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**The News and Views
of the River Valley
Riders**

Motorcycle Club

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Letter from the President

Hello to all,

This past month has been very busy, wedding planning, summer stuff with kids and Em, visiting my parents and Emi's, where has the summer gone. We had an awesome ride to Maine for Lobsters at the beginning of the month. Great ride, awesome food, even better ice cream stop! \$5 bucks for the biggest small ice cream cone I have ever had!! I have two more trips to Texas before I am home for the two weeks before the wedding on Sep 13th. We are so excited yet very stressed out with planning, purchases, paperwork, and reservations for services....ugh! I think we both can say we can't wait for it to get here but at the same time can't wait for it to be over so the stress level can drop a few notches.

I haven't done a whole lot of riding the scoot lately with all the busy work to be done, mostly from one errand to another...but at least it is getting used a little. The good news is we are almost done, the bad news is the summer is almost over, three more weeks and a few days before the kids are back to school. I hope all of you are enjoying your summer and hope to see you on a ride soon.

God Bless,

Adam

Pres, RVR

Semper Fi

Secretaries Minutes

The July meeting of the River Valley Riders club was held at the home of Jon and Vickie Hall on July 10, 2008. Following a potluck dinner/dessert, the meeting was called to order at 7:02pm with 14 members and one guests present. The minutes of the June meeting were read. A motion was made by Lisa Bassick, seconded by Nancy Bruce, and voted to accept the minutes as read. The treasurer's report was also read.

Ride Committee Report

Keith Bruce's Lobster Run on July 5th had a great turnout. There were nine bikes and 14 riders. Nick and Carol Smith and Brian and Debbie Stone took a break from their vacation and met the group for lunch. On July 12th there will be a Monadnock HOG ride in memory of Marty Taylor. A group will be meeting at the Brattleboro McDonald's at 9am. On July 12th Irvin and Nancy Bruce will be going to the Basin Bluegrass Festival in Brandon, VT. On July 19th Irvin Bruce will lead a mystery ride. Adam Vergobbe suggested that club rides begin from the Price Chopper parking lot instead of Burger King. There is food, gas, bathrooms, an ATM, and more club visibility from that meeting place. Emily Berg will make contact to get permission to have club rides begin from the Price Chopper parking lot and then the club will make a decision in August.

Poker Run Committee Report

Adam Vergobbe has resigned from the Poker Run Committee due to other obligations. If anyone is willing to step in and plan the poker run, Adam would greatly appreciate it.

Newsletter & Advertising Report - None at this time.

Banquet Committee Report - The banquet will tentatively be October 18th at the Dover Forge.

Recruiting Committee Report - Emily Berg shared her experience riding with the Red Knights in the July 4th Parade in Brattleboro. She suggested that the club join in the parade for next year.

Old Business

Adam Vergobbe is planning to use the same person for the t-shirts as we did with the patches. Quotes are forthcoming.

New Business

Keith bought his house!! Dean and Joanne B. are having a barbecue on Saturday of Labor Day weekend at their house at 2:30pm, all are welcome!

For Sale/Sold

Adam Vergobbe has a 1978 Chevy Impala for \$4000. Dean has a 1986 Honda Nighthawk S700 for \$2500. Frank Grimes sold his bike.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Joanne's birthday is 7/21. Emily Berg's birthday is 7/26. Keith Bruce's birthday is 7/28. Chris Berg's birthday is 8/12. The James' anniversary is 7/22. Nick and Carol Smith's anniversary is 7/27. Shannon and Lisa's anniversary is 8/6.

The next meeting will be on August 14, 2008 at the home of Art and Diane James. The 50/50 raffle was won by John Riley. A motion was made by Joni Morse, seconded by Bob Perkins, and voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:47pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily E. Berg

Secretary

River Valley Riders, Inc.

Treasurer's Report

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Checking \$986.30

Petty Cash \$15.00

TOTAL BEGINNING BALANCE - 6 /1 /2008 \$1,001.30

INCOME

Dues \$60.00

50/50 \$24.00

Interest \$0.08

\$0.00

\$0.00

\$0.00

\$0.00

TOTAL \$84.08

EXPENSES

\$0.00

\$0.00

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TOTAL EXPENSES \$0.00

TOTAL \$84.08

Checking \$986.38

Petty Cash \$99.00

TOTAL ENDING BALANCE - 6 /30/2008 \$1,085.38

Respectfully

Jon Hall

Treasurer

Editor's Page



Where has the summer gone? Can you believe that it is August already? I don't know what I have done with all the weekends.

Seems like some of you have been out riding. I have made it out a couple of times myself. I am getting ready to head out with John G. up into the White Mountains and maybe ride up Mt. Washington on Saturday, depending on weather of course.

I also want to mention a fairly new business in Keene, NH called Trikes and American Motorsports. The gentleman behind the counters name is Doug. He is a very personable guy. Willing to check out new products or look something up online if your not sure exactly what your looking for. They also have a service department that will trike your bike or just change your oil or tire. So if you are in the Keene area and want to check the out, they are located right next to

Wallier Chevrolet.



RVR Editor

Keith Bruce

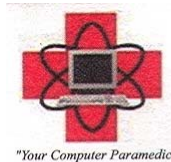
Meeting Schedule - 2008

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



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RIDE FOR KIDS

I just want to send you a little note thanking you for your contribution to the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation. I raised \$335 dollars from you my fellow C&S'ers. Without you this would not be possible.

I showed up Sunday in time to register and grab a cup of coffee. The motorcycles trickled in as the clock ticked closer to 9:45. It was lightly raining but the bikes kept coming.

Just before 10 they announce road rules for the ride and instruct everyone on how to line up and leave the parking lot.

Led by the State Police, the trikes and motorcycles with sidecars followed. Several of them have pediatric brain tumor survivors riding along. The rest of us follow them up Route 12, two wide and slightly staggered and trying to keep the group fairly tight so that we don't stretch out too many miles. The rain kept coming all day long. Sometimes hard then others but it never stopped.

We head through several little towns where groups of people are just line up side the road waving and smiling. As we roll on by I hear several of the motorcyclist honking their horn and a few of them pull their clutch in and rev their engine. This gets excited and they start waiving more.

As we rolled into Old Forge most of us had gotten wet (with or without rain suits) and some of us were drenched. But that did not bother us because we all knew why we were there and refused to let anything (especially a little rain) get us down.

We parked the bikes and head inside to grab a sack lunch and wring our clothes out a little. After filling our bellies we waited to find out the results of our efforts.

The speaker headed on stage and proceeded to thank all the volunteers that helped keep this a safe event this year. Then he started in with top individuals for this fund raiser. Several of them raised over \$2,000 and one couple raised over 11,000. (WOW) He then went through and announced the top clubs and one of the raised over \$44,000 He then went on the top dealers and the fact that one of them has raised over \$12,000. Next he brought up on stage 5 brain tumor survivors aging between 10 and 17. They all expressed their appreciation for our effort and told us a little about themselves, likes, dislikes and plans for the future. The speaker then goes back to the numbers and tells us that we raised over \$102,000 on this event.



Sorry didn't take this picture this year. It was raining too much to pull a camera out, I took this last year during the Ride for Kids event.

So in closing I would like to thank you all again for your contributions and making this a very successful fundraiser. My goal next year is to raise \$3000. I will start asking sooner and may be looking to set up loose change containers or collect bottles to help reach my goal. Thank you for your support.

Keith Bruce

MAINE LOBSTER RUN

Saturday morning came and the weather looked iffy but the forecast had improved from the last time I checked. There was still a chance of rain (more so in the afternoon), but not as great.

Adam led the 6 bikes out of the Burger King parking lot and headed them toward Chesterfield at 8 am. I left the house and filled up then parked the bike at the intersection of 9 and 63. I wasn't there but 5 minutes and I see Adam and the crew crest over the hill. I see that there weren't any cars in front of them so I went ahead and pulled out. The moisture in the air made for cool riding. We went through Keene and headed out 101. Just before we get into downtown Marlboro we see a doe and at least two fawns running parallel to the road about 30 feet away. We continue on to Ashley's Diner where we meet up with Joel and Jessica. We made introductions for those that did not know each other and made sure the Dean and Joanne were riding with the right club.

From there we continued out 101 towards the coast, stopping only a couple of times for coffee and fuel. The day was turning out to be great for riding, slightly overcast not too warm, not too cool. We finally get into Seabrook and head for the coast line. Pulling onto 1A we ride up through Hampton Beach and onto Maine.

We arrived at Chauncey Creek Lobster Pier at about 1pm and Nick, Carol, Brian, and Debbie were there waiting. Most of us were excited about the lobsters others were just happy to get off the bikes for a little while. We shared two tables that held all 18 of us. We were such a large group they had a waitress that take our order (normally you have to go to the lobster tank hut and place your order in there.)

After finishing some fine dining we headed back up to the roadside and said our farewells to the Smiths and Stones. Hal and Cindy who rode up with us headed off with them. So we departed one bike less toward Kittery Trading Post. I decided we should leave the trading post by 4 which gave everyone about an hour to mingle through their favorite section of the store.

Now 4 O'clock we pack our purchases on the bikes and are getting ready to head for home. I receive a request to stop somewhere for ice cream. (I can't believe they are still hungry.) So we head down and pick up Route 4 heading west. We have gone quite a ways with no ice cream stands in site. Now we have gone far enough that we should probably stop for gas also.

Here we go gas and ice cream at the same spot. Nice. Nope. No gas. So we roll through the parking lot and back onto the road, $\frac{1}{8}$ th of a mile down the road a rotary with a Mobil Station. We head $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way around the rotary and pull into the station. No Gas here either. We looked across the road and see another gas station with someone at the pump. So we now go all the way around the rotary again to pull into this gas station to fill up. (Felt like Henry was leading the ride)

Still no ice cream and it was mentioned again while we were fueling up. We head back onto the rotary and head $\frac{3}{4}$ away around and get back on 4 east. About ten or so miles down the road we see a large sign advertising Steak, Seafood, and Ice Cream. So we pull in and park the bikes. Wandering over to the creamy stand, I figure I would splurge today and get a Banana Split Boat. (hadn't had one of them since I was a kid) It was a good thing I ordered first, because if I had seen how big a small cone was I would have changed my mind. They gave really generous portions and were very reasonably priced. I was surprised to see most everyone finished the whole thing.

It was a good stopping point just outside of Concord but time to move on. We head back out and picked up Route 9 and followed it through Concord and down into Keene. We stopped again as we were reading to head out of Keene and said our good byes to each other.

Joel and Jessica and Adam and Emily headed home and the rest of us headed into Chesterfield to swing by my place. From there the rest of them headed off to their own places of residency.

Weather held out, food was good, company was great. Thanks for joining me.

Mystery Ride

Certainly it was too hot to work so a ride was in order that's for sure. Leaving BK promptly at 9:03, so if you were a few minutes late I apologize for not waiting. I found in planning this ride it is possible to use Google earth to trace the ride on the computer before you take it. However that doesn't ensure that you won't take a wrong turn. Like the cross road from South Randolph to Chelsea I turned right on 110 and should have turned left for a couple of miles and then turned right on 113 which would have brought us near post mills to check on either Doug or Les on the way back down through. Then I had planned to stop at King Arthur Flour co. and get some bread flour for my wife and I thought the ladies might like to look around there also. Alas because I turned right it brought us down to Rt. 14 in Royston so we hung a left and came down to White River looking at dark clouds to the North for about 10 miles and all we felt was a sprinkle or two. Now if I had made the turns as planned we would have been in the path of the rain and surely would have gotten wet. So all is well that ends well. We had a nice lunch on the deck overlooking a stream at small country store. Made me glad we passed the McDonalds a few miles before and kept forging on.

Some places it would seem like the temp dropped noticeably for a few miles of real comfort and then would go back to hot and humid. There were a few miles off road I had not been on but found them all very pleasant. I measured from portal to portal, (home to home) 203 miles, a lot of the miles weren't at interstate speed but it wasn't expected to be.

Irvin Bruce,

Shannon and Lisa Trip

Saturday so we drove up there to check that out. It was fun for a while but it was too hot for standing around. Route 56 off the BR-Pkwy was a really cool road. All of the roads off the pkwy are pretty cool, although I enjoy going up them rather than down. There was plenty of wild life too as we rode around in the mountains. Shannon did a great job of seeing all the critters and slowing down or stopping to avoid any accidents.



On Sunday, we rode northwest through Lexington to Goshen through the George Washington National Park. Route 42/39 was a really nice ride. We stopped in Hot Springs to look at the Homestead which is a lavish hotel/spa built in the 1700's on a natural hot spring. It was too expensive to go in the spring there so we went 5 miles back to Warm Springs where they have the Jefferson Pools. These natural hot springs only get to about 98 degrees. It was only \$17.00/hour to enjoy this. We soaked for an hour in the warm mineral water then headed back to the cabin.

We also went to see the Natural Bridge. It was awesome to see what Mother Nature can do. The rest of the week, we spent just picking a direction and going. Just about all of the roads were nice to ride and the scenery is just awesome. We really lucked out and had sunshine every single day we were there.

We re-planned our trip home because we had enough of the highways coming down, we decided to avoid them completely (if possible) on our way back. We wanted to go up through the Catskills on the way back so we booked a room at the Pine Hill Arms. This is a very interesting hotel/restaurant. It was first established in the 1800's and I don't think they've done much to it since. The floors were all uneven and the doorways were very small. It had a lot of charm though and the people were nice. The food at the restaurant was great and the patrons at the bar were somewhat entertaining. The rest of the ride back was pretty uneventful except when we got to Pittsfield, MA on our last day and we ran into a road block because of an accident. We had to backtrack about 40 miles to get around it.

So, 2285 miles later, we got back to Vernon, VT and back into real life.

Club Rides and Other Rides



CLUB RIDES TODAY



| | | | |
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| 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 | |
| June 28th | Fort Ticonderoga Ride | | Led by Floyd Musgrove |
| July 5th | Lobster Run | Ride to Maine up NH Coast line | Led by Keith Bruce |
| August 23-24 | Poker Run | | |
| September 20th | Foliage Ride | | Led by Lisa Bassick |

Lisa has posted all the rides and events at www.rivervalleyriders-ne.com. Go online and check it out.

Please Contact Lisa Bassick 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 by next printing. Then you will have to start scheduling them on week nights. (or weekdays if you are retired)

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| May 9th-11th | Mothers for Daughter Ride | Dover, VT | http://www.mothers-for-daughters.com |
| May 31st | Over the Hill Ride | | Led by RVRR |

OTHER RIDES

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| 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 |
| June 29th | Molly Bish Ride | Sturbridge MA | http://www.mollybish.org/home.html |
| 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 |

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.

Nick Smith has an enclosed, fiberglass, single motorcycle trailer with ramp, asking \$2500.00.

Doug Hadlock is looking for a 1978-80 Suzuki GS1000 frame - just the basic model, not the "L" model or anything.

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

Art and Diane James 413-498-2230

Depart Brattleboro on (South) I-91
At exit 28, turn RIGHT onto Ramp
Take Ramp (LEFT) onto SR-10
Turn RIGHT (South) onto SR-63
Arrive 687 Millers Falls Rd, Northfield,
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From Greenfield

Depart Greenfield on US-5 (North-East)
Take Ramp onto SR-2
Turn LEFT (East) onto Gateway Dr
Turn LEFT (North-East) onto SR-63
Arrive 687 Millers Falls Rd, Northfield,
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