

CRVBMW NEWS

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

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Minutes from the March CRV Meeting

The March monthly meeting of the Connecticut River Valley BMW Riders, Inc. was called to order @ 2:11 PM on Sunday, March 22, 2009, Larry Friedman presiding. 20 members and guests were in attendance at The Time Out Tavern, in Durham, CT. No members were attending their first meeting.

Officers in attendance: All officers were in attendance with the exception of Lenny LaRose.

Treasurer: reported that we have money in our treasury. We have invested \$1000 in the club store.

Secretary: reported club has 187 members, 155 have renewed for 2009, 32 have not renewed. As stated in the March newsletter, renewal checks need to be received by April 1 in order to remain members for 2009.

Club member Voyle Harris passed away after a 3-year battle with cancer. Siouxs still needs our support.

Dealer relations – dealers

by Linda Combe

have not been responsive, appreciative, or friendly. Can we offer dealers a focus group to see if there is anything we can do to help them and visa-versa? Idea – develop a CRV packet that dealers would give to new bike buyers so they can learn about us; also perhaps leaving membership forms in dealerships.

National Motorcycle Trials in Highgate, VT July 18-19 – George Noewatne Jr. will be gathering some more information about this.

Members gave tech-tips for getting ready for the spring riding season.

AMA belt buckle awarded to Keith Olsen for his hard work and dedication to the club.

Rides - Brian Fisk – would like to plan some rides
“In-Club” Grand Tour
– photos of statues or signs with animals on them. Does not have to be done on a motorcycle. Can put the photos on a CD or in an album. Recognition will be given for the 1) most

points; 2) most unusual; and 3) random pick.
End the week-end of Thanksgiving.

Picnic party one
Wednesday after work in May.

June – Bill’s Seafood ride, probably the last Thursday of the month

Rally - Chris Jennings – vendors lined up for T-shirts, rally pins. Clean-up may not be until May because the kitchen is being gutted. Charlie Bon Jovi is lined up for the Sunday night band.

Next club meeting is not definite yet, may be at Antonio’s in Simsbury.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:47 PM by Larry Friedman, President.

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

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

April 24-26 -- Camp Out at Devil's Hopyard

April 26 -- April CRV Meeting

May 13 -- After Work Picnic

May 17 -- 4-H Camp Clean-up Day

May 22-25 -- Charter Oak Rally

May 31 -- Private preview tour of the Springfield Museum of Industry

Items For Sale or Wanted

For Sale

2004 BMW 1200C. This was the end of the 1200C run and the bike came with fog lights, the flip-up back rest-pillion and wire wheels. I added a BMW windshield and "Touring" bags which are larger than the leather-covered bags usually found on 1200Cs. Black ABS Center stand. Excellent condition, 30,000 miles with all maintenance up to date. Asking \$7000. If interested contact Bob at 860-491-9703 or rljungquist@optimum.net (ad posted 4/09)

2003 Subaru WRX Turbo, standard 5 speed, Silver. 6 CD changer, excellent shape. All new brakes and rotors. One owner, always garaged. 118,000 miles. \$8500.00 If interested contact Sioux at 518 398 5436 or Sioux@fairpoint.net (ad posted 3/09)

Items Wanted

None currently listed.

April CRV Meeting

The April Meeting, on April 26, 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. Come for lunch at 1:00pm followed by the meeting at 2:00pm.

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

Help Keep Us Current

If there is any change in your contact information (address, email, telephone) please let us know so that we may remain in contact with you. Send any changes to our club Secretary, Linda Combe, by either email or telephone. Thank you.

Our CRVBMW Web Site

is located at:

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

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.

April

April 24-26 -- Camp Out at Devil's Hopyard. Details on page 3.

April 26 -- April CRV Meeting. Details on this page.

May

May 13 -- After Work Picnic. Details on page 3.

May 15-17 -- Down East Rally.

May 17 -- 4-H Camp Clean-up Day. Details on page 3.

May 22-25 -- Charter Oak Rally. Details on page 5.

May 31 -- Private preview tour of the Springfield Museum of Industry. Details on page 3.

June

June 25 -- Bill's Seafood Ride. Details on page 4.

June 27 -- CRT's Second Annual Capital City Bike Night. Details on page 4.

May 15-17 -- Down East Rally.

July

July 18&19 -- Ramapo 500, begins in Suffern, NY.

July 23-26 -- 10th Annual MEME Rally. Details below.

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

10th Annual MEME Rally

The Maine European Motorcycle Enthusiasts (MEME) Rally, is held in a well-known ski area in western Maine, the Sunday River Ski Resort from July 23-26. The surrounding riding areas are rural, rugged, and a good way to meet a moose. Nearby in Andover is Dave Percival's BMW Museum.

The rally is small but has been growing steadily since my first year attending in 2004. Many people stay in the host hotel, the Jordan Grand, but others camp and utilize some of the nearby smaller motels. For more information, see the websites below or you can contact me via email or phone.

10th Annual MEME: <http://www.eurobikemaine.org/mememeet.html>

Contact Linda Combe at 860-257-4285 or lincombe@cox.net

Additional links for this rally are found on our calendar web site listing for this activity.

Clean-up Day at the 4-H Camp in Marlborough

The Clean-up Day at the 4-H Camp is scheduled for Sunday, May 17. This is our chance to do some goodwill volunteering in the name of our club. We will be there from 9:00am to 4:00pm.

As usual, we will do a wide range of jobs, many of which will benefit us since our rally will be held there the following week.

Please contact Chris Jennings (203-368-9281) if you are planning to volunteer. This will help in our planning process.

Even if you can only come for a few hours, please come and volunteer at this clean-up.

Camp Out at Devil's Hopyard

I am planning a campout for the weekend of April 24-26 at Devil's Hopyard Campground in Haddam CT. This is a pay campground not sure what the fee is yet, but in the past the rangers have been good to us. If you come on Friday you will have to fend for yourself as far as dinner and drinks.

I'll try to have a campfire but if you can bring some firewood that would be great. Also I am planning on a charcoal grill as well. I'll bring at least instant coffee, sweeter and creamer. I may even cook breakfast on Sunday AM. Saturday night will be a communal thing, whatever we decide on that afternoon. Remember Joani's advice. Bring what you need cause I will not.

The weather looks like it will be good once again this weekend. We had a wonderful time last weekend with a practice run.

hope to see you there, Brian
brainfish@deadhorse.com or 860-6351173

After Work Picnic

On Wednesday, May 13, at Hurd Park in Haddam, CT. I'll be there rain or shine. If it is nice I would like to be down by the pond, if not I'll be at the Pavilion. I'll bring the fire, you bring what you eat and drink. I should be there around 5 pm. Questions, contact Brian at 1-860-635-1173 or brainfish@juno.com

Brian

CRV Grand Tour

I am running a club-only ride, it will be like a grand tour. The idea is to get you out and ride, or at least leave the house. I do not care how you gather the pictures (motorcycle, car, bicycle, train, plane or auto) no flags, just the picture! The theme is Animals! Statues or signs. Any where in the world is acceptable.

You take the picture, print it or add it to a disk. That is the only way it will be review. I need them sent to me in the US mail or handed to me directly by December 1, 2009.

Three prizes will be given out.

- 1) Most points, based on how many photos you take. Three points for each photo that is different (i.e. 3 points for the first Horse, 1 point for each additional Horse)
- 2) One random drawing (you only need one photo for this).
- 3) One award for the most unusual creature (that is the only subjective photo, I'll not be considered for this prize as I am the judge. Again you only need 1 photo to win this).

Yes, I am going to ride this . . . but like I wrote I am only involved with the most and the random. Prizes will be given out at next winter party.

The contest starts now! I will not take any until after April 23rd. I hope to lead a ride that will have the statues theme in August. Don't wait until then. Bring your camera with you wherever you go.

Questions . . . call, write or e-mail me.

Brian Fisk, 215 Woodland Drive, Cromwell, CT 06416

1-860-635-1173 or brainfish@juno.com

Springfield Museum of Industry

We will have a special private preview tour of the new Springfield Museum of Industry building at 2 pm on May 31st for CRVBMW Riders and their guests.

This museum features the Indian Motorcycle collection that was donated, in its entirety, to the Springfield Museums.

There is also the first American automobile, the Knox, a Gee Bee racing airplane and the Rolls Royce manufactured in Springfield.

A lunch gathering will be held nearby at 12 with details available soon at our club website and at the CRV meeting on April 26.

Alaska Inland Passage Cruise

The Alaska Inland Passage Cruise will happen in July 2010 (probably not the weekend of July Fourth). The exact date is not set.

It will leave from Bellingham, Washington or Vancouver, British Columbia and end in either Skagway or Whittier, Alaska. If we depart from Vancouver, you will need a passport. If you do not have a passport, apply for one early.

To get realistic prices for the cruise package and airfares to the west coast from wherever you are leaving, I need some sort of head count. This is not a final commitment on your part that you are going to Alaska on the cruise, but I need a head count of those seriously thinking of going and do have the where-with-all to attend (of course, depending on the final cost). The cruise cost is from \$869 per person for an inside cabin to \$1,849 per person for a suite.

I also need information on where you are flying from and returning to. Fly from your home airport to the west coast, cruise the inland passage, fly from Anchorage, Alaska to your home airport. Keep in mind flying from and returning to a larger airport (rather than IE Tweed/New Haven) will give you more options for available flights and will be less expensive.

By dealing with only one travel agent we will receive the best price.

If you are interested in this cruise, please email me. Even if you have spoken with me and told me you want to go, please email me your interest or commitment again.

You may email me at either:

madmatt@deadhorse.com
mattstrus@comcast.net

If you have friends who realistically want to join us, include them. The more people who commit to this early, the greater the opportunity to get the best, lowest possible prices.

In my personal planning for this trip, I hope to arrive in the west coast the day before the cruise. I'll attend the cruise and depending on when the days fall I'll extend my trip. I want to spend as much time in Alaska as I can and I'll rent a motorcycle or car to go exploring. I'll return home the Saturday before returning to work on Monday.

Over 14 people have expressed a commitment to this trip, another 10 plus have shared a serious interest in the cruise.

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Imagine what a great time we would have with over 25 friends sharing the same cruise . . . and this is only considering CRV members. You could plan to extend your trip and see more of Alaska by motorcycle, car or train with some of your friends.

For those responding and going on the trip, should I open this opportunity up to members of the Ocean State BMW Riders, Moto Guzzi Club and Yankee Beemers? The way I see it, the more the merrier and the lower the cost too.

Thank you for your consideration of participating on this cruise. Please email me as soon as possible if you are seriously thinking of joining us on the cruise.

Matt Strus

Annual Bill's Seafood Ride

Ride to Bill's Seafood down on Route 1 at the Singing Bridge in Westbrook. The ride is on the last Thursday of June, the 25th. I'll leave from the Denny's parking lot in Middletown on Rte.17 (south end) at 5:15pm, rain or shine. But if it is raining, I may bring the tin rainsuit. I also plan to get to Bill's around 6:30pm.

Let me know if you plan to attend by contacting me at brainfish@deadhorse.com or 860-635-1173.

Brian

CRT's Second Annual Capital City Bike Night

The Community Renewal Team, Inc. (CRT) is partnering with Capitol City Ryders and the City of Hartford to bring the Second Annual **Capital City Bike Night** to Main Street in downtown Hartford on Saturday, June 27, 2009, from 2:00-8:00 p.m. (rain date: July 18, 2009) in support of CRT's Generations program.

All motorcycle enthusiasts are invited to join us for this fun filled event being held in downtown Hartford. There will be a custom ride motorcycle contest, great food and merchandise vendors selling their wares, lots of music and other forms of entertainment to be enjoyed.

The entry fee is \$5 for riders; \$10 for custom rides entering the bike contest.

For event information, sponsorship packages or vendor information, please contact CRT at: (860) 560-5456 or email: oconnellm@crcr.org

Hope to see you there!
Mary O'Connell



Twenty-third Annual

Charter Oak Rally

May 22-25, 2009

Sponsored by CT River Valley BMW Riders, Inc.
(<http://www.crvbmw.org>)

Location: Hartford County 4-H Camp, Marlborough, CT

Registration: \$50 preregistration (received prior to May 12), \$58 at the Gate.

Children 6-15 \$29 preregistration, \$35 at the Gate. Children 5 and under FREE.

CHARTER OAK

The rally includes:

Entertainment on Saturday and Sunday nights

4+ meals included in the registration fee:

2 full Dinners

2 full Breakfasts

Friday night chili while it lasts

Continuous coffee

3 nights camping and our famous "always hot" showers

Door prizes

Organized rides

Rally Awards

Modern enclosed pavilion and facilities

Cabins available for clubs for \$45

Rally pin and mug guaranteed to first 225

Directions: From the intersection of Route 66 and Route 2 in Marlborough, head south on old Route 2 (also called South Main Street). In about 1/2 mile, bear right onto South Road. The Hartford County 4-H Camp will be on your left after a couple of miles. (Map on our web site. GPS coordinates N41 59189 W72 42529)

For Preregistration or Cabins contact:

John Stiefel, Charter Oak Rally
35 Saw Mill Road
Burlington, CT 06013

For questions or additional information:

Rally Chair: Chris Jennings

Telephone: 203-368-9281

Email questions to Keith at crvbmw@earthlink.net

Make checks payable to: CRVBMW Riders, Inc.

PLEASE !!! No glass or pets at the rally site

Registration Form

A separate registration form is needed for every person, including passengers and every child

Name: _____
Rider Male
Passenger Female Date of Birth: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Email Address: _____

Name(s) of Local Club Affiliations: _____

Make of Motorcycle: _____ Model: _____ Year: _____ Sidecar: Y N

Waiver: I agree to hold harmless the Connecticut River Valley BMW Riders, Inc., the American Motorcycle Association, and the Hartford County 4-H Camp, for any injury, damage or loss incurred while attending or traveling to and from the rally.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

For Official Use Only

Amount Received \$ _____ Cash or Check # _____ Received by _____

Information verified _____ Rally # _____

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Check the many activities in our calendar of events.