

CRVBMW NEWS

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Minutes from the May CRV Meeting

by Jim Montstream

The May 2010 monthly meeting of the Connecticut River Valley BMW Riders, Inc. was called to order @ 1:10 PM on May 15, 2010, Larry Friedman presiding. 13 members and guests were in attendance at the 4H Camp, Marlborough, CT.

Officers in attendance:

President: Larry Friedman
Vice President: Lenny LaRose
Secretary: Jim Montstream
Treasurer: Mark Altschwager
Road Co-Captain: Carl Dye
Member-At-Large: Paul Clifford

Treasurer's Report: Mark Altschwager reported on the status of the Club treasury.

Secretary's Report: The April meeting minutes were published in the Newsletter.

Charter Oak Rally: Larry reported that arrangements are proceeding on schedule. The band is set for Saturday evening. Pins, mugs and T-shirts are in hand. Lennie LaRose is considering a ride to Beaver Point Lighthouse on Jamestown, RI. Carl Dye is also working up some rides. A rider's meeting will

be held each evening and ride destination will be chosen by consensus.

Grand Tour: Nothing established as yet.

Westfield's Stanley Park – Last month's donation was acknowledged by the Park.

Announcements:

- **Cliff's Open House –** Larry offered a reminder that Cliff's will be having an open house on May 22nd, 10am to 3pm, and the Club will have a table and banner displayed. John Leo agreed to represent the Club. Cliff's Dave Hartley is the coordinator for the event.
- Larry reported that there will be a motorcycle swap meet on June 5th at Emerson Motor Works on Rte 100 in Rochester, VT. The meet will focus on BMW air-cooled bikes and parts.

- Larry also suggested Chester-On-Track in Chester, Massachusetts as a good destination where they will be holding their annual celebration on May 22nd with railroad and quarry related activities and presentations.

- Richard Stoddard reported that facilities at the 2010 BMW RA rally site are fairly minimal and attendees should plan accordingly.

Charities: Mike McGlammery raised the subject of Club support for charities. The official Club supported charity is MDA. The Club has also made donations to AMA's Legislative Action Committee. Larry suggested that the subject be revisited at our next meeting. Lenny LaRose made the motion to table the issue until the June 13th meeting. Paul Clifford seconded the motion, all in favor.

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

- June 7-12 – Americade in Lake George, NY
- June 13 – June CRV Meeting
- June 13 – Ride to the Antique and Vintage Motorcycle Show
- June 13-21 – Laconia Motorcycle Week in Laconia, NH
- June 26 -- BMW Demo Truck and 'Teach' Mc Neil on the S1000RR at Cliff's Cycle Rev.

Minutes from the May CRV Meeting (continued)

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Sunday, June 13th at a location to be announced.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 PM by Larry Friedman, President.

Respectfully submitted,

James N. Montstream
Secretary, Connecticut River Valley BMW Riders, Inc.
May 15, 2010

June CRV Meeting

Our June CRV Meeting will be held on Sunday, June 13, in Newtown, CT. We will meet at the *My Place Restaurant* located at 8 Queen Street. The meeting will begin promptly at 12:30PM. Come to the meeting and after it join the ride listed below.

*The restaurant's web site may be visited at:
<http://www.myplacepizza.com/home.htm>*

Ride to the Antique and Vintage Motorcycle Show

On Sunday, June 13, following the June CRV Meeting, Road Captain Chris Jennings, heretofore referred to as I, will lead a ride to the Antique and Vintage Motorcycle Show in Rhinebeck, NY. Please let me know if you are interested by calling me in advance at 203-368-9281.

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.

June

June 7-12 – Americade in Lake George, NY

June 13 – June CRV Meeting. Details to the left.

June 13 – Ride to the Antique and Vintage Motorcycle Show. Details to the left.

June 13-21 – Laconia Motorcycle Week in Laconia, NH

June 26 -- The BMW Demo Truck and Special Guest 'Teach' Mc Neil on the S1000RR at Cliff's Cycle Revolution.

July

July 23 - The first Torrington Thunder Bike Nite in downtown Torrington from 5 to 9 p.m.

August

August 15 – The 24th annual Brit Jam at the Haddam Neck Fairgrounds, staged by the British Iron Association of CT.

September

September 12 – Rice-O-Rama vintage and custom Japanese motorcycle show and swap meet in North Brookfield, MA

September 19 – The 27th annual IMOC Rally in Sturbridge, MA

September 24-26 :New England Moto Guzzi Club and Northeast 3 Wheeler Club Annual Rally.

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

Items For Sale or Wanted

For Sale

Blue Denim Cortech Riding Jeans -- Knee armor, butt skid pad. Waist size 36, Leg 34 (Actually measure 37 at waist - these are ROOMY - and too big for me). Worn once, as new., \$35 and postage. If interested contact Bob at 860-491-9703 or rljungquist@optimum.net (Ad posted 6/10)

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 6/10)

1998 Ducati ST2 -- New tires and battery. Corbin seat and accessory plug. Hard bags. 29,671 miles. \$3,400.00 OBO. If interested contact Sioux Harris at Sioux@fairpoint.net or 518 398 5436 (Ad posted 5/10)

The Maine Event

On Friday, the 21st of May, I headed up to the DownEast Rally at Hermit Island, Maine. I took a different route than I would usually take to Maine. I started on Route 1, and then headed up I-95, I-395, I-290, and I-495. Eventually, I returned to I-95, then I-495 and finally back to Route 1. Are you confused? I know I was. I got up to Hermit Island about 7:30PM because I left late and caught traffic above Worchester which sort of rhymes with rooster. I hit more traffic in Maine.

I set up camp at Hermit Island, which is a beautiful campground right on the Atlantic Ocean. The weather was incredible. This is not always the case with Maine in May. By the time I got to dinner at about 8:30, the chili was gone . . . gone . . . gone. I had a peanut butter and jelly sandwich and beer for supper. One nice thing about the Hermit Island camp store is they sell beer. Beer is good. Beer is our friend. Ben Franklin said, "Beer is proof that God loves us and wants us to be happy." But I digress.

I overslept and missed breakfast at the rally site so I went to a local restaurant. I believe it was called May's Café and they served an excellent breakfast. Food is also good and also our friend, but that is the subject of another story.

That Saturday was another beautiful day. I don't mean beautiful for Maine; I mean beautiful. I decided to take a ride up to Fairfield Maine to take a picture of their Post Office. I work in the Fairfield, CT, Post Office and this is one of my hobbies. I have hit Fairfields in Vermont, North Dakota, Idaho, Virginia, Florida, Texas, Kentucky and now Maine. It's a great reason to ride roads you wouldn't usually ride. In case you were wondering, Fairfield, Maine, is north of Augusta.

I then decided it was such a nice day that I would ride to China. I bet you didn't know there was a China in Maine. Perhaps there is a Maine in China. Maybe they call it Lo Maine or Maine Land China. I had a Philly Cheese Steak at the China Dinah. I could tell more bad jokes, but I won't . . . at least not yet. I rode back to

the rally site stopping at antiques stores along the way. I didn't buy anything. Perhaps this is one overlooked good thing about riding a motorcycle.

Dinner that night consisted of double lobsters, drawn butter, potato salad, coleslaw, ice cream for dessert and beer. One of the locals was kind enough to show me the proper way to crack open a lobster tail. No one had to show me how to crack open the beer.

The following day I got up, said my goodbyes and headed down the road in a fog (the weather kind). I had breakfast at Becky's Diner in Portland and stopped at my friend's house in Biddeford. My friends Becky (no relation to the diner) and Thaddeus have two children. Thaddeus brews his own beer. It is good to have friends who brew beer. He is an engineer by trade so he makes some of his own brewing equipment. One thing he had made was a filtration device for the wort, which he had assembled out of slotted copper pipe. It was quite impressive. I got to sample some of his oatmeal stout and although he wasn't pleased with it, I found it quite good. After a couple of hours I said my farewells and headed down the road yet again under sunny skies.

I will go back to the DownEast Rally in the future. This was my second trip there and I really enjoyed it.

Chris Jennings

Inland Passage Cruise to Alaska

It's not too late to join the group and reserve your spot on the cruise. For the current rates check the Norwegian Cruise Line web site (www.ncl.com). The ship is the Norwegian Star sailing from Seattle, WA, on July 24th, and returning on July 31st.

There are 12 CRV members already booked on the trip. Any single or married women want to go on the cruise? I have a woman whose husband has no desire to go who is looking for a roommate. Room rates are based on double occupancy.

If you have any questions please see the full trip details in the March Newsletter or call me at 860-584-5760.

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Have you planned any major rides for this summer?