

Hello!

So much has been happening this last month we thought we should send out an update to all our members. You can certainly tell spring is around the corner and we are all itching to get out there and travel!

We were fortunate to have caught the attention of Road Trip magazine. They did a wonderful article about MTN and were kind enough to pass out our literature at the Atlanta CycleWorld expo. Both of those actions brought in an amazing number of new members in March, mostly on the west coast and BC area of CAN.

Secondly, one of members, Lee from NY, managed to get us listed in Budget Travel magazine. They have a readership of 550,000! Although the article wasn't about us specifically, it got our name out there and did a good job of explaining the benefits of hospitality exchange. We have a link to the article on our "Publications" page. We can not express our gratitude enough to Lee as well as Gary and Kate at Road Trip.

Because of the increased activity and a request from our members, we have added a "Newest Members" page. This lists our latest people to join so you can see the areas where we have new members. That way you won't have to try to remember which are "old" listings and which have been recently added. At this time we can not make them active links to the listings, though. That will have to be down the road, so to speak. We are now in 33 states and 4 CAN provinces. We have had inquiries from Italy and El Salvador, too. We would really like to get overseas and are working on it. Oddly, though, we don't have members in three states where there will be large, international rallies for BMW, AMA and GWRRA.

Which brings us to our next bit of news. We have recently added a "Rally Schedule" page to the site. It currently list the rallies we hope/expect to attend. A couple of them we are still working to get into, but for right now, we hope to be at these rallies this year. If you plan to attend any of these rallies or are in the area, please let us know. We would love to meet you!

We have found that working the smaller local rallies doesn't work that well for us. However, if you are attending a smaller regional rally and would be willing to take our literature and either pass it out or just get it on the registration table, we will extend your membership for a year.

To be honest, we expected our membership base to be much larger by now. We appreciate you sticking with us (or just joining!) and anything you can do to help us spread the word would be wonderful. After all, the more members we have, the easier it will be for you to find hosts when you are traveling. On that same line, if you host or are a guest, we would love to hear about your experiences. We feel like this idea of hospitality exchange will really catch on once people experience it's benefits first hand and then spread the word.

Have a great riding season.

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