

Greetings!

We are getting this April newsletter out, just barely by a nose, but it's still April here in Indiana! We just returned from a ten day tour of California and Nevada with 8 exchange students. It was so great to give them the chance to see another part of the country and some of our most beautiful National Parks. Of course we also did the touristy stuff like Hollywood and Vegas.

We got home yesterday and leave again on Thursday for our first rally of the summer season, the BMW Georgia Mountain rally at Bald Mtn., GA. We were going to camp at the rally, but after the last 10 days, we think the Best Western is looking pretty good! Our goal is to get at least 20 new people to join there. It will depend on the weather. The better it is, the fewer the people that will be hanging around the vendor area. Understandable - I'd be riding too, given the chance.

There is a big change on the MTN web site horizon, but we are not quite ready to announce it, yet. As soon as everything is in place, we'll let you know. What we can say is that it will make navigating the directory and planning trips much easier.

A couple of announcements – we have new members in Costa Rica!! Mario and Rosa are planning a big trip to Alaska this summer and hope to use MTN along the way. Maybe you'll be lucky enough to meet them! Secondly, we now are just shy of 250 members. The hope and goal is that we

make it to 300 by July 1st. That would double the membership from last July 1st. We expected to have a lot more members by now, but slow and steady growth is probably better while we are still learning the ins and outs of starting a hosting organization.

Last, we wanted to share our experiences with another MTN couple that hosted us last year. They were some of our very first members. Chuck and Kathy outside Albany, NY have been so supportive of MTN and Kathy has done quite a bit to help promote us in several publications. When we stayed with them last year they hadn't hosted or been a MTN guest yet, but were most gracious and entertaining to stay with. We had gone out to Americade to check it out and try to promote MTN. On the way, Scott had a "blow-out" of his back tire and it slowed us down. By the time we met up with them we were a bit frazzled, so it was especially nice to stay with people who could sympathize and understand what we had been going through. The ride down to their house from Lake George was wild - don't know how else to describe it! Chuck certainly doesn't let the grass grow under his tires!!! We even had covered parking. Our dirty bikes didn't know what to make of it :^)

The next morning we were treated to Chuck's famous pancakes, which were absolutely delicious! Because of all our conversations, we didn't get a very early start. It was a delight staying with them and having them regale us with their numerous travel stories. It isn't often we meet people who

travel as much as we do, but these two certainly have us beat! We highly recommend staying with them, assuming they are in town :^)

Hope you are all able to get out and ride. The weather has certainly warmed up here and I have new tires to break in, so we're going out to ride tomorrow. If you have had a chance to ride and stay with a MTN host, please let us know. We love to hear about your experiences. Also, make sure to say "hello" if you are at any of the rallies we are attending this summer.

Ride safe, and enjoy!

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