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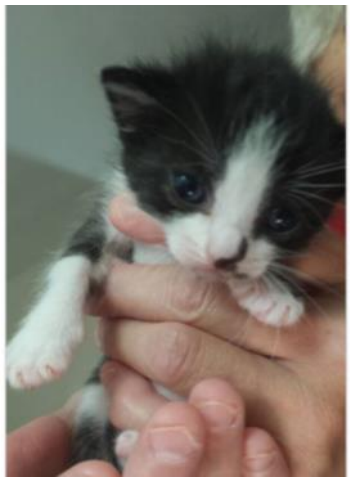
From the Editors

Dominic and Kristin Cioffi

Happy Fall!

As summer comes to a close, we hope you all are able to say you have gotten in lots of great riding. We were able to take two major trips this year, something we are not often able to do. We even were even able to take off a rare Saturday from work and make it to the Fall Oktoberfest. And, we were able to manage all that and still only use 8 days of vacation. We also "got new" this summer– a new roof and dormer, that is. As the weather is cooling off, we are looking ahead to our fall and winter project of finishing the inside of our new addition. We also have news that we are expecting a new baby girl in our family. Dominic decided to name her Maxie. She is expected to be delivered in mid October. Dominic wants to make sure she has her own space in the new addition, complete with lots of places to climb. Here is a sneak peek of our new baby:



As the weather cools off, be sure to keep riding!

Dominic and Kristin Cioffi

CCN 2014

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 would like to give a special thanks to K & K Portage Market on 3364 Warren Road in Cleveland and Countyline Produce & Farm Market on 2474 Countyline Road in Geneva for donating much of the food for the Fall Oktoberfest.

President's Message

Marcial Ingal

Grub zu jeder!

This time of the year the days are getting shorter. The first day of autumn is Tuesday, September 23rd. However the riding season is still in full swing. Autumn brings cooler weather and pretty colors with the changing of the leaves. For many, this is their favorite part of the riding season.

And once again in true fashion, our annual fall micro rally "Oktoberfest" rings in the fall season. The event was held over this past weekend, September 19-21st. The location, most likely for the last time, was held at Whispering Hills which is now part of the Jellystone Park resorts system. The weekend was blessed with perfect weather, not too hot, not too cold and dry… no rain! I believe this has been the best turnout as long as I have been with the club over the past 3-4 years. We had 40+ campers and 20+ riders on the ride. We also had many members who stopped in for the day to join us for the ride and to just visit. Thanks again to all who made this event possible!

Since our last issue we have had a number of club rides. Many of these rides have been well attended and perfect riding all around. We still have more rides left this season. Please check out the club's calendar and watch out for updates. Also check out the pictures on our website and Facebook page to see all the fun.

We also have one outdoor membership meeting left in October. This is an important meeting and time of the year as we start to look to towards the future of the club with new leadership. We will be taking nominations to fill the club's officer and board membership.

Well I hope that if you have not been able to make it out this riding season, to one of our meetings or club events that we'll get to see you before the long winter season ahead. Until then keep the rubber on the road and enjoy while you can for as long as you can.

Best regards,

Marcial Ingal, President

Calendar of Events

Visit the calendar on www.bmwmoc.org for an updated list of events

Directors' Meeting
September 25, 2014
7:00 p.m.
Harry Buffalo
18605 Detroit Ave., Lakewood

Directors' Ride to Re-Psycle BMW Parts in Lithopolis, OH
September 27, 2014
Meet at Bob Evans in Medina @ I-71 and Rt. 18
Come for breakfast at 8:00 a.m.
Ride departs at 9:00 a.m.
Open to all members

Canton M/C Club Dam Run
Canned Food Drive
September 28, 2014
Contact the Canton M/C Club for details
(330)970-9359

Distinguished Gentleman's Ride
September 28, 2014

Membership Meeting
October 2, 2014
7:00 p.m.
West Creek Reservation,
Monarch Bluff Picnic Area
Parma ,OH

Paintball Wars
October 11, 2014
Organized by Phil Nerandzic
More info TBA

Covered Bridge Run
October 12, 2014
Info TBA

Membership Meeting
November 6, 2014
7:00 p.m.
Sill's Motor Sales
1901 Brookpark Road
Parma, OH

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 145 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.

Views from the Fall Oktoberfest

BMW Motorcycle Owners of Cleveland
2014 Fall Campout - 25th Anniversary Year

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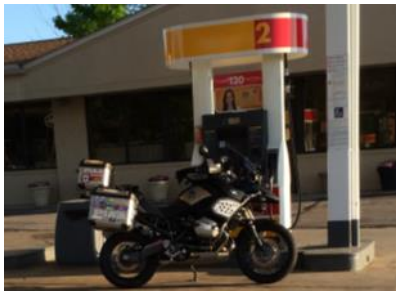
BMWRA Rally Roadtrip

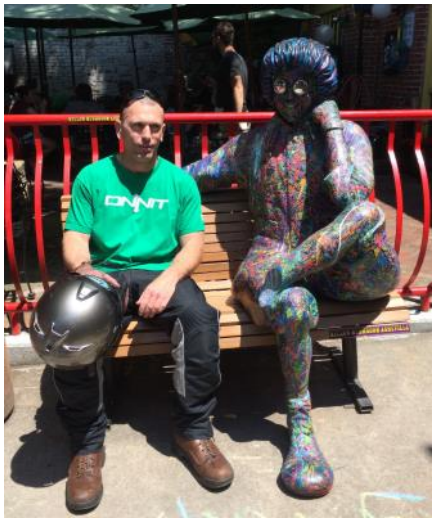
Kristin Cioffi



For our big summer trip this year, Dominic and I rode to the RA Rally at Barber Motorsport Park with our friend Brett Rue. Since several other club members also attended the RA Rally, we were joined at times by Jim, Bonny, Harry, Mike and Sue.

We started out the Sunday before Memorial Day, bright and early at the gas station. The weather was perfect. We took I-77 all the way to Fancy Gap, where we hopped on the Blue Ridge Parkway. We spent a couple hours on the Blue Ridge and stopped in Blowing Rock, NC for the night. A cool beer was nice after the day's ride.

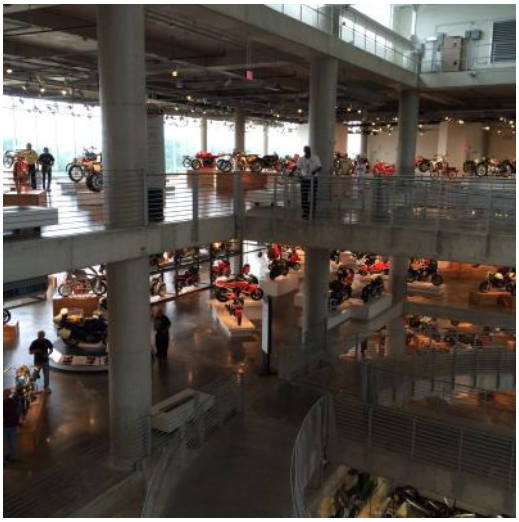
On Memorial Day we continued on the Blue Ridge. We drove up Mt Mitchell and hiked to the top for a photo op. Then it was on to Asheville, NC for lunch. We finished the day at the Wheels Through Time Museum before stopping in Cherokee, NC for the night.



Our initial plan on Tuesday was to ride the Tail of the Dragon, but due to rainy weather in the morning, we opted for the Newfound Gap through the Smokey Mountains instead. We did a quick ride through Tennessee on I-40, anxious to get to Nashville for the night. While in Nashville, we toured the Ryman Auditorium, the Johnny Cash Museum, and took in the sights and sounds on Music Row.

Wednesday morning we hopped on the Natchez Trace on our way south to the rally. Stopping in Florence, AL, we toured Frank Lloyd Wright's Rosenbaum House. I had mapped out some great roads to take us into Birmingham, but unfortunately, heavy rain got in the way of us enjoying them. We were happy to pull into our hotel that night and dry off.

We spent the next several days in Birmingham enjoying the RA Rally and the wonders of the Barber Museum. The museum was beyond impressive. Dominic won some instruction from the Keith Code Riding school on the track. A whole group of us even got to take our bikes on the race track for a few parade laps. While in Birmingham, we also visited Vulcan Park and climbed the giant iron Vulcan statute from the 1904 World's Fair. We had a good time at the rally and were sad to leave, but work was calling, and on Sunday we headed for home.



Wednesday RRide

Don Poremski

I couldn't help but be jealous of the guys who were getting together on Wednesdays for the: Middle of the Week Ride, Retirees Ride (thus the two Rs in the title), or the Pink Garbage Can Ride (who knew they use pink garbage cans in wine country). Wally Gingrich truly knows his way around wine country and that helped him find some curves in the road, normally missing in NE Ohio.

Not all the "regulars" showed up on the 3rd of September so I helped make the quorum. Included were our leader Wally, Bill Stinson, Mike Stroup, Paul Cole, new guy Randy King et moi. We met at Bob Evans in Solon and proceeded through some of the parks and reserves with the eventual target being the Ashtabula area.

I had to ride tail because the rear-view mirrors I ordered for the R80RaT hadn't arrived yet and I couldn't check behind me without a determined body position change which I didn't consider safe. The modest-to-spirited pace proved to be a good first-ride-of-the-season cobweb clearer and I was pleased that the bike ran well after a long hiatus.

Removing the fairing from an R80RT is no mean feat and I was discovering that riding without it meant a lot more wind and insect collisions. I had grown used to the "barn door" effect and found this openness at first refreshing. It does create a constant drum beat of influence that you should keep your speed to about 60-65 m.p.h. That's okay. I rarely set my hair on fire while riding anymore.

Another harsh reminder came when we traversed one of the many covered bridges in the area. Wooden plank surfaces can be exciting with narrow tread tires. We hadn't encountered that much traffic during the ride, but I am now amazed and troubled by how many cage drivers are fiddling with phones.

On the way to Bob Evans I made the mistake of taking 91/Darrow Road (also known as traffic light and one lane alley) all the way from Hartville. Nearly sat through an entire traffic light sequence when the driver in front of me ignored it while ministering to her phone. I couldn't see if she was using one finger (textrous) or was two-handing her phone (ambitextrous) but the second horn toot got us under way.

THE MOCal BMWMOC GRAND TOUR 2014 IS WINDING DOWN
BE SURE TO SUBMIT YOUR PICTURES AND RIDES FOR POINTS

The MOCal, short for "motorcycle decal," program as sponsored by the BMW Motorcycle Owners of Cleveland will continue each new year with new targets.

This year's targets: Public Swimming Pools

Turn in a picture of yourself or your motorcycle in front a public swimming pool in any state.
Be sure your bike and the pool are clear in the picture. Points are awarded as indicated.
Submit your pictures to the MOCal administrator, Don Poremski.
If you submit a group shot, please be sure to turn in the names of all persons in the photo.

The Generator

Larry Cardo

Candi and I became frustrated with the increasing number of storms and the resulting electrical power outages. Was the power going to return in 5 hours, 20 hours or 5 days? After the power returns, was the food in the refrigerator and/or freezer safe? Charging the cell phones was a challenge. The loss of heat in the winter was no longer exciting or fun.

What to purchase?: A portable generator that could also be used for other things, i.e., camping. The recommended generator was the Honda 2000 watt unit. Most generators produce "dirty' electricity. Most current appliances (Furnaces, Freezers, TVs and Computers) have electronic controls that require "clean" electricity. The Honda generator also has an "inverter" which produces very "clean" electricity. This unit also sips gas, is very quiet and light at 47 lbs.

The generator size (number of watts) was determined by the expected load. The 2000 watt unit could power the furnace, refrigerator, freezer, computer, TV and a few lights.

Where to purchase?: The Internet is always an option. But I like to support the MC Dealers who support our club. Sills MC Sales sells (and services) the Honda generator at a very reasonable price. Dominic Cioffi at Sills provided me with a detailed explanation of the generators operation and maintenance. Additionally he gassed it up, checked the oil and started the generator.

Who to install?: An installation option was to run numerous extension cords—not. Arp Viiberg (our past president) installed the needed switching to connect the generator into the house wiring system. The requirement for Arp was to assure that Candi could operate the system by herself. The switching system provided by Arp allows any or all of 6 house circuits to be selected (furnace, refrigerator, freezer, computer, TV and kitchen lights), while watching a watt meter so as not to exceed the generators 2000 watt capacity. We turned on all the appliances and still had watts to spare. When the power from the utility company returns all that is required is to turn 6 switches.

I now look forward to the next storm and to being the only house on the street with lights and heat.

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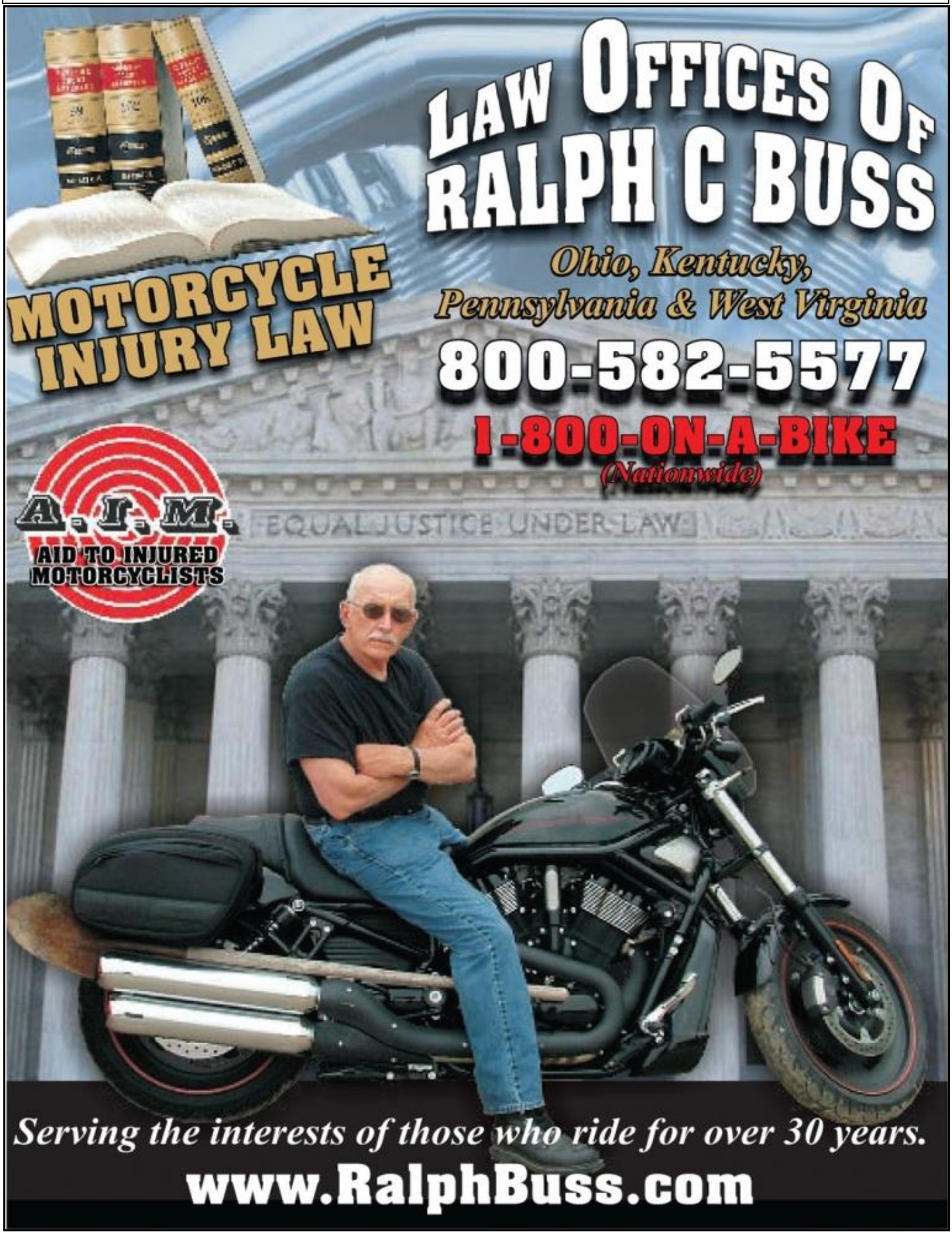
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Lobsters, Lighthouses, and a Hurricane

Kristin Cioffi

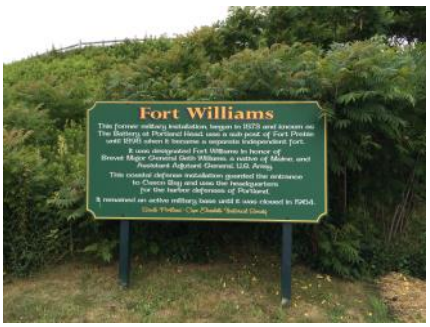
About a week before the 4th of July, my husband Dominic suggested a rode trip for the holiday weekend. When I asked what he had in mind, he replied that he had a taste for a lobster roll and wanted to go to Maine. Since Dominic is not usually so spontaneous, I jumped at the opportunity. A couple of phone calls later, we had our camping spot reserved in Kennebunkport.

As the weekend neared, we discovered that our travel plans were going to be dampened by Hurricane Arthur. We weren't about to let a little rain get in the way of our lobster rolls, though. We left at 4:30 a.m on the 4th of July. 11 1/2 hours later, we pulled into Kennebunkport completely soaked. Before we set up camp, we warmed up with some beer and lobster bisque.

After a very soggy night in a soaked tent and soaked sleeping bags, the weather finally cleared up. Saturday, July 5th turned out to be a beautiful day.

We started our day exploring the town of Kennebunkport. President Bush was home, and Dominic actually pulled in his driveway so I could take a picture. We then headed off to Cape Elizabeth for our favorite lobster rolls, the reason for our trip.

In all of our travels to Maine over the years, we've found the lobster rolls at the Bite Into Maine food truck are the absolute best. The truck is located at Fort Williams Park by the Cape Elizabeth Lighthouse.



We washed our lobster rolls down with some ice cream.

After a dinner of Clam Linguine, we headed down to the beach to watch the fireworks.

The next morning, we said goodbye to the Red Apple Campground and headed home, since we both had to be back at work Monday morning. It was a quick 1700 mile weekend, but it was definitely worth it. We are counting the days until we can go back to our favorite state.

It's BMWMOC Election Time

The following is from the BMWMOC CONSTITUTION and BY LAWS

5. ELECTIONS

a. A summary of the election process will be published in the Club's newsletter serving as notice to the membership prior to opening the annual officers election nomination window. During the September membership meeting, the President will appoint a three member Election committee from the general membership and declare the nomination window open.

b. An individual must meet all applicable membership requirements, must have attended at least five monthly membership meetings during the 12 months prior to the September membership meeting, and must expect to be able to attend all Board and monthly meetings during the coming year to be eligible for nomination. Meeting sign in sheets will be used to verify the required attendance.

c. Nominations must be seconded by another member.

d. Individuals may be nominated for more than one position, but can only accept one nomination.

e. The Election Committee will confirm that each nominee is willing to serve. Nominations of unwilling nominees will be withdrawn.

f. At the end of the October meeting, the President will make a final request for nominations and then declare the nomination window closed. Additional nominations are prohibited prior to and on the Election Day unless there are no nominees for a particular position; then nominations will be accepted only for that position. The President shall appoint any additional directors as needed to address the growing membership per Section IV, Part 2.

g. In the case where nominees for all positions are running un-opposed, the election may be declared Moot by a membership meeting vote at the November meeting. If so voted, further efforts and expense to conduct an election shall be suspended. The new Board of Directors shall be announced at the January membership meeting.

h. The Election Committee will compile an Annual Election Ballot and a document containing optional nominee position statements. If a nominee chooses to provide a position statement, it must be received by the election committee no later than thirty days following the October membership meeting. The Election Committee will distribute electronically or by mail, one ballot per member and the optional nominee position statements at least thirty days prior to the January membership meeting. The ballot will provide: a list of nominees, a space for write-in votes, an address where the mail in completed ballot must be returned or instructions for returning the electronic ballots, and a deadline date (December 31st) after which ballots received will not be counted.

i. The results of the election shall be announced at the January membership meeting and following on the Clubs website and in the next Club newsletter.

j. Vote counts shall not be announced or posted. They will be recorded in the minutes of the January membership meeting and will be available to be viewed by any interested member. In any reading of the minutes at a membership meeting, the actual counts will be omitted.

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k. Determinations:

(1) Except for directors, the nominee with the greatest number of votes for a particular position will assume the duties of that position at the February membership meeting. Nominees determined to have won the election for their respective positions shall endeavor to attend the January Board meeting along with the current office holders for that term.

(2) For directors, members vote for the mandated number of the director nominees as stated on the Official Ballot:

(a) If the out-going president is re-elected, elected to another position, or declines to become a director for the year following presidency, the highest tally of votes cast for director nominees shall determine the director electors.

(b) If the out-going president exercises the right to become a director for the year following his or her presidency; the past president and the highest tally of votes cast for director nominees shall determine the director electors.

If a member is elected to a position by write-in votes, the Election Committee will confirm that that member is willing to serve in that position before finalizing the results for that position.

Safety Touring Tips from Sandi Valois

I always have my full name, DOB, blood type, address, emergency contact information, current medications, and medical insurance information on a small laminated card, inside my helmet as well as a copy in my wallet.

Also, I have an additional medical carrier for outside the U.S. I use EA Plus through the NRA, as I am a member of the NRA. I am fully covered in any country to which I travel, with full emergency medical assistance, including life-flighting, if necessary. The cost is $79 per year for an individual. They also have family plans. I learned this tip years ago from a female friend who had a motorcycle accident in Venezuela. She broke both her legs and she was life-flighted back to the U.S. All her medical bills and transport were fully covered. There are several companies out there; MedJet Assist is another one. Just google "global travel assistance."

For Sale

- 1993 Travelite pop-up camper model 2S. Sleeps two. Motorcycle towable. Good condition. $800 firm.
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