

CRVBMW NEWS

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Experiences Gained From Riding

by Jeff Brown

As a child I recall looking at motorcycles as most children would. I did recall a type of motorcycle that was unusual. I would find out as a teen that the motorcycles that I found to be beautiful would be BMW.

This is my 16th year riding. Within this time I have gotten married, had two children, bought a home and maintained employment. I have thought of the day when I would obtain my first 100,000 miles. My original target date was within 10 years of riding but life happens. My idea of riding has also altered slightly over time. I have achieved this goal on two bikes, my first born, a 1987 R 65 and then a 1983 RIOORS. Like children, both different and wonderful in their own ways, I would never choose between them. Especially when 2 years ago I purchased a 1983 R 100 converted to an S (work in progress).

I reflect over the years of what I have been taught, learned and passed on to others. Some of which are as follows.

I have two friends that originally got me interested and were supportive of my original involvement with riding. Once I obtained my first motorcycle, they shared the rules. The two rules from my friends are:

- 1) Always wear the correct riding gear or . . . we will beat the crap out of you.

- 2) Never drink and ride or . . . we will beat the crap out of you.

I have found that the basic foundation of rules have expanded ever so slightly over the years but I feel that those two rules say it all, I do feel that I have followed these rules to the best on my ability. I have another friend that I work with that believes that there are two types of riders, the ones that have dropped their bikes in an accident and those who will. I don't agree with that philosophy. I recall the trainers with the safety course that I was involved with prior to riding saying, "If you listen to us and do what you are supposed to, you won't get involved with an accident." Paraphrased to the best of my ability. And other than one unfortunate incident with a turkey, who wanted to commit suicide, no accidents and even with the turkey, I did not drop the bike and it did not hit my body.

Like many, I have talked with countless motorcyclists on every form of bike, age, geographical location and experience. Solo rides, group rides, or a short trip to the store to get milk or a multiple state/country tour. Those that ride that feel that there are 4 months of the year to ride and those like me who believe that there are only 12 months a year to ride. I am by no means the rider that rides the most in our club. I enjoy the rain as I

have found that it can wash the bike. I enjoy the colder days as the air-cooled bikes run better. I enjoy the back roads rather than the highways. Not so much fast anymore but enjoying each mile and turn. I like riding earlier with no traffic, great way to see wildlife. I have gone to the larger rallies/events and also the small. They are all a great deal of fun. You might see the same bikes over and over and some of the same people but they are still enjoyable events. I had the pleasure of meeting David Percival years ago and see his collection in Maine about thirteen years ago before his home (museum) was open to the public. After a while you can tell a rider who loves to ride and a rider that riding is incorporated into their very soul and riding needs to occur. In the past several years, I have only missed one month (at least one ride a month) of riding, January 2009. Again, life happens.

My first year of riding involved going to Canton Cycles when it was in fact in Canton. Being greeted by other riders and encouraged to join CRV Riders. I did and participated with many different activities. There was never pressure to participate with an activity but support. I have not participated with any club activities over the past several

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

February 21 -- CRVBMW February Meeting

May 28-31 -- Charter Oak Rally

Experiences Gained From Riding (continued)

years due to family obligations and life. I did briefly become involved with another club a year ago with a buddy from work. It was a club that was about being supportive of child protective services, which interested me as I am a Social Worker and keep kids safe. That club had individuals that were angry, poor goals, pressure to attend 80% of club functions, didn't listen to other people's opinions and the feeling was very negative overall. I recently bumped into CRV Club Members when they were out to breakfast as I was bringing my son to karate class in the same little area in Salem. I talked with my old friends that day. I was greeted with friendly smiles and how have you been. That is the feeling that a club should have. Not the negative feelings of participation but what have you been up to and we would like to see you again.

CRV has the best of members. I have goals for the future of my riding. Ride more often with CRV members and to the events. With my children being older the time might be available. CRV has always felt like a family. You might not always see everyone in the family but when you do it's like you have not missed a step.

I had a serious conversation with my wife, in the event that something tragic occurred to me this past year that would prevent 100,000. My solution was simple, cremate my remains and place them in a motorcycle toolbox tray and have friends take me for a ride until I received the 100,000. That is no longer needed. Prior to my 42nd birthday, I was able to achieve my goal of 100,000.

Riding has always been therapeutic and I hope to remain in the saddle for years to come.

See you on the road.

Jeff Brown

This article was originally submitted in October.

Some text was edited by the editor.

February CRV Meeting

The February CRVBMW meeting will be held on Sunday, February 21. 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/>

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.

February

February 21 -- CRVBMW February Meeting. Details to the left.

May

May 28-31 -- Charter Oak Rally. Details on page 5.

Items For Sale or Wanted

For Sale

1998 "HEBB Trimup 2250.1" Tread Mill, which has served us well and is still going strong. Variable speed and grade, which can be adjusted while you walk. Electronic monitor with calorie counter, distance, speed, grade, etc. + manual. Paid just under \$1,300.00, yours for only \$50.00. Contact Nikki or Rolf @ 860-651-9797. (Ad posted 2/10)

Oil Filters Spin-on BMW OEM, Mahle OC91 OEM oil filter BMW# 11-42-1-460-845. Fits K and Oilhead R bikes. \$10 each or 5 for \$40. Plus shipping. Contact Frank at mrmrsp191@aol.com (Ad reposted 2/10)

2002 HONDA VTX 1800 C Motorcycle, Black, 11890 miles. Price Reduction!!!!!! New Price = \$4,250.00. This bike needs to go to a rider ASAP.

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 Photos on request. (Ad posted 1/10)

Items Wanted

None currently listed.

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, Jim Montstream, by either email or telephone. Thank you.

2010 CRVBMW Membership Renewals

The members listed below **have renewed** their membership for 2010. Members who are not listed below may renew their 2010 membership prior to receiving their formal renewal notice at the end of February. To renew your membership at this time, please complete the form, include your payment and mail them following the instructions at the bottom of this page.

Eder Alencar	Shirley Faucher	George Noewatne, Jr.
Deborah Lee Altschwager	Dave Findley	Charles Olsen
Mark Altschwager	Jon Gorman	Gail Olsen
April Arnold	Barb Greenlaw	Keith Olsen
Rick Arnold	Jack Greenlaw, Jr.	Elaine Palach
Josh Ascher	Jim Haggerty	Henry Palach
John Badeen	Susan Hamilton	Tim Parola
Bruce Bellmore	Siouxy Guzzi Harris	Barb Phelps
Andrew Bilukha	Dominique Jaouen	Marc Phelps
Nicola Bjork	Chris Jennings	Felix Planas
Rolf Bjork	Carole Johnson	Meg Posey
Fred Bjorkland	Dick Johnson	Violet Postorkova
David Bobalki	Joe Keams	Jim Prabulos
Kat Bravo	Dennis Kelly	John Raymond
Rob Cadieux	Jay Koonz	Judi Raymond
Paul Clifford	Bruce Lamke	Jim Reinhart
Jay Combe	Mary Lamke	Joani Reinhart
Linda Combe	Lenny LaRose	Debi Reynolds
Gary Czarnecki	Terry Letellier	Bob Smith
Joani Dahlstrom	Pat McGinley	David Smith
Wayne Douglas	Michael McGlamery	Pat Smith
Don Dupuis	Ray McKenna	Paul Vicamini
Jane Dupuis	Ed Mix	Stella Vicamini
Carl Dye	Jim Montstream	Daniel Walton
Ron Faibusch	Bobbie Naramore	Vern Wulle
Jim Faucher	Tom Neaverson	Jim Zagryn

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2010 Membership Renewal Form

Full Member: _____ Renewal cost of \$20

Associate Member: _____ Renewal cost of \$10

Address: _____

Town: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Email Address: _____

After completing the above, please total your costs and include this form and a check written for the correct amount to CRVBMW Riders, Inc. Please mail these to our club secretary, Jim Montstream, at the address below:

Jim Montstream 68 Portland Road Marlborough, CT 06447

Inland Passage Cruise to Alaska

7 days on the Norwegian Star NCL

Join other CRVBMW members on a cruise to Alaska via the Inland Passage. I have been working with Geoffery Morrell, a personal vacation planner with Norwegian Cruise Lines (NCL), to assure the best price and a good time for all. Join the 12 of us who have already put deposits on the trip. Below is the cost information for the cruise. Prices vary depending on your qualification for discounts (contact Geoffery Morrell directly for your discounts).

Departure and Return

Sailing from Seattle, WA 4 PM (PST) Sat July 24, 2010 aboard the NCL Norwegian Star to Skagway, Alaska and other ports returning to Seattle, WA 8 (AM) Sat July 31, 2010.

Cabins and Costs

Inside cabin deck 9 and 10; \$706 to \$799 per person

Ocean view cabin (obstructed view) deck 8; \$733 to \$949 per person

Ocean view cabin porthole deck 4; \$895 to \$979 per person

Balcony cabin deck 9; \$1084 to \$1189 per person

Mini suite deck 9; \$1600+ per person (a couple in our group has taken one)

The above prices are based on double occupancy. If you are a single woman or single guy and would wish to share a room with another person, contact me **before** you talk to Geoffery. Let me pair you up with a roomie, unless you want to room by yourself which will cost more. At the moment I have a woman looking for a roommate (#13 looking to join us #14 will be her roomie).

These prices go up and down, mostly up. Your deposit of \$250 per person locks you in to your price at the time of deposit. You have until May 10, 2010, to pay in full or back out of the trip and get your deposit back (talk to Geoffery).

In addition to the cost of the cruise you will need to pay for airfare. The following are some sample prices for airfare to Seattle.

The following round trip airfare set up thru NCL (Geoffery Morrell) will be:

From JFK in NY \$744 per person

From Logan in Boston \$782 per person

From RDU in Raleigh, NC . . \$742 per person

If you wish to fly out of a different airport you will have to set this up with Geoffery Morrell.

NCL will pick us up at the airport in Seattle and bring us to the ship. At the end of the cruise they will bring us back to the airport for our flight home.

I am making nothing except a headache and aggravation for putting this together. After we book 8 cabins and/or 16 peoples we get a group rate. ***All those who book the cruise as part of the CRVBMW Club through Geoffery Morrell will share equally in whatever discount or perk we receive.***

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me, Matt Strus, at 860-584-5760 or mattstrus@att.net

Geoffery Morrell, our trip planner, may be contacted directly at 1-877-436-9722 extention 7241 or at gmorrell@ncl.com for questions, to make your reservations and place a deposit for the cruise. ***To be part of our group and receive the discounts and perks that have been included, when you talk with Geoffery, be sure he is aware that you are booking your trip as part of the CRVBMW club cruise.***

In Ketchikan, Alaska, there are Harleys for rent and time to rent them, so you can say you rode a m/c in Alaska.

If you would like to join us, please contact me, Matt, at 860-584-5760 . . . the more of us to go together the merrier the trip.

I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Matt Struss



Twenty-fourth Annual

Charter Oak Rally

May 28-31, 2010

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

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

Registration: \$55 preregistration (received prior to May 19), \$65 at the Gate.

Children 6-15 \$30 preregistration, \$37 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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Information and a registration form for the 2010 Charter Oak Rally is found inside.