

CRVBMW NEWS

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

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Minutes from the CRVBMW May Meeting

by Jim Montstream

The May 2011 monthly meeting of the Connecticut River Valley BMW Riders, Inc. was called to order @10:36 AM on May 21, 2011, Club President Larry Friedman presiding. 22 members and guests were in attendance at the Log House Restaurant in Barkhamsted, CT.

Officers in attendance:

President: Larry Friedman
Vice-President: Lenny LaRose
Secretary: Jim Montstream
Treasurer: Mark Altschwager
Member-At-Large: Paul Clifford

Larry introduced new member Keith Courtney from Westbrook, CT.

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

Secretary's Report: There was no formal club meeting in April. The March meeting minutes were published in the April/May newsletter and were accepted. Renewal notices were sent out in December with a second reminder in early March. Approximately 65% have been renewed. 107 members are now current for 2011. The Executive

Board will discuss dues and possible enticements to attract better renewal rates and new members.

Announcements:

- May 22 – Hendee Day and Indian Motorcycle Rally, Hilltop Farm, Route 159, Suffield, CT.
- June 10-12 – Antique Motorcycle & Machinery Show, Dutchess County Fairgrounds, Rhinebeck, NY.
- June 25-27 – Airheads at the Aerodrome Campout, Dutchess County Wilcox Park, Rte. 199, Milan, NY
- July 9 – Bike night at the New Britain Rock Cats

Life Club Membership: A suggestion was made from the floor to establish a Life Membership category whereas a paid-up member of CRVBMW for 25 years or more would continue membership in the club without annual dues. The suggestion failed to produce a motion. No action taken.

Charter Oak Rally: A 2012 rally site search commit was formed initially consisting of Larry and Mike McGlamery.

Members should forward possible sites to either Larry or Mike.

Road Captain Reimbursement: A suggestion was made from the floor to reimburse a ride road-captain up to \$50 to purchase snacks, coffee, or lunch as appropriate for the ride participants. After some debate, the issue did not produce a motion. The subject will be discussed further by the Executive Board.

BMW K1600 GT/GTL: John Leo and Mike Ignatawicz, as well as several other CRVBMW Riders, attended an SAE event at Gengras where the new K1600 GT/GTL was showcased. Both John and Mike related the presentation and gave their impression of the new models.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held in June at a time and location to be announced.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 AM by Mr. Friedman.

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

- June 23 -- Annual Ride and Dinner at Bill's Seafood
- June 24-26 -- Airheads at the Aerodrome, NY
- June 26 -- June CRV Meeting and Ride
- June 26 -- Accident Scene Management Course
- July 8-10 -- Somerset Campout
- July 10 -- Lunch and Ride from the White Horse Country Pub

May Meeting Minute (continued)

After the meeting, Larry led an occasionally wet ride to the Chester on the Tracks event in Chester, MA.

Respectfully submitted,
James N. Montstream
Secretary, Connecticut River BMW
Riders, Inc.
May 21, 2011

Items For Sale or Wanted

For Sale

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)

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 laptop. 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)

July Newsletter Deadline

June 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.

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 23 -- Annual Ride and Dinner at Bill's Seafood. Details on the next page.
June 24-26 -- Airheads at the Aerodrome, NY
June 26 -- June CRV Meeting and Ride. Details on the next page.
June 26 -- Accident Scene Management Course led by Meg Posey. <http://www.accidentscene.net/schedule.htm#ct>

July

July 8-10 -- Somerset Campout
July 10 -- Lunch and Ride from the White Horse Country Pub led by Road Captain Chris Jennings.
July 16-17 -- Ramapo 500. Click here for additional information: Ramapo 500
July 21-24 -- 2011 BMW MOA International Rally.

August

August dates to be announced -- Hot Dogs and Miniature Golf
Aug. 5-7 -- Chet's Place Deadhorse Campout
Aug. 12-14 -- The Return to Trenton Rally
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.
Sept. 16-18 -- Rally in the Poconos.

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

Annual Ride and Dinner at Bill's Seafood

Join in on our Annual Ride and Dinner at Bill's Seafood in Westbrook, CT. This ride will be held on Thursday, June 23. Ride to Bill's Seafood on Route 1 at the Singing Bridge in Westbrook. We'll leave from the Denny's parking lot in Middletown on Rte. 17 (south end) at 5:15pm. This a rain or shine event, but if it is raining, I may bring the tin rainsuit. I also plan to get to Bill's around 6:30pm. Let me know if you plan to attend by contacting me at rider_06416@yahoo.com or 860-262-0247. Brian Fisk

June CRV Meeting and Ride

The June CRV Meeting will be held on Sunday, June 26, at the Chute Gates Restaurant. The Chute Gates Restaurant is located on Route 6 in Terryville, CT. The meeting will begin at 1 pm.

The menu and direction to the Chute Gates Restaurant may be found at <http://www.chutegates.com/>

After the meeting, Road Captain Chris Jennings, will lead a ride for any interested members.

Lunch and Ride from the White Horse Country Pub

On Sunday, July 10, join Road Captain Chris Jennings for lunch and a ride from the White Horse Country Pub. Meet at the White Horse Country Pub on Route 202 in Marbledale, CT. Arrive for lunch at 1:00 followed by a ride after lunch for those interested. If you have questions call Chris at 203-368-9281.

BMW MOA International Rally

Some questions were raised about the upcoming MOA Rally:

Who is going?

Is CRV thinking of having a shot at club camping?

How about a pizza night, delivered on site and CRV pays?

Come to our June Meeting and discuss your thoughts on this rally with other CRV members.

Product Review NikWax Cleaning and Waterproofing Products

I've been using NikWax (<http://www.nikwax.com/en-us/index.php>) products for cleaning and revitalizing hi-tech weather resistant/waterproof clothing for over 20 years. These products have kept my gear looking clean and new, but of far more importance to me is that the gear is as weather resistant as the day I bought it.

The two NikWax products I use on my motorcycling gear, an Aerostich suit and Firstgear rain suit, are Tech Wash and TX Direct. Both of these are usable in a home front loading washer or a commercial front loader found at a public Laundromat.

Once a year, I do the following. The process I've found that works best is that I first wash the clothing twice using Tech Wash. When the function is available I have the clothing run through an extra rinse cycle. I then run one cycle using TX Direct. Once the cycle is finished I air-dry the clothing. The following day, I run a second cycle using TX Direct. After the clothing is fully dried, it's ready for use.

I used to follow the directions on the products exactly, running only one wash and waterproofing cycle, and everything came out great. Since I only use the NikWax products once a year, I believe it helps to run the double cycle. The proof is in the use and I've never experienced leaks in my rain gear since following these procedures.

I've not used this product on tents, but Tech Wash is recommended for washing tents too, though a different waterproofing product is recommended for use on the fly and ground cloths. It's also used for non-down sleeping bags.

A third NikWax product I use is Down Wash on a down sleeping bag. This product is designed to clean the down without stripping away the natural oils, damaging the down or leaving any residue on the down, which will reduce its ability to fluff up.

Just as with the previous products, I use Down Wash in a home front load washer. I run one regular cycle using the Down Wash, then a second full cycle of plain water. Rinsing and removing soap is one of the best things we can do for down filled gear.

I dry the sleeping bag in a dryer, on an air only setting with no heat applied. To help fluff the down, several tennis balls in the dryer do a good job. After several hours of this I hang the sleeping bag out on the line to fully dry . . . which might take two days.

For me, NikWax products have been very beneficial in keeping my gear working as good as new. Keith Olsen

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