

# CRVBMW NEWS

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## Sporting About

by Brian Fisk

I have started riding with a new club member; well she has been in the club for a few months. Lauren is from New York City/Long Island. She has been riding, I think, for about 24 years. She knows how to ride and has had a few track days. I will surely say that she is an extremely good rider. The small amount of miles that we have ridden together has been fun.

I would like to think she trust me as a rider. On that note I was invited to attend a "Mission" with the sport bike club that she belongs to. The "Mission" was a ride from down by the city to Killington, Vermont and back, on mostly back roads (we did attempt some dirt roads). This was an overnight ride, which was around 300 miles each day. With the night at Killington Mt.

We stayed at Sioux & Voyle Harris' house on Friday so that we did not have to leave from the city. This worked out very well. Good hosts and warm beds, a bit of breakfast as well, to send us on our way.

We met the group down at the junction of Route 44 and Route 82. There were six of us going (I think the rain scared a few away). Well our group had 4 Hondas, 1 Triumph, and, my BMW RT. It was raining when we left at 56 miles into the ride, but not real hard.

In the first 10 miles we were on a road that I had never been on before. Oh good! I say to myself, someone else is leading and new roads. Well

the new roads did not last long. This was a theme throughout the days ride, most of the roads were run in the opposite direction than I normally ride them. That was great! Really!

Well over hill and through dell we rode at a brisk pace, not mind numbing slow or blazingly fast. I think we're a good group, not too big, but big enough to entertain me from rear position in the line.

All too soon we stopped for lunch at a place called Man of Kent, near the junction of NY 22 and US 9. Very good food and a nice selection of beer. NO ONE sampled any beer. I would like to go back and talk to the waitress, who had a very nice English accent. Someday perhaps.

We were able to remove what rain gear we did have on at this time. This was good! Once again we were off at a frisky pace. Soon we entered into Vermont and roads were a little less filled with traffic, not that we had all that much to begin with.

Oops we missed a turn, a U-turn done and back to the correct road. Dirt! Well it is a Vermont road. Damn missed another turn, go back get the right one. Well not really, just because the route sheet said take this road does not mean it is right. We did a little rerouting and were off. Then back on track.

There was a guess that we would end up at the motel around 5:30 . . . and we did. The usual kicking

tires and telling lies happed in the parking lot, before and after dinner. We decide to hit the road in the morning at 7:30 the next morning, for a very short jaunt to breakfast.

Soon enough, well too soon really, we get into the rain gear again. We're off riding Route 100 South into Mass and Route 8a. Very good pace down the mountain, it was dry at this time. At the junction of Route 8a and Route 2 I split off from the group, they were heading west and I decided to stay on 8a, one of my favorite roads in western Mass. I did some dodging around on small roads that I have found in my travels. Since I left the group, Mother Nature was in a mind to punish me with lots of rain. I was already suited up in rain attire so I never stopped. Slowly I made way over to 91, I was not going slow, but took roads that did not necessarily head in the right direction. When I finally got to 91 I got on and wicked up the tempo to get home. It was raining very hard at this time and stayed with me almost to my front door.

I got home around 2:30. Upstairs and after a cleanup, I felt like a new man.

I would like to go on another "Mission" with this group. Maybe one that goes to Pennsylvania, after all there are wonderful roads there too.

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

September 1-4 -- Fingerlake's Rally Wakins Glen, NY

September 10 -- Club Picnic in Stanley Park

September 10 -- 4th Hartford County Motorcycle Lions Club Annual Run

September 22-24 -- Snappin Turtle Rally

September 22-24 -- New England Moto Guzzi Rally

## 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.

### September

September 1-4 -- Fingerlake's Rally Wakins Glen, NY  
September 10 -- Club Picnic in Stanley Park. Details on page 3.  
September 10 -- 4th Hartford County Motorcycle Lions Club Annual Run. Details to the right.  
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. Details on page 3.  
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](mailto: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.

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## And Now For Something Completely Different

SPAMALOT, the play at the Bushnell. I have limited tickets available for \$55 each (I paid \$52.50 each, but I missed work to get them and I fronted over \$1,000 on my credit card to get them [interest]) This is for Saturday April 21, 2007 at 8PM. The first checks received get the better seats till the tickets run out. I got tickets 1 1/2 hours after tickets went on sale and the Saturday show on April 14 was already sold out. The seats available are balcony, Section D, rows A, B & C. which are excellent seats. I will contact all that I supplied tickets to for an evening out for dinner in Hartford prior to the show. If interested mail your check to me at:

Matt Strus  
37 Overlook Ave  
Forestville, CT 06010

## Items For Sale or Wanted

### For Sale

Various Items for sale as a package:

Nolan EXL Gray, Flip Full Face Helmet  
Lazor EXL Gray, Flip Full Face Helmet, Century Model  
Firstgear EXL, Black leather jacket  
Firstgear 26/30 Black leather pants  
Stone Lake Bib-type, Black HD Leather riding pants w/suspenders  
Tunstall 36/30 Black, leather chaps  
If interested contact Walter Wutsch at 860-563-7108 (ad posted 9/06)

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. \$7,400 or BO. Contact Jay at 860-2574285 evenings or [j.combe@cox.net](mailto:j.combe@cox.net) (ad posted 6/06)

### Free

Set of 4 all weather (snow) tires "Pacemaker ST" - Steel Belted Radial GTR Tires 175/70 13. Too good to throw away, over 1/4" tread left on tires. Almost new tires. Come to Bristol to pick them up. If interested contact Matt at [madmatt@deadhorde.com](mailto:madmatt@deadhorde.com) (ad posted 9/06)

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)

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## BMWMOA National Rally Wrap-up

At the BMWMOA Rally Elaine Palach won the Wilbur Shocks and Bill Drachenburg won the Garmin GPS system plus installation. The Friedman family was lucky with Larry winning a plexiglass headlight cover and Linda a Battery Tender.

CRV was 3rd largest club in attendance with 100 members. We have never had 100 at one place before.

## The Hartford County Motorcycle Lions Club 4th Annual Motorcycle Run

Held on September 10, at Mickey Finn's Restaurant on Route 190 in Somers. Registration between 9-11. \$15 per person. Trivia Run this year. Proceeds to benefit Lions Campaign Sight First II, (Bringing sight to the blind throughout the world.)

**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.

**Buzzard Crest Bash IX**  
**October 6-8, 2006**

Siouxzanne and Voyle Harris once again invite you to come camp on their property to enjoy the fall foliage and ride some great roads.

Nestled in the Hudson Valley Region of NY state, between the Catskills and the Berkshires, they have 10 acres of land approx. 4 miles west of Pine Plains, NY

**Plan of action:**

Friday night chili and campfire  
Saturday night grill (bring something or throw money in the pot)  
campfire and sing-a-long  
Sunday- coffee and munchies

**Call for more information:**

Sioux and Voyle Harris 518 398 5436 or  
e-mail us at [vsharris@taconic.net](mailto:vsharris@taconic.net)

**Directions:**

Rt. 199 - 2 miles east of Pine Plains turn right on County rt. 50  
Follow to end, bear left at fork.  
Travel 6/10ths of a mile to driveway on RIGHT;  
1789 Jackson Crs. Rd.

Or- Taconic Parkway to Jackson Crs. Road exit  
Travel east for 6/10ths of a mile to driveway on LEFT side; 1789 Jackson Crs. Rd.

Please RSVP so we know you are coming and can plan accordingly.

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