (Contact information will not be abused by the Grand Tour Organizer.) Flags will not be provided, however participants are welcome to make their own flags. Fabric stores sell iron-on media that can be printed from a standard computer printer and then used to make a flag.
9. Participants will judge their own photos (we are all adults, aren't we?) and self-report their results to the Grand Tour email list prior to October 31, the end of the Grand Tour. Participants are encouraged to create an album at one of the many photo sharing web sites to display their photos for peer review. A link to the album should be provided in the participants self-report of their results.
10. Photos should also be available for verification and inspection by the Grand Tour Organizer, upon request.

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11. If participants would like to submit their mileage from the Grand Tour with their results, they are encouraged to do so, as well as any other information they think other participants may find interesting. Overall Grand Tour results will be compiled after the end of the Grand Tour.
12. Participants are strongly encouraged to join the Grand Tour email list so that they may communicate with other participants and keep up with Grand Tour news. The web site for the Grand Tour email list is located at http://autos.groups.yahoo.com/group/Grand_Tour. In addition to email Messages, the site contains a Files section and a Photos section, as well as archives of past Messages. To register, either go to the web site or send an email to Grand_Tour-subscribe@yahoogroups.com. Upon registering, participants can and select an option where they do not receive any mail, but can still view past messages, files and photos. There may be a short initial delay when initially registering to verify the participant's identity and prevent junk email.
13. There is no fee to participate in the Grand Tour.
14. The Grand Tour ends on October 31. Please report your results prior to that time. Connecticut River Valley BMW Riders reserves the right to use any of the photos submitted however we like, yada, yada, yada. (We may post some on our web site or in our newsletter.)
15. To complete the tour and reach the Bronze achievement level, riders must ride to a minimum of 25 statues. Riders that visit at least 50 statues will move up to the Silver level. The Gold tier of achievement starts at 75 statues.
16. If you are interested in joining the Connecticut River Valley BMW Riders, information is available at: www.crvbmw.org. The CRVBMW organizes many great activities, of which the Grand Tour is only one. (Club membership is *not* limited to BMW riders.)
17. The Grand Tour Organizers prefer that any questions or clarification be directed to the organizers through the Yahoo Groups email list (Grand_Tour@yahoogroups.com) so that other participants may benefit from the answers. The email list includes an archive of past emails, as well as a "Files" section that includes relevant documents. If you choose to email questions directly to the Grand Tour Organizer, they may copy the question and the answer to the email list if they think others may benefit from the answer.

... and remember, have fun, ride safe and enjoy your summer!

Your Grand Tour Organizer,

John Stiefel
john_stiefel@yahoo.com

June Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday, May 25, is the deadline for submitting
articles for the next newsletter.

Our Condolences

It is with sadness that we note the death of Michael Strus, father of longtime active CRV member Matt Strus. You may send condolences to Matt Strus, 76 Burlington Ave., Bristol, CT. 06010

Please visit the funeral parlor guest book in memory of Michael Strus at: <http://www.legacy.com/Link.asp?Id=GB03488526X>

Special Volunteer Request for our Charter Oak Rally

During our Charter Oak Rally we will need several helpers in the kitchen for Saturday and Sunday afternoon prep work and supper servers and cleanup.

There may be a need for breakfast help on those days too. Please attend and lend a hand.

Charter Oak Rally Update

Robert Ramseyer, aka Arizona Tires, aka the tire nazi, will be at the Charter Oak Rally. He sells and installs tires, brakes, shocks and exhaust. Lots of good, free advice and opinions too. Watch him work. It's gearhead entertainment.

He will have plenty of tires and you can contact him for special orders. Look at his website and you will see a photo of his truck and the Michelin elephant at a previous CRV Charter Oak Rally

Arizona Tire Company
Robert Ramseyer
email at; blasto@azmctires.com
phone 781-888-4737

Larry Friedman
President for (get a) life CRVBMW Riders

Gathering of Friends & Other Strange Beings Tenth Annual CRVBMWR Club Camp Out

On June 24-26, kick back and enjoy rural New York at the Tenth Annual CRVBMWR Club Camp Out. The camp out will be held at Clyde & Diane Pratt's House, 160 Sullivan Road, in Kirkwood, New York.

It will feature semi-primitive camping (one shower and porta-cans). An optional Saturday meal with shared costs.

Directions: Route 81 to Exit #1. Go up hill on Cedarhurst Road, **not** toward Route 11. In approximately 1 mile, take first right onto Sullivan Road. In approximately 1/2 mile, at the top of the hill, turn right into 160 Sullivan Road, a yellow and brick house.

For further information call 1-607-775-9015 (home) or 1-607-725-7011 (work). If no answer leave a message.

Items For Sale or Wanted For Sale

Various Items:

Saddlebag liners for "system" bags as used on '92 K100, and many other BMWs. \$120.

BMW tankbag, liner, and rain cover from '92 K bike. (may fit others). \$100.

BMW battery charger. \$50.

Bridgestone Battleax radial tire 160/60 ZR18...('92 K100RS rear) tubeless radial. Lots of tread. One tiny puncture professionally patched. \$85.

Corbin canyon seat for '92 K100RS, quite used...quite comfortable, for taller rider. MAKE OFFER

E-pics available. Contact Steve Varhol at 860-583-9893 or packardsix@yahoo.com (ad posted 4/05)

1999 BMW R1100 RA 26,000 miles (Original Mother) Silver/Black (A Beauty) Loaded: Anti Lock Brakes, Windshield, Heated Hand Grips, Hyper Lights (rear), Modulator Headlight, Engine Guards, New Tires, New Brakes, Dealer Maintained. Recently received its Annual Service and 24,000 mile Service. Call or email for more details. Hard Bags Not Included! I Need Them! Make me an offer. The garage is crowded! Contact Bev Perry at perrybeverly@msn.com or 203-445-0676 (ad posted 3/05)

1995 BMW K75A. Mystic red metallic, ABS braking, 9K miles, BMW hard cases, Parabellum scout fairing color matched to bike with sport windscreen and new Interstate battery . Bike is in like new condition, always been garaged and covered and includes Dow canvas cover. Asking \$5,000 obo. Contact Paul Shadic at pshadic@sbcglobal.net or (860) 657-4804. (ad posted 3/05)

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 \$5,800. Contact Bill Porter @ 203-315-1160 or wporter@snet.net (ad posted 3/05)

BMW Safety Stand for an R1200 Cruiser. Used one year. Part # 90886001550. \$100 or B.O. Contact Walter Wutsch at 860-563-7108 (ad posted 3/05)

Wanted

No items currently listed.

If Interested

I have a pair of used tires with plenty of tread for a R1150RT (Michelin Macadam 120/70VR-17 & 170/60VR-17), available to anyone who wants/needs them. Contact Fred Rosenbaum 860 675-3389. (posted 5/05)

Free -- Twelve years of BMW MOA Magazines in magazine holders. Contact Walter Wutsch at 860-563-7108

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.

May

May 14 -- Hartford County 4-H Camp Clean-up. Details on page 1.

May 14 -- Spring Camp Out. Details to the right.

May 14 -- CRVBMW Club Meeting. Details on page 1.

May 18 -- After work picnic. Details on page 1.

May 20-22 -- Deadhorse Spring Bash

May 21 -- An Experienced Rider Course will be available to CRV members on a first-come first-served basis. See the March Newsletter for details.

May 27-30 -- Charter Oak Rally. Registration form on page 7.

June

June 3-5 -- 31st Annual Square Route Rally by the BMW Bikers of Metropolitan Washington. Check <http://www.bmwbmw.org/> for more info or contact rally@bmwbmw.org.

June 6-11 -- Americade, Lake George NY

June 17-19 -- Pemi River Rally & Campout for Laconia Bike Week by the Yankee Beemers #153

June 24-26 -- Tenth Annual CRVBMW Club Camp Out. Details on page 3.

June 24-26 -- 10th Annual - Airheads at the Aerodrome - Camp Out. Full details on our CRV Web Site.

July

July 15-17 -- Deadhorse Somerset VT Campout

July 21-24 -- Beemerville, USA, 33rd BMW MOA International Rally

July 29-31 -- Sweaty Boobs at Mosquito Coast, Andover, CT

August

August 5-6 -- "First Chance" Rally. NJ Shore BMW Riders. Full details on our CRV Web Site.

August 5-7 -- Sidecar Ron-Dee-Voo II. Full details on our CRV Web Site.

August 5-8 -- 3rd "Return to Trenton Rally" Full details on our CRV Web Site.

August 12-14 -- 3rd 5 B's Camp Out, Montrose, PA

August 19-21 -- Joan of hopefully not an Arc campout, Bolton, CT

August 26-28 -- No sandstorm Badeen's Campout

September

September 2-5 -- 31st Finger Lakes Rally. Full details on our CRV Web Site.

September 16-19 -- 11th "Penguin's" Perpetual Rally. Ocean State BMW Riders #240. Full details on our CRV Web Site.

September 30- Oct. 2 -- Buzzard Crest Camp Out, Pine Plains, NY

September 30-October 2 -- 1st Rally in the Poconos. Black Diamond Beemers #310. Full details on our CRV Web Site.

October

Oct 6-9 -- 33rd Annual BMW RA International Rally. Shelbyville, TN. Full details on our CRV Web Site.

October 28- 30 -- Deadhorse Bean Run Camp Out

November

November 5-6 -- Frost on Pumpkin Camp Out, Somerset, VT

November 12-13 -- Last Round Up Camp Out, TBA

Congratulations

Congratulations go to Richard Johnson for earning 3rd Place in The Hardy Riders Contest sponsored by Cliff's BMW of Danbury. Richard rode 4,968 miles and won an Axio Hard Shell Backpack and Cliff's BMW/Aprilia Airbrush T-Shirt.

Spring Camp Out

Time for a Spring Camp Out, well almost. Saturday May 14, just a small gathering of whoever wants to show up. A little feast, a good campfire and good friends. We will put an end to the winter blues and get a start on summertime fun. Even if it rains!

Be prepared to sleep on the ground or on an air mattress and sleeping bag.

You could sleep under the stars, but I would suggest a tent. If you sit, you may want a chair. If you eat, you may want a bowl, spoon, etc. If you drink, bring your own whatever. Yes, it is as it sounds, bring your own. The site is slightly more than primitive, we will have an outhouse. Please bring something for the stew. And a good attitude, we are there to have fun!

We may even camp on Friday night as well. But that will be desired that week. The camp out is planned for Windsor, CT. But it is getting late in the year, the venue may change at the last instant.

Don't forget let me know if you want to attend.

For directions, call Brian Fisk at 860-635-1173 or e-mail brainfish@deadhorse.com

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Nineteenth Annual Charter Oak Rally

May 27 - 30, 2005

Sponsored by CT River Valley BMW Riders, Inc.

Includes:

- * Saturday and Sunday night entertainment
- * 8 meals included in registration fee
- * 2 Free dinners
- * Breakfasts included free, continental breakfast on Monday
- * FREE chili Friday night while it lasts!
- * FREE continuous coffee
- * Snacks available on the site
- * 3 nights camping and hot showers
- * Door prizes
- * Organized rides
- * Rally Awards
- * Modern enclosed pavilion and facilities
- * Cabins available for clubs for \$35
- * Rally pin and mug guaranteed to first 200

Location: Hartford County 4-H Outdoor Center, Marlborough, Connecticut

Registration: \$40 preregistration (prior to May 18), \$45 at the Gate. Children 6-15 \$23, \$28 at the Gate, 5 and under FREE.



Directions: In Marlborough Center, at the intersection of Routes 2 and 66, take South Main Street. (The 4-H Outdoor Center is approximately 3.5 miles from Route 66.) After that you will come to a Y, South Road bears to the right. Take South Road. At the STOP, continue straight. The Hartford County 4-H camp will be on your left. Follow the "4-H" signs.

For Preregistration contact:

Brian Fisk, Charter Oak Rally
409 Main Street, Cromwell, CT 06416
E-mail at brainfish@deadhorse.com

For cabin info contact Brian Fisk 860-635-1173
or e-mail brainfish@deadhorse.com

**Make checks payable to:
CRVBMW Riders, Inc.**

**PLEASE !!!
No glass or pets
at the rally site**

Registration Form

A separate registration form is needed for every person, including passengers and every child.

Name: _____ Rider _____ Male _____
Passenger _____ Female _____ Date of Birth: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Name(s) of Local Club Affiliations: _____ Send me information on cabins: Y N

Make of Motorcycle: _____ Model: _____ Year: _____ Sidecar: Y N

Waiver: I agree to hold harmless the Connecticut River Valley BMW Riders, Inc. the AMA, and the 4-H Hartford County Outdoor Center, for any injury, damage or loss incurred while attending or travelling to and from the rally.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

For Official Use Only Amount Received \$ _____ Cash or Check # _____ Received by _____

Information Verified _____ Rally # _____

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Check Page 1 of this newsletter and the calendar for many upcoming activities.