

# CRVBMW NEWS

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

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## CRVBMW Winter Banquet

**When:** Saturday,  
January 21,  
2012

**Where:** Polish  
National  
Home,  
60 Charter  
Oak Avenue,  
Hartford

**Social Hour:** 6-7 p.m.

**Dinner:** Buffet dinner,  
beginning at  
7:00 p.m.

This will be a very enjoyable evening in a European style club atmosphere. Good food, good drinks, good friends. If you've been there, you will surely return. All members, family and friends are welcome.

Following the very positive response from last year's

by Larry Friedman  
attendees we will not be having music at this year's banquet. We hope this will allow for easier conversations that many members' desire.

**Cost:** \$25 per person  
payable to  
CRVBMW

**Reservations:** Send to:  
Keith Olsen  
53 Richland Rd.  
Greenwich, CT  
06830

**Reservation Deadline:**  
Tuesday, January 17

## Directions to the CRVBMW Winter Banquet

*Easiest directions: Program your GPS to 60 Charter Oak Avenue in Hartford, CT.*

### Driving directions:

I-91 to Hartford to Capitol Area Exit

Take the first exit.

Turn left and go to Charter Oak Avenue.

Turn right onto Charter Oak Avenue.

Go 1/10 mile, turn right at Popieluszkos Place.

You're in the driveway of the Polish National Home.

Charter Oak Ave. can also be reached heading south on Main Street from Downtown Hartford, left at a wide intersection a few blocks south of the Hartford Library.

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

January 1 -- New Year's Day Breakfast and Ride.

January 21 -- 2012 CRVBMW Riders Winter Banquet

## Covered Bridge Attack Ride



The Covered Bridge Attack Ride was well participated and a success. Some new members joined the club from this ride. Additional images from this ride may be found at:

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

### Update -- Charter Oak Campout

Just a heads up for all. In the works is a Charter Oak Campout for 2012. It is planned for Mother's Day weekend May 11,12&13. The exact location as of right now is not positively confirmed. But it will be one of 3 sites, all on the eastern side of the state. The cost will be what you need to pay for the site. I recommend you share the site, with someone from CT as it will cost \$9 for the site plus \$14 per night.(\$24) for out of staters.

Right now a Hot Dog Dinner on Sat with fixens, Coffee in the AM Sat. & Sunday. Plus, fire wood for a campfire. More things may be provided.

Will plan on some type of shelter to hide under if the weather is not perfect.

Pre-reg is most important as I am paying for the dinner and I don't like to waste or run out hence the head count.

It will be good to get this going and growing. Pass it along if you wish

Brian Fisk  
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### 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.

January 1 -- New Year's Day Breakfast and Ride. See details below.

January 21 -- 2012 CRVBMW Riders Winter Banquet. See details on page 1.

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

### New Year's Day Breakfast and Ride

Getting close my friends. Plan on 10:30 AM at Home Town Grill on RTE.72 in Berlin Ct between I 91 exit 21 in Cromwell and the Berlin Turnpike about 1 1/2 mile from ether one.

Brian

### 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](mailto:mrmrsp191@aol.com) (Ad reposted 9/11)

### Item Needed

Nothing currently listed.

### January Newsletter Deadline

December 28, is the deadline for submitting articles for the next newsletter.

## Minutes from the November CRVBMW Meeting

The November 2011 monthly meeting of the Connecticut River Valley BMW Riders, Inc. was called to order @1:29 PM on November 13, 2011, Club President Larry Friedman presiding. 19 members and guests were in attendance at the Cypress Restaurant, in Middletown, CT.

### Officers in attendance:

President	Larry Friedman
Vice President	Lenny LaRose
Treasurer	Mark Altschwager
Road Co-Captain	Chris Jennings
Member-At-Large	Paul Clifford

### Announcements:

- Gengras: Gengras has discontinued their BMW franchise and are continuing as a Harley Davidson franchise.
- Max BMW will be having their Customer Appreciation Super Sale and Thanksgiving Party on November 19.
- Don Garneau now works for Max Cycle and will be servicing bikes through the winter.
- Don Carnevale, a long-time club member, was featured as the Ambassador of the month in the October MOA News.
- The "Misery Loves Company" Camp Out was a success with lots of firewood and 15 people who camped for two nights.
- Our new club logo was submitted to and accepted by corporate BMW. BMWMOA will supply the final artwork to us.

**Winter Banquet:** Our Winter Banquet will be held on Saturday, January 21, at the Polish National Home in Hartford. Details will be provided in the December Newsletter.

**International Motorcycle Show:** Interested club members will take a trip to the show on Friday, January 20. Chris Jennings will likely lead a pub crawl after we leave the show.

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

**MOA Survey:** Judi Raymond asked if other members received an email survey from the MOA. Several members said they did.

**2012 Election:** The ballot for 2012 officer candidates was presented and any additional nominations were called for with Mark Altschwager providing his name as one of the

candidates for the Road Captain offices. A vote was taken and the elected officers for 2012 are:

President	Larry Friedman
Vice President	Lenny LaRose
Treasurer	Penny Podgwaite
Secretary	Jim Montstream
Road Captain	Ching Chang
Road Captain	Mark Altschwager
Member-At-Large	Paul Clifford

**Weekend in New Hampshire:** After several successful years of this event, Lauren Secular announced she is planning another weekend at an Inn in New Hampshire for the last Friday-Sunday in August next year.

**2012 RA Rally:** The rally will be held at Copper Mountain in Colorado in June.

**Charter Oak Rally/Campout:** Some discussion was made about a 2012 Charter Oak Rally. Brain Fisk shared his thoughts on reviving our rally by having a Charter Oak Campout on Mother's Day Weekend. It would be held at a campground on Route 44 near Ashford. Camp sites are \$14 a night, water is available and it is a primitive campground. The club would provide hot dogs for dinner and coffee.

**Club Donations:** Over the past years, we have made donations to several organizations. We discussed, made motions and voted on these donations. The following donations were approved:

- MDA -- \$500
- AMA Political Action Committee -- \$500
- Stanley Park -- \$200

**Club Tag Sale:** Paul Clifford asked about the club holding a tag sale, which used to be a yearly event. There was interest in holding one in the spring.

Mr. Friedman adjourned the meeting at 2:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Keith Olsen  
Volunteer Recording Secretary  
November 13, 2011

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Details about our Winter Banquet may be found on page 1 of this newsletter.