

CRVBMW NEWS

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CRV Barbecue--The best bargain around . . . it's Free

by Larry Friedman

Once again, it's time for our annual club barbecue. The event will be held **September 9, beginning at 1:00p.m.** 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 Secretary, Linda Combe. 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:

Linda Combe
12 Little Oak Lane
Rocky Hill, CT 06067

All payments must be received by Tuesday, September 4.

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.

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.

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

Aug 17-19 -- B5 Rally at Bob Naramore's, Montrose, PA

August 26 -- Dream Ride 2007 in support of the Special Olympics of CT

August 31-September 3 -- Finger Lakes Rally

September 2 -- Ride to the Goshen Fair

September 7-9 -- Vermont Rally

September 9 -- CRV Picnic

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 3-5 -- Elk Mountain (Chet's place)
Aug 10-12 -- Lisa and Jeff's Shelton, CT
Aug 17-19 -- B5 Rally at Bob Naramore's, Montrose, PA
August 18 -- Helge Pedersen. Cliff's Cycle Revolution.
In-store, all day. Join us with renowned bike touring expert, Helge Pedersen, for two daytime seminars, GPS for Beginners and Tire Change and Repair. In the evening, he will present his multi-media presentation "Best of World Touring". Refreshments will be served. RSVP to sales@cliffsbmw.com
August 24 -- K Bike Service Seminar. Cliff's Cycle Revolution. Join us for a technical overview of the R series BMW bikes. Light refreshments. RSVP to service@cliffsbmw.com
Aug 23-26 -- Four Winds, Johnstown, PA
August 26 -- Dream Ride 2007 in support of the Special Olympics of CT. Details on the CRV Web Site.
August 31-September 3 -- Finger Lakes Rally

September

- September 2 -- Ride to the Goshen Fair. Details to the right.
September 7 -- Ducati Service Seminar. Cliff's Cycle Revolution. In-store, 6:00pm. Join us for a technical overview of Ducati bikes. Light refreshments. RSVP to service@cliffsbmw.com
September 7-9 -- Vermont Rally. See message from Chris Jennings on page 5.
September 9 -- CRV Picnic beginning at 1:00p.m. Details on page 1.
September 14-16 -- Snapping Turtle Rally, Port Jervis, NJ
September 20 -- Ride to the Big "E". Details to the right.
September 21-23 -- Black Diamond in PA
September 28-30 -- New England Moto Guzzi in Munson, Mass
September 30 -- Oktoberfest. Cliff's Cycle Revolution's Open house 10:00-3:00. Plenty of discounts, great food, attractions, and good company.

October

- October 5-8 -- Group Hug (I have no idea)
October 12-14 -- Buzzard's Crest at Souix and Voyle Harris, NY. Details on page 5.
October 19-21 Bean Run, Wylusing, PA

November

November 2-4 -- Frost on the Pumpkin Rally, Somerset
November 9-11 -- Voluntown, CT, Last camp out of the year with Brian Fisk

Items For Sale or Wanted

For Sale

2003 K1200LTC Silver: 11K miles, regularly dealership maintained, passenger floor board and arm rests plus bag liners. All standard features intact: cruise, AM/FM/CD, etc. Always garaged. Looks nice, runs great. Priced to sell \$10,000 Call Forrest at 860-873-8712 or email to ama_rep@sprynet.com (ad re-posted 7/07)

Wanted

Stock seat for 1983 R100RT or seat that will fit this bike from another model. Or if you have a bead on one some where, internet etc. Please contact Bob Hearn at email: n1hnr94@sbcglobal.net or telephone: 860-738-9940 (ad posted 7/07)
Rear brake disc for 1983 R100RT. Please contact Bob Hearn at email: n1hnr94@sbcglobal.net or telephone: 860-738-9940 (ad posted 7/07)

Fair-Warning! Planned Road Captain Rides

Summer is winding to a close. The green soon will be replaced by red and gold. But all is not lost. There are still several months of good riding to go. September is one of those great riding months. I'm planning two rides to fairs during this month.

First, on Sunday, September 2, I'll lead a ride to the Goshen Fair. This is considered a major fair and is located in a very scenic part of Connecticut with nice roads.

The second ride is on Thursday, September 20. I am planning on taking the day off from work and riding north of the border to the Big E in West Springfield, Mass. This is one of the biggest fairs in the country according to AAA. I try to make the pilgrimage each year.

I would enjoy having some company. If you are interested please give me a call at 203-368-9281.

Chris Jennings
Road Captain

September Newsletter Deadline

Thursday, August 30, is the deadline for submitting articles for the next newsletter.

Sharing the MOA National Experience

I left on the 6th of July and met up with Lauren and Brian in Danville, PA. The next day we rode part I-80 and part back roads thru Pennsylvania, stopping at Bellefonte for an hour or so to visit Party Riders and into Ohio riding 456 miles to Milan, Ohio. Then we headed north in Michigan staying on back roads most of the way, crossing the Mackinaw bridge (celebrating it's 25th anniversary) and headed west across the UP on 2 planning to hit Escanaba. Great riding, no traffic, but it started to get late and we could see a storm coming in so we holed up in Manistique (420 mile day), 50 miles shy of Escanaba, at a great little motel facing the lake with a nice little walking/jogging path along the lake.

Took a little walk at 6 am and watched the sun come up, took some cool pictures in the fog, then the rain stopped by



morning and we were on our way, stopping in Escanaba for a great breakfast.

Then we headed south down into Wisconsin. We had plenty of time before the National in West Bend, so Lauren took off



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to visit a friend near Madison and Brian and I rode a half-day (214 miles) to Sturgeon Bay and stayed smack in the middle of town and explored by foot. It was very cool, lots of neat stores, stopped in the library to check e-mail and lots of great bars! Had a great dinner and an early morning walk across the bridge to explore some more. We still had time so we rode to the tip of the Door Peninsula taking some Rustic Roads into county parks and to the shore. Very cool! We stopped in Sister Bay to see the famous "Al Johnson Swedish Restaurant" where they have 5 goats living on the roof! We played until



after lunch and then headed down into Wisconsin toward the rally site stopping in Lomira for the night (225 miles), right across the street from an Ale house with a great selection of local beers. We sampled many that night . . .

Wednesday morning we moseyed down to West Bend and set up camp at the rally site where we regrouped with Lauren. Other CRV members began rolling in and thanks to the technology of cell phones, we were able to communicate where we were camping. John Badeen and Sarah 9 (who rode her 250 Ninja all the way from Connecticut!) camped



near us, as did Frank and Penny and Jeff and Lisa. Larry and George Noewatne tucked themselves next to the 4H building,

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and there were about 15-20 more CRV members hiding out elsewhere.

The rally site was great, plenty big, not a lot of shade, BUT it never really got too hot. Plenty of porta potties, good vendors, even some decent rally food. The beer tent was



always hopping and they had an incredible selection of local brews including a Coffee Stout (that ran out after the first night), 2 wheat beers, an October fest and a pale ale.



CRV volunteered for our usual 4-8 registration shift on Thursday, and Larry organized a Pizza Party in the beer tent on Friday night that was attended by 22 or 23 CRV members!



We were there till Sunday morning with some nice day trips, including a tour of the Buell plant in East Troy. Left out



Sunday morning this time traveling with Brian and Roger and headed back to the UP, stopping at the Peshtigo Fire Museum,



and for a pastie in Escanaba on 2 before cutting up to 28



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to head east then crossing into Canada at Sault Ste. Marie. Followed 17 and stopped in Iron Bridge, Ontario (480 miles) for the night. Cheesy motel room, but incredible dinner!! From there we followed 17 to North Bay and cut south, then caught 60 thru Algonquin Provincial Park. Continued south on 127 to Bancroft where we spent the night at an over priced motel and ate BAD Chinese food. Tuesday morning we set out for the last leg of the trip down 62 to Bellville to pick up the 401 to the Thousand Island Bridge, crossing back in NY, followed back roads down thru the southern Adirondacks and finally home. Total miles: 2980.

Replaced the voltage regulator in Wisconsin (charging problems) and that is about it! I gotta say, I ride my little 650 LS with bikes about twice the size and had a blast. I know that on the interstates my riding companions would have gone faster, but the turbulence made me feel unstable above 75 MPH. When doing side roads, I had no trouble passing and keeping up. This was my 8th National and I am putting the gears in motion to make it to Gillette, Wyoming next year!

Sioux Harris

Road Captain Ride on August 12

Today, myself, Bill Cutler, Mark Altschwager, Henry Palach, and EricAlbrecht met for breakfast at Martin's in Great Barrington. We then rode Rt. 23 East and Mark took



us on a great shortcut to Rt. 112, which we took all the way to Vermont. We took Rt. 9 East to Hogs Back Mtn in VT, see photo. We then rode Rt. 9 West to Rt. 8 South and home. A great day for riding! My total mileage 313

Marshall

See you next week

Tenth Annual Buzzard Crest Bash

Oct 12-14, 2007

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

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.

Vermont . . . Picnic . . . Mongols

The weekend of September 7, 8 and 9, I was planning to go to the Rhode Island Rally, but I have heard it was cancelled . . . boo. Instead I'm going to the Vermont Rally.

If anyone else wants to come, get the details from either the MOA or RA magazines. Then we can invade the picnic from the north, like the Mongol horde. Except we will ride motorcycles instead of horses and their should be less bloodshed . . . hopefully.

If you like, you can wear a wok on your head instead of a helmet. That might look cool. No, I guess that would look stupid, but it would be fun to watch.

Chris Jennings
Road Captain

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Don't miss the September 4th deadline for registering for the CRV Barbecue.