

# CRVBMW NEWS

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

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## Upcoming CRV Meeting, Ride and Campout

### October CRV Meeting

The October CRVBMW meeting will be held on Sunday, October 19. The meeting will be held in Durham, Ct. at the Time Out Taverne.

We will gather for lunch at 1:00 and have a club meeting at 2:00.

The Time Out Taverne is located in Durham at 100 New Haven Road, which is Route 17.

We can order from both the lunch and dinner menus. Their menus and full directions may be found on their web site at:

<http://timeouttaverne.com/>

This is a great opportunity to gather at a nice location on a New England fall day.

Item to be discussed will include the Winter Banquet and the Charter Oak Rally.

Larry Friedman

### by Keith Olsen Mystery Ride

Start your bike, see where it goes, where it stops nobody knows. On Sunday, October 26, I'll be leading a Mystery Ride.

I'm planning another "Mystery Ride" and hope there is interest in participating by our members.

If you are interested, please call me at 203-368-9281. If I'm not home, leave a message.

Chris Jennings

Bring a can of what you like. This will be a meat stew, I'll start with beef.

Bring your own spoon, bowl, cup and what you want to drink. I should be able to have hot water for coffee or tea, hot chocolate and oatmeal. I'll have some type of shelter. Don't hesitate to bring more.

Could be cold! I have a promise for firewood from Carl Dye. It's free camping at this time of year.

Let me know if you have any plans on coming. Please call me at 860-635-1173 or email me at [brainfish@deadhorse.com](mailto:brainfish@deadhorse.com)

A map is located at: <http://www.ct.gov/dep/lib/dep/stateparks/maps/pachch.pdf>

Brian Fisk

### Fall Campout

I'm planning a fall campout on November 8 and 9. The campout will be at the Mt. Misery Campground off Route 49 in Voluntown, Ct.

I'll be getting there early on Saturday morning. I'll have the stew pot going around 1:00PM.

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

October 3-5 -- Eleventh Annual Buzzard Crest Bash

October 19 -- October CRVBMW meeting

October 26 -- Mystery Ride

November 8&9 -- Fall Campout

## CRVBMW Officers Nominations for 2009

At our October Meeting, nominations will be accepted for any and all CRVBMW Officer positions. Elections are held in November and officers for 2009 are announced after voting at our meeting in November. I have not asked any current officers if they have any interest in running again for their current or a different position. Officers may be nominated by another member or may self-nominate himself or herself. If you have any interest in a position this is your time to "throw your name into the hat" to be considered for an office.

Keith

**Our CRVBMW Web Site  
is located at:  
<http://www.crvbmw.org/>**

### October Newsletter Deadline

Saturday, October 25, is the deadline for submitting articles for the next newsletter.

### Motorcycle Models made from Spare Watch Parts

There are some very creative models of motorcycles made from spare parts from watches. These may be seen at: <http://www.v8bikeriders.com/viewtopic.php?f=2&t=8189>

Paul Cifford

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### Welcome to our recent returning or new members

Joe and Nyssa Lanzafame from Hadley, MA

Amber Shepard from ???, CT

### Items For Sale or Wanted

#### For Sale

1999 Dell Latitude Laptop with Intel Pentium II and Windows 98 for sale. Includes HP Deskjet 340 portable printer, interchangeable floppy and CD drives, all necessary cabling, as well as docking station and customized carrying bag. Hard drive cleaned and defragged. Asking \$50.00. If interested, please contact Nikki or Rolf at 860-651-9797. (ad posted 9/08)

2004 Sharp 32" Color TV (Model 32U-S50B) for sale. Asking \$40.00. If interested, please contact Nikki or Rolf at 860-651-9797. (ad posted 9/08)

#### Wanted

None currently listed.

### 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.

#### October

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#### November

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**Additional activities and details are on the calendar found at our CRVBMW Web Site**

## Some Thoughts to Consider About Your Motorcycle Insurance

Within the past year I have had two friends involved in serious accidents while riding their motorcycles. One was killed and the other suffered serious injury, incurring big-time and continuing medical expenses. In both instances, the car drivers were clearly at fault. Also, unfortunately, both car drivers carried only the minimum required liability insurance. To further exacerbate matters, both motorcycle riders carried only \$100,00 in Underinsured Motorist coverage. In neither case was the available insurance coverage adequate to cover the medical and associated costs incurred by someone else's negligence. This caused me to examine my own insurance policy and make some changes.

Prior to these incidents I carried Underinsured Motorist coverage of \$250,000 each person/\$500,000 each accident at a premium of \$164.00 for this coverage.

I have just increased the coverage to \$500,000 each person/\$1,000,000 each accident at a premium of \$180.00 for this coverage. The net premium increase for this item is \$16.00 per year.

I realize that circumstances will and do vary among us, however, the relative costs for increased coverage should be about the same. We all assume responsibility for ourselves in participating in this dangerous and exciting activity, but that doesn't mean we can't or shouldn't reduce our financial risk exposure when possible. It is possible in this one limited area. I'd suggest that all of us review our insurance coverage and make the appropriate changes for very little additional cost.

Pat McGinley

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### For the mechanic in each of us

submitted by Brian Fisk

Use a cupcake pan to hold parts. Mini-muffin cups to hold nuts and bolts.

My neighbor has a roll of brown butcher paper. He places it over his bench. If you are taking an engine apart you can draw notes and diagrams to help reassembly. When it is too dirty just take off and start clean.

Wear gloves to prevent absorbing oils and chemicals into your body.

Pieces of laundry detergent plastic bottles can come in handy. Protect wheels from scratching when changing tires. Make a tray to mix epoxy or JB weld.

And while we're on the magnet thread, these curiously strong magnets from thinkgeek are not only fun to play with, but also functional as well. I use them to put photos, cards, and assorted junk on my workbench, and will keep stuff on in the face of my super fan. One use I discovered last night while drinking beer...err rearranging some tools is to put some magnets under the top lid of tool cabinets. You can put small metal items there (hemostats, scissors, clamps, etc) and use your room more economically. It also makes the tool chest heavier.

Ok, told you where to get some slightly expensive magnets. What if you just want some el cheapos? Go find  
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a refridgerator that's been dumped on the road, awaiting pickup, or just unattended at a friend's house. In the door seal is a very long magnet that keeps the door closed. Just slice open the seal and the thing comes out. Very easy to break into usable portions as well. Not the strongest magnet, but very serviceable nonetheless.

*Look for more hints in future newsletters.*

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### How to join the CRVBMW Yahoo Group

Some discussion occurred about the CRVBMW Yahoo Group and how to become a member. Brian Fisk is the moderator of this group. If you are interested in joining this group, follow these steps:

- 1) If you are not a member of Yahoo, go to the following link and register: <https://edit.yahoo.com/registration?.done=http://groups.yahoo.com%2f&.src=ygrp&.intl=us>
- 2) Go to the CRVBMW group at: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/CRVBMW/>
- 3) Click on the "Join This Group!" button on the right-hand side of the page.
- 4) Complete the registration form.
- 5) You will receive an email confirmation that needs to be responded to that will continue your registration process.
- 6) Brian will verify your registration, usually within a day or two, and you will then be allowed access into the group.

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