

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 Jim Montstream

The February monthly meeting of the Connecticut River Valley BMW Riders, Inc. was called to order @ 2:15 PM on February 21, 2010, Larry Friedman presiding. 22 members and guests were in attendance at Time Out Tavern in Durham, CT. Two new members, Dominique Jaouen and Violet Pastorkova, were attending their first meeting.

Officers in attendance:

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

New members Dominique Jaouen and Violet Pastorkova were welcomed (arrived on their K1200LT).

Brian Fisk, Patrick Smith and Fred Bjorkland also rode their motorcycles to the meeting on the brisk but sunny day.

Mark Altschwager reported on the Club treasury balance which included proceeds from a successful winter banquet.

Jim Montstream reported that of the 167 current members, 84 have renewed for 2010. "Ticklers" will go out to the remainder this week.

Rally Chair. Chris Jennings reported on the status of the Charter Oak Rally with a plea for volunteers. A volunteer sign-up sheet will be included in the next newsletter. Attendance is trending downward and the rally needs to draw from outside the area. Chris will hold a rally meeting following the meeting.

Brian Fisk announced the winners of the CRV Grand Tour:

Art Daly - Overall
Dan Walton - Most Unusual
Mark Altschwager - Random pick (moose with sidecar)

CRV polo shirts will be awarded to the winners.

Art Daly circulated his most impressive album of Grand Tour photos.

Keith Olsen reported that the new web page software is turning out to be much more

complex than anticipated but the new web page will be up shortly. In the meantime, incomplete sections of the new web page will be linked back to the current web page.

Announcements

- Cruise to Alaska - July 25th departure. One more cabin reservation is needed to gain group status and the discounts it affords.
- Don Garneau has left Cliff's and has opened a service shop in Winsted.
- It was mentioned that a rider training course will likely become a requirement to receive a motorcycle rider's license endorsement in Connecticut as in other states.

There was discussion about the drop in sales among most brands of motorcycles. Area dealers have changed management and laid off staff in recent months. Members were encouraged to stimulate the economy by buying new motorcycles.

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

March 21 -- March CRV Meeting

April 18 -- April CRV Meeting

May 28-31 -- Charter Oak Rally

Minutes from the February CRV Meeting (continued)

Tentative schedule of the next regular club meetings:

Sunday, March 21 at 1 p.m.
The Log House
110 New Hartford Rd. (Rt. 44)
Barkhamsted, Ct.

Sunday, April 18 at 1 p.m.
Antonio's Restaurant
1185 Hopmeadow St (Rt. 10-202)
Simsbury, Ct.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:49 PM by Larry Friedman, President.

Respectfully submitted,
James N. Montstream
Secretary, Connecticut River Valley
BMW Riders, Inc.
2/21/10

March CRV Meeting

The March CRV Club Meeting will be held at *The Log House* in Barkhamsted, CT. The meeting will begin at 1:00pm. *The Log House* is located on Route 44 at 110 New Hartford Road.

The Debut of the New CRVBMW Web Site

Our CRVBMW Web Site is once again current and accessible. It is still a work in progress, so expect to see changes to it in the coming weeks and months.

Two new pages are *Maps* and *Images Shared by Members*. The *Maps* page features links to maps of CRV meeting locations and other club activities. The *Images Shared by Members* is a page where members may share their images with other members.

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 21 -- March CRV Meeting. Details on this page.

April

April 18 -- April CRV Meeting.

May

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

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

Items For Sale or Wanted

For Sale

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

Motorcycle Trailer, I am looking to rent/lease a trailer for one motorcycle for two weeks this summer. The exact dates have yet to be determined, but most likely during the month of July. Please contact Mark Altschwager by phone 860-693-6460 or by e-mail at maltschwager@comcast.net. net if you have a trailer that is available. (Ad posted 3/10)

2010 CRVBMW Membership Renewals

The members listed below **have renewed** their membership for 2010 as of March 5. To be included in the club roster to be distributed with the April Newsletter, membership renewals must be received no later than April 5. Please renew your membership today.

Eder Alencar	Jane Dupuis	Lenny LaRose	Penny Podgwaite
John Allen	Carl Dye	John Leo	Meg Posey
Deborah Lee Altschwager	Kathryn Eberlein	Terry Letellier	Jim Prabulos
Mark Altschwager	Ron Faibusch	Bob Ljungquist	John Raymond
Bruce Anderson	Jim Faucher	Pat McGinley	Judi Raymond
April Arnold	Shirley Faucher	Michael McGlamery	Jim Reinhart
Rick Arnold	Dave Findley	Ray McKenna	Joani Reinhart
Josh Ascher	Jon Gorman	Freda Mitchell	Debi Reynolds
John Badeen	Barb Greenlaw	Mitch Mitchell	Fred Rosenbaum
Bill Barber	Jack Greenlaw, Jr.	Ed Mix	John Ruggirello
Bruce Bellmore	Jim Haggerty	Jim Montstream	Laura Secular
Andrew Bilukha	Susan Hamilton	Bobble Naramore	Amber Shepherd
Nicola Bjork	Siouxy Guzzi Harris	Tom Neaverson	Bob Smith
Rolf Bjork	Art Hechler	George Noewatne, Jr.	Dale Smith
Fred Bjorkland	Patricia Hechler	Charles Olsen	David Smith
David Bobalki	Steven Heyman	Gail Olsen	Pat Smith
Kat Bravo	Rob Horton	Keith Olsen	Mike Snowden
Jeffrey Brown	Dominique Jaouen	Elaine Palach	Richard Stoddard
Rob Cadieux	Chris Jennings	Henry Palach	John Stratton
Mr. "JC" Claxton	Carole Johnson	Tim Parola	Janet Temple
Paul Clifford	Dick Johnson	Violet Pastorkova	Roy Temple
Jay Combe	John Joy	Jack Patton	Paul Vicamini
Linda Combe	Joe Kearns	Joani Patton	Stella Vicamini
Gary Czarnecki	Dennis Kelly	Barb Phelps	Daniel Walton
Joani Dahlstrom	Jay Koonz	Marc Phelps	Vern Wulle
Wayne Douglas	Bruce Lamke	Felix Planas	Jim Zagrym
Don Dupuis	Mary Lamke	Frank Podgwaite	

2009 CRV "Animals" Grand Tour "Most Unusual" Image

The image to the right, submitted by Dan Walton, was chosen as the "Most Unusual" image from the 2009 CRV "Animals" Grand Tour run by Brian Fisk.



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.