

CRVBMW NEWS

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

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Open letter to the membership of CRVBMW Riders:

by Larry Friedman

Fellow Riders and Friends,
As president of our club it is often my pleasure to express our gratitude to the people who help us to enjoy our common interest in motorcycling and our fine club.

Rally chairman and Road Captain Brian Fisk, longtime rally chef George Schmidt and recent back-up chefs Jim Faucher and Bob Naramore are high on the list of dedicated CRVBMW volunteers. A large number of friends helped us with our successful 20th Charter Oak Rally on Memorial Day weekend.

Keith Olsen, CRV Webmaster, Newsletter Editor and CRV Board Member-at-large, is greatly appreciated for his friendship and the countless hours of quality work over many years to keep the communications flowing within our club. His calm and wise ideas have enhanced the club's operation tremendously. Tracy Smith is also commended for the years of club leadership and work that kept us organized at a level far beyond the abilities of us less organized members.

The recent computer woes that Keith is dealing with will soon be among the stories retold at our motorcycling events as we swap tales of events we have experienced in the pursuit of fun and friendship. It is hoped that the technology woes will not detract significantly from a great summer of riding and other enjoyments. We will not miss a

beat in our group's long string of motorcycling related successes.

Our current and past club officers have devoted years of effort to help us to achieve our goals that have included motorcycle rides, rallies and parties along with many thousands of dollars in charitable gifts to worthy causes.

We will soon present our club's gift of \$500 to the Muscular Dystrophy Association in memory of Michael Bristol as we have for over 20 consecutive years. You are encouraged to pledge your personal gifts to this worthy cause during the upcoming Labor Day Telethon.

I hope to see you soon at the BMWMOA National Rally in Vermont, at the Hot Dog Ride, at a Sunday morning breakfast ride and certainly at the great annual CRV Picnic on September 10.

See you down the road,

Larry Friedman,
President for (it's a wonderful) Life
Ct. River Valley BMW Riders, Inc.

returned to near before accident conditions and my insurance covered everything.

Last month I had a second crash. This one was a crash of the hard drive in my desktop computer. When all your important information, files, projects, photos and other data are on that hard drive, you hope it will always work. After attempts to recover my data, including shipping my hard drive to a specialty data recovery company, DriveSavers, in California, at a recovery cost of \$2,700, and you're told "sorry, there's too much damage to your drive platters, we can't recover any of your data," it's a very disturbing feeling.

So, if you use a computer and you don't regularly back-up your data, ask yourself "how would I feel if I permanently lost all my files?" You may want to develop and follow a back-up plan. Luckily, I did to a point. Unluckily, with the exception of our recently updated club roster, I didn't have a back-up of my CRV files since January of 2005.

Backing up your data is hard drive insurance. Remember, you're either one of the people who have had a hard drive crash or one of the people who will have a hard drive crash. You may want to back-up your files today . . . then in September . . . and October . . . and

Crashes

by Keith Olsen

I've heard many motorcyclists say about crashes that you're either one of the riders who have had one or one of the riders who will have one. If that's the case, I'm glad I got mine over with about ten years ago. Luckily, both rider (after healing and 14 weeks of therapy) and bike (after 10 weeks of repair)

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

August 4-6 -- Deadhorse Camp Out at Chet's Place, PA
August 6 -- CRV Breakfast and Ride
August 11-13 -- Bobble's 4th Annual Camp Out
August 16 -- Possible Mini Golf night
August 18-20 -- 4-H Four Winds Rally near Jennerstown, PA
September 10 -- Club Picnic in Stanley Park

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.

August

- August 4-6 -- Deadhorse Camp Out at Chet's Place (a campground) just North of Elk Mountain Ski Area PA
August 6 -- CRV Breakfast and Ride. Details on this page.
August 8 -- Paul Revere Team Ride into Hartford
August 11-13 -- Bobble's 4th Annual Camp Out. Details on page 3.
August 16 -- Possible Mini Golf night
August 18-20 -- 4-H Four Winds Rally near Jennerstown, PA.
August 22 -- The Women's Riding School, Loudon, NH. Details to right.

September

- September 1-4 -- Fingerlake's Rally Wakins Glen, NY
September 10 -- Club Picnic in Stanley Park. Details on page 3.
September 22-24 -- Snappin Turtle Rally north of Port Jervis, NY
September 22-24 -- New England Moto Guzzi Rally Monson, MA. More info to come.
September 29-1 -- Possible Black Diamond Rally, PA

October

- October 6-8 -- Buzzard Crest Camp Out, Pine Plains, NY. Souix & Voyle's place
October 27-29 -- Bean Run at Pat's Pub Wylusing, PA

November

- November 4-5 -- Frost on the Pumpkin, Somerset, VT.
November 11-12 -- Fall Final Camp Out. Brian Fisk 1-860-635-1173 or E-Mail brainfish@deadhorse.com

December

- December 9 -- Cliff's Holiday Midnight Madness!!
— 3pm-12am. Join us for a food-filled frenzied shopping spree just in time for the holidays. There will be a super store-wide santa sale! Whether it's a gift for yourself or a loved one, we'll be here until midnight.

CRVBMW Sunday Breakfasts and Rides

We would like to like to revive an old CRVBMW tradition of gathering for Sunday breakfast and rides. We will gather at near the original site. Members will lead rides after breakfast. One planned ride will be to Kent for the Stanley/Sloane Museum. Bring a friend and prospective member.

Let's meet between 9 and 10 at the Log Cabin on Route 44 in the New Hartford/Barkhempstead area on Sunday, July 9, 16, 30 and August 6.

The Women's Riding School

The Women's Riding School is on August 22nd at New Hampshire's International Speedway (NHIS) in Loudon, N.H.

The "WRS" is Not a race school - but truly a Riding School taking street riders to a the next level. Giving you the one-on-one attention you need.

For More Information & to Register, go to:

www.maxbmwmotorcycles.com and click on the Ladies Only Link. Or contact your fella BMW rider/clubbie Judy Mirro at ducatigirl@adelphia.net for more information.

Items For Sale or Wanted

For Sale

- 1996 Ducati sscr, 14,828 miles, original owner, adult ridden. New chain, sprockets and battery, maintained, all receipts and documents. \$3750.00 Call Lenny, 860-635-2032, cell 860-463-6716 (ad posted 7/06)
2002 Royal Enfield Military Bullet ES, 500cc - Electric Start. 950 miles - old school technology, points, condensor - no electronic ignition, easy to work on. Low 40's MPG. Original bench seat included with bike. You can remove the stars and rifle scabbard if you want an ordinary looking ride. Asking \$2,600. If interested contact Jay at (203) 758-2961 (ad posted 7/06)
2004 Aprilia RST Futura, 4500 miles, with helibars and BMW style power outlet. Includes side cases. Runs and looks excellent. \$7,900 or BO. Contact Jay at 860-2574285 evenings or j.combe@cox.net (ad posted 6/06)

Free

- Many old motorcycle related magazines: Cycle Guide, Rider, Cycle World, BMWON, and others. If interested call Pat at 860-243-9351. (ad posted 8/06)
New center stand for a 1999 R1200 Cruiser. Contact Walter Wutsch at 860-563-7108 (ad posted 6/06)

September Newsletter Deadline

Friday, August 25, is the deadline for submitting articles for the next newsletter.

CRV Barbecue
Sunday, Sept. 10 at 1 P.M.
Free! Free! Free!
Send your check today!

Once again, it's time for our annual club barbecue. The event will be held rain or shine. Your President has arranged for a super catered barbecue picnic. We will gather at the Stanley Park in Westfield, Massachusetts.

This is one of the most beautiful parks in New England. Walk through the gardens, along trails, and around the ponds. There are great roads to and from the park. This year's food will be better than ever, including sliced filet mignon. Our club has had another successful year and we want to share that with our members.

The CRVBMW Club is paying for all members and auxiliary members. It is worth more than your annual dues!

To get a correct count and to properly plan the barbecue, all persons age 12 and over must send \$20 to our President, Larry Friedman. By attending the barbecue, members and auxiliary members will receive a full refund. If you don't show up we are still required to pay the caterer for the food prepared for you, so you will not receive a refund.

In recent years, many club members found it to their advantage to apply their refund to the following year's club dues (members-\$20, auxiliary members \$10 and a \$10 refund). This year you will again have the opportunity to apply your refund to next year's club dues.

If you do not wish to apply your refund to next year's club dues and would prefer to receive a refund, you will receive a full cash refund at the barbecue. **To receive a cash refund at the picnic, please include a note requesting a refund at the picnic and mail it along with the payment check that you send in.** Your refund will be given to you when you check-in at the barbecue.

Bring your friends or prospective club members along (no refund for them)

Great scenic roads -- Look for BMW roundels near the park.

Send your checks today to:

Larry Friedman
900 Granville Road
Westfield, MA 01085

All payments must be received by Tuesday, September 5.

Directions:

From intersection of Rt20 and 202 in Granby ,Ct.;

North on 202 through Southwick.
Pass Chevrolet dealer and Ray's Farm Stand.
Left past Ray's Farm onto Sunnyside Rd.
At third stop sign go straight over the NEW BRIDGE.

(continued in the next column)

Left at top of hill and immediate left into Stanley Park
We are in the pine grove at that entrance (behind the rose garden).
Pass the picnic site and park in the lot beyond the flower gardens.

From Rt. 57 in Granville, Massachusetts.

Intersection of Rt. 189 and Rt. 57 (Village green and country store);
continue 1/4 mile east on 57 to Old Westfield Rd.
Left on Old Westfield Rd.
6+ miles to second stop sign / T intersection.
Left over bridge.
Left at top of hill.
Left into Stanley Park.
Pass picnic site and park in lot beyond the flower gardens.

Fourth Annual [B]⁵ Gathering

When?: August 11, 12 & 13

Where?: @ Bobble's in Montrose, PA

Why?: To celebrate all of the August birthdays.

Details: A weekend gathering to feast, frolic and get stupid in the Endless Mountain Region of N E Pennsylvania. Friday night stew pot. Sat dinner will be a shared cost peoples choice. Plenty of tent space. Porta shower. Yuengling on draft.

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DIRECTIONS:

RTE 84 towards Scranton PA.
RTE 81 North towards Binghamton,NY
Exit# 223 - RTE 492 End of ramp go left towards New Milford, PA
1/2 Mile @ RTE 11- Go South (left) for 1 mile to RTE 706 towards Montrose. It's a right turn onto RTE 706
On the East side of Montrose you will meld in with RTE 167.
Stay on RTE 706 & 167 into Montrose. As you leave Montrose, RTE 167 makes a VERY SHARP Right turn to go North. Take RTE 167. North for 7 miles. Look for the intersection that has signs for E Wilkes Barre Tpk on your right and W Wilkes Barre Tpk on your left. GO LEFT for 100 feet, across a bridge, and turn Right onto Kane Road (T810).
Go 1 mile to the first set of mail boxes (on your right)
Right into a shared driveway. My house is the first on the left.

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Don't miss out . . . register for the CRVBMW Club Picnic/Barbecue today !!!