

CRVBMW NEWS

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Improving Your Riding Skills

submitted by Lauren Secular

If you're interested in improving your riding skills, here are two opportunities:

Lee Parks' Total Control (ARC) Advanced Riding Clinic

There is a large gap between the Motorcycle Safety Foundation's Experienced Rider Course (ERC) and the many racetrack schools around the country. Fortunately, Lee Parks' Total Control Advanced Riding Clinic (Total Control ARC) has a solution for those experienced riders "caught in the middle," as well as those track-day junkies and racers who want to be able to further enhance their skills, in a controlled environment, with expert instruction. Here are two links to additional details:

<http://ckskickstart.com/courses.php>

<http://ckskickstart.com/advanced.php>

I'm registered for the Advanced Riding Clinic: Level 1, held on May 4, at Dutchess Community College in Poughkeepsie, NY.

BMW Motorcycle Rider Training at the BMW Performance Center

Starting this September, the BMW Performance Center will be offering one day and two day riding instruction for both on and off-road. If you don't have a BMW motorcycle, it's no problem; you can just rent one at the Performance Center. Whether you're an off-road rider, love to tour, or are more sport-bike oriented, the drills and instruction you'll receive at the Performance Center will bring your riding skills and confidence to a whole new level. After taking these classes, riders will acquire the practical and technical skills to make every ride safer and more enjoyable than ever before. It should be noted that these courses are recommended those with intermediate riding experience.

Here's a link to additional information:

<http://www.bmwmotorcycles.com/etc/utills.jsp?t=announcements&idx=2>

Another Opportunity For A Cruise

Jim Haggerty is once again sharing information on a cruise for CRVBMW members. This is a 13-Day cruise from New York to



seven Caribbean locations and ending in Miami. Cost ranges from \$949 to \$1949.



For general questions, contact Jim at 413-442-8485.

For specific questions or to make a reservation contact Jane Haupt at AAA Travel in Pittsfield, MA. Her number is 413-445-5635 or email to jhaupt@aaasne.com

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

February 17 -- Motorcyclist Blood Drive & Party

February 24 -- February CRV Meeting

CRVBMW Winter Banquet



Whether
you
came
for
the
Happy
Hour



the
socializing
with
friends



or
for
the
food



it was a fun evening all around.

Additional images from the Banquet are found on our CRV Web Site at <http://www.crvbmw.org>

**Please Give Blood -- Some Gave All
Motorcyclist Blood Drive & Party
Sunday, February 17, 2008**

Queens, NY, American Motorcyclists Association-District 34 will host a blood drive on Sunday, February 17, 2008, 10:30a.m.-4p.m. at Harley-Davidson/Buell@ of NYC, 42-11 Northern Boulevard, Long Island City, NY 11101. You don't need a bike to get here, riders are encouraged to bring a carload of friends to donate a pint of blood. It's going to be a great time!

The members of AMA D-34 and staff at Harley-Davidson of NYC are planning a winter blues-busting party with music by the Transplant Band, a bagel brunch buffet and raffles. Check out the 2005 motorcycles and riding gear. Big-hearted bikers and the surrounding community donated 50 pints last year, but the need is greater than ever.

Blood supplies decrease in winter since fewer people donate. Your donation supports this community, where it is most likely lifesaving to help someone you know. The New York Blood Centers experienced professionals guarantee each donors comfort and safety; they'll even receive a gift.

All adults are welcome, however, those with a tattoo less than one year old are not eligible to donate.

Contact:

The New York Blood Center 516-478-5105
or www.nybloodcenter.org.
Biker's Blood Drive & Party: 212-689-0063

Lauren Secular

Safety and Street Riding Tips

<http://www.rlmotorcycles.com/home/RidingTips.htm>

Submitted by Brian Fisk

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.

February

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**Items For Sale or Wanted
For Sale**

2003 K1200LTC Anthracite: 28k, dealer maintained, always garaged and in good condition. Priced below wholesale for off season sale \$7,500. Contact Jim M. at 860-674-8989 days; 860-295-9201 nights; or email to avenkol@comcast.net (ad posted 1/08)

February CRV Meeting

The February Meeting, on February 24, will take place at Central Pizza in Berlin, CT. Central Pizza is located at 96 Mill Street, west of Route 9 and the Berlin Turnpike, at the junction of Mill St. and Webster Square St. in Berlin, CT (adjacent to route 9.) Telephone: 860-828-0133. The meeting will begin at 2:00P.M.

March Newsletter Deadline

Monday, February 25, is the deadline for submitting articles for the next newsletter.

For the mechanic in each of us -- submitted by Brian Fisk

I always have valve lapping compound in my toolbox. Put a dab on the head of phillips screws before removing them.

When an axle or swingarm, etc, has a large (>20mm Allen bolt) rather than buy an expensive hard to find large Allen Wrench go to the hardware store and buy a bolt and TWO nuts that measure (we're talking measurement of the head of the bolt as in 3/4", length of bolt doesn't matter) the same size as the internal distance of two opposing flat sides of the Allen bolt. Then, run the two nuts on the bolt, cram the second nut against the first to lock it then insert the bolt head into the Allen bolt then use the corresponding wrench size to turn the locked together nuts...works like a charm. Sorry if this is confusing, maybe someone can explain this

Look for more hints in future newsletters.

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