

## Hello MTNers!

We are saying this is the Fall newsletter, but it's coming to you rather late in the Fall. Sorry about that. Has been a very hectic season for us.

There are lots of new things to tell you about. First, you might find an article on CNN.com very interesting. It is about hospitality exchanges. The link is:

<http://www.cnn.com/2006/TRAVEL/ADVISOR/11/10/couchsurfing.ap/index.html>.

Although the organizations they feature are free, we hope you agree that our membership rate is very reasonable. Also, an article they did on being a good guest was interesting as well:

<http://www.cnn.com/2006/TRAVEL/ADVISOR/11/17/perfect.houseguest.ap/index.html>

News Flash: **WE NEED MORE MEMBERS!!!** One of the best ways to do this is word of mouth. So we have a couple of ideas:

First, we are going to offer fundraising abilities to any motorcycle club or organization that might be interested in adding to it's coffers. How this works is pretty simple. A member joins for two years at the current rate of \$30 with \$25 of that going to MTN (rally rate) and \$5 to the club or organization of their choice. We are going to offer this to the Blue Knights, Women on Wheels and Motormaid's first. If you think your club or organization would be interested in this, please let us know or pass our contact info on to them.

Secondly, we have found that our best advertising comes more from articles than ads. The one page article in Road Trip brought in 40+ new members alone. So, instead of spending our precious ad money on advertising that doesn't work too well, we will **share it with you!** If you get a feature article published in a national (Motorcycle Escape, RoadRunner, Rider, etc.) or club (Wing World, BMWONews, Hog Tales, etc.) magazine we will pay you \$100 and extend your membership a year. If you get a Letter to the Editor published in any of these, we'll pay you \$50 and extend your membership as well. Please contact us first if you are interested in doing this.

A couple more items:

It's hard to believe we have been at this for a year and a half, almost, but we feel it's time to "update" our website. So, if you have any pictures of yourself with a host or guest that you think would be good for the website, please email them to us. Also, we would love to have more "Quotes and Kudos" submissions.

Secondly, any stories about your experience with the MTN network would be welcomed. We are going to start sending out our newsletter on a monthly basis, starting January. We would like to feature a member/couple each month. If you would like to be featured or nominate a host you stayed with, please email us.

We'll probably start with people we've stayed with since we had the opportunity to stay with hosts in eleven different places this summer and fall. We figure we saved over **\$1000 in hotel costs!!** More importantly, we met some really great people and had a wonderful time with all. We also had the opportunity to host three different couples ourselves and enjoyed those experiences as well.

We appreciate your membership in MTN and hope you have found it to be rewarding.

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