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## The News and Views of the River Valley Riders

**Motorcycle Club**

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### **Letter from the President**

Well how do you do Spring...came in really fast this year, skipped most of the annual deluge we have become accustomed to!!

I don't know about everyone else but this time of year always seems to be the busiest, yard cleanup, kids spring sports, more yard cleanup....you get the idea. I have had a few opportunities to do a little riding here and there when weather permitted. I think I have about 500 miles so far, hopefully the majority of you have more than that by now with the past few weeks of really nice weather. Our family is so busy this coming summer that we have to bail out of the Americade weekend festivities....I know, I know, it just won't be the same without us right...Keith is working on doing a cardboard cutout of me and Em you guys can pull out put next to your bikes....Just Kidding!! I am sure you all will have a great time, take lots of pictures and tell us great stories of rides and other things. We have two ballet recitals to attend with a rehearsal before each one on Saturday and Sunday and Robby has his first T-Ball game on Saturday morning. I believe that JoJo and Dean will gladly take our room up at the Inn though so it should all work out.

Emily, Keith and I have been very busy over at the homestead. Most of the yard is cleaned up really well, we have spent the past three weekends cutting down Hemlocks, Raking, burning brush, planning a new retaining wall....endless list!! I have been assigned to a new project for work that is taking me to Dallas, Texas for the next year every other week. I have been here for the past 4 weeks straight so if I am not at the next meeting I apologize as my schedule is kind of sporadic and changes from week to week!! I have completed the ride route with Keith's assistance for the Poker Run, it should be a very nice ride.

I hope all of you are being safe out there, watching out for sand patches and cell phone using drivers...looking forward to seeing yall on the road real soon now, ya hear!!

God Bless

Semper Fi

Adam

# Secretaries Minutes

The April meeting of the River Valley Riders club was held at the home of Doug and Wendy Hadlock on April 10, 2008. Following a potluck dinner/dessert, the meeting was called to order at 7:04pm with 16 members and three guests present. The minutes of the March meeting were read. A motion was made by Wendy Hadlock, seconded by Bob Perkins, and voted to accept the minutes as read. The treasurer's report was read. A motion was made by Bob Perkins, seconded by Lisa Bassick, and voted to accept it as read.

## ***Ride Committee Report***

There is a ride on July 12<sup>th</sup> out of Brockton, MA to benefit Teen Challenge. Lisa Bassick will lead a fall foliage ride through the tri-state area on September 20<sup>th</sup>, rain date of the 21<sup>st</sup>. The Molly Bish ride is Sunday June 29<sup>th</sup>, rain date of July 13<sup>th</sup>. Registration is from 9am-12pm at the Sturbridge Host Hotel. Lisa would like to include swap meets on the calendar and in her committee report, please send her information. The Corn Roast is cancelled this year due to liability concerns.

## ***Poker Run Committee Report***

The Vernon Fire Company benefit ride route will be finalized this week. The club's poker run date is to be determined. It was suggested that we combine the poker run with the Recruiting Committee's welcome barbecue in lieu of the Corn Roast. The two committees will work together on this.

***Newsletter & Advertising Report*** - Advertising rates are \$15/year for non-members, \$12/year for members.

***Banquet Committee Report*** - None at this time.

## ***Recruiting Committee Report***

Emily Berg emailed BCTV about advertising the club's meetings and events but didn't receive any response. Emily is also working on an article about the club to be submitted to local newspapers. New business cards should be distributed at the May meeting. No updates on the welcome barbecue.

***Old Business*** - None at this time.

## ***New Business***

This year is the club's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary!! Adam Vergobbe suggested getting t-shirts for everyone. Please send ideas to Adam for the May meeting. Emily will bring the original "Fairlee Ride-In" t-shirt to the May meeting. The club website has an additional address: [www.rivervalleyriders-ne.com](http://www.rivervalleyriders-ne.com). Frank Grimes was hit by a turkey while riding his bike. He broke six ribs, a shoulder blade, and fractured an ankle. He'll be going to Farnum Rehabilitation Center after he's discharged from Dartmouth. A card will be distributed for members to sign and Emily will mail to Frank. Tommy Fisher, a former member, was voted back in to the club - welcome back! Emily volunteered to make a new club banner in her spare time. Wendy Hadlock made a motion to reimburse Emily for supplies needed to make a new banner. Lisa Bassick seconded the motion and it passed by club vote.

## ***For Sale/Sold***

Adam Vergobbe has a 1978 Chevy Impala for \$4000. Nate Zinn has a 1996 Suzuki RF900 with 5400 miles, asking \$3500.00. Wendy had a pair of men's 10 ½ Timberland shoes, Joel took them home. Doug Hadlock is looking for a 1978-80 Suzuki GS1000 frame - just the basic model, not the "L" model or anything.

## ***Birthdays & Anniversaries***

Mayda Berg's birthday is 4/8. Carol Smith's birthday is 4/26. Brian Stone's birthday is 4/23. Perkins' 55<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary is 4/4.

The next meeting will be on May 8, 2008 at the home of Bob and Wilma Perkins. The 50/50 raffle was won by Keith Bruce. The door prize was won by Jess Norse. A motion was made by Lisa Bassick, seconded by Jon Hall, and voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:58pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily E. Berg

Secretary

# Treasurer's Report

\*\*\*BALANCE SHEET\*\*\*

## ASSETS

Checking \$797.79

Petty Cash \$16.00

TOTAL BEGINNING BALANCE - 3 /1 /2008 \$813.79

## INCOME

50/50 Raffle \$23.00

Dues \$60.00

Mar Interest \$0.06

\$0.00

\$0.00

TOTAL INCOME \$83.06

## EXPENSES

Newsletter Postage (\$49.20)

\$0.00

\$0.00

TOTAL EXPENSES (\$49.20)

TOTAL PROFIT/LOSS \$33.86

Checking \$832.65

Petty Cash \$15.00

TOTAL ENDING BALANCE - 3 /31/2008 \$847.65

Respectfully submitted

Jon Hall

Treasurer

# Editor's Page



Well, another month has passed us by and I have not done much riding to date. How quickly our lives fill with so many things to do and places to be. I have had the opportunity to help cut down some trees and provide firewood to those that could use it. That I haven't even started the ol' girl up since the last meeting. What a shame.

Well looks like my next ride might be to Bob and Wilma's in Hinsdale for the next meeting. I can't wait to see everyone and hope to see the ride schedule start filling up. I know that Lisa is eagerly awaiting your call/email/snail mail or whatever it is you wish to use to contact her about up and coming rides.

I hope you all have had the chance to check out the website as of late, it is full of useful information. You should also take note that we have purchased a domain name for the club. The domain name is <http://www.rivervalleyriders-ne.com> This will be a lot easier to remember and tell your friends when they ask you about the wonderful group that you spend so much of your summer with. 😊

You should also know that we are in the process of creating business cards with current contact information and website info. They are currently off to press and I hope to have them by the next business meeting. We will provide them to our members to hand out and would like to drop some off at some of our local dealers to see if we can gain interest from more local riders.

It would be nice to create a tri-fold pamphlet and possibly a flyer that we can put out there also. I am thinking the flyer would be done in the same color scheme as the business cards and distributed with them, and the pamphlet would be more colorful and informative.

I am also always looking for things for the news letter, so if you have a story to tell or some information that you would like to share, please send it to me. I hope to have enough stashed away so that when the letter is light I will have some fill.

RVR Editor

*Kath Bruce*

## *Meeting Schedule - 2008*

May 8th - Bob and Wilma Perkins

June 12th - Jon and Vicki Hall

July 10th - Nick and Carol Smith

August 14th - Art and Diane James

September 11th - Brian and Debbie Stone

October 9th - Nate and Melanie Zinn

January 2009 8th - Irvin & Nancy Bruce's

Wow, I filled the page. When I sat down to write tonight I didn't know how I was going to do it. But alas it is done. See you all in Hinsdale Thursday, May 8th.



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# Motorcycle Safety

**More than half of all motorcycle accidents involve riders with less than 5 months or 500 miles of experience.** The USC Hurt Report found that two-thirds of all motorcycle accidents involved riders who were unlicensed, or riding a borrowed motorcycle, or riding for their first 12 months. I cannot overemphasize that a [Motorcycle Safety Foundation](#) course is excellent preparation. If you have less than 5000 miles experience or haven't ridden in 10 years or more, go to their web site, find a class near you, and take it. It's very easy to get over confident with your riding abilities after a couple months. Don't. Motorcycles are reasonably safe to ride, but **very** dangerous to learn.

Today, anyone with \$8000 can buy a motorcycle that goes 150 mph or faster. It's also true than anyone with \$150 can buy a gun that will blow their head clean off. For an inexperienced rider, there are a lot of similarities here.

If you haven't ridden a bike before, I recommend you get a used bike, 500ccs or less, and ride it for a year. You are going to tip over a few times. If you tip over on a new Harley or Japanese sport bike, you're likely to do several hundred dollars of damage, and likely will need help picking the bike up. If you tip over on a new Ducati, I think you should be scourged. I've trained 38 people how to ride bikes. Every one said "I'm not going to fall down, I'm going to be careful." Every one fell down. It's not about you. "Pride goeth before the fall."

Most of what there is to know about riding motorcycles can be learned at slow speeds, where falls are only embarrassing. A good exercise on a street bike is to find an empty parking lot and practice riding in circles until you can hold your handlebars against the stops and turn an entire circle without moving the handlebars. You steer the bike with your hips and the throttle, clutch, and rear brake. This exercise will teach you a lot about balance and throttle control, two critical skills on a street bike.

Another good exercise is to place your front tire on the top of a curb, and leave the rear tire in the street. This exercise is easiest if the rain gutter is a bit wet. Now, ride. Go about 5-10mph. Practice until you can keep your feet on the pegs and go for as long as you wish. This exercise is best done on a bike that weighs less than 350 pounds. This exercise will teach you balance and how to handle a bike that's not going straight.

Riding in the dirt is excellent preparation. You learn how to handle a bike in uncertain traction, and you get to fall down where there's no traffic waiting to run you over. Kenny Roberts, 3 time world champion, trains himself and other riders on a small dirt track on Honda XR100s. They wet down the track and practice sliding either or both wheels. Any falls are at 15mph, from a height of 2 feet.

On a dirt bike, find a loose surface and practice driving with the front brake locked. Ride at 5-10mph. Great for balance and learning not to fall down just because your front wheel is skidding.

[Good bikes for 1st time riders](#) include: Honda 250 or 450 Nighthawk or Rebel; Suzuki 250 intruder, or DR200, 250, 350, 400; Kawasaki GPZ250 or 500; Yamaha XT250 or 350. All of these bikes can be bought used for \$1000 to \$2000.

Really poor choices for 1st time riders: Any Honda CBR. Any Yamaha YZR, R1 or R6. Any Kawasaki ZZR or ZX or Ninja. Any Suzuki GSX, GSXR, TL, or Hayabusa. Any sport bike with 600ccs or more. Any of these bikes will pop wheelies at 60mph and has a top speed in excess of 150mph.



# THE BIKER

I saw you, hug your purse closer to you in the grocery store line.  
But you didn't see me, put an extra \$10.00 in the collection plate last Sunday.

I saw you, pull your child closer when we passed each other on the sidewalk.  
But you didn't see me, playing Santa at the local mall.

I saw you, change your mind about going into the restaurant.  
But you didn't see me, attending a meeting to raise more money for the hurricane relief.

I saw you, roll up your window and shake your head when I rode by.  
But you didn't see me riding behind you when you flicked your cigarette butt out the car window.

I saw you, frown at me when I smiled at your children.  
But you didn't see me, when I took time off from work to run toys to the homeless.

I saw you, stare at my long hair.  
But you didn't see me, and my friends cut ten inches off for Locks of Love.

I saw you, roll your eyes at our leather jackets and gloves.  
But you didn't see me, and my brothers donate our old ones to those that had none.

I saw you, look in fright at my tattoos.  
But you didn't see me, cry as my children were born and have their name written over and in my heart.

I saw you, change lanes while rushing off to go somewhere.  
But you didn't see me, going home to be with my family.

I saw you, complain about how loud and noisy our bikes can be.  
But you didn't see me, when you were changing the CD and drifted into my lane.

I saw you, yelling at your kids in the car.  
But you didn't see me, pat my child's hands, knowing he was safe behind me.

I saw you, reading the newspaper or map as you drove down the road.  
But you didn't see me, squeeze my wife's leg when she told me to take the next turn.

I saw you, race down the road in the rain.  
But you didn't see me, get soaked to the skin so my son could have the car to go on his date.

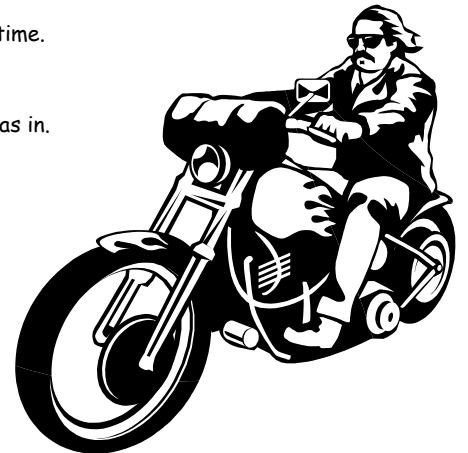
I saw you, run the yellow light just to save a few minutes of time.  
But you didn't see me, trying to turn right.

I saw you, cut me off because you needed to be in the lane I was in.  
But you didn't see me, leave the road.

I saw you, waiting impatiently for my friends to pass.  
But you didn't see me. I wasn't there.

Because, I died that day you cut me off.

I was just a biker. A person with friends and a family.  
But, you didn't see me.



EVEN IF YOU DON'T LIKE US, RESPECT OUR RIGHTS TO RIDE WHAT WE CHOOSE AND TAKE A FEW EXTRA SECONDS TO BE SURE WE'RE NOT IN 'YOUR' WAY

LIVE TO RIDE . . . RIDE TO LIVE

# Club Rides and Other Rides



## CLUB RIDES TODATE



May 17th	Vernon FD Poker Run	Leaving Vernon FD at	Sponsored by RVR
June 6th-8th	Americade Weekend	2night 3day Adventure	Led by Nick Smith
June 18th	Hill Climb (Laconia)	Gunstock NH	
July 5th	Lobster Run	Ride to Maine up NH Coast line	Led by Keith Bruce
August			

Lisa has posted all the rides and events online at <http://calendar.yahoo.com/ljb052566>. Go online and check it out.

Please Contact Lisa Covey [ljb0525@comcast.net](mailto:ljb0525@comcast.net) or 802-254-8132 with your rides for this year. I know the weekends are going to fill up fast so if you have a ride and weekend in mind Contact her ASAP as this page should be full be next printing. Then you will have to start scheduling them on week nights. (or weekdays if you are retired)

## OTHER RIDES

May 9th-11th	Mothers for Daughter Ride	Dover, VT	<a href="http://www.mothers-for-daughters.com">http://www.mothers-for-daughters.com</a>
May 31st	Over the Hill Ride		Led by RVRR
June 2nd-7th	Americade	Lake George NY	<a href="http://www.tourexpo.com">http://www.tourexpo.com</a>
June 14th-22nd	Laconia	Loudon NH	<a href="http://www.laconiaMCweek.com">http://www.laconiaMCweek.com</a>
June 20th-22nd	Blessing of the Bikes	Colebrook NH	
June 28th	Paul's Ride	W. Brattleboro FD	W. Brattleboro FD 9am Rain or Shine
June 29th	Molly Bish Ride	Sturbridge MA	<a href="http://www.mollybish.org/home.html">http://www.mollybish.org/home.html</a>
July 19th	Ice Cream Poker Run		Led by RVRR
August 7th-9th	H.O.G. NH/VT State Rally	Bartlett NH	For more info call 603-668-1592
Sept 20th	Chili Ride		Led by RVRR
Sept 28th	Shriners Benefit Ride		<a href="http://www.customcitycycle.com">http://www.customcitycycle.com</a>

## FOR SALE

Dean Bailargeon has a red 1986 Honda Nighthawk S700 for sale. It has 20k miles and he's asking \$2000 obo.

Adam Vergobbe has a 1978 Chevy Impala for \$4000.

Nate Zinn has a 1996 Suzuki RF900 with 5400 miles, asking \$3500.00

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## Websites of Interest

Check out these motorcycle related forum websites. There is a lot of information to be had out there and here is a couple of places to start looking.

<http://www.rswarrior.com/>

<http://hotrodsandharleydavids.com/>

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Meetings are always held on the (2nd) Thursday of the Month, Unless published otherwise.

Potluck starts at 6:00 pm. Immediately following will be the meeting at 7:00 pm.

### From Brattleboro

Depart Brattleboro on SR-119

Turn RIGHT (South) onto  
Hinsdale Heights

Arrive 65 Hinsdale Heights,  
Hinsdale, NH 03451

### From Keene

Depart Keene (South) onto SR-10

Turn RIGHT (North-West) onto  
SR-119

Turn LEFT (South) onto Hinsdale  
Heights

Arrive 65 Hinsdale Heights, Hins-  
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Bob and Wilma Perkins 603-336-5312

