

CRVBMW June 28, 2020 Meeting

Held at Nord Christensen's, 35 West Mountain Rd, West Simsbury, CT

Agenda

1. What month we should select for MOA sign-up (we will receive money for every club member that signs up or renews their membership with MOA)
2. Summer picnic – Aug 2nd at 35 W. Mountain Rd, West Simsbury, CT (Nord Christensen)
3. September picnic at Stanley Park in Westfield, MA
4. Discussion on interest for rides centered around breakfast at a Farmington Club car show or before a car meet at Mark's Auto Parts in East Granby, CT.

Call mtg to order at 1:00 PM

Number in attendance - 18

Ron - Treasurer's Report – Club has positive balance in bank account.

Felix - Minutes report from previous meeting – presented overview of April meeting and May teleconference.

Old Business –

Sharing our list of members with the club still needs to happen. Tim mentioned he is still working on this.

Club Rides

Stu has been leading weekday rides for the past several months with a great turnout each week.

Midweek rides have seen as few as 3 riders to as many as 18-20 riders with a few new riders.

New Business ?

The BMW MOA is launching a Membership Drive with a stimulus package that would financially benefit our club. We need to select a "Membership Month" and promote club members to join or renew/extend their membership during that month. The club will receive \$9 for each new MOA member and \$5 for each renew/extend MOA member that sign up.

What month should we decide for our "Membership Month"?

Tim explained the MOA stimulus package and how it works. Tim suggested to members month of September as “Membership Month” for club members to renew/extend their MOA membership or join if they are not an MOA member. Jeanine suggested that members check see when their renewal is due. Tim said being an extension, your renewal month will not change, it will be moved out by 1 year.

Ron question decision of club to participate, opt-in or opt-out and that he is not in favor of it. Nord replied that you do not have to do it.

Tim explained that this MOA is probably a one-time event payment where members can renew online or via mail to MOA. Brian mentioned this was done before about 10 years or so ago.

This is more work for Tim to send out emails and canvass members. Chris suggested to do the announcement at the picnic (discussed later).

An initial motion to choose September as the month passed with one opposed (Ron). A point of order negated this vote as there was no vote taken whether to pursue the MOA stimulus plan prior to the motion to vote on September as the month to renew.

A motion offered by Stu and seconded by Frank to pursue the MOA stimulus package. The motion passed on a voice vote with one opposed (Ron).

Tim suggested September or October for the renewal month to be discussed next meeting. It was decided that September will be the month. Tim will mention at both picnics (July/Aug & September).

Tim mentioned that if the club does not have enough members, it will have to pay dues to MOA.

Currently there are 171 members of which 93 are full members, 15 are associate and 63 have joined free through Max’s. Last year 14 of 74 free memberships joined as paying members.

REMINDER FOR TIM: Tim to send out email to members to survey their membership in the MOA, RA and AMA.

Ron asked how the club will know which members participated in the MOA stimulus package. Can it get a list with the payment? Tim will check with MOA.

We are planning to have a Summer Picnic on Sunday, August 2nd, also here at Nord Christenson’s property. There will be adequate room for everyone to “Socially Distance” and there will be adequate room for people to camp out on the property if they choose to stay over one or both evenings. Unless the COVID-19 rules are cancelled, the plan is for everyone to bring their own food & drink, but there is a pizza shop nearby that will deliver. Water, electricity, a hot shower and a porta potty will be available.

A porta-potty will be rented for the weekend the picnic is held. Cost is \$200 estimated. Chris made a motion to authorize the expenditure. It was seconded by Jay.

Stu suggested to hold the picnic earlier such as the Sunday prior (July 26th) due to middle of summer. Nord mentioned September picnic will conflict with Labor Day. Nord/Chris mentioned that the rally scheduled for July 26 was cancelled.

Jeanine motioned that July 26th and hold August 2nd as a rain date. It was seconded by Bill. On a voice vote passed unanimously.

Tim stated that an executive decision will be made early enough in case we need to cancel porta-potty delivery to picnic.

Tim reminded everyone that this is a bring your own lunch and drink. Anyone wanting to do a potluck to coordinate amongst themselves. There are local restaurants that will deliver but is up to group of participants to coordinate. This is a one day event held on Sunday, but arrivals can come up and camp out Saturday night. Nord requests a head count. He offered to supply a gas grill. Bill and Tim will help with setting up Saturday night.

We are also planning to hold the September picnic on Sunday, Sept 13 at Stanley Park in Westfield, MA (same place as always). We have reserved the pavilion and the caterer with hopes that group gatherings will be allowed at that time.

The pavilion reserved is the first one as you drive into the park. Kane's Market is penciled in to prepare meals. Picnic will be free to those who renew their membership for next year. Renewals, same as last year (i.e., \$20 members, \$10 associate members). Fee for guests same as last year (\$35?). Discussion on fee changes to help offset the banquet cost (per Mark, must be done at November mtg per Bylaws). Stu suggested to keep the fees the same. No motion to increase the fees was offered.

Club activities

Does anyone have any new group activities to announce?

Ron stated that the Farmington Club has a movie screen which they use as a drive-in. He also mentioned that polo is held on Saturdays and a Cars & Coffee on Sunday 9-12 with food available. Tim proposed holding a breakfast meet at the club followed by a ride. He has been in contact with Jamie Hughes of the Home Town Foundation. Some cool cars were there such as McLarens, Ferraris, Porsche, and other exotic cars when Tim went. Stu also mentioned the Dream Ride scheduled for August 21-23. Expectations are that there will be between 8,000 and 10,000 people. The venue is still scheduled as a go as of 7/1/20. This is a big fund raiser for the Home Town Foundation.

Monday night car meet at Mark's Auto Parts in East Granby, CT (currently, not active due to COVID-19) with an afternoon ride around the area. Any interest please contact Tim.

Other suggestions:

Plan to do Ethan Allen Ride mentioned by Chris. He would provide historical insight at select stop locations during the ride.

Stu's suggestions: Once a month, his weekday ride would be about 350 miles round trip starting at Max's and passing by Bromley, Stratton and other Vermont ski areas.

He also mentioned riding through the Saratoga Valley Bennington battlefield when they open the park. Stu is a teacher of history.

Other announcements:

Jeanine is looking for riding pants she can borrow for a short time.

Felix mentioned DMV's access is now by appointment only or online.

Chris motioned to purchase pizza up to \$100 for the RA Rally as was done in the past. Stu attend the same rally but did not know the club had purchased pizza for members attending the rally. He stated he was left out and wants to be notified. Nord suggested that pizza notice be posted on the club web page. Tim said it can be done but who would be the contact?

REMINDER FOR TIM: Tim to email members about the RA Rally and to contact Chris or Brian who is attending to participate in the CRV club activities at the rally.

Motion offered by Chris for the club to pay for pizza. Seconded by Brian. On a voice vote all in favor. No one opposed.

Rally is scheduled for September 17 – 20, 2020
Waynesville, North Carolina

Motion to adjourn by Nord and seconded by Brian

Mtg adjourned at 2:23 PM

Notes in red added by Felix Planas, Secretary.