

CRVBMW NEWS

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

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Minutes from the April CRV Meeting

by Jim Montstream

The April monthly meeting of the Connecticut River Valley BMW Riders, Inc. was called to order at 1:50 PM on April 17, 2010, Larry Friedman presiding. 34 members and guests were in attendance at Antonio's Restaurant in Simsbury, CT.

Officers in attendance:

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

New members: New members David and Kathy Hemenway from Willimantic and Tom Seymour from Old Saybrook were welcomed.

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

Secretary's Report: Jim Montstream reported that of the 163 active 2009 members, 127 are current for 2010. The annual Connecticut Secretary of State filing has also been completed..

Charter Oak Rally: Rally Chairman Chris Jennings reported on the status of the Charter Oak Rally. Arrangements are proceeding on schedule. There is still a need for more door prizes. Chris reminded everyone of the 4H camp clean-up day scheduled for April 24th starting at 9am and hopes for all to come and help out. There will be a smaller clean-up on May 15th to close out odds and ends. Larry reaffirmed that April 24th is the day the bulk of camp preparation chores must be accomplished. The Club will use the May 15th date to hold our monthly meeting at noon at the Camp and the Club will provide pizza. Lenny LaRose handed out posters advertising the Rally to be placed at dealers and repair shops.

Grand Tour: Nothing established as yet.

BMW S1000RR - John Leo gave a comprehensive report on BMW's new sport bike and how BMW will market the product. Dan Walton also added his perspective on the new bike.

Westfield's Stanley Park –

Larry gave a brief report on recent vandalism at the park. Chris Jennings made a motion to donate \$200 to the Park as we have in prior years. The motion was seconded by Mark Altschwager, all in favor.

Courtesy Cards – Lenny LaRose handed out a supply of Club courtesy cards to each member to be used as a way to promote the Club.

Announcements:

- **Cliff's Open House** – Larry reported that Cliff's will be having an open house on May 22nd, 10am to 3pm, and the Club will have a table and will have a banner displayed. He is looking for volunteers to represent the Club at the event.
- Larry reported that Bob Smith passed away recently. Bob was an ardent Charter Oak rally attendee with his wife Cathy. He was a member of the Northeast BMW

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

May 15 -- May CRV Meeting
May 16 – The annual blessing of the motorcycles at Lourdes in Litchfield
May 28-31 -- Charter Oak Rally
June 7-12 – Americade in Lake George, NY
June 13-21 – Laconia Motorcycle Week in Laconia, NH

Minutes from the April CRV Meeting (continued)

Riders that existed longer than CRVBMW Riders. For decades Bob was first in line for dinner at our club rally. Condolence cards may be sent to: Catherine Smith, 116 Wood Street, Middleboro, MA 02346-2701

- Paul Clifford, Ray McKenna, and John Greenlaw and were the lucky 50-25-25 winners.

Tentative schedule of the next regular club meeting is:

Saturday, May 15th at noon
Hartford County 4H Camp
247 South Road
Marlborough, CT 06447
Pizza will be provided

The meeting was adjourned at 2:26 PM by Larry Friedman, President.

Respectfully submitted,

James N. Montstream
Secretary, Connecticut River Valley BMW Riders, Inc.
3/21/10

May CRV Meeting

The May 15th meeting, held at the 4-H Outdoor Center in Marlborough, is a good opportunity for CRV members to see the facility where we have held more than twenty Charter Oak Rallies. Not all members attend rallies. Many riders are unable to get away for the Memorial Day weekend.

The meeting will begin at noon.

Some members will remain to help with the few remaining camp chores after our pizza lunch.

For directions, see the registration form for the Charter Oak Rally.

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.

May

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June

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July

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

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.

Matt Struss

Items For Sale or Wanted

For Sale

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)

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)



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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Plenty of activities are coming up, be sure to check our calendar.