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RIDER'S DIGEST

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"Ride With Discretion"

SPRING 2013

It's Spring! Are you ready to ride?... Unless you're lucky enough to live in an area where year-round riding is possible, you are probably waiting with great anticipation for the return of riding season. Well, guess what. It's just about here. As the April rains wash the remainder of the salt off the roads and tree and grass pollen fill the air, are you and your motorcycle ready to hit the highways and byways? Here's a quick reminder of what should be done before you hit the road. ***Is your motorcycle insurance current?*** Don't laugh; more than a few people forget to renew their insurance, especially if it's what's known as a sunshine or six-month policy. ***Have you given your bike a thorough inspection; replaced worn parts (especially tires); replaced and refreshed all the fluids; checked to see if any critters have built nests in your wiring or air filter (especially important if you store your bike in a detached building); replaced any burned out bulbs and made sure that all the lights including turn signals are at their brightest; lubricated all the moving parts (including the gearshift and brake levers); inflated the tires; washed the bike and put a protective layer of a good wax on it; and just made sure that everything is in excellent working order?*** Remember, the only thing between you and road is your motorcycle, so make sure it's the best ride possible.

Now that you've gotten your motorcycle ready to ride, have you gotten yourself ready to ride as well? The Motorcycle Safety Foundation always talks about the rider being physically and mentally ready to ride. The physical part includes checking out your own "moving parts" before you ride. Can you still swing that leg over the bike to mount up. How are the knees? Have you had your eyes checked recently? Have you noticed any cramping in the hands that might affect the way you grasp your levers. The list goes on and gets too personal for this newsletter, but you know where you might have aches and pains that should be checked out before you start riding. Finally, are you mentally prepared to ride? Have you shaken winter's cobwebs from the brain, and are you ready to remember all the things you learned in your basic and advanced rider's classes. You know, the stuff about looking twelve seconds ahead, the bike goes where you're looking, don't ride impaired or angry, and on and on. Yeah, that stuff. If you need a refresher, take an MSF course this spring to get back your motorcycling mojo.

So as the riding season arrives, always remember to ride safe, and **Ride with Discretion.**

The Annual Conference is fast approaching... This year the MMCI Annual Conference will be held at the lovely Canaan Valley Resort in Davis, WV from August 12 through 16. You'll find the Conference registration form on page 4 and the proposed agenda on page 5. Ron Ferraro, Dick Morse and the 2013 Annual Conference Committee are planning a great time for all who attend. And they are offering two packages – the Vacation Package (five nights) and the Economy Package (three nights). If you're planning to attend, send your registration form in as soon as possible, and you are responsible for booking your own accommodations. Call the hotel at 1-800-622-4121.

Call for Nominations... Elections will be held at the Annual Meeting on Thursday, August 15. While you can submit a name for nomination for any of the elected offices, there will be three vacancies for the upcoming election. They include the Vice-President, the Secretary and the Six-Year Trustee. If you are interested in running for an office - and it is the best way to serve your fellow members, please contact Don Crete, Nominations Chair at cretedamm@comcast.net.

Dues are due... If you are a member of Chapter 8, our member-at-large Chapter, you received a renewal form with this mailing of the **RIDER'S DIGEST**. If you received your newsletter by regular mail, your membership number is above your name on the address label of the envelope the newsletter was mailed in. If you receive your newsletter by email (and thank you!) and you don't have your membership number handy, you can drop the Membership Chair (ch8mmci@verizon.net) or the International Secretary (bmw_jeff@ameritech.net) an email requesting your membership number. Local Chapter secretaries please note: your rosters and renewal forms will be mailed to you in late April. Thanks to all for your prompt payment.

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President's Message...

My, my, my, how time flies by. This will be one of my final acts as the club President. I really can't believe it's been 4 years since Kent Dorney asked if I would be interested in being the Vice-President of the MMCI. At first I was hesitant to accept the position but then figured Kent wouldn't be asking me if he didn't need me. I also love the guys in Chapter 24 and thought if there are more out there like them, why wouldn't I want to make more friends. I'm truly glad I said "yes" when I was asked to join the Board.

As it turned out, being the VP and now President of the MMCI is not that hard of a job. IF, I had to do it alone the burden would be much, but I've been very fortunate to have a group of guys and gals surrounding me who have been there for me and for the club. I really don't like naming names when thanking folks for fear of leaving someone out, but I must publicly say thank you to a couple here in the newsletter. In no particular order, Kent and Connie Dorney, Kent for taking over the membership chair and doing a fantastic job in helping grow our club and for keeping such great records. To Connie for watching out for the health and welfare of our members and spouses. Her work behind the scene that most of you never see or hear about is second to none. I am truly indebted to her. I must say thank you to the Board members for their leadership and guidance. They have all been there for any and all issues that have been presented. A thank you to Ron, our VP, is also in order. Ron has been great to work with and will be a fine leader for the next 2 years. Our club is in good hands. Lastly I must thank Jeff, our secretary, for all he has done to make my term so easy. He has been there for advice and also taking the thankless job of putting our Rider's Digest together. Jeff, I can't say "thank you" loud enough. Just so you all know, Jeff will not be standing for election again as your secretary and when you see him remember to say thank you too. **(continued Page 6)**



Vice President's Message...

Brothers,

It's like the winter does not want to end this year. The weather here on the east coast has been cold and wet for too long.

The 2013 conference is well on the way, and could be one of the best we have ever had. The committee has been working very hard on getting everything ready for the 2013 Conference in Aug. They have some great rides schedule and locations to visit. The county side is beautiful, with some great roads to ride. If you haven't sent your registration in by now, this would be a good time to do it. Remember the committee is drawing for a free registration from all the registrations received before April 1.

This conference is also the election of your Officers. If you are interested in becoming an Officer please contact the nominations chair Don Crete.

I would like to take a moment to thank all the Brothers who helped me along the way in my two years as Vice President. President Ken your leadership of this Club for the last two years has been outstanding, and I hope "with the membership approval" I can continue to lead this organization as you did in the past. I thank you for asking me to serve and making me feel welcome. Kent, & George, your work never went unnoticed by me and your dedication to this group is without comparison. To the rest of the Board Members and Trustees thank you for your patience and help. And now for Jeff Kaplan secretary, I do not believe the Club knows how much work you do. You will be missed, but I do wish you the best in the future.

Hope to see you all in Canaan Valley West Virginia.

Fraternally - Ron Ferraro

MASONIC MOTORCYCLE CLUB INTERNATIONAL ® INC.
29th ANNUAL CONFERENCE, CANAAN VALLEY RESORT, DAVIS, WV
PROPOSED AGENDA FOR WEEK OF AUGUST 12 – 16, 2013

SUNDAY, 08/11

Vacation package

Check in, after 4:00 pm, Registration. Hospitality Room.
Relax, Pool time, Finish packing goody bags.
Dinner in Davis on your own. Convention Committee meeting.
Hospitality Room

MONDAY, 08/12

Buffet Breakfast at Lodge. On you own.
Check in, all day, Registration .in the Hospitality Room.
Road Captain meeting, 9:00 am. Board Room. Audit Committee. Short ride, "Surprise".
Visit Smoke Hole Cavern with lunch at Seneca Rock on your own OR Ski slope tours.
OR #1 Visit Green Bank Science Center. Bus Tour, Lunch on your own. 65 miles. 9:00 am
Buffet Dinner at Lodge on your own.
Hospitality Room

TUESDAY, 08/13

Economy Package

Buffet Breakfast at Lodge. On you own.
Check in, all day. Registration in the Hospitality Room
Railroad Trip, Cass scenic R.R 71 miles 8:00 am. Cost, \$25.00. . Lunch at Whittaker Station.
OR Seneca Caverns & Park, Lunch at on your own. 20 miles 10:00 am
OR #2 Visit Green Bank Science Center. Bus Tour. Lunch on your own. 65 miles. 9:00 am.
Pizza Party at Big Johns..** 2 Miles. 5:00 pm. Discount Coupons.
Executive Board and Death Benefit Fund Meetings. 6:30 pm. Thomas Masonic Lodge ??
Hospitality Room.

WEDNESDAY, 08/14

Buffet Breakfast at Lodge, on your own.
Check in all day. Registration in the Hospitality Room
Trip to Flight 93 Memorial in Shanksville PA . 100 miles 8:30 am. (With rest & gas stops.)
Lunch at Somerset Masonic Lodge # 358 ** 1:00 pm
Hospitality Room. Ice Cream Social. **

THURSDAY, 08/15

Buffet Breakfast at Lodge. On you own
Morning Annual MMCI Meeting, Election of Officers. Reports 9:00 am to 11:00 am
Ladies fashion show or entertainment.
Ride to Black Water Falls, tour and lunch ** 15 miles. 12:15 pm
Bike Show and open Judging. ** 3:00 pm
MMCI Banquet Dinner.** Awards, Installation of 2013-2015 Officers. Cocktails, 6:00 pm, Eat, 7:00 pm
Hospitality Room. Pack up to go home.

FRIDAY, 08/16

Send off Buffet Breakfast at Lodge... ** 7:00 am to 9:00 am
Quick Ex-Board Meeting. 8:00 am Conference Room.

** Paid for by the Convention Committee.

Notes; Gas station within 2 miles of Lodge. Don't feed the wildlife. Tons of parking for our bikes,
The Resort is building new rooms so we will have to be aware of construction. They just might be completed and we will
be able to stay in them. MMCI products for sale. Go to; www.canaanresort.com for further information. Nature Trails &
Golf Course on grounds. Members are responsibility for their own resort reservations. We will need at least five
experienced volunteer Road Captains with CB radios for trips. From the Conference Committee.

(President's Message, continued from page 3) There are more to say "thank you" to and that will be done during the Annual Conference. OH, speaking about the conference, that reminds me. We have some new members, and new chapters (welcome to the MMCI) and I hope you are all planning on coming to Canaan Valley, WV in August. I was hesitant to come to my first conference for fear of not knowing any one or not knowing what went on. I can assure you, those fears were gone the minute I walked into the hospitality room and was greeted by so many folks. This is the place where you will feel welcome and have one heck of good time. New friends will be made for life and your MMCI membership will mean more to you. Look for details, and forms in this Rider's Digest or go on line to your MasonicMotorcycleClub.org web site.

In closing, I would like to mention to everyone that this is your club and if you would like to serve on any committee or even the Board, just let any of the board members or myself know. Also, we are always looking for articles or news within our chapters for the Rider's Digest; feel free to send your input to Secretary Jeff or myself.

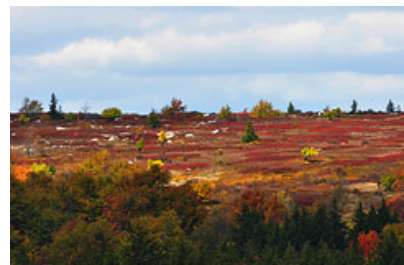
Fraternally yours - Ken White

Lifetime Trustee Uncle Dick Morse versus Ice – Ice 2, Uncle Dick 0... If you receive the mailings from the Shiny Side Up Committee, you may have read that Dick Morse, one of the founding members of MMCI, past International Secretary, Lifetime Trustee and most commonly referred to as Uncle Dick, slipped on the ice and fell on March 23. He went to the emergency room where doctors determined that he did a pretty good job banging himself up. He was hospitalized for just a short time and is now going through rehab. Send cards to Dick at 653 Madison Avenue, Painesville, Ohio 44077. This is the second time that Uncle Dick has lost in an encounter with ice.

Secretary's Musings... As noted on page 1, dues notices are out and renewal forms and dues payments should be sent to the Membership Chairman by July 15. Checks should be made payable to MMCI. This is my last term as your International Secretary. If you are interested in running for Secretary and would like to know what the responsibilities of the office are, please feel free to send me an email at bmw_jeff@ameritech.net And I will certainly work with the next Secretary to ensure a smooth transition.

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Go to www.masonicmotorcycleclub.org and check it out.

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