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From the Editors

Dominic and Kristin Cioffi

Greetings fellow club members,

Although we have had a very easy winter, it's nice to say that spring is here. Normally at this time of year, we are busy planning summer trips. But this year has been very different, and instead we are busy planning the baby's room. Instead of prepping motorcycles, we are assembling strollers and installing car seats. While we are very excited to begin this new chapter in our lives, it's a little sad to know we will not be taking many motorcycle trips in the next few years. We may manage a weekend getaway or two, if Grandma volunteers to babysit. For the time being, our family vacations will be taken in the cage. I have a feeling Dominic may turn his 15 minute commute to Sills into a 2 hour ride.

With less than 3 weeks to go until the baby comes, we feel it may be time to step down as CCN editors. There will be a lot of new challenges coming our way, and we don't know if we will have the time to continue to publish the newsletter. We will stay on until a new person volunteers for the role. Please let us or Leo know if you are interested in becoming the next CCN editor. We would be happy to answer any questions you might have.

Happy motoring,

Dominic and Kristin Cioffi

CCN 2017

The CCN will be published quarterly, at the beginning of each season. We welcome and encourage member submissions.

Deadlines for submissions are:

Spring CCN	**March 15**
Summer CCN	**June 15**
Fall CCN	**September 15**
Winter CCN	**December 15**

The BMWMOC is Chartered Club #196 with both the BMWMOA and the BMWRA national organizations. The BMWMOC is a Not-For-Profit Corporation of the Great State of Ohio consisting of about 160 riding enthusiasts mostly in the Northeast Ohio Area. The Club is an active group with a common interest in BMW Motorcycles and the people who ride them.

President's Message

Leo Buckon

2017 is already off to a good start for the club. Roger Pivonka has been working with the developer getting the new website up and running. Tests on Google Calendar linking through the website were run last week went well. It shouldn't be long before we have a new website to make it easier for all to keep in touch and track what the club has going on this year. Roger also was able to get the folks at BMW in Deutschland to approve our logo. Roger will tell you it was a bit of work, but I think he just turned on the Pivonka charm and won them over. With the approvals on the club logo, Paul Koontz was able to get clearance from Café Press to use the logo on. It took a bit of correspondence and explaining to Café Press that the approval letter from BMW authorizing the use of the BMW Motorcycled Owners of Cleveland Logo was actually the approval letter from BMW authorizing us to use our logo, but Paul persevered and Café Press is now up and running.

Winter is over and with Spring comes the start of a new riding season. To prepare for the upcoming warm weather, the March meeting featured a tutorial by Wally Gingerich on the ins and outs of using Garmin Base Camp Software. Those who attended found it to be very informative and will help them in planning their trips for the coming year. Please be sure to attend the April meeting which will have a presentation on group riding safety.

With the bikes safely snugged away in the garages some of the members made the best of the Winter months and kept active with the club. February saw Keith Keller, Jerry Riha, my sister Nancy Majewski and myself on the slopes at Holiday Valley in New York for a spectacular day of skiing. In March several club members and guests put on the bowling shoes and rolled a few games at Mahall's in Lakewood proving that there are fun things to do when the snow is blowing and there is a lot of salt on the streets. A special thanks to Nancy Nerandzic for keeping score at the alley.

The next big club event is the Ride to Pennsylvania the weekend of June 10th. If you are interested please check with Road Captains Kurt Shreffler and Mike Kanczak for information.

Finally, the BMW Motorcycle National Open House it Saturday March 25th. I've been checking websites and it looks like the dealers in the area are rolling out the red carpet. Please take the time to stop by the dealerships and take a look at the new models, clothing and accessories they are offering.

Calendar of Events

Visit the calendar on https://bmwmoc.shutterfly.com/calendar for an updated list of events

Directors' Meeting
March 30, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m.
Harry Buffalo
8560 Detroit Ave., Lakewood

Membership Meeting
April 6, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m.
O'Tooles Pub and Restaurant
13601 Detroit Ave., Lakewood

Black Sheep Run to Iron Pony
April 29, 2017
Details TBA

Membership Meeting
May 4, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m.
Katydid Shelter, Frohring Meadows, Geauga Park District
16780 Savage Rd., Bainbridge

Georgia Mountain Rally
May 5-7, 2017
Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds
1311 Music Hall Rd., Hiawassee, GA

Hopewell Road Rally
May 5-7, 2017
Hocking Hills State Park Campground,
Logan, OH

European Rider's Rally
May 18-21, 2017
258 Upper River St., Burkesville, KY

BMW Riders of Southern Maine Downeast Rally
May 19-21, 2017
Hermit Island Campground, Phippsburg, ME

Directors' Meeting
May 25, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m.
Location TBA

Cass Rally
May 27-30, 2017
Boyer Motel and Campground
Route 1, Arbovale, WV

Membership Meeting
June 1, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m.
Location TBA

1st Annual Rolling Rally
June 9-11, 2017

Membership Meeting
July 6, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m.
Location TBA

BMW RA National Rally
July 6-8, 2017
Petoskey, Michigan

AMA Vintage Motorcycle Days
July 7-9, 2017
Mid– Ohio Sports Course
7721 Steam Corners Rd., Lexington

45rd Annual BMW MOA International Rally
July 13-16, 2017
Utah State Fairpark
Salt Lake City, Utah

Directors' Meeting
July 27, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m.
Location TBA

Membership Meeting
August 3, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m.
Location TBA

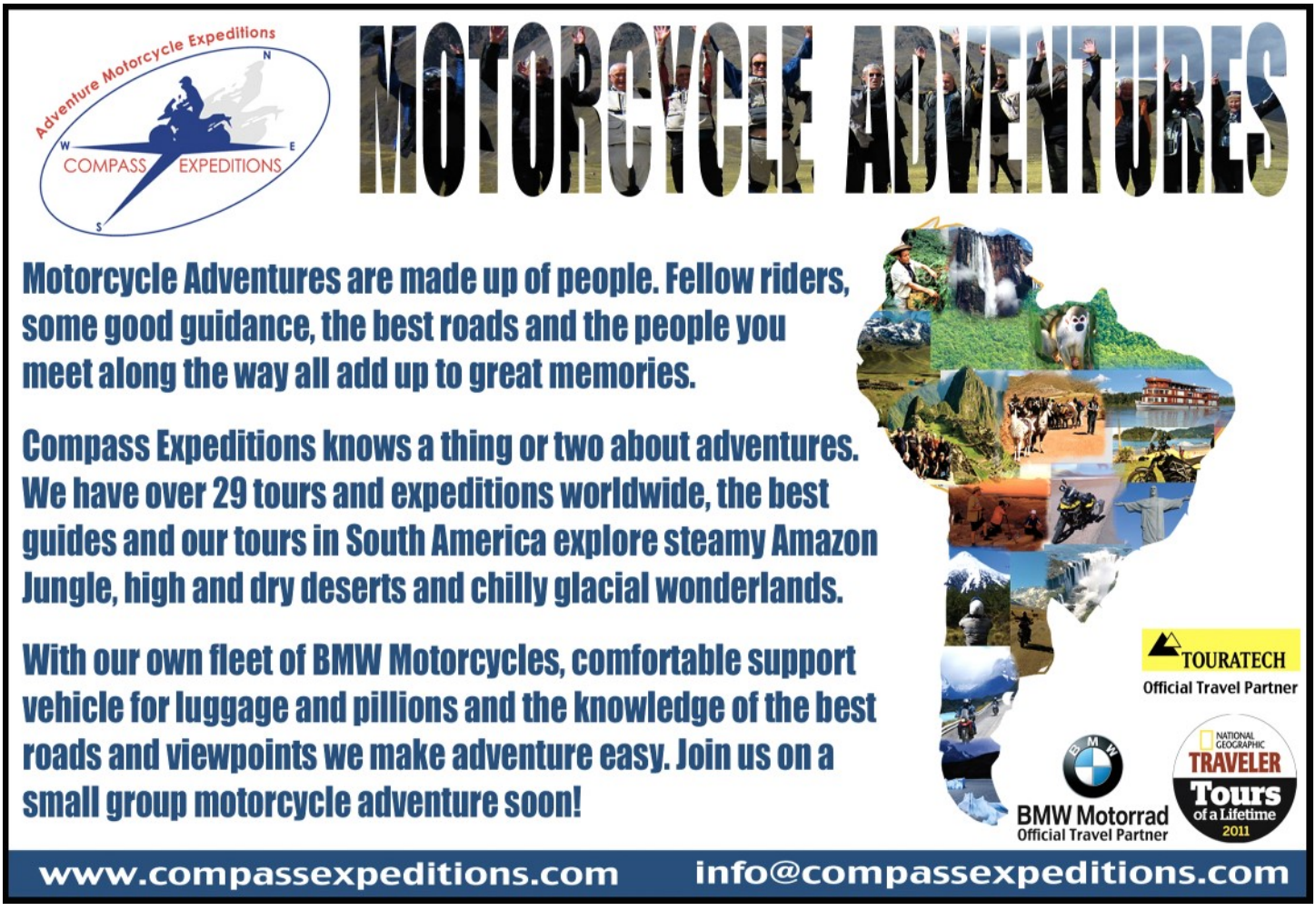
Four Winds BMW Rally
August 18-20, 2017
Redbank Valley Municipal Park
New Bethlehem, PA

Finger Lakes Rally
September 1-4, 2017
Hidden Valley Group Camp
Watkins Glen State Park
Watkins Glen, NY

Additional Ride Details

Wednesday Morning Rides - Members meet at 9 a.m. every Wednesday morning year round at the Bob Evans in Macedonia located at 266 Highland Road, Macedonia, OH 44056. Regular Wednesday rides are held May through September and any other Wednesday that the weather is decent.

1st Annual Rolling Rally– The Rolling Rally is held this year instead of our annual spring micro rally. On Friday, we will depart from Twinsburg for Cloudersport, PA with accommodations for two nights at the Clarion Hotel in DuBois, PA. Saturday will involve a ride to the Grand Canyon of PA. Sunday will include some fun riding before hitting the slab for home. Participants are responsible for making there own reservations at the Clarion by calling (814)503-8151.



Motorcycle Rider - Passenger Communications System, distraction or safety component?

This was me at one time. I'll never get speakers in my helmet. My music is the sound of the engine and the road. I don't need to buy a distractions. Sound familiar to anyone?

Gretchen and I ride as a team. I try my best to stay alert but on the long boring super slabs through Iowa it is difficult sometimes. That second voice helps considerably. Even an occasional bit of music helps keep my mind from creating its own distractions. We share the trip with each other and even keep a check on each other.

"You're quiet back there you asleep?" "Yep!"

Or we ask each other "do you need a break?"

Not only do we check on each other but I try keep her engaged by asking for help with navigation, looking for a check points or turns and speed limit changes. The more she stays alert the better chance she may return the favor and see something I didn't notice and notify me.

The biggest benefit for me though is a second pair of eyes when scanning for traffic and road hazards and her being able to commutate that rapidly and easily. On more than one occasion she has warned me of a potential hazard or situation. The car coming into our lane, or a deer near the road or what have you. She can just talk to me rather than a cryptic tap on the shoulder or helmet.

We don't ride without communications anymore and I can't remember how we ever got along without them. We had limited pokes, taps and tried to yell at each other. So what do you think? Distraction or Aid?

Safe riding Michael and Gretchen.

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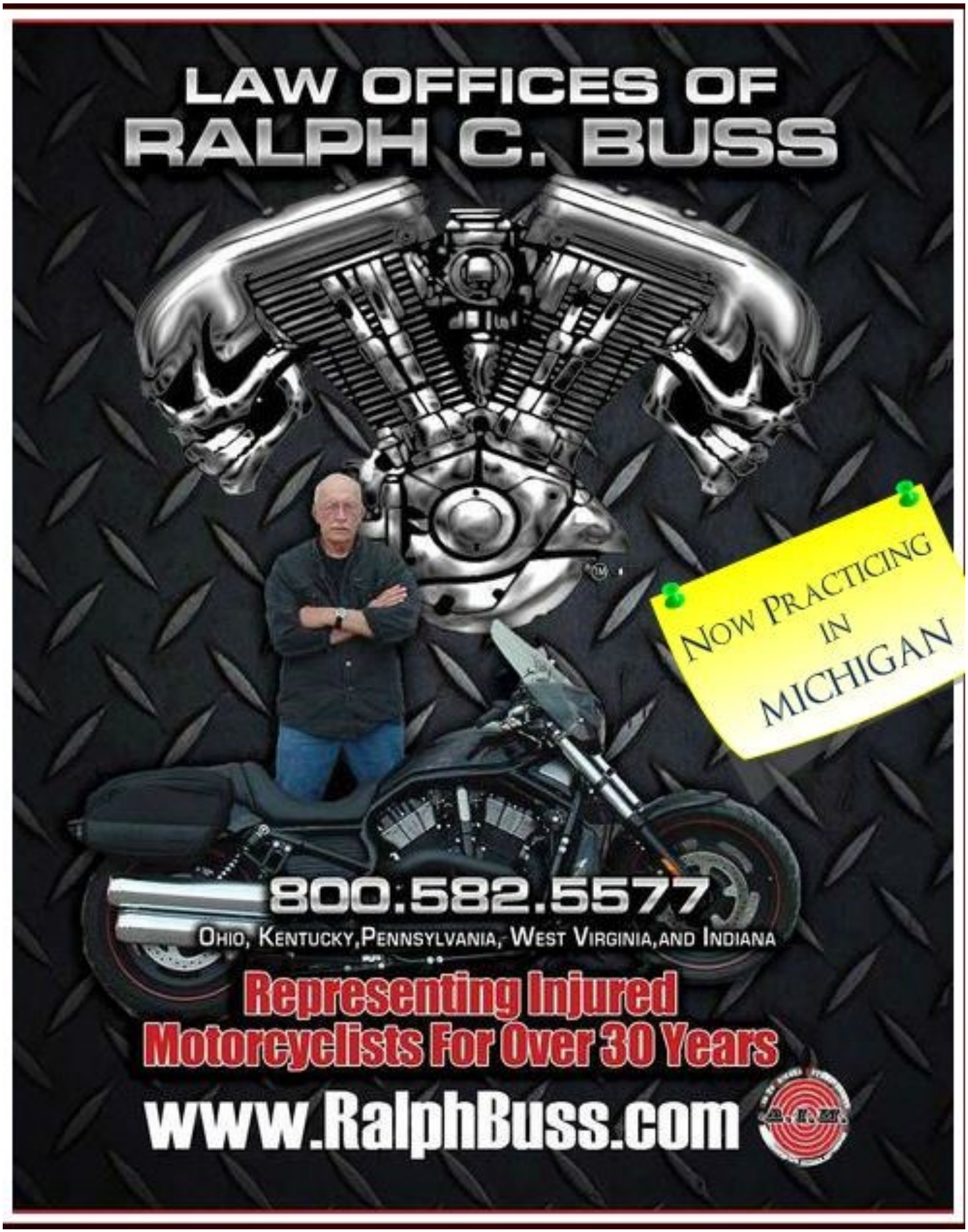
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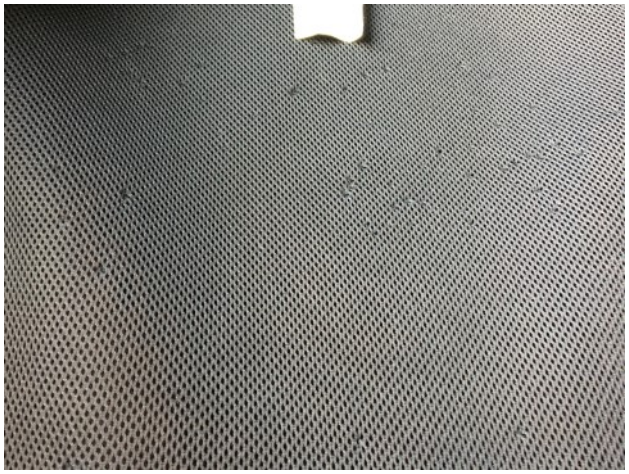

Echo 30" chain saw. It was used once to remove a downed oak tree after the passage of a tornado. 80cc. Paid $689. Will sell for $500. Contact Don Poremski. 330-877-0582. Cell 330-704-1860. Or strutguy@yahoo com.

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