

# CRVBMW NEWS

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

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## The Road Captain Reports

submitted by our Road Captains

I like to procrastinate. Nobody knows this better than our Newsletter Editor, Keith. I have been promising him an article for months. Like "Gentleman Johnny" Burgoyne awaiting reinforcements at Saratoga from General Howe, nothing has been showing up. By the way, as I read a long time ago that's why the British lost . . . "Lack of no Howe" . . . sorry.

However . . . OK, that was unintentional . . . much like a cell phone yapping moron behind the wheel of a car; a new riding season fast approaches. I have several ideas for rides this season. I'm sure Associate Road Captain Marshall or was it Associate Marshall Road Captain? I don't know, third base. Well I'm sure Marshall and others have a bunch of stuff planned as well. I hope everybody makes a New Year's Resolution to attend two or three of these events (I told you I like to procrastinate). If you are already attending two or three events, attend more! Please don't forget the club's

big three events: our Charter Oak Rally on Memorial Day weekend, our Club Picnic and our Winter Banquet.

Some of the events I am considering for the coming season include:

A "Run for the Roses" going from the Norwich Rose Garden to the Hartford Rose Garden to the Bridge of Flowers.

A visit to the Nettersheim Museum on Long Island.

A "BBQ by BMW Run.

A "Most of the Coast" ride to compliment Keith's "Best of the West" ride.

A tour of Grand Old Houses of CT.

A tour of Revolutionary War sites in Western CT.

Another Growler Campout.

Another trip to the "Big E"

And additional ideas.

However I am tired of leading GROU rides. What is a GROU ride? It is a Group ride without U! So please get involved!!! You

get out of it what you put into it. If you have suggestions or you just want to tell me to bugger off! Call me at (203) 368-9281.

Chris Jennings  
Road Captain

Well folks, the season is about here for riding. I recently rode up through Bristol, Plymouth, Terryville, and Wolcott. It was nice, about 48 degrees.

The roads are dry and clean, do not hesitate to ride.

This would be a good time to change the oil, check the tire pressures and whatever other rituals you go through at the beginning of the riding season.

I will be up for riding if it's at least 50 degrees and sunny if any of you want to ride with short notice. In a few weeks I will begin to post rides.

Marshall Robinson  
Co-Road Captain

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

- March 30 -- March CRV Meeting
- April 26 -- April CRV Meeting at Cliff's Cycle Revolution
- May 2-4 -- Frosty Nuts Campout
- May 3 -- Open House at Cliff's Cycle Revolution
- May 9-11 -- Devil's Hopyard Campout
- May 23-26 -- CRVBMW Charter Oak Rally

## February CRV Meeting Minutes

The Feb. monthly meeting of the Connecticut River Valley BMW Riders, Inc. was called to order @ 2:03 PM on February 24, 2008, Larry Friedman presiding. 29 members and guests were in attendance at Central Pizza, in Berlin, CT. Two (2) members were attending their first meeting.

### Officers in attendance: •

President	Larry Friedman	•
Vice-President	Lenny LaRose	•
Secretary	Linda Combe	•
Treasurer	Mark Altschwagger	•
Co-Road Captain	Chris Jennings	•
Co-Road Captain	Marshall Robinson	
Member-At-Large	Keith Olsen	•
Rally Chairperson	Brian Fisk	•

**Treasurer's Report:** The treasurer reported the amount of money left in the club treasury after the Winter Banquet.

**Secretary's Report:** Current membership = 177; # of members who have renewed for 2008 = 105; # of those who used their picnic fee to pay for 2008 dues = 66; New members for 2008 = 6.

### Rally

- Brian Fisk is officially Rally Chairperson. Ed Mix = Port-a-Potties. George Schmitt = Chef.
- Rides: Seafood ride, Lighthouse ride, Colonial ride.
- John Badeen said that former CRV Richard Stoddard had a suggestion to offer a free rally pass to the 2 people who suffered mishaps at last year's rally. (The club has already offered a free rally pass to the first responder at the incident that happened at the rally site.) Club voted unanimously to approve the suggestion.
- Larry will check to see if the vintage motorcycles will be back again this year.

**Meetings:** March = no location set; April = 4H Club; May = Chute Gates in Terryville. We'd like to move meetings around to different areas. Example, Antonio's in Simsbury. Idea = pizza ride meeting, if you show up you get a free lunch.

**Club Store:** still need someone to volunteer to take over management

### Rides

- Bill Drachenberg will lead a 1-day ride to Americade.
- Chris Jennings will lead a ride to Peter Neidersheim's private museum collection on Long Island

### Miscellaneous

- If any club members want their business or private practice or items for sale listed on the club website or in the newsletter, let Larry Friedman or Keith Olsen know.
- Jim Haggerty is organizing a Caribbean cruise in November, leaving Nov. 15 out of NYC.
- Mototown – indoor flat track, motocross track set on 7.5 acres; perhaps will make it a spring ride destination.
- Planning Party at Todd Gagnon's house in March
- Official club charities: #1 = MDA (Muscular Dystrophy Ass'n); #2 = AMA (American Motorcycle Ass'n)

A motion to adjourn was made @ 2:43 PM by Lenny LaRose, seconded by Chris Jennings. Motion passed and meeting closed by Larry Friedman, President.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda S. Combe,  
Secretary,  
Connecticut River BMW Riders, Inc.

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## 2008 Charter Oak Rally

**Full details on our very own  
CRVBMW Charter Oak  
Rally will be listed in the next  
newsletter. Block in May 23  
through May 26 on your calendar  
for our rally.**

**Once available, full details will be found on  
the CRVBMW Web Site.**

## 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.

### March

March 30 -- March CRV Meeting. Details to the right.

### April

April 26 -- April CRV Meeting at Cliff's Cycle Revolution at their new location in Brookfield. Details to follow.

### May

May 2-4 -- Frosty Nuts Campout hosted by Yankee Beemer's in Jamaica State Park, Jamaica, VT

May 3 -- Open House at Cliff's Cycle Revolution. CRVBMW will host a club table to welcome new members.

May 9-11 -- Devil's Hopyard Campout

May 14 -- After work picnic at Hurd Park, contact Brian Fisk at [brainfish@deadhorse.com](mailto:brainfish@deadhorse.com) or 860-635-1173

May 16-18 -- Deadhorse Spring Bash, Waylusing PA

May 17 -- Annual 4H Outdoor Center Volunteer Day. Details to follow.

May 17 -- May CRV Meeting at the 4H Center, beginning at noon.

May 23-26 -- CRVBMW Charter Oak Rally

May 29-June 1 -- Backroads Spring Break

### June

June 2-7 -- Americade

June 14-22 -- Laconia, NH

June 19 -- Bill's Seafood Ride meet at Denny's parking lot around 5pm for a ride there Rain or shine, please give me a heads up so I can call ahead to give them numbers. Contact Brian at [brainfish@deadhorse.com](mailto:brainfish@deadhorse.com) or 860-635-1173

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## Welcome to our recent new members

Felix Plamas from Newington, CT  
Robert Jermain from Greenwich, CT  
William Mead from Westfield, MA

### April Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, April 1, is the deadline for submitting articles for the next newsletter.

## March CRV Meeting

The March Meeting, on March 30, will take place at Antonio's Restaurant in Simsbury, CT. Antonio's is located at 1185 Hopmeadow Street (which is Route 10/202) in Simsbury. The meeting will begin at 12 noon.

A map is located on our web site with the calendar listing for this meeting.

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

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## For the mechanic in each of us

submitted by Brian Fisk

Chisel Aerosol Gasket Remover. This stuff eats old baked-on gaskets like paper, fiber, RTV, and many other materials. Spray it on, let it sit for 5 to 10 minutes, and wipe/lift off the old gasket with a paper towel.

We all have used scrapers of some sort in the past to remove gaskets but we're just making the mating surfaces even worse by the introduction of additional scratches and gouges on the mating surface of the gasket. It's foolish to make the mating surface even rougher by scraping.

Chisel contains methylene chloride. It will take the paint off if you're not careful.

You should wear eye protection while using it.

It will burn the crap out of your lips or the back of your hand if the slightest drop touches it.

Bank robbers like it because it eats their fingerprints (I'm joking).

*Look for more hints in future newsletters.*

## Our CRVBMW Web Site

is located at:

<http://www.crvbmw.org/>

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Check the calendar for many new upcoming events.