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## Fall 2015

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# From the Editors

Dominic and Kristin Cioffi

Happy Fall!

Looking back, one year ago we wrote about the new dormer on our house and the new addition to our family. Well, a year has passed, and with the help of some good friends, we are finally getting closer to finishing our house project. Unfortunately, that has meant that riding has been put on the back burner. We were able to make it up to the Finger Lakes Rally and have a fun couple of days hanging out with friends. The weather was nice– hot and dry. Our weekend rally experience reinforced the fact that neither of us are "camping people." It always seems like a good idea until we are up all night and have to take showers in the not-so-very-nice facilities. But when next year comes around, camping unpleasantries will be a distant memory, and we'll be setting up our tent once again.

We have really enjoyed following all of the pictures and posts from fellow club members travels this summer. It gives us a chance to add places to our future travels bucket list. Write ups from your trips are always appreciated for the newsletter!

Dominic and Kristin Cioffi

**The dormer is ready for Paint**

**Maxie one year later**

## CCN 2015

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

Deadlines for submissions are:

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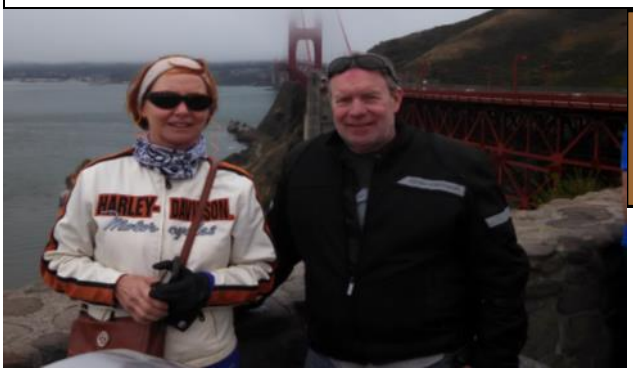
| **Spring CCN** | **March 15** |
| **Summer CCN** | **June 15** |
| **Fall CCN** | **September 15** |
| **Winter CCN** | **December 15** |



# President's Message

Leo Buckon

The summer riding season came to a close with the club's Oktoberfest Rally this past weekend. There was great riding, camaraderie, plentiful food and, with the exception of a about 1 hour of rain on Saturday afternoon, great weather. The Saturday evening Oktoberfest Dinner was catered this year by the folks at Whispering Hills, Jellystone Park campground so all the club members could kick back and enjoy the evening. If you haven't been here before or haven't attended in a while, make sure to add it to your calendar for next year. For those of you who are allergic to tent camping, this park rents cabins and trailer. Dottie and I rented a trailer with queen size bed, shower, toilet, air conditioning and heating. Roughing it doesn't get much more comfortable. The hot shower and heated cabin were nice features on a chilly Sunday morning.

A special thanks to Paul and Diane Koontz and George Lopez for making the arrangements with the campground and taking care of all the food arrangements. Thanks to Road Captain Pat Corrigan for the effort he put in planning a fun ride through the countryside. Also a tip of the hat to Don Poremski for his efforts in setting up for the field events. Unfortunately, the Saturday rains made for some wet and soggy ground conditions that even our intrepid GS riders didn't want to chance so the field events were postponed until the spring rally.

Now slip on the Gerbing and fire up the heated hand grips as the fall riding season begins this Sunday with the final (scheduled) afternoon ride. As always the group gathers at the Wallace Lake parking lot beginning at noon with the ride leaving at 1:00pm. These rides have been a lot of fun this summer. If you haven't been able to get to one, you owe it to yourself to join in. With the fall colors coming in the next month it will be fun to put together a couple of impromptu weekend rides too. Check the group calendar for other rides you might be interested in participating in.

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# Calendar of Events

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

**Directors' Meeting**
September 24, 2015
7:00 p.m.
Harry Buffalo
18605 Detroit Ave., Lakewood

**Membership Meeting**
October 1, 2015
7:00 p.m.
South East Gears and Cheers
23333 Aurora Rd., Bedford Hts.

**BMW RA National Rally**
October 1-4, 2015
Boone County Fairgrounds
Harrison, AK

**AMA Devil's Staircase Hillclimb**
October 11, 2015
1086 Corwin Rd., Oregonia, OH

**Membership Meeting**
November 6, 2015
7:00 p.m.
Location TBA

**Sunday in the Park Rides**

This is the working person's ride for those of us who can't just take off in the middle of the week. (you retired people are welcome to come too.)

All rides will leave from the Wallace Lake parking Lot (by the swimming area) in the Metropark south of Bagley Road in Berea.
We will meet around 12:00 p.m. for some hangout time. There are often quite a few bikes there. Rides will leave at 1:00 p.m. They will be shorter rides of 2 to 3 hours or so. This means not only can you sleep in, you can be home in time for dinner.

**Our final ride is September 27th**

**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

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# Barber Museum Undertakes Major Expansion

Press Release September 2, 2015

The Barber Vintage Motorsports Museum, already home of the world's largest motorcycle collection, is undertaking a major expansion.

The current Barber Museum, which opened in October, 2003, is 144,000 sq. ft. in size. The addition will add 84,650 sq. ft., resulting in a five-story museum about a quarter-million square feet in size.

"We won't have trouble filling the expansion," said Jeff Ray, the Museum's executive director. "We have many motorcycles in storage, and we are constantly adding to the collection."

In March, 2014, Guinness World Records named the Barber Museum as the world's largest motorcycle collection, with 1,398 motorcycles.

The architect for the expansion is Williams Blackstock of Birmingham. The general contractor is BL Harbert International, also based in Birmingham.

The Barber Museum will remain open during construction. Visitors to the Barber Museum, the Barber Vintage Festival on October 9-11 and the Honda Indy Grand Prix next April will be able to see construction underway. Project completion is scheduled for Fall, 2016.

The Barber Museum expansion is part of a series of capital improvements being made to the Barber Motorsports Park over a two-year period. They include the Barber Proving Grounds (opened in October, 2014), a 440-foot-long pedestrian bridge from the Museum to the infield (opened April, 2015), a classroom building overlooking the Proving Grounds (under construction), and new garages for Mercedes-Benz and other customers (also under construction).

"This expansion will help keep us as the benchmark for motorcycle collections worldwide," said George Barber, the Barber Museum and Park founder. "People visit Birmingham from all over the world to see this museum and its collection, and we want to continue to 'wow' them with what they see.

"With programs and events like the Porsche Sport Driving School, the Mercedes-Benz Brand Immersion Program, the Honda Indy Grand Prix of Alabama, and the Triumph Superbike Challenge, it's important that we always present an impeccable image for our sponsors and fans."

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# Finger Lakes Rally Reflections

Kristin & Dominic Cioffi

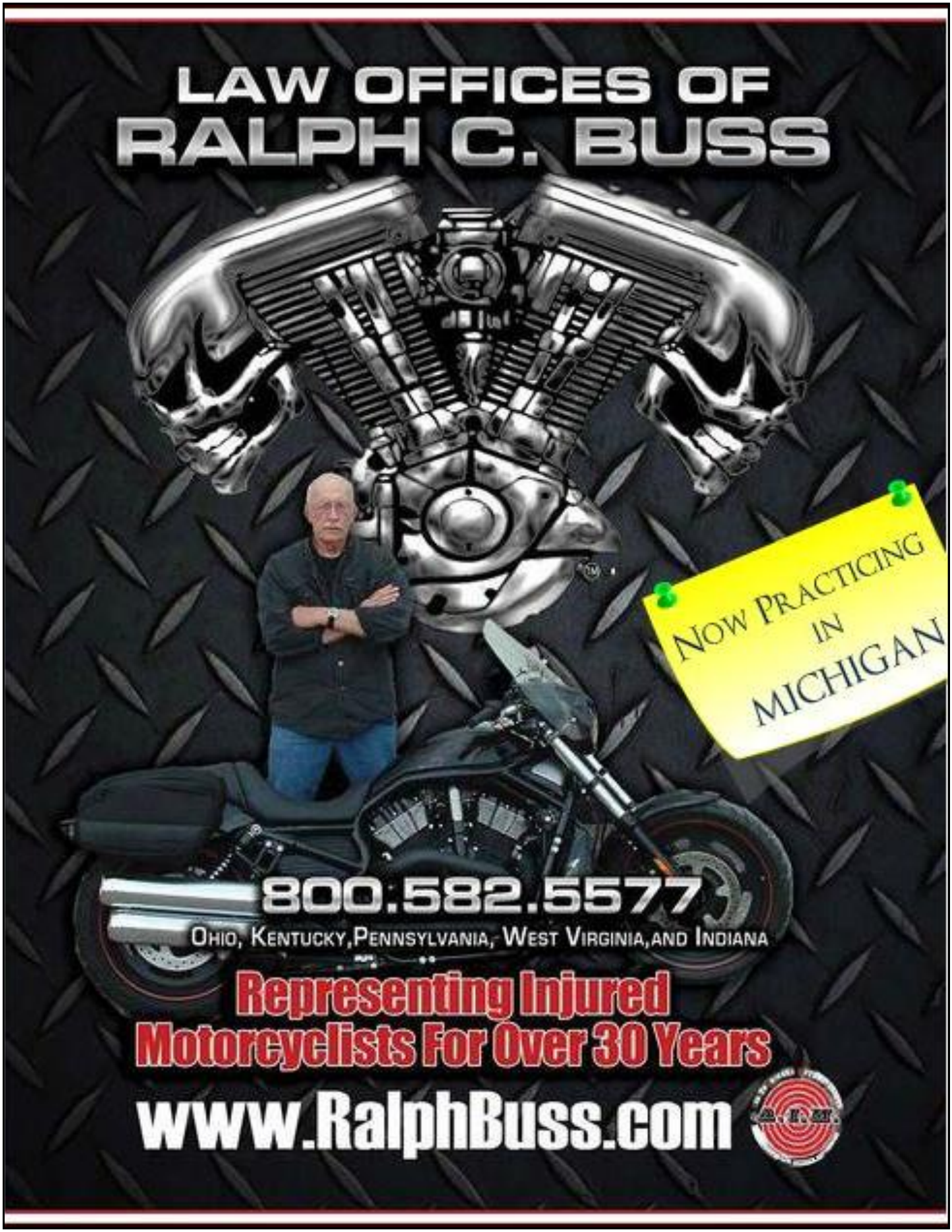
We headed up to the Finger Lakes Rally late in the morning on the Friday before Labor Day. We were going to leave earlier, but decided to wait for the rain to move out of the area. We made pretty good time for a holiday weekend, and got to the rally late afternoon.

After setting up camp in the usual BMWMOC spot, we rode into Watkins Glen and continued our ongoing quest for the perfect pizza. Needless to say, the pizza did not measure up, and we are still on our quest. Friday night we had a fun time enjoying beverages and conversations with friends at the rally.

Saturday morning we decided to take a ride to Finger Lakes Distillery for a tasting and to the Stonecat Café for lunch. We were joined by Pete Stokes and Mike Stroup. The distillery was pretty neat. Samples were 3 for $3.00. After tasting a few varieties, we bought a bottle to enjoy back at the rally. Our lunch destination came recommended from Mike, and it did not disappoint. There was even a line waiting for the doors to be opened when we got there.

Once we returned to the rally, we spent the afternoon relaxing. At night after dinner, there was music, and we heard a rumor that there was some dancing!

Sunday morning, we decided to head home a little early. The noise from the previous 2 nights keep us awake, and neither of us wanted to use the showers again. We were able to make it home before it got too hot out. The Finger Lakes Rally is pretty close to us, has good riding, and is always a fun time. We would recommend it to anyone who is looking for a new rally to try.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# 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.

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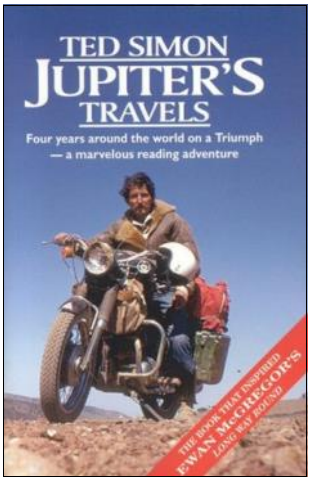
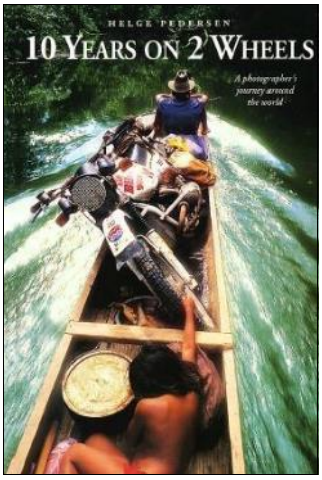


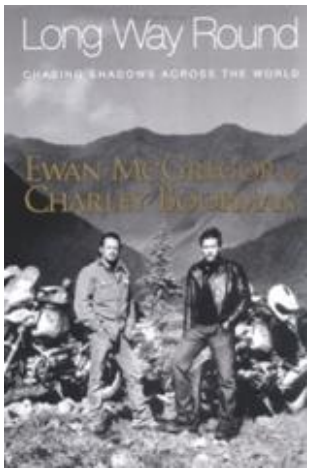

***Jupiter's Travels*** **by Ted Simon**

Simon rode a motorcycle around the world in the seventies, when such a thing was unheard of. In four years he covered 78,000 miles through 45 countries, living with peasants and presidents, in prisons and palaces, through wars and revolutions. What distinguishes this book is that Simon was already an accomplished writer. In 25 years this book has changed many lives, and inspired many to travel, including Ewan McGregor.



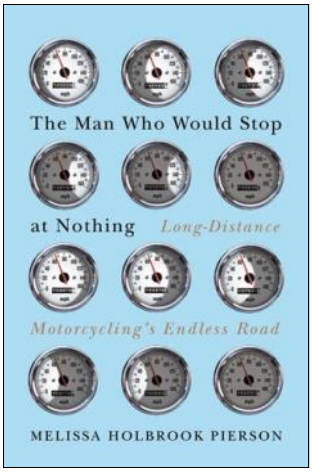

***10 Years on 2 Wheels*** **by Helge Pedersen**

Photojournalist Helge Pedersen is the author of 10 Years on 2 Wheels, which chronicles an amazing journey riding 250,000 miles by motorcycle through 77 countries. Documenting his travels, Pedersen s photographic passion celebrates the diversity of life on earth, focusing on human culture, wildlife and scenic vistas.



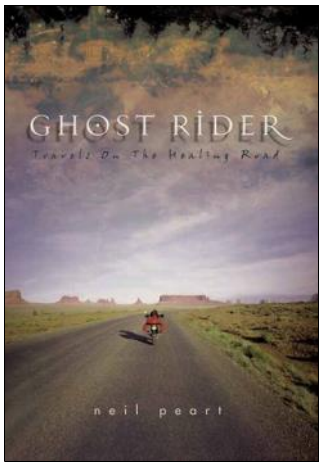

***Long Way Round*** **by Ewan McGregor and Charley Boorman**

As they travelled they documented their trip, taking photographs, and writing diaries by the campfire. "Long Way Round" is the result of their adventures - a fascinating, frank and highly entertaining travel book about two friends riding round the world together and, against all the odds, realizing their dream.




***The Man Who Would Stop at Nothing*** **by Melissa Holbrook Pierson**

Melissa Holbrook Pierson, herself a longtime motorcyclist, chronicles the gratifications of long-distance riding as well as the challenges and solitude that accompany it. In seeking to understand why people strive so mightily to reach a goal with no reward other than having gotten there, Pierson gives us an intimate glimpse of a singularly independent yet supportive community and a revealing portrait of its most daring member.




***Ghost Rider*** **by Neil Peart**

This bold narrative written by the drummer and lyricist for the band Rush shows how Peart tried to stay alive by staying on the move after the loss of his 19-year-old daughter and his wife.

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