

CRVBMW NEWS

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

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CRVBMW Winter Banquet

When: Saturday,
January 15,
2011

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.

At the repeated requests of club members, we will not

by Larry Friedman

be having music at this year's banquet. We hope this will allow for easier conversations that many members' desire.

In honor of this being our club's 25th anniversary event, the banquet's price has been dropped to \$25.

Cost: \$25 per person
payable to
CRVBMW

Reservations: Send to:
Keith Olsen
53 Richland Rd.
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Reservation Deadline:
Tuesday, January 11

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 15 -- CRVBMW Winter Banquet

January 21 -- International Motorcycle Show in New York

January 29 -- Model Railroad Show at the Big E

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

January 15 -- CRVBMW Winter Banquet. Details on page 1.

January 21 -- International Motorcycle Show in New York. Details below.

January 29 -- Model Railroad Show at the Big E. Details below.

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 12/10)

Items Wanted

None currently listed.

The International Motorcycle Show in New York

On Friday, January 21, club members will be taking the train into New York to visit the International Motorcycle Show held at the Javits Center.

After visiting the show there will likely be a "pub crawl" for those wishing to experience another side of New York.

Model Railroad Show

On January 29, 2011, a model railroad show will be held at the Big E in West Springfield, Ma. With a number of club members interested in railroads, this might be a fun event to attend individually or together. Further information may be found at: www.railroadhobbyshow.com

My Plans For Club Rides

Happy New Year to everyone!! This year, I hope we will ride more miles on our bikes together than we have previously. As I am a new road captain, I am in the process of planning routes and rides for this year. My goal for myself and to offer to club members is at least one 1-day ride per month during the riding season. Two-day weekend trips are also my cup of tea.

Personally, riding in a circle without a destination is somehow boring for my taste. Setting up a lunch/bike shop/attractions destination for the ride might be more exciting. Who doesn't like "Lunch Rides" and to share some good food with friends on the roads? Bike shops, how many times have you gone to a bike shop alone checking out what's there? If we can call ahead to the shop/dealer, maybe we can have someone give us a tour of the shop or the newest models they have on the floor. Maybe even receive a tech session demonstration. All the great attractions are hidden behind those unknown empty twists and we need to check them out together. With the many miles you have ridden on your bikes, you must have something you would like to share with other club members.

As a new member in the club who hasn't ridden with many of you, any recommendations and suggestion would be gratefully appreciated. It would be my job to plan the dates, routes and destinations for us after the suggestions.

I'm already getting started with planning. I'm looking into:

A 1-day trip to Max BMW to both or either shop in NY and NH

A 2-day trip to Mt. Washington

I look forward to hearing from you and sharing some rides together.

Ching Chang

February Newsletter Deadline

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

Our CRVBMW Web Site

is located at:

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

Texas Motorcycle Trip Report -- Part 3

by Mike McGlamery

The next morning presented me with heavy rain and a decision to make. The forecast was dismal and ominous, with the entire region getting a much-needed, soaking rain of up to 6 inches. I wanted to get home and that meant riding in the deluge, so I decided to eliminate planned stops in Selma, AL, Tuskegee, AL and Atlanta, GA and head northeast. I had the gear and the grit, so I put my head down and set out on I-20 and I-59 to brave the conditions, riding 430mi to Asheville, AL.

On election day, after all the votes had been cast, in my nice dry and warm motel room, I was awakened at 11:30pm by knocks on my door. At first I thought the place was being evacuated, so I donned pants, making for the door. I came to my senses and pulled the curtain to find a young blond white woman, wearing very little, showing lots of leg and bare shoulders, smiling invitingly at me on this very chilly night. Shaking my head "NO", I closed the curtain and she proceeded to knock on other doors, where apparently she was also rejected. As she drove away, I pondered about my safety and her desperation, watched more election news as I was now fully awake, and then ultimately fell back asleep. Another rainy day brought me back to my sister's home in Asheville, NC. Off the interstate in Chattanooga, TN, the final 150 miles to Asheville were on state roads, mostly following rivers, taking me past the 1996 Olympics kayaking venue on the Ocoee River. I'd been on these roads before and knew their beauty, but I was just trying to stay warm.

I departed Asheville for a third straight ride in rain, and rain it did for the 360 wet miles on I-81 to Stanton, VA, where my cold fingers begged me to stop. "Frost on the Beemer!" I texted home the next morning. The thermometer indicated 36 degrees when I left my last motel stay of this trip for the ride to my sister Nancy's house in Lancaster, PA. With a clear morning and a "short ride" of 250 miles, I decided to head east toward the Blue Ridge Mountains and take US340 and US15 to Gettysburg. This cool day might be the perfect day to visit the National Military Battlefield, I thought and the park was not over-crowded. I watched the excellent movie presenting an overview of the historic Civil War battle, then took in as much of the museum as time would allow, including the "Cyclorama", a painting in-the-round, depicting the Battle of Gettysburg. This amazing art work was produced the year following the battle by a French artist who witnessed the event, then commissioned 20 artists skilled in military and battle art to execute the 8000 lb work, which took a year.

The final leg of this journey was consumed with my responding, in my helmet, to my sister's comments and

question, "How do you do it, Mike and why do you do it? Riding a motorcycle all that way isn't anything I would want to do!" So, why do it? The simple answer is that I really like riding motorcycles, and I like doing a long trip that will take me to places I haven't been before. I like the adventure and challenge of such a trip and the planning and research that goes into it. I like to camp and I like making use of the gear I bring along to survive the rigors of the trip. I like finding my way on the roads and I like meeting people and foraging for food along the way. It doesn't get much more complicated than that. I don't really enjoy the motel stays and I am always very happy to be back home!

**It's not too late to register for
this year's Winter Banquet.
Mail your payment today and
email Keith at
crvbmw@earthlink.net
with your plans to attend the
banquet.**

**Don't forget to renew your
CRVBMWR Membership for
2011 and please consider
taking advantage
of our special
Early Bird Rally
Preregistration
and bonus savings by
February 17.**

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Check our calendar for possible activities of interest for you.