

# Minutes of the Connecticut River Valley BMW Riders, Inc. '14

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The November 2014 monthly meeting of the Connecticut River Valley BMW Riders, Inc. was called to order @1:14 PM on November 23, 2014, Club Vice-President Mark Altschwager presiding. 16 members and guests were in attendance at the Cypress Restaurant in Middletown, CT. Sandwiches and soft drinks were provided by the Club.

## **Officers in attendance:**

Vice President	Mark Altschwager
Secretary	Jim Montstream
Treasurer	Ron Faibusch
Member-At-Large	Brian Fisk

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

**Secretary's Report:** Paid up 2014 membership now stands at 119 of which 47 have renewed for 2015.

**Club Ride:** After three failed attempts due to weather to do a Berkshire ride, Ching Chiang lead a Tolland and Windham County covered bridge ride on Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. 14 riders (13 motorcycles) attended.

**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. The Rally drew 43 attendees in 2014 and Brian hopes with the improved advertising, the number in 2015 will be closer to 100. Food planned: Chilli on Friday evening; continental breakfast (maybe pancakes) Saturday morning; catered dinner (tba); and muffins Sunday morning. The Camp has three cabins with electricity and several lean-tos on a first-come, first served basis. The ad for the rally has been finalized and will be forwarded to MOA/RA for inclusion in their magazine's events schedule. A notice will also go out to area motorcycle clubs e.g. Yankee Beemers; NE Riders, etc. as well as clubs in neighboring states. Brian voiced concerns about insurance through the MOA not being available until April. He will contact the AMA to investigate obtaining coverage through them. Brian and Joan also asked for help in getting motorcycling or camping door prizes. A call for volunteers will be sent out (most likely on early May) to help camp cleanup and preparation for the summer season.

**Mt. Misery Campout:** Brian Fisk reported that the campout on Nov. 7-9 at Pachaug State Forest in Voluntown went well; over 30 attended. Brian plans another similar campout over Halloween weekend (Oct 30-Nov 1) in 2015. In addition, Brian plans to have 3 other campouts during the year with details to follow.

**New Years Day Ride:** Meet Brian Fisk at Mr D's (formerly Good 'n Plenty Diner), Rte 372 in Berlin at 10am on New Years Day.

**Membership program:** Back in May of 2012, arrangements were made with Max BMW in Brookfield, Ct. to offer a free 1-yr membership in CRVBMW Riders with each motorcycle they sell. Max would offer it as an additional benefit at no cost to them and the Club will hopefully gain an ongoing member. This effort has produced no members of late and seems to be a non-focus program at the local dealer. Ron Faibusch will contact Max Stratton personally to discuss the rejuvenation of the promotion of our club.

**New York Motorcycle Show** – The show is scheduled for December 12-14. Brian Fisk (and most likely Chris Jennings with his pub crawl) plan to attend probably on Friday, December 12th (MetroNorth leaves New Haven at 9:46am; show opens at 1pm). If anyone cares to join them, contact Brian Fisk (860-262-0247; rider 06416@yahoo.com) for details.

**Winter Banquet:** The winter banquet will be held on January 24th at the Polish National Homes, 60 Charter Oak Avenue, in Hartford as in the past. Social hour will be at 6pm with dinner at 7pm. Cost will be \$25 pp. Reservations and checks should be sent to Ron Faibusch c/o CRVBMWR, P.O. Box 791, Canton, CT 06019. Ron will also follow up on the arrangements.

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**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be the winter banquet. Per the bylaws, no meeting will be held in December.

**Elections:** The following officer nominations were made by the Nominating Committee::

President	Tim Parola
Vice-President	Larry Friedman
Secretary	Jim Montstream
Treasurer	Ron Faibusch
Road Captain	Ching Chiang
Asst. Road Captain	Open
Member-At-Large	Brian Fisk

Two additional nominations were received from the floor for the office of Asst. Road Captain: Mark Altschwager and Jim Prabulos.

Jim Montstream motioned for the above 2015 officer slate (sans Asst. Road Captain) be elected, seconded by Brian Fisk; unanimously approved.

A paper ballot was held for the office of Asst. Road Captain with Mark Altschwager winning by one vote.

President-elect Tim Parola presented a brief overview of the upcoming banquet. Since he will be unable to attend, he asked Ron Faibusch to coordinate the reservations and payments.

Having no further business, Mr. Altschwager adjourned the meeting at 2:00 PM.

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