
Remembrance for David Adler.

Posted by hank harta - 2009/10/13 18:28

I thought this belonged here because Dave organized our Meet to Eat activities and this is his forum.

This is a place where we can share our thoughts and recollections of Dave and hopefully by doing so we can deal with our shared loss.

The first thing that comes to mind for me is that is that I did not like everything he did, but he sure did a lot and on balance, our club is much the better for it. He was very active and he didn't just come to activities, he was always an important part of what was going on. No one who knew Dave would accuse him of being a wall flower. He always strove to make the club and activities better.

Neither was he shy about offering me "constructive criticism" when he thought there was something I could do better. I will have to find someone else to let me know when I screw up.

I cannot believe he is gone. Just a couple weekends ago, during the state park ride, he was telling us about how Ronald Reagan got into acting:

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We will miss him. I will miss him.

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Re:Remembrance for David Adler.

Posted by Sandra Heise - 2009/10/13 19:29

Thank you to Denise Maple for letting me know something didn't seem right. I just learned by heading to our site. I am in shock. I likely speak for many in this case. May all grieving keep Dave's spirit alive in our memories and stories. It is hard to be reminded of the fragility of life. It is harder when it is someone directly in our circle. Bless your soul, David Adler.

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Re:Remembrance for David Adler.

Posted by Michael Neal - 2009/10/13 19:41

I'm shocked to hear the news about Dave. I'm not sure when I first met Dave but I always remembered when I saw him last. I've said he could take it as good as he gave it and sometimes I wonder if he was just setting me up so I could have the last word. A few weeks ago he was saying he needed to slow down his rides because his recovery from the weekends was taking too long. His plan was to hold down to 500 to 600 mile days. I was not about to tell him I considered that a long day! Dave, like most of us, loved to ride and when I went to a club function there would be a good chance I'd see him there. Sometimes even at a pull off on the Blueridge Parkway!

http://i220.photobucket.com/albums/dd221/mgnksn/TN%20Trip/2009_07190038.jpg

At one time or another I'll bet he was a great ridding buddy for most of us.

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Re:Remembrance for David Adler.

Posted by Ronald Barthelme - 2009/10/13 19:54

My heartfelt condolences. Dave, ride/rest in peace.

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Re:Remembrance for David Adler.

Posted by Steve Blaylock - 2009/10/13 20:14

I will miss his banter at the Hot Dog nights.

RIP David.....

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Re:Remembrance for David Adler.

Posted by Paul Burkett - 2009/10/13 21:00

I will always remember with fondness the week that David and I spent in Canada going to the MOA rally. He made the trip fun with his experience and knowledge of travel and people and how to make the best of every situation. Even when you didn't see eye to eye on matters, he never let that get in the way of our friendship. I will truly miss you David. Rest in peace.

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Re:Remembrance for David Adler.

Posted by Michael Shapiro - 2009/10/13 21:03

Always had the ability to surprise you. And that doesn't happen often enough.

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Re:Remembrance for David Adler.

Posted by john zolot - 2009/10/13 21:04

I'll miss you, man. Dave had a love for riding, for dogs, for women, for good food, for life. I'll miss your zany emails. I'll miss your humor. I'll miss you, Dave. http://www.crBMW.com/images/fbfiles/images/IMG_3869_2.jpg

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Re:Remembrance for David Adler.

Posted by Dan Trampel - 2009/10/13 21:05

This is unbelievably sad news. It was less than 2 weeks ago that I was giving Dave hell for showing up an hour late at my place because we had made plans to work on fixing the broken fender on his LT. In his unique style, he deflected my anger and we were hard at work in minutes.

Jerry's comments about Dave are right on. He called it like he saw it and when I think of Dave, I think of the saying....."There are no strangers here, only friends we haven't met yet." He would embrace anybody and everybody and make them feel a part of the group. I will miss him alot, especially I will miss his willingness to champion a cause and put some effort behind it. Barry, my heart goes out to you and your family.:(

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Re:Remembrance for David Adler.

Posted by Carey Caldwell - 2009/10/13 21:09

I can't help think that it was just yesterday that Dave and I sat down for lunch together at the beginning of the Statepark ride at White Pines. He professed his desire to start to slow down and begin to see the important things and places on a ride, rather than just pouring on the miles, so as to keep up with all the others who place so much emphasis on the amount of miles per day. He held court (He liked to do that) at the rivers edge on the Rock river and told an interesting story with a vigor that demonstrated how alive he always was. And so sadly, he is not with us. Thanks David Adler, for all the ways you touched so many of us, as I am sure we all learned important parts of life from your talks. Rest in peace.

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Re:Remembrance for David Adler.

Posted by Don Weber - 2009/10/14 07:54

:silly:Just heard the news, last nite. Reminds me that none of us get out of this life, alive, What he did, and how he did it, of course is unforgettable.

I know he is NO much older than I, but I like his descriptions he had for me. Like my 'music box' I took on trips with MY toons. I think he knew it was an I-POD/whit speakers, but his description wa more colorful (old), BUT most of all... rememberable.

He would ALWAYS talk to me even when most members don't even know who I was.

I will always remember.

My life is better for meeting you Dave.

Don Weber

PS. That's Dave in front of Cindy on our ride up to Michigan last year
<http://www.crbmw.com/images/fbfiles/images/CindySayinMoveYourAssOldMan-773d993daee22a1e2f17cc3f58c777c8.jpg>

Re:Remembrance for David Adler.

Posted by carol zigulich - 2009/10/14 09:11

I feel like I just got to know Dave this past riding season. I'm glad/lucky I did. " Dave, Thanks for contributing and brightening up every conversation. You will be missed."

My deepest sympathies to his family. God Speed.

Re:Remembrance for David Adler.

Posted by Christy Lange - 2009/10/14 09:48

David, babe, I will miss you so very much. You so represented color, adversity, passion, crudity, humor, conviction, energy, intelligence and compassion. Where we gathered, you were a focal point of laughter and irreverence. You were a catalyst for thought, direction and conviction. Your love of the club, all the other clubs and each person in your path was heartfelt. You were a magnet. You will forever be a huge part of my life. RIP, my dear friend.

<http://www.crbmw.com/images/fbfiles/images/DSCN3277.JPG>

Re:Remembrance for David Adler.

Posted by David Papadopoulos and Sydney Wiley - 2009/10/14 10:08

David and I, as new club members and new riders, have only this summer been able to make it to some of the Hot Dog nights, and usually arrive late. As others have said, Dave was a magnet of friendliness, good humor, and pontificating, and he stayed long after with us one night sharing his advice and opinions on riding and farkling the LT. We truly enjoyed the experience, and David's skill and confidence on the LT immediately jumped to a new level.

Thanks, Dave, for sharing your passion with us. It may have been brief, but it will be lasting. May you ride in peace.

David and Sydney

Re:Remembrance for David Adler.

Posted by Gregory Chambers - 2009/10/14 11:00

As many of you have noted, David was never shy about offering advice. He was there to offer "guidance" from my first days with CRBMW. I've had the pleasure of being on instructional rides with him on many occasions. We also both served as CRBMW Directors where David always had suggestions for making the club more inclusive and responsive to

members.

However, my first recollections of David come even before my time in this club. Many of you might know that David was an avid dog lover. Several years ago there was a running "battle" with the Oak Park authorities over the legality of dog owners allowing their pets to run leash-free in the village parks. David was living in Oak Park at the time and was a regular fixture over at the unofficial dog gatherings at Lindberg Park near his home. True to his nature, David declared himself "Mayor of Dog Park" and was instrumental in bringing Oak Park authorities to the bargaining table to discuss what the village could do to make these underground gatherings official. These discussions went on for a couple of years with the result of a "don't ask, don't tell" policy that the local police abided by. It took the thugs from Cook County sheriffs department to put an end to the Lindberg week-end gatherings.

As always, David put himself into the thick of things.

Re:Remembrance for David Adler.

Posted by Kelly Koegel - 2009/10/14 12:40

Ed & I first met Dave at our home during "Beemer weekend" formally know as Memorial Day Weekend here in LaCrosse. Even with this sad news the memory of him makes me smile. Someone earlier wrote of his love of women, yes sir! I got the biggest hugs and kisses from Dave! He was one of the first guys I seen when entering the Chicago tent at the rally this year and without hesitation he jumped and grabbed me up! Such a sad, sad loss. RIP Dave

Re:Remembrance for David Adler.

Posted by Denise Maple - 2009/10/14 17:56

David always made me feel welcome to the group. He really was a caring individual. I will miss him and the energy that he brought to our gatherings. Peace. Denise

Re:Remembrance for David Adler.

Posted by Michael Silverman - 2009/10/14 20:58

Less than two weeks ago Dave sat in our kitchen sharing breakfast with Pam and I. What started as an 8:30 "business meeting" turned into a five hour "personal sharing" session where we learned so much about each other (believe it or not we got a few words in also!). Never thought that good bye would be forever.

It is hard to believe he is now gone. I've known Dave for a couple of years but he became a true friend and supporter over the past few months. He was always there to quip with me and flatter Pam.

Dave - we will miss you. Thank you for adding so much to our lives.

Michael and Pam.

Re:Remembrance for David Adler.

Posted by catalin hategan - 2009/10/15 08:39

That is a very sad news to hear . R.I.P Dave !

Re:Remembrance for David Adler.

Posted by Paul Wilson - 2009/10/15 17:03

Dave told me last summer to do this.

Goto :
<http://www.theanimalrescuesite.com/clickToGive/home.faces?siteId=3>

Click on all the tabs accross the top, and click on the "To Give's ". Do this each day as part of your get-mail procedure. Remember...he was part of the Dog Rescue and transportation network.

The best way to remember a friend is help carry his/her goals after he/she can't.

"There are no strangers, only friends you haven't met."

Paul Wilson

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Re:Remembrance for David Adler.

Posted by Susan Daniels - 2009/10/17 11:08

Dave went out of his way to welcome a newcomer (me) to the club. He was always offering tidbits of advice and always making sure I felt welcome. Although I knew Dave for a short time, he will be missed as he was a familiar face with a greeting of "Hi, Susan" each time we met. His participation in club events will be missed by all. God speed, Dave.

My heartfelt condolences go out to his family.

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Re:Remembrance for David Adler.

Posted by Cindy Barta - 2009/10/18 17:51

It was horrible to hear the news of his passing. He was one of the friendliest and most caring person I've known. I will miss him dearly. My deepest condolences to his family.

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Re:Remembrance for David Adler.

Posted by Steve Blaylock - 2009/11/11 23:16

When ever the ride for Dave happens, I would like to be there.

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Re:Remembrance for David Adler.

Posted by Don Weber - 2009/11/23 21:36

:woohoo:

One more thought. I am wondering what Dave would say about me selling my wonderful road bike (2000 R1100RT) and buying an Italian 3-wheel scooter(MP3)..even tho it is a small (cc's) but it will run all day at 70 MPH!

And Of Course, I want to go to western Illinois for the ride for Dave !

Don Weber

PS still owner and rider of 78, R100/7

:silly: http://www.crbmw.com/images/fbfiles/images/PiaggioBestforWSeb_1.jpg

