

Greetings!

Hope everyone has an eventful, prosperous and curvy new year! Things are off to a good start with MTN for 2007. We look forward to meeting many of you while on the road this year as our rally schedule has expanded drastically, from two in 2005, and four in 2006 to nine (so far) in 2007! Check it all out on the website at: [http://www.motorcycle-travel.net/home/mt1/page\\_46/rally\\_schedule.html](http://www.motorcycle-travel.net/home/mt1/page_46/rally_schedule.html)

We have many new things in store this year and are very excited about MTN's potential for growth. It has been slow going for the last year and a half, but things are really starting to pick up, thanks in large part to our members efforts. We reached our 200 member mark with the membership of Cliff and Dee from Lincoln, Nebraska - a new state. We are now in 44 US states, 7 Canadian provinces and our one and only member in the UK (we gotta do something about that!!). Still missing LS, RI, NV, WY, AK and MN.

There are a few new features to the members listings now. First, we now have a place to put the GPS coordinates, if you choose. Remember that we don't put your address in the member listing for your privacy, so you may not want to have that listed. Of course, only other MTN members can see it anyway. We did have several members request it, though. If you would like to have the coordinates in your listing, email us and we'll include it.

We now also have "Date Joined" in the listing at the bottom of the description box. This gives you an idea of who might be new and who are our experienced "veterans". Once you log on the site now, you will see a reminder of when your membership will expire and a link to the renewal payment page. We have several members up for renewal this year and we sincerely hope that you will all stick with us. We realize you might not have been able to utilize MTN the first year, but hopefully last year you got a taste of what it's like and will really enjoy the experience this year. Along with the one (\$20) and two (\$30) year memberships, we now have a 5 year membership for \$70. This is a tremendous savings over the one and two year rates, especially since our membership rates will likely increase in 2008. If your membership doesn't expire until next year, but you want to grab these rates, feel free to renew now. We'll send you a new card right away. There still seem to be a few "bugs" in the system, though. If you try to log in and are immediately directed to the renewal page, and you know your membership hasn't expired, email us and we'll check in to it and get it fixed.

As always we love to see pictures of our members travels and have enjoyed the ones that have been sent. Consequently, our site has new pictures on both the masthead and individual pages. Keep the pictures coming and we'll continue to rotate them. We are considering adding a gallery to the website, but need lots of pictures to do that.

Other reminders; if you have had any info changes – email, phone, address,

description, etc., please notify us so we can update your listing. Also, when hosting, if you go out to dinner with your guests, make sure to tell your server “two checks”. Since it is “Dutch treat”, the server needs to know this and it is easiest for the host, who probably knows the restaurant well, to be the one to do it. Finally, remember that you can use MTN regardless of your method of travel, whether by motorcycle, car, RV, plane, train or bicycle! As long as you are a member and you let your host know how you will be traveling, you can utilize MTN.

We had planned to feature one of our members starting this month, but this email is too long already, so we'll save it for next month. Hopefully, we also have news about a new mapping system.

Hope you all have a safe and happy 2007!

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