

# Minutes of the Connecticut River Valley BMW Riders, Inc.

Apr '15

The April 2015 monthly meeting of the Connecticut River Valley BMW Riders, Inc. was called to order @1:15 PM on April 19, 2015, Club President Tim Parola presiding. 9 members and guests were in attendance at the Chicago Sam's Sports Bar & Grill in Cromwell, CT.

## Officers in attendance:

President	Tom Parola
Vice President	Larry Friedman
Secretary	Jim Montstream
Treasurer	Ron Faibusch
Asst. Road Captain	Mark Altschwager

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer's report was presented by Ron.

**Secretary's Report:** Membership now stands at 122 of which 96 have renewed for 2015. The Club's BMWMOA charter will be renewed this month.

**Club Rides:** Mark Altschwager led a ride through the northeastern part of Connecticut on April 16<sup>th</sup> with a lunch stop at the Coriander. The group also stopped at Camp Nahaco to check on the proposed rally site. Seven riders attended.

On **May 16, 2015**, Mark will lead a ride to the Mount Graylock Memorial near North Adams, MA. Riders should meet at Dunkin' Doughnuts in Litchfield, CT at 9 AM. The ride will depart at 10 AM. A lunch stop is planned at the Golden Eagle Restaurant. The group should be back to Winsted, CT around 4 PM. Contact Mark if you plan on attending (Call or text to 860-416-9025; Email mrk1altschwager@att.net)

**Valley Beemers:** Valley Beemers has elected to discontinue their BMWMOA charter. Tim has sent emails to Mark Phelps with no response. Larry Friedman, as a BMWMOA Ambassador, will attend Valley's April 26<sup>th</sup> meeting (most likely at Bev's BBQ) to offer CRVBMWR to the attendees as an MOA chartered alternative.

**Charter Oak Rally:** The Rally is scheduled for May 22-24, 2015 again at Camp Nahaco in Woodstock Valley, CT (accessed from Weeks Road in Eastford). Brian Fisk and Joan Dahlstrom are the Co-Chairs. Neither Brian nor Joan were able to attend the meeting so Ron Faibusch will follow up with Brian or Joan on the status. There was considerable discussion regarding the cost of insurance for the event (\$400) which is obtained through the MOA. Insurance was obtained through the AMA in past years. Concern was also expressed over the lack of budget planning and reporting. Only 10 have pre-registered so far.

**Donation to BMWMOA Foundation:** As approved at the March meeting, a donation of \$100 was made to the BMWMOA Foundation in memory of Don Faichney, aka The Kiltmeister, a dedicated MOA ambassador from Ontario.

## Upcoming Events of Interest:

- **Miracle Ride CT;** This annual ride benefits the Connecticut Children's Medical Center. The ride will be held on Sunday, April 26, 2015. Registration opens at Bushnell Park / Elm Street, Hartford, CT at 9 am. The police escorted ride will depart Bushnell Park at noon and will end at Sun Valley Resort in Stafford Springs, CT. A picnic lunch with entertainment will be provided.
- **FIM World Trials Championship** – July 25 & 26, 2015 at Stepping Stone Ranch, 201 Escoheag Hill Road, West Greenwich, RI 02817.

**Member Health Concerns:** Larry Friedman reported that Mike Snowden is slowly recovering from complications occurring from his knee replacement and Joe Kearns is in the hospital recovering from pneumonia.

**CRVBMWR Picnic:** The "end-of-summer" picnic will be held on September 13<sup>th</sup>. Location TBD

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be at 4:45 pm on May 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Rally site (Camp Nahaco).

**June Monthly Meeting:** The June monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup>. Details have not been finalized but the overall plan is for a morning ride, a seminar at Max's in South Windsor, and the meeting following at a local restaurant. Details to follow.

Having no further business, Mr. Parola adjourned the meeting at 2:03 PM.

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