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From the Editors

Dominic and Kristin Cioffi

Greetings fellow club members,

We can't believe summer is already here. Between Father's Day, Cavs fever, and a 10 game Indians' winning streak, the CCN's publication date really snuck up on us.

We attended our first Georgia Mountain Rally in April to celebrate Kristin's birthday, and we had a great time. The BMWMOC was well represented. The facilities were very nice, and Kristin was very pleased to find they had vegetarian food options. The riding in the area was top notch, and we partook in a couple of rides with fellow club members. We didn't camp, but our hotel was next door to the fairgrounds, so it was really convenient. The picture above is the view from the hotel. On the way back to the 216, we hit go home on the GPS, and to our surprise, it lead us right through the Dragon. Too bad we got slowed down by the truck pulling a trailer in front of us!

Like many of you, in just a few more weeks, we will be going to the BMWMOA rally in Hamburg, NY. Neither of us have seen the U.S. side of the falls, so we are going to try to check them out. We are also excited about trying some local beers on the Brew Pub tour.

CCN 2016

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**

This year is the Four Winds BMW club's 50th rally. That was the first rally we ever went to together, and we always like to try to attend.

Congratulations Cavs! Next up, Indians World Series win!

See you on the road,
Dominic and Kristin Cioffi

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

After reminding members at the past few meetings of the June 15th deadline for submitting articles to our quarterly newsletter, I got caught up in daily life and missed forgot to get my article in by the 15th. Thanks to Dom and Kristin for sending me a reminder and giving me an extra day.

The spring rally was a success. I had a nice ride down on Friday with my good friend Jim Vedda. The hot weather did dictate that we had a beer before we put up our tents. Once the tents were up we had a nice evening with hot dogs on the grill and Diane Beohmerle-Koontz delicious chili. Rain was predicted for Saturday but all we had was sunshine and great riding. Thanks to Don Poremski for scouting out this campground and planning the Saturday ride. We made a brief stop in New Rumley, Ohio, the birthplace of one George Armstrong Custer before riding over to a restaurant on the Ohio River for lunch. I posted some photos online and I found out that George is not as popular today as he was 150 years ago.

The Saturday dinner catered by the Ponderosa Restaurant in Carrolton must have been good as there was very little food left over except for the desert. They gave us enough dessert to feed twice as many people as were at the rally. This was followed by a HUGE, as in Donald Trump **HUGE**, bonfire courtesy of our host and campground owner, Roger Brainard. Roger put on a little show for us which proved to be an entertaining way to wrap up what was a great day.

A special thanks to all the people who worked to put this together. Paul and Diane Koontz, Don Poremski, Pat and Beth Corrigan, Kurt Shreffler, Jim Sedivy, Phil Nerandzic and my lovely wife Dottie all pitched in to make this a great event for the club. I would like to express a heartfelt thank you for all the work put in for the club.

Set aside the dates September 23rd to the 25th for our Fall Rally. We will be returning to Jelly Stone/ Whispering Hills Campground just outside of Shreve. Please step up and volunteer to help. An hour or two of your time will help make the next event a success for the club.

That's all for now. It's Father's Day and the sun is shining. I'm going for a ride with my son.

Calendar of Events

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

Membership Meeting
July 7, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m.
Lake Picnic Are, Huntington Reservation

AMA Vintage Motorcycle Days
July 8-10, 2016
Mid– Ohio Sports Course
7721 Steam Corners Rd., Lexington

The GS Giant
July 10-13, 2016
Camper's Paradise
Siegel, PA

44rd Annual BMW MOA International Rally
July 14-17, 2016
Hamburg Fairgrounds
Hamburg, NY

Directors' Meeting
July 28, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m.
Harry Buffalo
8560 Detroit Ave., Lakewood

Sisterville Ferry Festival
July 30, 2016
Sisterville, WV

Membership Meeting
August 4, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m.
Oak Grove Picnic Are, Brecksville Reservation

7th Annual Mods vs. Rockers
August 12-13, 2016
http://www.clevelandmodsvsrockers.com/

Touratech Rally East
August 18-21, 2016
Huntingdon, PA
http://www.touratechrally.com/#!about-us/csxp

50th Annual Four Winds BMW Rally
August 19-21, 2016
Redbank Valley Municipal Park
New Bethlehem, PA

Curve Cowboy Reunion
August 30- September 3, 2016
Monterey, CA
http://curvecowboyreunion.com/
First time attends who enter the code: **FIRSTCCR2016** in the discount box will receive a $25 rebate.

Finger Lakes Rally
September 2-5, 2016
Hidden Valley Group Camp
Watkins Glen State Park
Watkins Glen, NY

Membership Meeting
September 1, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m.
Sweetwater Landing, Rocky River Reservation

BMWMOC Ocktoberfest Fall Campout
September 23-25, 2016
Whispering Hills Jellystone Campground, Shreve

Directors' Meeting
September 29, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m.
Harry Buffalo
8560 Detroit Ave., Lakewood

Wednesday Morning Rides - will run on every **Wednesday, from May through September** - leaving from Bob Evans in Solon (6100 SOM Center Rd at Rt. 422) at 10 am. Come early for breakfast or coffee.

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.

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 PM for some hangout time. There are often quite a few bikes there. Rides will leave at 1:00 PM. 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.

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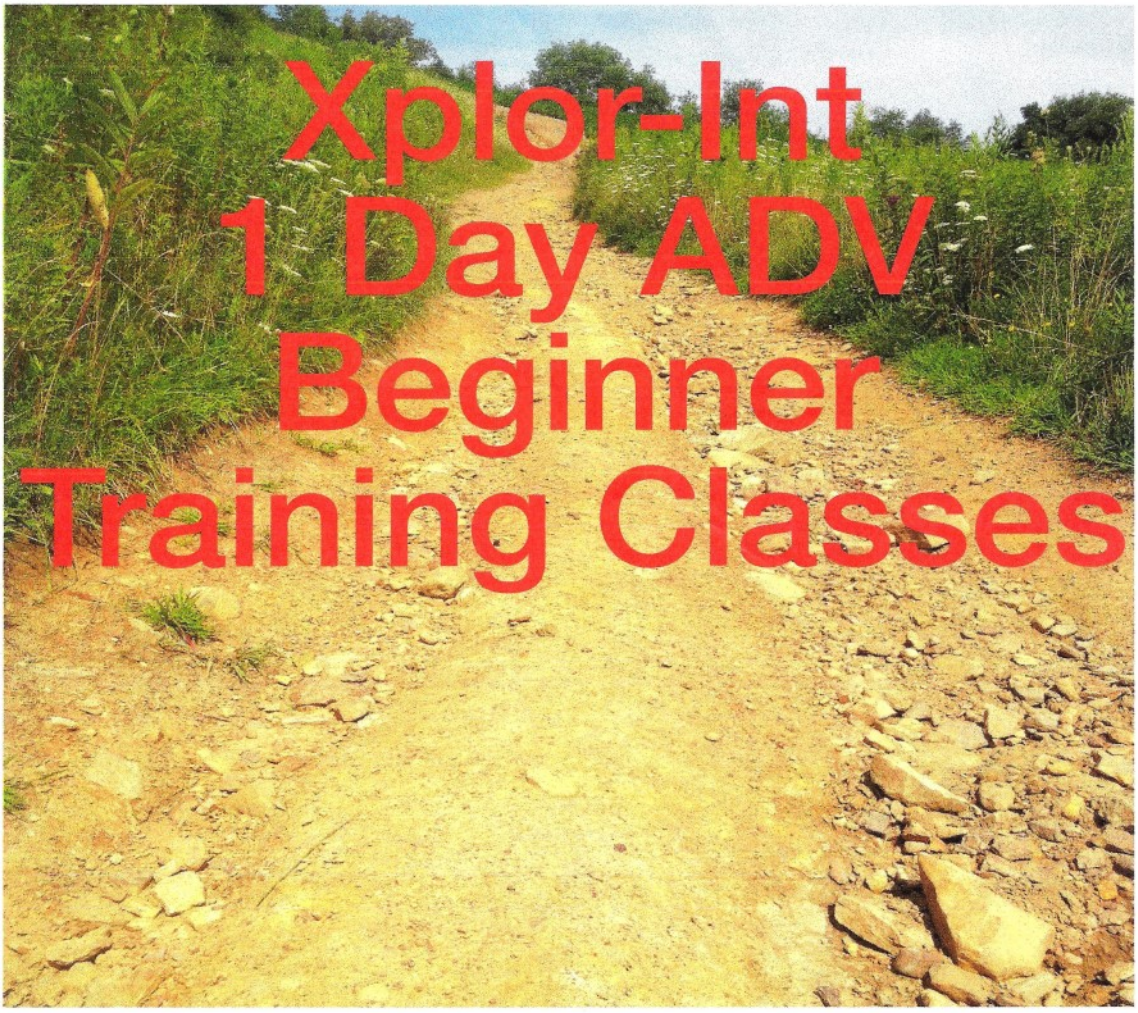
For Rally Info visit: 4WindsBMW.org



Adventure off Road Training Classes.

4 Winds BMW Rally
August 19-21, 2016
Redbank Park
New Bethlehem, PA

Cost: $100 per person

For Rally info visit:
www.4WindsBMW.org

www.xplor-int.com
E-mail: xplor@live.com
Tel: 610-470-8897

In this course, we will start with basic items such as proper riding position, balance, clutch and throttle control working through a progression of skills exercises to help you become more confident on your motorcycle on different surfaces and negotiating obstacles. These classes will give you the fundamental skills to build your confidence and allow you to better enjoy your riding whether it's a day's jaunt down an old dirt road or a journey around the world.

Riders also will be able to put their newfound skills to use on adventure rides with the instructors through our Local Forest areas. Riders are required to wear FULL protective gear including helmet, gloves, a jacket or similar with elbow, back and shoulder protection, knee protection and boots that protect the ankle and shin. Knobby tires are highly recommended. Riders should be proficient in the operation of a motorcycle.

In order to provide a personalized level of attention, class size is limited.
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Duration 6-8 hours.
What to bring: Gear, adventure style motorcycle, fuel, food and water. Registration should be completed and paid 30 days prior to event. Limited to 10 participants.

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Sicily to Rome

Roger Pivonka

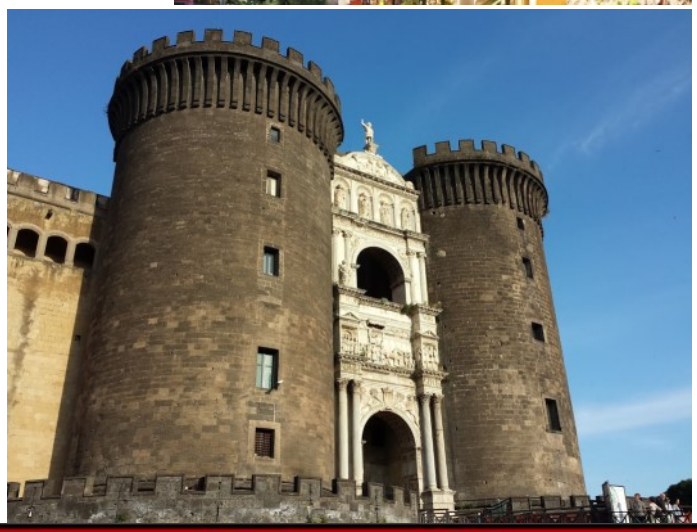
Sicily to Rome with Edelweiss Bike Travel, May 1 to 11

10 riders on six bikes from 5 different countries began the twisty ride in Catania, Sicily and ended in Rome having eaten more pasta and gelato than you can imagine. We also rode more Twisties and saw more antiquities than we expected. And it was all great!

The list of cities will describe the route but we always took "the road less traveled" and thereby saw the greatest scenery. Catania, Agrigento, Corleone, Prizzi, Cefalu, Taormina, Messina, Calabria, Tropea, Maratea, Pompeii and finally Rome.

You need to see the squiggly lines on my maps to get a better idea of the ride and you need to ride it yourself to really appreciate Italy and its food and people and history.
Some pictures may help and you can see 400+ at https://goo.gl/photos/t9UCdMryyjQTTu126

Save your nickels and dimes and use the time you have to ride one of these tours.



Faw dahn, go boom

Dom Poremski

Motorcycle dealership support can be a beautiful and practical thing…for both rider and business owner. That was demonstrated recently by one of our local shops; BMW of Cleveland. It went kind of like this.

Hey, we've got great seasonal sales of bikes and gear going on. Come on in to take a look. We'll provide the pizza, drinks and brookies (combination of brownie and cookie) then take a ride through some twisties in our local park reserves. We'll end up at the Cinemark in Valley View to take in a movie about riding 1,000 miles on BMWs in very scenic Colorado. "A Story Worth Living" had a trailer showing six family members and friends doing what a lot of us could only dream about. It was only going to be shown once, which increased the impetus to attend. Pizza, bike movie, bike buddies, twisty roads…what could go wrong?

Dale, and I suppose everyone else moved to attend, was taken in by a cleverly edited trailer which showed just that. What I failed to research was who was responsible for the movie even though it was right there in the information, John Eldridge. Even a minor scan wouldn't have alerted me since he was the author of "Wild at Heart" which was made into a movie in 1990 starring Nicholas Cage and Laura Dern, which I hadn't seen.

"Story" was inspired by one called "Long Way Round" starring Ewan McGregor and Charley Boorman. It was their tale of riding bikes around the world, literally. But, what we got was a smash up of the two films, the former a project of David Lynch (Twin Peaks) was a crime thriller from Universal that included bizarre allusions to the Wizard of Oz and Elvis Presley.

The theme was about falling in love in hell and Eldridge was attracted to twin phenomena of fear and pleasant things such as in dreams. The film got a rating of 65% from "Rotten Tomatoes". It was an amalgam of innocence, of evil, even actual road accident footage without context to give significance to the casualties of the survivors.

John Eldridge, the motive force behind "A Story Worth Telling" is a counselor, teacher, president of Ransomed Heart and a minister. He is devoted to helping people discover the heart of God, recover their own hearts in God's love and to learn to live in God's kingdom. He also uses the expression "far out" way too often, but is the author of at least a dozen religious help titles.

In a nutshell, there was too little scenery, too little riding and way too much proselytizing for a person who belongs to the Church of the Ultimate Apex. Like what you see in a movie trailer? Better do your research.

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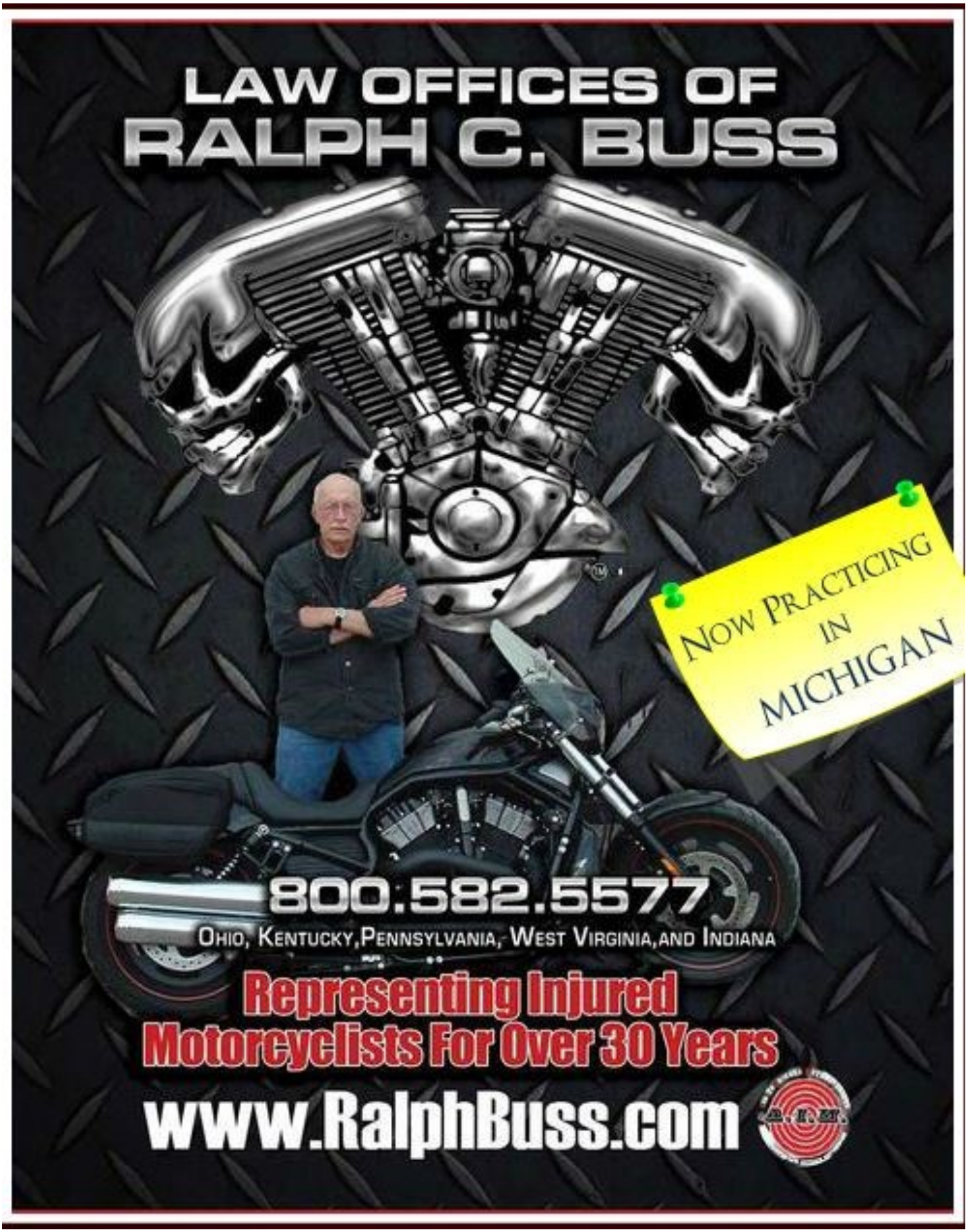
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Planned Ride Information Sheet

Name of Ride: _____

Ride Leader: _____ **Assisted by:** _____

Date: _____ **Departure Time:** _____

From: _____

Description of Ride : _____

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Estimated Total Miles: _____ **Meal stops included : Y / N**

Ride terminates at: _____ **at about** _____ **o'clock**

Ride Suggestion Sheet

Name of Ride: _____

Suggested Date: _____ **Departure Time:** _____

From: _____

Description of Ride :

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Estimated Total Miles: _____ **Meal stops included : Y / N**

Ride terminates at: _____ **at about** _____ **o'clock**