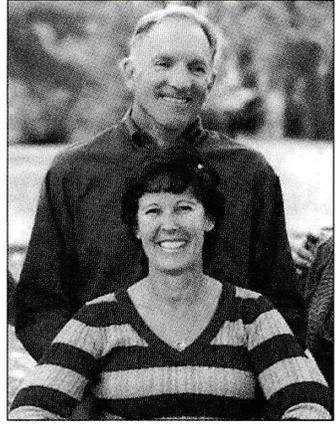


President's Message



For my Third President's Message, I'd like to discuss three issues: First, A change to our annual Membership Cards. Second, the potential change to the club's Bylaws. Lastly, the just announced 2017 National Tour.

First issue: For as long as I've been a member, I've received a new membership card every year (I'm sure you have as well). In addition, I have yet had a reason to show my card, to anyone, for any reason. I have certainly had reasons to know our membership number (printed on the card). The point being, a new card mailed to each member, every year seems unnecessary. Our Office Manager, Bob Higday, had brought this to the Board's attention. In addition he offered a solution: Issue all members a "permanent" card, once. Kind of like a "good til cancelled" card (cancelled for not paying dues, or ?). Your Board liked the proposal so much, it will become the standard going forward, starting next month in 2016.

Onward to issue number Two: As was mentioned in my last Pres. Message, your Board will begin 2016 (3) three members short of a full eleven (11) member Board. We will immediately pick up (1) one new Board Member, Kevin Stilley. So, that additional means we're only down (2) two for a full Board. I also mentioned this "routine" of barely finding enough members willing to serve has been repeating itself for a number of years. It's the reason why we haven't had a real "Board Election" of officers since 2013. You may recall I presented the idea of reducing the Board Membership to seven (7), vs. the current eleven (11). Your Board continues to evaluate that proposal. In the next issue of the AEV, watch for a Ballot, in which to voice your thoughts. This type of change to our Bylaws would need to be voted on by our membership!

Lastly, our National Tour for 2017. As you may know, National Tours are a lot of fun ... but also require a lot of planning. A proposal from Eric & Carolyn Beeby, and Jerry & Jeannine Gorley has been approved for 2017. The tour, a Hub style, based in Las Vegas, sounds like a tremendous amount of fun. Exact dates TBD, but 7-8 days during the last two weeks of September. A hearty "thank you" to the Beeby's & Gorley's, who always plan and execute fine tours!!

Finally, winter is in full throttle (cold). Santa is making his final plans. Now is the perfect time to start or finish that car project you promised yourself last summer/fall. You know the heater that didn't heat ... or the A/C that didn't cool... or the radiator that was leaking. A little work now, means less work when the weather turns warm next spring.

Safe motoring to all!!!
Your National President,
Joe Kelman
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