

CRVBMW Sept 13, 2020 Meeting/Picnic

Moment of Silence for Ray McKenna

The BMW MOV has planned a memorial service for Ray McKenna as follows:

Saturday, September 26

11 a.m.

Tozier's Restaurant (field down in back by White River)

Location: About 3 miles south of Bethel on RT 107

If heavy rain is predicted, we can move to the 27th. Both days rain? Let's hope not.

The MOV has 3 or 4 pop up tents, but that does not allow for social distancing.

Service will be including Riders' Memories. We hope you will participate.

If you have guesstimates of how many may show up, that would be helpful.

Ray's sister wants us to distribute his ashes among his friends. The MOV will be filling some film canisters with Ray's ashes; the canisters will have a sticker showing Ray's hat and battered mug. I have ordered enough stickers (300) for VT, ME, and MA, and more can be ordered. Dana Lewis is the printer.

I will also have ashes available for clubs/entities that want to remember Ray in their own way. Please contact me to make arrangements to pick them up.

We are working on having a military flag presentation, but all the details have not been worked out yet.

I'll ask Adam Chandler to put this event up on the website with a box for a rider to check if he/she is coming to give us a ballpark idea. This may cause a problem with Wild Apricot as it counts attendees against our member count :(I hate that software package!

Let me know if you have questions.

Best, Muriel

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Chris Jennings will be contacting Muriel at MOV to obtain Ray's ashes. He also suggested that we hold a small ceremony at next year's rally.

Old Business –

Sharing our list of members with the club has begun. If you haven't responded to my emails regarding allowing your info to be included, it will not be available to other members. Still have a few technical issues to resolve.

Club Rides

Stu is back to leading weekday rides for the past several months with a great turnout each week.

Mark has led several rides, including one to Litchfield Distillery, Mt Graylok and around Quabbin Reservoir.

New Business ?

We are in the middle of the BMW MOA Membership Drive. There are still 2-1/2 weeks to sign up. Please extend your membership or, if you are not an MOA member, sign up before Sept 30th. The club will receive \$9 for each new MOA member and \$5 for each renew/extend MOA member that sign up. If you can't find the email that I sent, go to our website. Hand out brochure on why to become a member.

Thanks to Lauren Secular for letting me know about this.

AMA Affiliate Program - Use when you join or when it's time to renew your membership. The club will receive \$5 for each new AMA member and \$2.50 for each renewal. Click the link on email (soon on our website) or call and enter our code CRVBMW.

I have some pamphlets on Touring Tips and Street Survival as well as info to sign up. I noticed that several of our members are not AMA members. Now would be a good time to consider joining.

Future meetings

October meeting will be another outdoor meeting at Nord & Jeanine Christensen's in West Simsbury.

When: October 4 at 1:00 PM.

This will be a BYOL (bring your own lunch) & bring a chair if you can.

November is our elections month.

Right now, we have vacancies for the Road Captain and Assistant Road Captain. Please consider putting your name in for one of those positions.

How do people feel about these options?

1. Indoor restaurant (depending on CT requirements, of course) – no positive responses
2. Outdoors like today - Nov 1st? Yes – OK with Nord and Jeanine Christensen
3. Electronically – no positive responses

I have new membership cards for anyone who I haven't seen yet.

Also, I have "You have just met" cards for anyone who would like a few.

Club activities

Does anyone have any new group activities to announce?

Chris Jennings asked the club to purchase 75 Ray McKenna stickers from MOV. Estimated price is \$26.50, slightly more than the \$25 that we normally give to a charity of a deceased member. It was approved by Ron and Tim and Chris will contact MOV and make arrangements, letting us know how to proceed with payment.