

# CRVBMW NEWS

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## Past and Future Road Captain Rides

### Weir Farm Recap

On Sunday, the 22<sup>nd</sup> of July I led a ride from the Sunday Morning Breakfast to Weir Farm near the New York state border. I went with Tristan who is in the Navy and serves on a submarine that was docked in Groton. We met in Guilford, went to breakfast and then headed north. I was taking a round about route since Tristan is from Colorado and was tired of the flat roads around Groton. We headed up through Winsted and then through some of the hills of Litchfield County. We took a nice detour through Washington and Bridgewater, which is one of my favorite scenic rides. We stopped at a farm in Newtown for ice cream.

We got to Weir Farm before 4:00PM, saw a short film and walked around the grounds. Unfortunately the last organized tour was at 3:00. We went by the Saugatuck Reservoir on the way back to I-95. This road has some real nice twisties and for one of the few times during the day we didn't get stuck behind Mr. Magoo. We stopped at Super Duper Weenie in Fairfield to get a bite to eat. This place has great hot dogs and the best fries

by Chris Jennings

around. I had a cheese steak and that was good too. Tristan headed back to the base in Groton and I went home.

This was a good ride on a good riding day. I was glad to show Tristan that Connecticut does have some good riding roads. Granted, I know it ain't Colorado. On another note I found out that the strange clicking noise on my bike wasn't a badly wearing front tire, but the needle bearings in my drive shaft. Luckily, I found that out later in the week when I was about a mile from the shop that works on my bike . . . but that's another story.

### Upcoming Rides Fair-Warning!

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.

### The Growler Campout

Here's the idea. Motorcycles are wonderful and so is beer. However, they don't mix well. So I have a plan. On Saturday, October 20, I'm getting out of work early and going camping, probably at Mount Misery in Voluntown because it's one of the few campgrounds open after Columbus Day.

I'm inviting anyone else who would like to come along. We will ride to the Willimantic Brew Pub after we set up camp. We will get some food and fill up some growlers (half-gallon jugs of beer) to enjoy when safely

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

September 9 -- CRV Picnic  
September 14-16 -- Vermont Rally  
September 20 -- Ride to the Big "E"  
September 21-23 -- Black Diamond in PA  
September 28-30 -- New England Moto Guzzi  
September 30 -- Oktoberfest. Cliff's Cycle Revolution's Open House

back at the campground. Brilliant.

Call me at 203-368-9281 if you're interested.

### The Broom Ride

On Sunday, October 21, I am planning to lead a ride through Eastern Connecticut and possibly Rhode Island to various sites of a Halloween type interest. I'll start the ride after breakfast following the Growler Campout described elsewhere in this newsletter. You don't have to go on the campout to go on the ride.

Please call early because one of the things I want to visit is Gungywamp, a mysterious stone ruin in Groton. I would like to get a tour of the site, but I'll have to make arrangements early. If you are interested, call me at 203-368-9281.

Chris Jennings  
Road Captain

## 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 2 -- Ride to the Goshen Fair. Details to the right.
- September 9 -- CRV Picnic beginning at 1:00p.m. Directions on page 3.
- September 14-16 -- Snapping Turtle Rally, Port Jervis, NJ
- September 14-16 -- Vermont Rally.
- September 20 -- Ride to the Big "E". Details on page 1.
- 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 7 -- CRVBMW Meeting. Officer nomination meeting. Details to follow.
- October 12-14 -- Buzzard's Crest Bash at Souix and Voyle Harris, NY. Details on page 3.
- October 14 -- Best of the West Ride. Details on page 3.
- October 20 -- Growler Campout. Details on page 1.
- October 21 -- Broom Ride. Details on this page.
- October 26-29 -- 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

### 2008 CRVBMW Officer Nominations

This is a reminder that club officers for 2008 may be nominated at the October CRVBMW Meeting. If you have any interest in getting more involved with the club, please step forward and make your interest known either through nomination by another member or making a self-nomination.

## 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

Right-hand mirror for a 2002 K1200LT. Preferably silver, but any color will do. Please contact Terry at 413-537-6069 (ad posted 9/07)

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)

### October Newsletter Deadline

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

## Best of the West Ride

You've ridden the northern, central, and eastern parts of the state . . . well on Sunday, October 14, is your chance to ride the best of the western side of CT. What a great way to enjoy a colorful fall day. We're going to ride from Greenwich, where we'll pass some of the homes of the rich and famous, up to the Mass. border and return south to Route 84, in Newtown. **This is not a high speed adventure**, but a day to enjoy the curves, country roads, and hopefully little traffic at a relaxed and fun pace. Rest and food stops are planned. For most of the day we'll be within 15 miles of the CT border, either in NY or CT. Route directions are on our web site.

The ride will begin promptly at 9:30AM, from the McDonalds, directly across from Exit 5, off of Route 95. Come early and enjoy breakfast at McDonald's or coffee and a snack at a nearby, great little Italian bakery. If you want to start a little later, there's a spot to join the ride in Danbury around 10:30. The ride will end between 3:00 and 4:00 in Newtown. **This ride will not be held if it rains.** If you plan on going on the ride please telephone or email me by Friday, October 12. Contact me at 203-531-6447 or email to [crvbmw@earthlink.net](mailto:crvbmw@earthlink.net) Hope to hear from you and see you at the ride.

Keith Olsen

### Directions to the CRVBMW Picnic

#### From intersection of Rts. 20 and 202 in Granby, Connecticut

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.

## 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](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.

I am putting on a charity triathlon event on September 23 in Warren/Kent CT and we need two motorcycles (with drivers) and extra helmets for our two Race Officials. Our insurance policy covers everyone involved with and in the events. The event starts at 7 AM at the Washington Club Beach on North Shore Rd in Warren CT (on Lake Waramaug) and the bike portion is 56 miles. The event is the fourth race in a series we've put on this year to benefit the Red Cross, The Lake Waramaug Association, The Lake Waramaug Task Force, various volunteer ambulances, fire departments, boy scout troops and Canine/Feline Emergency medical fund, among others. To date, we've donated nearly \$100,000.

I'd love to have you involved and it would be a huge huge help!

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Enjoy the late summer and early fall riding season.