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## The News and Views of the River Valley Riders

**Motorcycle Club**

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### **Letter from the President**

How is everyone doing? I hope you are all out there enjoying the summer like weather these past few weeks and riding your bikes as you can and schedules permit. I saw a few of you at the Vernon Fire Departments Benefit Poker Run, I think we had a total of 35 bikes or so with maybe 15-20 passengers. Not too bad for a first Annual Run, hopefully they will fair better next year. As for the route that we rode that RVR mapped out, that was a good run around South Eastern Vermont and South Western New Hampshire. The total mileage was around 110 miles and took everyone approximately 3-4 hours to make the trip. I think everyone that participated enjoyed themselves and there were a few good prizes at the Chinese auction, Em and I scored with a gallon of syrup and some hair care products...also a gift certificate for an oil change!!

Bringing us up to current date, How was everyone's Memorial Day weekend...For you Veterans in the club...Thank you for your Service!! The family was pretty busy this past weekend with cookouts and riding. I was able to go for a nice ride with Tommy and Sue down to Mass, we actually came across a really good car show on Sunday on our ride. Then on Monday, Keith, Tommy, Lisa, Shannon, Emily and I (with Alexis, Robby and Mackenzie riding on the backs) went to pre-ride Lisa's foliage ride and what a nice route that is, I can't wait to do that run in the fall, the colors from those roads should be spectacular...not to mention some of the twisties that are incorporated into the roads!! I am looking forward to all of you making that ride...it is awesome!

Speaking of rides, if any of you are planning any rides this summer and fall and would like to include the club, please email Lisa, Keith or me with start times and dates so we can all get together to ride. It was really nice riding with the other 5 club members this past weekend and I look forward again to doing that more often.

I hope all of you have a great time at Americade that are going, we are so bummed about missing that but are equally excited about watching Alexis's Ballet Recitals that weekend and Robby's baseball game. Take care on that ride, ride safe!!

God Bless,

Adam Vergobbe

President, RVR M/C

Semper Fi

# Secretaries Minutes

The May meeting of the River Valley Riders club was held at the home of Bob & Wilma Perkins on May 8, 2008. Following a potluck dinner/dessert, the meeting was called to order at 7:05pm with 16 members and two guests present. The minutes of the April meeting were read. A motion was made by Bob Perkins, seconded by Nancy Bruce, and voted to accept the minutes as read. The treasurer's report was read. It was decided that a motion was not needed to accept the treasurer's report.

## *Ride Committee Report*

Americade weekend has 12 rooms definitely taken. There may be 1 or 2 open rooms available. Contact Nick Smith if interested. Floyd Musgrove is leading a ride to Fort Ticonderoga on Saturday June 28<sup>th</sup>. There will be a French and Indian War reenactment and there will be an entry fee.

## *Poker Run Committee Report*

The Vernon Fire Company benefit ride is Saturday May 17<sup>th</sup>, rain date of the 18<sup>th</sup>. The fire company is looking for volunteers for the fire station checkpoints. RVR members are free to ride as a club or to lead smaller groups. Please bring a dessert either to the starting location or you can drop off at the Hall or Vergobbe residence in advance. There are no updates on the club's poker run.

*Newsletter & Advertising Report* - None at this time.

*Banquet Committee Report* - None at this time.

*Recruiting Committee Report* - None at this time.

## *Old Business*

Emily Berg brought in a t-shirt with the original Fairlee Ride-In logo. Frank Grimes made a point that the shirts this year are to commemorate RVR, not the Fairlee Ride-In. Due to Adam Vergobbe's absence, the topic will be discussed at another meeting. There will be a day trip to Americade on Wednesday June 4<sup>th</sup>, leaving Rescue in Brattleboro between 6:30 and 7am.

## *New Business*

The meeting locations for June and July have been switched. **The June meeting will be held at Nick and Carol Smith's.** The July meeting will be held at Jon and Vickie Hall's house. The two guests present, Lance Zinn and John Glezen were voted in. Carrie Wheeler was in the hospital three weeks ago, but is home now. The doctor's aren't sure what is wrong but she's in a lot of pain. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Henry and Carrie and their family.

## *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.

## *Birthdays & Anniversaries*

Lisa Bassick's birthday is 5/25. Shannon Covey's birthday is 5/22. Steve Dyer's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday is 5/10. Jon Hall's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday is 5/21. Jon and Vickie Hall's 27<sup>th</sup> anniversary is 6/6. Brian and Debbie Stone's 27<sup>th</sup> anniversary is 5/16.

The next meeting will be on June 12, 2008 at the home of Nick and Carol Smith. The 50/50 raffle was won by John Glezen, who kindly donated his winnings back to the club. The door prize was won by Steve Dyer. A motion was made by Nancy Bruce, seconded by Bob Perkins, and voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:01pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily E. Berg  
Secretary

# Treasurer's Report

## ASSETS

Checking \$832.65

Petty Cash \$15.00

TOTAL BEGINNING BALANCE - 4 /1 /2008 \$847.65

## INCOME

Dues \$45.00

April Interest \$0.07

50/50 Raffle \$15.50

\$0.00

\$0.00

\$0.00

\$0.00

TOTAL \$60.57

## EXPENSES

\$0.00

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TOTAL EXPENSES \$0.00

TOTAL \$60.57

Checking \$893.22

Petty Cash \$15.00

TOTAL ENDING BALANCE - 4 /30/2008 \$908.22

Respectfully

Jon Hall

Treasurer

# Editor's Page



Hey guys and gals,

How are you all doing? Are you ready for Americade? I haven't checked the forecast yet but I am sure we will have a good time no matter what the weather. I have talked to several of you that know are going and can sense the excitement

in your voices.

A little other exciting news is we are getting noticed. We set up a tent at the Vernon FD Poker run and saw some interest in the club. In addition to this Adam and I rode down to Greenfield and talked to several of the dealers and asked if we could put up some information flyers for the club. The request was well received and we already have them at Aldo's in Bernardston and Ray's Cycle in Greenfield. We still need to get one down to Green River Honda in Gill.

We are also getting hits on our website. People are finding us. Right now it seems to be more of the business's that are looking to promote there product or offer the club specials, but if they can find us so can the motorcyclist that is looking for a club to ride with.

Please take note of the Meeting Schedule Change. June 12 we will be meeting at Nick and Carol Smith in Swanzey. Direction are on the last page or you can go to the website. HTTP://  
[WWW.RIVERVALLEYRIDERS-NE.COM](http://WWW.RIVERVALLEYRIDERS-NE.COM)



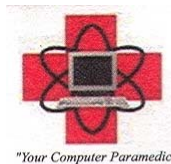
RVR Editor

*Keith Bruce*

## *Meeting Schedule - 2008*

June 12th –Nick and Carol Smith  
July 10th –Jon and Vicki Hall  
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

Well, I guess I need to wrap this up and get it off to print. Sorry it has taken this long. I will try to get it out on time next month. Hope all is well.



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# Motorcycle Safety

## Ten Things All Car & Truck Drivers Should Know About Motorcycles

1. There are a lot more cars and trucks than motorcycles on the road, and some drivers don't "recognize" a motorcycle; they ignore it (usually unintentionally). Look for motorcycles, especially when checking traffic at an intersection.
2. Because of its small size, a motorcycle may look farther away than it is. It may also be difficult to judge a motorcycle's speed. When checking traffic to turn at an intersection or into (or out of) a driveway, predict a motorcycle is closer than it looks.
3. Because of its small size, a motorcycle can be easily hidden in a car's blind spots (door/roof pillars) or masked by objects or backgrounds outside a car (bushes, fences, bridges, etc). Take an extra moment to thoroughly check traffic, whether you're changing lanes or turning at intersections.
4. Because of its small size a motorcycle may seem to be moving faster than it really is. Don't assume all motorcyclists are speed demons.
5. Motorcyclists often slow by downshifting or merely rolling off the throttle, thus not activating the brake light. Allow more following distance, say 3 or 4 seconds. At intersections, predict a motorcyclist may slow down without visual warning.
6. Turn signals on a motorcycle usually are not self-canceling, thus some riders, (especially beginners) sometimes forget to turn them off after a turn or lane change. Make sure a motorcycle's signal is for real.
7. Motorcyclists often adjust position within a lane to be seen more easily and to minimize the effects of road debris, passing vehicles, and wind. Understand that motorcyclists adjust lane position for a purpose, not to be reckless or show off or to allow you to share the lane with them.
8. Maneuverability is one of a motorcycle's better characteristics, especially at slower speeds and with good road conditions, but don't expect a motorcyclist to always be able to dodge out of the way.
9. Stopping distance for motorcycles is nearly the same as for cars, but slippery pavement makes stopping quickly difficult. Allow more following distance behind a motorcycle because it can't always stop "on a dime."
10. When a motorcycle is in motion, don't think of it as motorcycle; think of it as a person.

# PREVENTING MOTORCYCLE THEFT

Follow these basic tips to help avoid becoming a victim of motorcycle theft:

- **Lock your ignition** and remove the key. Most bike thefts occur when the ignition is shut off, but not locked.
- **Lock the forks** or disk brakes with locks that have large, brightly colored tags.
- **If traveling with other riders**, lock motorcycles together when not in use.
- **If riding alone**, lock your bike to a secure, stationary object that can't be easily dismantled, such as a light pole.
- **Add an audible alarm** to your motorcycle.
- **When traveling** and spending the night at a hotel, locate an outdoor security camera and park your bike in the camera's view. If this is not possible, park your bike close to your room.
- **Keep an eye on your bike**. When parking at a public event, check your motorcycle periodically, especially immediately after leaving your bike, to make sure there are no suspicious individuals lurking about.
- **If parking in a garage**, block your bike with automobiles, close the garage door and make sure it is locked.
- **Don't store** your title in your bike's storage compartment, tank bag or saddlebag. The safest place for your title is at home.
- **Uniquely mark** and then photograph your bike. If thieves take your bike, note its unique markings to law enforcement using the photos you have taken.
- **Keep your bike registration** and insurance identification card on you when you ride.
- **Be careful** about giving out private information on where you live, work or play.

If you use a trailer to transport your motorcycle, follow these safety tips:

- Park the trailer in a well-lit location near security cameras or in an area easily seen by restaurant, hotel or event staff.
- Lock the trailer doors and hitch.
- Secure doors by backing up to a wall, so there is not enough room for doors to be opened.
- Know your trailer identification and license plate registration numbers.
- When riding home, make sure you're not being followed.

Guard against theft when selling your bike:

Using fake identities has become common in bike thefts. Don't turn over the title until you can verify the check or money order is valid and has cleared the bank. Mail the title to the new owner.








- Ask the buyer for his or her name, address, date of birth and driver's license number. Then ask to see the driver's license and check that the information given matches the license.
- Be especially cautious of anyone who presents out-of-state identification.
- Make sure the potential buyer wasn't dropped off by another party and is planning to take a one-way test ride with your bike. Verify that the buyer owns the vehicle he or she arrived with, and that the vehicle is of equal or greater value than your bike.
- Check that the buyer's driver's license carries a valid motorcycle endorsement.
- It isn't necessary that you provide a buyer with the title right away. A written document signed by the seller and buyer indicating price and method of payment can serve as proof of purchase. You can forward the title to the buyer once the check has cleared the bank.
- If you decide to sell your motorcycle on consignment, do not provide the signed title to the dealership until you have received your money in full. Make sure the dealership is a reputable business before you trust them as an agent.

Theft Prevention Tips courtesy of Sentry Insurance

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# Club Rides and Other Rides

## CLUB RIDES TODAY

 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			
 September 20th	Foliage Ride		Led by Lisa Bassick

Lisa has posted all the rides and events at [www.rivervalleyriders-ne.com](http://www.rivervalleyriders-ne.com). Go online and check it out.

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

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

## OTHER RIDES

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

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

- Depart Brattleboro onto SR-9 (West)
- Keep STRAIGHT onto SR-10
- Keep STRAIGHT onto SR-101
- Bear RIGHT (South) onto SR-12
- Bear RIGHT (South) onto SR-32
- Bear LEFT (South-East) onto Goodell Ave
- Turn RIGHT (South) onto Trotter Ln
- Arrive 19 Trotter Ln, Swanzey, NH 03446

### From Greenfield

- Depart Greenfield onto I-91 (North)
- At exit 28A, take Ramp (RIGHT) onto SR-10
- Bear RIGHT (North-East) onto Atkinson Hill Rd
- Bear RIGHT (East) onto Pebble Hill Rd
- Bear RIGHT (South-East) onto Swanzey Lake Rd
- Turn RIGHT (South) onto SR-32
- Bear LEFT (South-East) onto Goodell Ave
- Turn RIGHT (South) onto Trotter Ln
- Arrive 19 Trotter Ln, Swanzey, NH 03446

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