

CRVBMW NEWS

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

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Minutes from the CRVBMW March Meeting

by Jim Montstream

The March 2011 monthly meeting of the Connecticut River Valley BMW Riders, Inc. was called to order @1:45 PM on March 27, 2011, Club President Larry Friedman presiding. 26 members and guests were in attendance at the Cypress Restaurant in Middletown, 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: Ching Chiang
Member-At-Large: Paul Clifford

Larry introduced / acknowledged the 2011 Club officers.

Larry also introduced new members Melissa Bourgeois from New London and Bob Waechter from Shelton.

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

Secretary's Report: There were no formal club meetings in December, January (due to the winter banquet) and February.

The November meeting minutes were published in the December Newsletter and were accepted. Renewal notices were sent out in December and approximately 65% have been renewed. A second reminder was sent out in early March. An early Rally pre-registration notice was also sent out in December with 30 positive responses.

Charter Oak Rally: The 2011 Charter Oak Rally has been cancelled. The 4H kitchen/dining hall collapsed due to the heavy snow accumulations in February and most likely will not be rebuilt before mid-summer at the earliest. At the same time, facility rental negotiations were underway. Now a moot point, pricing and new use restrictions were not favorable to the Club. A 2012 rally site search committee will be formed. The 4H site may again be considered once the facility has been rebuilt and other issues have been resolved.

There were 30 pre-registrants for the rally and free 2011 club dues were included in the pre-registration fee. A motion was made to subtract club dues from the pre-registration amount and

return the difference to the pre-registrant. Motion failed. A second motion was made to contact all pre-registrants, ask them if they would like to renew their membership and based on their reply return the correct amount of money to them. Motion failed. A final motion was made to return the entire rally pre-registration fee and consider the pre-registrant's 2011 club dues paid. Motion carried.

50/50 Raffle: Ching Chiang and Don Rich were the winners. Mark Altschwager's ticket won a one-year BMW RA membership.

Upcoming events: Chris Jennings is planning an informal Memorial Day weekend campout. Lenny LaRose is finalizing a mid-summer RI chowder run. Brian Fisk has also put together a list of events. In all cases, details will be published in the newsletter.

Announcements:

- Chris Jennings is planning a group lunch on April 10th to Toymakers Café in Falls

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

May 21 -- CRVBMW Breakfast and May Meeting
May 22 -- Hendee Day and Indian Motorcycle Rally
June 9-12 -- New England Motomarathon
June 11-12 -- Pemi River Campout, NH
June 17-19 -- Laconia, NH
June 24-26 -- Airheads at the Aerodrome, NY

March Meeting Minute (continued)

Village. If interested, call Chris at 203-368-9281.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held in April at a time and location to be announced. (I removed an extra period from here)

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM by Mr. Friedman.

Respectfully submitted,
James N. Montstream
Secretary,
Connecticut River BMW Riders, Inc.
March 27, 2011

Items For Sale or Wanted

For Sale

1998 Mercury Mountaineer. Blue metallic with tan leather interior. 5.0 liter V-8, 4WD automatic. 119,000 miles carefully driven by Nikki. Asking \$2,700.00. 860-651-9797 evenings 6-8 or weekends. Nikki and/or Rolf Bjork. yolph.nikki@sbcglobal.net (Ad posted 5/11)

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 5/11)

Item Needed

Video Projector. I need your help. I'm looking for someone with a Video Projector. I'd like to present a few motorcycle related seminars to the club members later this year, but need a projector to run off of my labtop. If you have a projector that you would be willing to share with us, please contact Tim Parola at stuff4tim@sbcglobal.net. (Posted 5/11)

June Newsletter Deadline

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

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

May 21 -- CRVBMW Breakfast and May Meeting. Details below.

May 22 -- Hendee Day and Indian Motorcycle Rally. Friends of the Farm at Hilltop will host Hendee Day and Indian Motorcycle Rally from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, May 22, at Hilltop Farm, Rt. 159, Suffield, Ct. Farm is located just north of town on the R/H side heading towards Springfield, Ma. \$8.00 admission. Awards ceremony at 2p.m. Additional information may be found at www.facebook.com/IndianMotorcycleRally.

May 26-29 -- Great Chicken Rally <http://www.bmwmoal.org/rally.html>. Presented by The BMW Motorcycle Owners of Alabama

June

June 9-12 -- New England Motomarathon. http://www.motomarathon.com/new_england_motomarathon.html

June 11-12 -- Pemi River Campout, NH

June 17-19 -- Laconia, NH

June 24-26 -- Airheads at the Aerodrome, NY

June 26 -- Accident Scene Management Course led by Meg Posey. <http://www.accidentscene.net/schedule.htm#ct>

CRVBMW Riders Breakfast and May Meeting

On Saturday, May 21, we will have a CRVBMW Riders Breakfast and our May Meeting. We will be meeting at the Log House Restaurant on Route 44 in Barkhempsted, CT. The meeting will begin at 10am in the back dining room. You may order when you arrive and we will be leaving for a ride after the meeting at approx. 11am. The destination will be Chester, Ma. for the annual Chester on the Tracks event. For additional details go here <http://www.chesterrailwaystation.org> and click on "Events".

This breakfast meeting is a great opportunity to see friends and plan rides. The following weekend, Memorial Day, there will not be our traditional Charter Oak Rally. It is expected that our members and friends will be out riding to a variety of destinations. Plan to join other riders or meet up somewhere along the routes.

2011 CRVBMW Membership Renewals

The members listed below **have renewed** their membership for 2011 as of May 2. **If you have not renewed your membership for 2011 this will be the last newsletter you will receive from us and you will no longer receive email messages and reminders about club activities.**

It is not too late to renew your membership and we look forward to hearing from you. You may access a renewal form found near the top of the home page on our web site found at <http://www.crvbmw.org/>

John Allen	Kathryn Eberlein	Pat McGinley	Don Rich
Deborah Lee Altschwager	Dave Findley	Michael McGlamery	Rock Rookey
Mark Altschwager	Brian Fisk	Ray McKenna	Fred Rosenbaum
Bruce Anderson	Larry Friedman	Willajean McLean	John Ruggirello
April Arnold	Barb Greenlaw	Mitch Mitchell	Bob Samuelson
Rick Arnold	Jack Greenlaw, Jr.	Ed Mix	Ric Sawyer
John Badeen	Jim Haggerty	Jim Montstream	Laura Secular
Bill Barber	Susan Hamilton	Bobble Naramore	George Sideriadis
Christine Barmmer	Art Hechler	Tom Neaverson	Dale Smith
Fred Barmmer	Patricia Hechler	Lost Nicholas	David Smith
Nicola Bjork	John Helming	Charles Olsen	Pat Smith
Rolf Bjork	David Hemenway	Gail Olsen	Tracy Smith
Melissa Bourgeois	Steven Heyman	Keith Olsen	John Stiefel
Kat Bravo	Rob Horton	Elaine Palach	Maria Stiefel
Dan Carnevale	Chris Jennings	Henry Palach	John Stratton
Ching Chiang	Carole Johnson	Tim Parola	Janet Temple
Jeanine Christensen	John Kearns	Jack Patton	Roy Temple
Nord Christensen	Joe Kearns	Ted Perch	Paul Vicamini
Mr. "JC" Claxton	Bruce Lamke	Barb Phelps	Stella Vicamini
Paul Clifford	Mary Lamke	Marc Phelps	Bob Waechter
Gary Czarnecki	Lenny LaRose	Felix Planas	Brenden Walsh
Dave Dahlstrom	John Leo	Frank Podgwaite	Vern Wulle
Joani Dahlstrom	Terry Letellier	Penny Podgwaite	Rick Zwiebel
Wendy DeWolfe	Bob Ljungquist	Meg Posey	Sheree Zwiebel
Wayne Douglas	Carol Mahan	Jim Reinhart	
Michael Dzen	Tom Martin	Joani Reinhart	

Well, I had a good day of riding. Chris Jennings proposed a ride to the Toy Maker Cafe in Falls Village, CT. I think most of us just met up with him there. Us being more than just a few. I investigated a few by-ways that in the past held my attention for a bit.

I like to check out different ways to places that I have been. I found one nice road that ran along the Housatonic River parallel with Route. 7, but on the east shore. Yeah it turned to dirt, but all Motorcycles are dirt bikes, some a just a bit better than others!

Great views of the river and some of the backyards of houses on the west side. Nice places on road as well. It for me started at Falls Village on Route 7 just north of Route 112. It ended almost across the street (Route 128) from the Wandering Moose by the covered bridge in West Cornwall.

At the Toy Maker I got there a little early, met a fellow on a Yamaha Venture. While conversing with him Fred Rousenbaum (I'll spell a few names wrong here sorry), Wanner Douglas was already there. The had great Joy as John and Larry Joy rode in. Linda and Jay Combe came in. Bruce Jensen and his stepson (for lack me remembering his name). Chris and Bob arrived, don't know Bob's last name. Mark Altschwager came in with Jim Montstream.

Saw some good bikes and even someone had a BSA Rocket. This place is always good for some type of vintage or exotic motorcycle showing up.

After breakfast, I led a ride around the area and ended up bringing everyone up to the top of Mohawk Mountain. I was the only one who had ever been there. I think most of them will go back at some point in time. Great views even at this time of year. Best time is in the fall though.

Took the lonely way home as much as possible, but at times you really need to go far and wide to get to where I live without dealing with much traffic. Bruce and the "damn" stepson left me here in Cromwell. Bruce lives near New London, so he had a nice ride still to get home.

All in all it was good! Brian Fisk

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Jim Montstream reminds us that Jim Taylor from Gengras Motorcycles offered CRVBMWR members a discount on service performed on our bikes, which he received on a recent service on his bike.