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CONCOURS OWNERS GROUP
UPDATE

Dear Concours Rider:

This is to let you know what has been happening and where I hope COG will go. I've decided that I am going to remain as Director until COG can stand as a "Class-act" motorcycle club. I also have someone who has volunteered to edit and publish a newsletter. His name is Arnie Wolf, he is from Fresh Meadows, N.Y. and he has experience in this sort of thing. Arnie will be member #2. Modesty prevents me from going into detail about member #1.

I have had a graphic artist help me design a club logo for our pin, patch and print package. When you send your \$20.00 for COG membership, I'm not just giving you an occasional newsletter. There's going to be the usual club "stuff" and more as COG grows.

In my first letter, I said, "A club is only as good as its members". That hasn't changed. The way I'd like to organize COG is into 5 general geographic areas. The USA is a large country and riding styles, seasons and preferences differ somewhat. It just won't work if I try to decide what riders in Maine, Mississippi or Montana should do from California. The areas are: Southwest; Calif, Ariz, New Mex, Colo, Utah and Nev. Southern; From Texas & Okla East through Ark, Tenn, Va, Del and everything South from there. Northeast; W. Va, Pa and everything North and East from there. Central; From the Dakotas, Neb and Kansas through Mo, Ky and Oh and everything North from there. Northwest; Wy, Mont, Id, Wa and Or.

If anyone wants to start a state chapter within those areas, so much the better. This is the Concours Owners Group. I don't want it to be the Rob Stevens Motorcycle Club. I'm going to need some of you to come forward to help me. As an incentive, the people who volunteer will get the lowest membership numbers.

Lately, motorcycles in general, and sport bikes in particular have been receiving a lot of unwanted attention from the media, the insurance companies and the law enforcement "establishment". To help develop an image of "respectability" for COG, I'm going to ask that all COG officers become American Motorcyclist Assn members if you are not already a member. I will encourage all COG members to do the same.

So, this is where COG stands as of the middle of January. I'm still far short of the 50 members I need to get COG going. I realize that the weather is less than perfect for most of you to go riding. But Hey! Spring IS coming. The weather along with the holidays have given a low priority to joining a new motorcycle club. I'm planning to go to Daytona in March; so I'm going to extend the date to get the 50 members I'm looking for till the end of March. So, give it some thought and act on it soon. If I don't get the "Founding 50" by then, this is the last of COG you will hear from me. I hope that dose'nt happen. THINK SPRING!



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