

CRVBMW NEWS

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

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Is Anyone Ready for the Annual CRV Picnic?

by Keith Olsen

Once again, it's time for our annual club picnic. The event will be held **September 13, beginning at 1:00p.m.** rain or shine. Your President has arranged for a super catered picnic. We will gather at Stanley Park in Westfield, Massachusetts.

This is one of the most beautiful parks in New England. Walk through the gardens, along trails, and around the ponds. There are great roads to and from the park. This year's food will feature a similar menu to last year's, once again including sliced filet mignon.

For those who have attended one of our recent picnics, you know we have been able to bundle a great offer to attend the picnic and get a "free" renewal of your membership for the following year. Unluckily, the economy affected the attendance at our Charter Oak Rally this year and fewer people attended. Though we did end up in the positive, it was a much lower amount than in recent years. We are still able to offer some benefits, but not at the level we were able to do in the past.

The club is still subsidizing the cost of each member's meal

by about \$7.00 per member. We are offering Full Members the opportunity to renew their membership for next year for a 50% savings of only \$10. This renewal opportunity is only available at this time and to those members who attend the picnic.

To give you an idea about expenses, if our usual number of members attend the picnic the club will spend all the profits earned from this year's Charter Oak Rally and about an additional \$200 in subsidizing the picnic. If 50 Full Members renew their membership at this time, that's another \$500 that is not income to the club. As you can see we are not making a profit from this, but offering reduced costs to club members.

To get a correct count and to properly plan the picnic, all registrations (on the next page) and payments must be **received by September 8.**

Bring your friends or prospective club members along.

Send your checks today to:

Keith Olsen
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Directions to the barbecue: From intersection of Routes 20 and 202 in Granby, Ct.;

North on 202 through Southwick.

Pass Chevrolet dealer and Ray's Farm Stand.

Left past Ray's Farm onto Sunnyside Rd.

At third stop sign go straight over the NEW BRIDGE.

Left at top of hill and immediate left into Stanley Park

We are in the pine grove at that entrance (behind the rose garden).

Pass the picnic site and park in the lot beyond the flower gardens.

From Route 57 in Granville, Ma.

Intersection of Rt. 189 and Rt. 57 (Village green and country store);

continue 1/4 mile east on 57 to Old Westfield Rd.

Left on Old Westfield Rd.

6+ miles to second stop sign / T intersection.

Left over bridge.

Left at top of hill.

Left into Stanley Park.

Pass picnic site and park in lot beyond the flower gardens.

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

August 14-16 -- Seventh Annual [B]5 Gathering

August 21-23 -- Camp Skylemar Summer Rally

August 23 -- Six Months to President's Day Ride

September 13 -- Annual CRV Picnic

September 13 -- Ride for the Troops in Afghanistan

September 25-27 -- 5th Annual Rally in the Poconos

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.

August

August 14-16 -- Seventh Annual [B]5 Gathering. Details to the right.

August 21-23 -- Camp Skylemar Summer Rally sponsored by the BMW Riders of Southern Maine.

August 23 -- Six Months to President's Day Ride. Details to the right.

September

September 13 -- Annual CRV Picnic. Details on page 1.

September 13 -- Ride for the Troops in Afghanistan starting in Bridgeport, CT.

September 25-27 -- 5th Annual Rally in the Poconos sponsored by the Black Diamond Beemers

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

September Newsletter Deadline

August 25, is the deadline for submitting articles for the next newsletter.

Thank You for the Rides you have Provided

Co-Road Captain, Marshall Robinson, has resigned from his officer position. We thank Marshall for the rides he has led for our club members and the enjoyment he has provided to those who participated in the rides he has led.

Six Months to President's Day Ride

On August 23, Chris Jennings will lead a ride to Long Island, including a ride on the ferry. The ride will include visiting Theodore Roosevelt's House at Oyster Bay.

If interested in joining the ride, contact Chris at 203-368-9281.

Seventh Annual [B]5 Gathering

August 14-16, at Bobble's in Montrose, PA. A weekend gathering to feast, frolic and get stupid in the Endless Mountain Region of NE Pennsylvania. Friday night stew pot. Sat dinner will be a shared cost peoples choice. Plenty of tent space. Porta shower. Yuengling on draft.

Full details and directions on our CRV web site.

Registration for the CRV Picnic

Member's Name: _____ Associate Member's Name: _____

Number of CRV Members attending the picnic at a cost of \$20 per member? _____ Cost = \$ _____

Number of guests attending the picnic at a cost of \$25 per guest? _____ Cost = \$ _____

Name(s) of guests: _____

Do you want to renew your Full Membership for the reduced "Picnic" cost of \$10? _____ Cost = \$ _____

Do you want to renew your Associate Membership for the cost of \$10? _____ Cost = \$ _____

Please total your costs and include a check written to **CRVBMW Rider's Inc.** for the total amount. Mail this form and your check to:

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Registration forms and payments must be received by Tuesday, September 8.

Patriot Guard Riders

Mission Statement: The Patriot Guard Riders is a diverse amalgamation of riders from across the nation. We have one thing in common besides motorcycles. We have an unwavering respect for those who risk their very lives for America's freedom and security. If you share this respect, please join us.

We don't care what you ride or if you ride, what your political views are, or whether you're a hawk or a dove. It is not a requirement that you be a veteran. It doesn't matter where you're from or what your income is; you don't even have to ride. The only prerequisite is Respect.

Our main mission is to attend the funeral services of fallen American heroes as invited guests of the family. Each mission we undertake has two basic objectives:

Show our sincere respect for our fallen heroes, their families, and their communities.

Shield the mourning family and their friends from interruptions created by any protestor or group of protestors.

We accomplish the latter through strictly legal and non-violent means.

To those of you who are currently serving and fighting for the freedoms of others, at home and abroad, please know that we are backing you. We honor and support you with every mission we carry out, and we are praying for a safe return home for all.

I became a member a year ago, and you can't believe how good it makes you feel just making this small gesture of respect. You usually have family members or old veterans thanking you personally at every mission. I've been on "missions" ranging from recent Iraq casualties, to WW2 veterans, to internment of the cremains of a Vietnam casualty identified after ~40 years, to "Welcome Home's" for deployed units.

It's a great excuse to get together for a ride. I've carried some old/young relatives on a couple of the escort missions. Most of the members ride Harleys or other cruisers, but I attend on either my BMW Adventure or my Ural Gear-Up, it doesn't matter, you're one of the crowd. I've seen Ducati's, crotch rockets, a KLR-650, and even a scooter once.

If you're interested, go to www.patriotguard.org and check it out. Read a couple of the "Letters of Appreciation" and then go to "All Forums", find your state and join up. Doesn't cost anything, your state reps will send you an email on upcoming missions, and you choose if/when you attend.

Jay Koonz

Items For Sale or Wanted

For Sale

2002 HONDA VTX 1800 C Motorcycle, 11890 miles. This cruiser is in excellent condition and has more than \$1,600.00 in accessories on it. It has always been garaged. It has the following accessories on it: Boss leather saddle bags. RIVCO solo luggage rack and passenger seat. Rifle windshield and lowers. Throttlemeister cruise control. MC 1000-19 engine guards. Powerlet 12 VDC outlet on handle bars. I'm asking \$6,250.00 and am willing to negotiate. If interested contact: Pat McGinley: rpatrickmc@comcast.net or (860)747-8653 (Ad posted 8/09)

1999 Wellmax Trailer in a Bag, a better emergency m/c trailer is not available carry it in the trunk of your car. Single rail m/c trailer with a 1200 lbs weight limit, when trailer is taken apart it fits in a canvas duffel bag for storage, stores in your bedroom closet or on the rafters of your garage or shed. As new condition Asking \$650 [new \$1200]. Matt Strus at 860-584-5760 or madmatt@deadhorse.com (Ad posted 8/09)

Assorted Items, if interested contact Forrest at 860-873-8712 or email forrest.l.anderson@mac.com (ad posted 8/09):

Tank Bag: RKA red, magnet. Used one season on my R100RT. \$50

Hippo Hands: Black used several seasons \$10

Heated Vest: BMW size XL, used twice. \$25

Heated Gloves: Widder size M used frequently @10

Riding Suit: Aerostich Roadcrafters, Jacket size 44 Long in Hi Viz Yellow with Silver shoulders. Pants size 38 Long also Silver \$500

Riding Pants: BMW size 34 regular, legs unzip to become shorts, tan \$40

2007 KLR 650 Kawasaki. Red/Silver. 1500 Miles. Mostly stock. Excellent condition. No scratches. Asking \$2995. Mike Dzen 860-729-0850 (Ad posted 8/09)

Eureka Storm Shield 2-person Tent. With vestibule. Asking \$49.00. If interested contact George at (860) 482-6994. (ad posted 6/09)

2004 R1150RT. 15K miles, Silver. I am the 2nd owner, 1st owner: Pat McGinley. Many add ons, looks nice, runs great. Asking \$8200, for more info contact Forrest Anderson at 860-873-8712. (ad posted 6/09)

2007 Kawasaki 250 Ninja, red, 4K, mint condition. Asking \$2,300. Call Vern at 203-899-7368. (ad posted 6/09)

1996 Triumph Trophy 1200, 42000 miles, Well maintained, very clean, \$3,250. Call Roy at 508-476-3962, Leave Message. (ad posted 5/09)

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.

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