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**The News and Views
of the River Valley
Riders
Motorcycle Club
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Letter from the President

Oh man, I can't wait until this snow melts. It is 42 degrees out today and I am itching to just get out on the road...then I hear on the news that we are expecting another winter storm with the potential for another 6 inches of snow....Dang!

Oh well, such is life in New England! Back to the good news this month, we have two new members in our club, Jessica Norse and Joel Murphy, welcome, we are very glad to have you as members and look forward to riding with both of you as the weather warms up! We are also looking forward to Melanie and Nate Zinn and Tommy Fisher and Sue Brush joining at our next meeting as well, it is nice to see the new faces and those that are rejoining the Club. It was also awesome to see all the club members who attended the February meeting at Emi and I's home, there was good food, great conversations and a productive meeting. Just as a note that was mentioned in the meeting, if you haven't paid your dues in 2008 they are due now or voting privileges are going to be denied as stated in our By-Laws. The next meeting will be held at the Covey/Bassicks in Vernon, VT....about 1/4 mile from the last meeting!!

If anyone has any pictures they would like submitted to our RVR MC website, <http://www.orgsites.com/nh/rivervalleyriders/>, please send them with a description to avergobbe@yahoo.com so I can add them to our site. Also, if you haven't already, please take a look at this tool, there are numerous rides listed on there already for the upcoming riding season with our club and with other clubs in the area. If you have an idea for a ride or have heard of a benefit ride or other ride that you think others would enjoy, please send it on to Lisa Bassick at ljb0525@comcast.net and she will add it to the website and it will get included in the circulation via the newsletter.

As always, if you have had an experience that you would like to share with the club or just want to say hello and tell us what is going on in your lives, write me an email and we can include this in our newsletter as well. Especially if you or someone in your family is in need of our prayers or support, we are a family and all would like the opportunity to help each other, especially in a time of need. I am looking forward to a very busy riding season this year with all of you, after all, this is why we have our club, to enjoy the sport of riding.

Until the snow melts, stricken to cages, waiting on Spring...HURRY UP!!!!

God Bless,

Adam Vergobbe
Semper Fi

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Secretaries Minutes

The February meeting of the River Valley Riders club was held at the home of Emily Berg and Adam Vergobbe on February 14, 2008. Following a potluck dinner/dessert, the meeting was called to order at 7:02pm with 14 members and seven guests present. The minutes of the January meeting were read. A correction was made to Hall's anniversary. It wasn't their anniversary on 2/15, but Vicki's birthday. A motion was made by Bob Perkins, seconded by Frank Grimes, and voted to accept the minutes as corrected. The treasurer's report was read. A motion was made by Art James, seconded by Bob Perkins, and voted to accept it as read.

Ride Committee Report

The ride calendar is posted on the club website. The Yahoo! Calendar will no longer be used. There are 15 rooms reserved for Americade weekend and ten are taken. If you would like to reserve a room, please contact Nick Smith. The Rescue, Inc. benefit ride will be postponed until next year. There will be a meeting on Sunday February 17th at 3pm at the Vernon Fire Station to discuss the benefit ride for the Vernon Fire Company. Fliers should be going out by the end of the month. The ride will start at the fire station and end at the Vernon Recreation Center. The cost will be \$15.00 for a vehicle and driver and \$10.00 for additional passengers. Cars are welcome. Once riding season is upon us, meetings will be followed by an ice cream ride.

Poker Run Committee Report - None at this time.

Newsletter & Advertising Report

No new advertising; newsletter went out.

Banquet Committee Report - None at this time.

Recruiting Committee Report - None at this time.

Old Business

We need meeting locations for September and October. If you haven't paid your dues yet, you are not allowed to vote. If you don't pay your dues by April 30th, you are no longer a member.

New Business

Frank Grimes expressed great thanks to Keith Bruce and Adam Vergobbe for working so hard on the website - it looks great! Frank asked if they could add a "For Sale" section to the website. Adam asked if any members were opposed to having their names or phone numbers listed on the website. An email will be sent to the membership for opinions. Frank also suggested posting the membership application on the website. Joel Murphy and Jessica Norse were voted in after attending the January and February meetings. Guest, Melanie Zinn, asked if anyone was willing to loan their motorcycle to the high school's rendition of "Bye Bye Birdie." Emily Berg made a motion to change the 50/50 raffle ticket prices to \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Vicki Hall seconded the motion and it passed by club vote.

For Sale/Sold

Dean Bailargeon has a red 1986 Honda Nighthawk S 700 for sale. It has 20k miles and he's asking \$2000 obo. Adam Vergobbe has a 1976 Chevy Impala for \$4000. Lisa sold her Suzuki.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Wilma Perkins' birthday is 2/21. Adam Vergobbe's birthday is 2/25.

The next meeting will be on March 13, 2008 at the home of Shannon Covey and Lisa Bassick. The 50/50 raffle was won by Joel Murphy. The door prize was won by Wilma Perkins. A motion was made by Frank Grimes, seconded by Art James, and voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:13pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily E. Berg
Secretary

Treasurer's Report

Haole in Paradise

Lets start this with a little history lesson of what a “Haole” is. We would pronounce it Howley or something like that. I met a local in Hawaii on a recent trip, who after a drink or two I decided to ask what Hoele meant. I said I knew I was one but didn't understand it's true meaning. I asked because I wasn't sure how offended I should be if I found myself being called one. He told me of the Hawaiian tradition of how they used to greet each other by embracing the other person and putting their faces close together enough to breath the others breath. But when the first white people came to the island they just tried to shake hands. Since the Hawaiians never saw a white person that was alive and who didn't perform their breathing ritual, the outsider was called a Haole which meant “with out breath”. Depending on who says it and how they say it, it could be offensive but should not automatically be considered offensive.

So while on my business/vacation I had decided that I must rent a motorcycle and enjoy the ability to ride during the winter, and what better place than Hawaii. I decided to rent a 1200 sportster which was the perfect size for touring the island. I only had it for a day which was plenty considering you can travel the whole island of Oahu in a matter of hours. After I picked up the bike, I headed out of from Waikiki beach . It took a few miles for that nervous excitement to slowly wash away with be replaced with a weird sense familiarity, mile after mile the feeling became more familiar. It was like I was home again, that place of Zen where nothing is ever wrong. And how could it be? It's 80 degrees and the sun is shining, and I am riding. I headed east from Waikiki beach and made my way slowly up the east coastline of the island. I immediately started up a hill and thru the slightly windy hills of the eastside with a overlook of the bay behind me and the sea in front of me. As I turned with the coastline the aquamarine waters and white capped waves were on almost every section of the beaches that I passed with the big blue ocean waters behind them. I was now traveling thru a few small towns and rural areas of Hawaii and feeling more in touch with the island. This is what I wanted to see, the real part of Hawaii where the locals lived and not the tourist stuffed Waikiki. I started to see signs for the shrimp shacks that were ahead of me and I suddenly started to get hungry, funny how that works. I passed a couple of them before I decided to stop and grab some food. I ended up at a converted motor home next to a gift shop, I got a succulent plate of Lava Shrimp and rice, sometimes the best seafood comes from one of these shacks. And this place was no exception, I won't lie, it was awesome, it really hit the spot. I continued to ride up to the north shore to see the big waves, which I did, they were about 10 feet high or so. To high to allow people to swim on the beach. I knew I was in the North Shore area that is famous for surfing, I saw plenty of people with surf boards but no one was surfing, oh well, no big deal. It didn't bother me not finding were the surfers were, cause I didn't have a care in the world with the wind on my face and the soothing warmth of the sun on my back. I continued to ride and make my way back to Waikiki where in the next day I would be packing up and heading back to the New England cold and snow only to be kept warm by my memories. Aloha Hawaii, and Mahalo!

Thanks,

John Riley

Editor's Page



I would just like to take a minute and thank all of you that came to our home for the February meeting of the River Valley Riders MC!! We had a fantastic turnout from members and potential members with good conversation and good eats. We voted in two new members, Joel Murphy and Jessica Norse...Congrats!! We also talked about a few things that will need some approval from the members, one being having club members names and contact information in the For Sale sold section of our website...if you don't know the address, it is <http://www.orgsites.com/nh/rivervalleyriders/> . Frank proposed putting a section on there for members to sell things, all sorts of things to anyone interested. When you sell something on line or in the paper you usually put your name and contact information so most of us didn't see an issue with this but wanted to bring it up at the next meeting for a vote!! Also mentioned was a members only section on the website. This section will be protected by a password and would contain contact information for our members to have to our other members, if anyone is opposed to this you can either let us know in the next meeting or email me @ avergobbe@yahoo.com if you want to be more discreet about your objection.



RVR Editor

Keith Bruce

Meeting Schedule - 2008

March 13th -Covey/Bassick's
April 10th -Doug and Wendy Hadlock
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 -Open
October 9th-Open
January 2009 8th - Irvin & Nancy Bruce's

Any who, looking forward to seeing all of our membership and prospective members at Lisa and Shannon's house in Vernon in March!!

God Bless
Semper Fi,

Adam










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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	Corn Roast	Post Mills VT	
			
			

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 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	http://www.mothers-for-daughters.com
May 31st	Over the Hill Ride		Led by RVRR
June 2nd-7th	Americade	Lake George NY	http://www.tourexpo.com
June 14th-22nd	Laconia	Loudon NH	http://www.laconiaMCweek.com
June 20th-22nd	Blessing of the Bikes	Colebrook NH	
June 28th	Paul's Ride	W. Brattleboro FD	W. Brattleboro FD 9am Rain or Shine
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		http://www.customcitycycle.com

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.

FOR SALE

Adam Vergobbe has a 1978 Chevy Impala with a 383 Stroker engine, asking \$4,500

Websites of Interest

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

<http://hotrodsandharleydavidsons.com/>

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West Chesterfield, NH

PO Box 287



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

Shannon Covey and Lisa Bassick 802-257-8132

Depart Brattleboro on onto US-5 (South)
Turn LEFT (South-East) onto SR-142
Turn RIGHT (South-West) onto Pond Rd
Arrive 669 Pond Rd, Vernon, VT 05354

From Greenfield

Depart Greenfield on (North) I-91
At exit 28A, take Ramp (RIGHT) onto SR-10
Turn LEFT (North) onto Bald Mountain Rd
Turn RIGHT (North-East) onto Huckle Hill Rd
Turn RIGHT (South-East) onto Pond Rd
Arrive 669 Pond Rd, Vernon, VT 05354

