

CRVBMW NEWS

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

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Minutes from the February CRV Meeting

by Linda Combe

The February monthly meeting of the Connecticut River Valley BMW Riders, Inc. was called to order @ 2:12 PM on February 22, Larry Friedman presiding. 29 members and guests were in attendance at Central Pizza in Berlin, CT. One member was attending his first meeting.

Officers in attendance: All officers were in attendance.

Secretary's Report – we have 188 members, 138 have renewed their 2009 membership, and 50 have not yet renewed.

Larry Friedman requested ideas to make travel more fun due to the economy not being so much fun. Lenny LaRose said he has a friend who lives near where the MOA rally is going to be held this year who will do some local research for mom & pop stores and motels in the area.

The RA rally will be in Canann Valley, W. Virginia, which is an area with great riding roads.

The same weekend as the RA rally (July 23-26) is the

10th annual MEME (Maine European Motorcycle Enthusiasts) rally in Bethel, ME. Watch for info in the next club newsletter.

Charter Oak Rally – The rally is the most important CRVBMW event of the year, as it subsidizes the club picnic and holds this club together. Chris said that Jim Faucher would like some help in the kitchen this year, so if anyone is interested please let Chris know. The 4-H club increased its rent this year by \$100. We also have to schedule a Clean-Up day, which is usually held at the end or March or the beginning of April.

The club donated money to the following:
Stanley Park, where our club picnic is held every September;
AMA Legislative Support, to help us maintain our riding rights. We received an AMA belt buckle which will be awarded in the near future to a special member for outstanding service;
MDA (Muscular Dystrophy Association), which is the

club's charity of choice.

We talked about trips that club members are planning this year.

Dick and Carol Johnson recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Keith found a good price for club cards but hasn't ordered them due to not sure how the coloring will come out. Ron Faibush will assist Keith in finding out that information.

Newest club member Andrew Bikukha (joined today) was introduced by Chris Jennings.

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, March 22 at the Time Out Taverne in Durham, CT

Meeting was adjourned at 2:46 PM.

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

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

March 22 -- March CRV Meeting

April 19 -- Ride to benefit the Multiple Sclerosis Society

May 15-17 -- Down East Rally

May 22-25 -- Charter Oak Rally

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

Items For Sale or Wanted

For Sale

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)

2006 Ninja EX 250. Asking \$2400. For more information or if interested contact Sarah at: sarahbement@optonline.net (ad posted 2/09)

Items Wanted

None currently listed.

March CRV Meeting

The March CRVBMW meeting will be help on Sunday, March 22. The meeting will be held in Durham, Ct. at the Time Out Tavern.

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

The Time Out Tavern 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://timeouttavern.com/>

This is a great opportunity to gather at a nice location and share plans on rides and rallies.

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.

March

March 22 -- March CRV Meeting. Details to the left.

April

April 19 -- Ride to benefit the Multiple Sclerosis Society. Beginning at Playland in Rye, NY.

May

May 15-17 -- Down East Rally.

May 22-25 -- Charter Oak Rally

July

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

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.

April Newsletter Deadline

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

Current CRVBMW 2009 Membership

As of March 7, the people listed below **have** renewed their CRVBMW Membership for 2009. **This will be the final newsletter distributed to people who do not renew and pay their dues by April 1.** Members who have not renewed will not be included in the 2009 Club Roster published along with the April Newsletter.

It is not too late to renew and payments may be sent to Linda Combe. If you no longer have the renewal form that you received, you may contact Linda at 860-257-4285 or lincombe@cox.net to confirm where to send your renewal payment.

John Allen	Sandi Erickson	Nyssa Lanzafame	Judi Raymond
Deborah Lee Altschwager	Ron Faibusch	Lenny LaRose	Debi Reynolds
Mark Altschwager	Jim Faucher	John Leo	Marshall Robinson
Bruce Anderson	Shirley Faucher	Terry Letellier	Mark Rose
Forrest Anderson	Lucas Fernandez	Bob Ljungquist	Fred Rosenbaum
Jani Anderson	Al Ferreri	Bonnie Lytle	John Ruggirello
April Arnold	Dave Findley	Pat McGinley	Bob Samuelson
Rick Arnold	Brian Fisk	Michael McGlamery	Ric Sawyer
Josh Ascher	Michael Friedle	Ray McKenna	Rod Schlosser
John Badeen	Larry Friedman	Willajean McLean	Teri Schlosser
Bill Barber	Linda Friedman	Freda Mitchell	Curly Schmidt
Sarah Bement	Todd Gagnon	Mitch Mitchell	Tom Sebold
Andrew Bilukha	Jon Gorman	Ed Mix	Lauren Secular
Nicola Bjork	Barb Greenlaw	Jim Montstream	Amber Shepherd
Rolf Bjork	Jack Greenlaw, Jr.	Pamela Moore	Bob Smith
David Bobalki	Lou Gugliotti	Pat Moore	Dale Smith
Kat Bravo	Jim Haggerty	Bin Moss	Pat Smith
Jeffrey Brown	Cheryl Harris	Bobbie Naramore	Red Hot Smith
Rob Cadieux	Siouxy Guzzi Harris	Tom Neaverson	Tracy Smith
Dan Carnevale	Ken Hearn	Joseph Niewinski	Mike Snowden
Chris Chorney	Art Hechler	George Noewatne, Jr.	Millie Snowden
Jeanine Christensen	Patricia Hechler	Charles Olsen	John Stiefel
Nord Christensen	John Helming	Gail Olsen	Maria Stiefel
Mr. "JC" Claxton	Guillermo Herrera	Keith Olsen	Richard Stoddard
Paul Clifford	Steven Heyman	Elaine Palach	John Stratton
Jay Combe	Chris Jennings	Henry Palach	Matt Strus
Linda Combe	Carole Johnson	Mary Parola	Ginny Talbot
Gary Czarnecki	Dick Johnson	Tim Parola	Janet Temple
Joani Dahlstrom	Tom Johnson	Jack Patton	Roy Temple
Peter DeSeno	John Joy	Joani Patton	Paul Vicamini
Tom DiFiglio	Roslind Kaplan	Barb Phelps	Stella Vicamini
Wayne Douglas	Russ Kaplan	Marc Phelps	Pork Chop Vnette
Bill Drachenberg	Dennis Kelly	Felix Planas	Daniel Walton
Don Dupuis	Jay Koonz	Frank Podgwaite	Vern Wulle
Jane Dupuis	Lewis Kuester	Penny Podgwaite	Rick Zwiebel
Carl Dye	Bruce Lamke	Meg Posey	Sheree Zwiebel
Michael Dzen	Mary Lamke	Jim Prabulos	
Eric Erickson	Joe Lanzafame	John Raymond	

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

Full Throttle: Vintage Motorcycles, Custom Choppers and Racing Machines

According to Vermont Life, Shelburne Farms (Shelburne, VT) is having an exhibit called "Full Throttle: Vintage Motorcycles, Custom Choppers and Racing Machines". It starts May 17th and runs through Oct. 25.

It says the exhibit celebrates the design and artistry of the motorcycle.

Brian Fisk

Gengras BMW . . . or Harley Davidson?

I picked up my R100RS from Gengras BMW Motorcycles in East Hartford, CT. The next day, I got a phone call from Julie at Gengras Harley Davidson, following up to find out if I was satisfied with the service. I informed Julie that I hadn't been to the Harley Shop for service. Pause . . . She told me that I had just had service done to my bike. I told her that I had the service done to my BMW at the BMW shop and that I trusted Don's (BMW master mechanic) work implicitly.

"Well, it's the same, we're all under one roof", she reported. Sensing a teachable moment, I informed, "it was not the same, that there were, in fact, great differences and that I had never passed through Gengras Harley's door". She then notified me that Harleys would soon be coming up the hill, to be literally under the same roof as the other bikes and that I should come look at the Harleys next time I was at Gengras Motorcycles.

What's a Beemer rider to think? Well, these are hard economic times.

Michael McGlamery



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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Full details about this year's Charter Oak Rally are found inside.