

# CRVBMW NEWS

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## BMWMOA Rally Report

by Larry Friedman

The roads to Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania were nearly empty on a sunny, hot Wednesday. Back roads across the Berkshire Hills of Massachusetts onto the Taconic State Parkway provided temptation to twist the throttle on the RT. The urge was (mostly) resisted so the scenery could be enjoyed and tickets avoided.

At the baking hot registration tent I was happy that I was not registration co-chairman as in past years when I spent plenty of time in that tent. CRV member John Badeen greeted us with the info that member Brian Fisk had found a fairground building that had indoor tent space available.

Unless you are a seasoned rally rat you may not understand how grateful the several CRVBMW Riders were to Brian that we each had a dirt floor stall in the goat barn. We had a big shed with open sides, an electric outlet for recharging phones and a nearby water faucet. The floor was dry and had no lumps. Some stalls had straw.

Many CRV friends had the foresight to rent rooms at Bloomsburg State University or area motels. Others arrived in motor homes that were air

conditioned.

There were riders who stayed a few hours and others remained for a day or two. Some of us actually stayed four nights.

Thousands stayed away due to the brutal heat wave. There were less than 7,000 registered though 10,000 was the predicted number. Many people were treated or hospitalized for dehydration and heatstroke.

As expected, I saw many old friends and made many new ones.

The shower trucks were kept open around the clock. There were waiting lines at 11 pm and 5:30 am every day. During the rally I had memories of my Army duty. The weather in Vietnam was better and the showers were cleaner.

Josh Ascher, a past CRV member, and friend Cy Young worked feverishly to set up and maintain the vendor operations. The outdoor vendor and bike service areas were on the broiling blacktop.

The air conditioning in the vendor building could not keep up with the thousands of steaming people streaming

in. The Bloomsburg Fair officials failed to provide access to some air-conditioned buildings that were part of the rental package that was negotiated years in advance. They also failed to provide the vendors' electrical supply that was contracted. The BMWMOA rally organizers are the most effective group I have ever worked with. They compensated well in spite of the challenges

Our friends Frank and Penny Podgwaite knew of a seminar room that was very air conditioned. We staked out a table as the room filled with people seeking relief from the 104 degree heat. The presenters likely assumed there was great interest in their topic: HEATED CLOTHING

There were opportunities for rides along the great roads in the area. Favorite destinations were; covered bridges, swimming holes, Bill's Old Bike Barn and Centralia where the underground coal fire has been burning for decades.

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

- August 10 -- The Last Ferry Ride, a Road Captain Ride
- August 10 -- Midweek Picnic at Gillette Castle State Park Picnic Area
- August 13 -- Silver City Bar and Grill Biker Appreciation Event
- Aug 26-28 -- Weekend in New Hampshire at the Birch Bend Motolodge
- Sept. 2-5 -- Finger Lakes Rally
- September 11 -- CRVBMW Riders 2011 Picnic

## BMWMOA Rally Report (continued)

The nightly bands drew crowds that were both appreciative and lethargic. The food choices were better than the average rally fare.

On Friday, we had 25 CRVBMW members gather for a pizza party. Many others remained at their cool quarters off the fairgrounds. It was a nice gathering on a very warm evening. Many of us enjoyed eating a platter of Polish foods and sipping the draft selections at the beer garden. Not surprisingly, the motorcyclist residents of the goat barn could not tell what their friends ate or drank.

Sedalia, Missouri will be our destination for the 2012 BMWMOA Rally. The Sedalia Chamber of Commerce staff were at Bloomsburg to enthusiastically promote their community. Their Missouri State Fair grounds has many air conditioned buildings. Start planning now to join thousands of friends for a warm midwestern rally.

by Larry Friedman  
(still) President, CRVBMW Riders, Inc.

*Images from MOA Rally will be found on*

### For Sale

**1992 BMW seat for R100RT.** Call Rick Arnold at 203-417-0771 for additional information. (Ad posted 7/11)

**1976 GL 1000.** Spare carbs -motor-rear end-tires & wheels. Call Rick Arnold at 203-417-0771 for additional information. (Ad posted 7/11)

**2002 R 1150 RT.** Very nice condition, 21000+ miles, Loaded with Radio/cassette, Garmin Mount, Russel Seats, Top Box and side cases, new Odessey battery, Highway pegs, Two windshields. Price flexible. If interested contact Don Rich at 860-460-3282 or don\_rich@sbcglobal.net (Ad posted 7/11)

**1990 K75.** This is the motorcycle that BMW got right the first time. A 1990 K75 with BMW bags, trunk, Corbin saddle and only 29,000 miles. This is an exceptionally nice example of this great bike. Asking \$3,200.00. Please contact Pat McGinley at (860)747-8653. (Ad posted 6/11)

### Item Needed

**BMW R50/2, R60/2, R69/2 or any airheads.** Project/runner/boxes/banded. Please let me take over your unwanted airheads. Contact Ching at chiang6600@hotmail.com or 860-634-0248 (Posted 7/11)

## 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.

### August

- Aug. 5-7 -- Chet's Place Deadhorse Campout
- August 10 -- The Last Ferry Ride, a Road Captain Ride. Details on page 3.
- August 10 -- Midweek Picnic at Gillette Castle State Park Picnic Area. Details on page 3.
- Aug. 12-14 -- The Return to Trenton Rally
- August 13 -- Silver City Bar and Grill Biker Appreciation Event. Details on page 3.
- Aug 20 -- Rathole Run, Vt
- Aug 26-28 -- Weekend in New Hampshire at the Birch Bend Motolodge.
- August 28 -- Sister Hazel Ready to Rock at Dream Ride 2011.

### September

- Sept. 2-5 -- Finger Lakes Rally.
- Sept. 9-11 -- Vermont Rally.
- September 11 -- CRVBMW Riders 2011 Picnic. Announcement to the right.
- Sept. 16-18 -- Rally in the Poconos.

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

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• Brian Fisk shared this link that might be of interest  
• to club members:  
• <http://www.ride-ct.com/>  
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### September Newsletter Deadline

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

### Our CRVBMW Web Site

is located at:

<http://www.crvbmw.org/>

## The Last Ferry Ride

The Rocky Hill to Glastonbury Ferry is the nation's longest continuously operating ferry. This ferry will be closed on August 25th due to the state budget cut. We are going to ride it for the very last time together.

**When:** Wednesday, August 10, 2011

**Starting Location:** Meet at 9:30 am, kickstands up by 9:45 am, at the Mobil On-The-Run gas station in Cromwell, CT (Exit 19 off RT-9, intersection of 3 and 372)

**Ending Location:** We will end at Gillette Castle State Park in time to join in on the free CRVBMW Mid-Week Picnic being held there from 5:00pm-7:00pm.

**Who:** Anyone

**Dress code:** Helmet, jacket, gloves, jeans, minimum.

**Lunch at:** The Vanilla Bean Cafe, Pomfret CT, or subject to change via attendants

**Contact:** Ching at [chiang6600@hotmail.com](mailto:chiang6600@hotmail.com) or 860-634-0248 by 8/8

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## Midweek Picnic -- Gillette Castle State Park Picnic Area

Join CRV members on Wednesday, August 10, from 5-7pm for **FREE** sandwiches and soft drinks provided for CRVBMW members.

## CRVBMW Riders 2011 Picnic

You will not want to miss this popular club event. Mark your calendars now and full details will be available soon.

**Date:** Sunday, Sept 11, 2011

**Time:** Lunch will be served at 1 PM

**Location:** Stanley Park in Westfield, Massachusetts. We'll be located in the pine grove near the Rose Garden.

## Silver City Bar and Grill Biker Appreciation Event

The Silver City Bar and Grill is holding its first annual Biker Appreciation Event on Saturday, August 13th, from 1pm - 5pm at the Silver City Bar and Grill at the Sheraton 4Point Hotel on 275 Research Parkway in Meriden. There will be an all you can eat buffet, live music, bike contests and much more! Silver City Bar & Grill will also award the Motorcycle Club/Chapter with the most registered members in attendance, FREE meeting space for a club event including one free round of appetizers. Operation First Response and Fidelco will also be present as beneficiaries for any donations and contest & raffle proceeds.

Silver City Bar & Grill invites the Connecticut River Valley BMW Riders to attend this special event designed for bike enthusiasts like you. Remember, your club could win FREE meeting space for an upcoming club event as well as other great prizes! This event is about YOU! Silver City Bar & Grill is hoping to see you and other members of the Connecticut River Valley BMW Riders there!

Any questions, please feel free to contact Silver City Bar and Grill at 203-608-7157 or <http://www.silvercitysportsbarandgrill.com/>



*On July 9th, a group of CRV members enjoyed their night at the New Britain Rock Cats game. The club sponsored free tickets were an added bonus.*

# Images from the MOA Rally

Images captured and shared by Jim Montstream



*Downtown Bloomsburgh, Pennsylvania became filled with BMW riders from around the country.*



*When will Larry learn to never stand in front of Frank when an photo is taken.*



*Mike, Larry, Brian and Lauren enjoyed the CRV sponsored pizza night for club members.*



*John and Judi like to socialize with friends around a table.*



*Is that Ron in the background hiding under the hat?*



*Jim, I hope with the hot weather you were enjoying a cold cup of ice cream or sherbert.*



*Is Brian napping after a long day . . . while Lauren waits to get going?*



*Part of the show before the closing ceremonies.*



*Mike and Larry enjoy some more pizza.*



*A memorable MOA Rally ended with a beautiful sunset.*

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Check our calendar listing for upcoming opportunities for CRVBMW members.