

# CRVBMW NEWS

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

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## CRVBMW Winter Banquet

by Larry Friedman

**When:** Saturday,  
January 19,  
2008  
**Where:** Polish  
National  
Home,  
60 Charter  
Oak Avenue,  
Hartford

**Social Hour:** 6-7 p.m.

**Dinner:** Buffet dinner,  
beginning at  
7:00 p.m.

This will be a very enjoyable evening in a European style club atmosphere. Good food, good drinks, good friends. If you've been there, you will surely return. All members, family and friends are welcome.

**Cost:** \$20 per person  
payable to  
CRVBMW

**Reservations:** Send to:  
Larry Friedman  
900 Granville Road  
Westfield, MA  
01085

**Reservation Deadline:**  
Tuesday, January 15

### Directions to the CRVBMW Winter Banquet

*Easiest directions: Program your GPS to 60 Charter Oak Avenue in Hartford, CT.*

Driving directions:

I-91 to Hartford to Capitol Area Exit

Take the first exit.

Turn left and go to Charter Oak Avenue.

Turn right onto Charter Oak Avenue.

Go 1/10 mile, turn right at Popieluszko Place.

You're in the driveway of the Polish National Home.

Charter Oak Ave. can also be reached heading south on Main Street from Downtown Hartford, left at a wide intersection a few blocks south of the Hartford Library.

To help with the directions, there is a link to a map of this area in Hartford. Go to the CRVBMW Web Site. Click on "Calendar of Events". Scroll down to January 19, and find the map at the bottom of the listed directions.

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

January 19 -- CRV Winter Banquet

## Trip to the International Motor Cycle Show and Pub Crawl in New York

On December 28, Chris Jennings, Larry Friedman and I met in Grand Central Station for a day in New York. After a quick lunch we traveled to the Javits Center and spent several hours examining bikes, visiting vendors and chatting with other bike enthusiasts.



Larry and Chris enjoyed sharing opinions on the recently introduced BMW F800GS. Both tried it on for size and agreed



it could be a fun bike to ride. Many others saddles were tried during the day, but no new bikes would be immediately found

in our garages. After an afternoon of dreaming, we headed off for a "Pub Crawl" led by Chris.

After walking, bus and subway rides we started our evening in the East Village with some French fries at *Pommes Frites*. We then walked to the famous *McSorley's Old Ale House*.



After several rounds of beer in a very noisy and packed McSorley's, we took a short walk to a different world in a German Beer Pub. We discovered plenty of open space, several unoccupied tables with plenty of open seats, and good German beer. We had a chance for good conversation, though interrupted by an occasional "sshhhhhhhhhh" from the pub tender to quiet everyone in the pub down . . . this was when the volume climbed to slightly over conversational levels.

A much longer walk brought us to a Bavarian Pub, with some of the best beer of the day. Chris knows where to find good beer. We found ourselves in the unenviable position of standing next to the kitchen and watching and smelling too many plates heaping with food get walked past us. At least our beer mugs were quickly filled.

Around 9:30 we headed back to Grand Central, walking through a warm, but raining, New York night. We all missed the trains we had hoped to catch, but that often happens during a day in the city.

A quick search for food in Grand Central found few opportunities available. After earlier in the night seeing all that good Bavarian food being paraded in front of me, the bottle of Gatorade and bag of Nacho Cheese Doritos I bought just didn't do it for me.

It was a good day with plenty of new experiences for me. Chris says he's considering another "Pub Crawl" for this spring. I'm looking to go and hope for other CRV'ers to join in on the fun. Good pubs and no crawling . . . what else could we hope for . . . OK, maybe some of the German food we missed.

Keith Olsen

## Ride for Kids

sponsored by the  
Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation

There are many planned Ride for Kids rides for 2008. Full details, including to their nearby rides in New England and New York may be found at:

<http://www.pbtfus.org/rideforkids/>

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### For the mechanic in each of us

submitted by Brian Fisk

A link to a good article showing how to correct rear wheel offset:

<http://www.robertsilas.com/documents/35.html>

If you over fill your oil you can pull the pump out of a household spray bottle and rig up a little hand pump. Get a tube long enough to reach the oil, if the one that's on there already isn't long enough that is, attach it to the pump and squeeze away.

Store your unused RTV in the freezer and it will never harden and force you to cut the ends of the tube to get the remainder out. (make sure to hide it from SWMBO's sight)

For stubborn stripped screws on master cylinder covers, tap the end of the screwdriver lightly with a hammer. The screw then comes right out.

Here's an oldie but a goodie that I used last night. How do you get the spark plug down that deep, narrow hole without damaging it? All the spark plug sockets are too wide to fit. So you take a length of rubber hose large enough to fit over the tip of the plug and hold it securely. Then it's easy to lower the plug down the hole; a few twists gets it started on threads and a slight tug removes the hose. Torque it down and you're done.

If you have a older carb that won't stop leaking, use toothpaste to lap the needle and the seat. Obviously only works on the older carbs with metal seats and needles.

Speaking of float levels, anyone have a Amal concentric carb that leaks or runs lean while extended running on the main jet? Probably has the float level way off. Carefully knock the brass insert/valve seat up or down in the body of the float bowl until the edge of the float is even with the gasket surface in the valve closed position. Obscure trick and I don't know if the explanation is clear. If you have the problem, pm me for a better explanation.

*Look for more hints in future newsletters.*

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## 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.

### January

January 19 -- CRV Winter Banquet. Details on page 1.

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### Items For Sale or Wanted

#### For Sale

2004 R1150RT, Silver, 13,600 miles. Accessories include a Bill Mayer Saddle, BMW Saddle Bags w/Top Case, Sony AM/FM, CD w/MP3 radio, BMW speakers, headphone jack, handlebar remote, Heated Grips and Throttle Lock Cruise Control. Also there are Hi-Way pegs (cylinder mounted), Run-N-Lites Additional Safety Brake Lights, Kissan Signal Minder - Auto Off Turn Signals, Additional 12v power outlet on handle bar, Marsee Tank Bag, Very good rubber and Bar Backs. This bike was purchased new by me, was broken in properly, driven properly and does not burn any oil. Offered at wholesale price of \$9,500.00. If interested contact Pat McGinley at [rpatrickmc@comcast.net](mailto:rpatrickmc@comcast.net) or (860)747-8653 (ad posted 1/08)

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](mailto:avenkol@comcast.net) (ad posted 1/08)

Gateway 2000 for sale. Includes Intel Pentium II Tower with new CD Burner, 17" Monitor, Keyboard & Mouse, HP 722C Printer, Speakers, all necessary cabling and manuals, as well as a workstation which accommodates everything. Hard drive cleaned and defragged. Asking \$40.00. Contact Nikki or Rolf at 860-651-9797 (ad posted 12/07)

#### Wanted

None currently listed.

### February Newsletter Deadline

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

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• **Welcome to the newest CRV member** •  
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• Tristan Jones from Groton, CT •  
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Don't miss out, our Winter Banquet is quickly approaching. Register today.