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29 Day 10,600 Mile Alaska Trip

By Gene Knight

The following is a brief description of the motorcycle trip to Alaska that Ray Garner, Paul Holmes, Mark Thompson, and I made from July 14th through August 11, 2007. Surprisingly we left as friends, and came back as friends after having ridden together for 29 days, during which we only had about 4 hours of rain. (This is important to folks riding motorcycles). It was a trip that I had dreamed of making for more than 30 years, and was filled with adventurous riding, on miles of loose gravel and frost heaves, while being constantly on the lookout for many "big" species of wildlife.

Entering Canada near Calgary, after visiting Glacier National Park, we rode for 15 consecutive days with the temperature never exceeding 80 - wonderful!! (You were hovering near 100 during this same time, in North Carolina). All through Canada and Alaska the temps were great. We visited Banff National Park, Lake Louise, and rode the "ice highway", I think it was called. This was a stretch of road about 40 miles long, lined with hundreds of glaciers (beautiful, but cold).

One night, we met a couple in their early sixties riding "two-up" on a Harley, and pulling a pop-up camper at a motel in Fort Nelson. They were from Wisconsin and on a three week vacation. The next morning, we spoke briefly with them as we were packing up our bikes. They pulled out of the motel about 30 minutes ahead of us, also heading up the Alaskan Highway. Later that morning we came upon a motorcycle wreck in a down-hill curve, and in a "road in repair" section. It was our neighbors at the motel. Their bike had crashed, tearing the camper from the bike, and throwing both riders into the gravel. The wife was lying face down and was covered, with two black motorcycle jackets - we could see blood mixed with dust and gravel, where her head was covered.

Traffic was being routed around her body, and her husband was seated on a concrete barrier near her. We could tell that he was in shock, and wondered how long it would take to get a helicopter to such a remote location. There was no place for us to stop and park, tractor trailer drivers were helping with traffic, so we were forced to continue on. Riding a motorcycle on loose round gravel is similar to walking on marbles, very difficult and nearly impossible, especially when trying to slow down a 400 pound trailer pushing the rear of the bike. That was so tragic, but it served as a reminder to us, there was danger around every curve. We remained cautious when approaching loose gravel, for the remainder of our trip.



We continued riding the entire length of the Alaskan Highway as far North as Fairbanks. Once there, we spent about a week touring many interesting sights, including Denali National Park, where we saw our first grizzly bears. Denali has the largest concentration of grizzlies in the US. We even TENT CAMPED in the park, but were very careful to store and lock our food in "bear proof" lockers.

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Road Debris by "Rev. Willie" Nichols

Humans have a tendency to keep objects that they once needed or desired. After a period of several years, that object turns into "stuff" that collects into piles that overwhelm closets, shelves, and attics. Eventually, the human decides to discard the object, either as trash, contribution, or saleable resource. There was a significant collection of "stuff" in Pete and Sandy Osta's garage for the March club meeting/swap meet. Things ranged from electrical connectors and brake pedal extenders, to Aerostitch suits and K-12 bikes. Some of the big and little objects went to new owners, while the rest returned to their dark hiding places again with their old owners. Didn't see any swaps, but I did see some really good deals out there.

The turnout was pretty good for the meeting and lots of club business was worked on. One major topic concerned the institution of the electronic monthly newsletter. New newsletter editor, Jim Morrison, proposed that members who choose to receive their newsletters electronically would have a reduced membership fee due to the reduced cost of paper and mailing. He proposed making \$10 the yearly membership fee for members having the electronic newsletter, with \$20 per year for the folks who still wanted their newsletters printed and sent to them. After some questions about the constitutional requirements for the proposal and an amendment to give the electronic members the chance to donate the extra \$10 back to the club, the group voted for the proposal. The start of the new program is underway. There is an article on the details later in this newsletter.

There also was a discussion about the Halloween Campout and its continuation. Several folks spoke of returning to Asheboro, and a TT delegation will be going by Zooland (now Banjo Creek), and have some discussions with the management. Other folks spoke of a smaller, simpler campout similar to the No-Brainer campouts. We will need to make some sort of decision soon, so the April meeting in Fuquay-Varina could be very important and we need some input from the membership.

Secretary/Treasurer Philip brought the new directories to the meeting and they were distributed to the attendees. Those who were not there will be finding theirs in the mailbox soon. Another communication problem that we are having is outdated email addresses for the members. We have at least a dozen "bounce-backs" of club emails, which means some folks are just not getting the club emailings. Philip was cross-checking email addresses when he was distributing directories, but if you were not there: please contact Philip Myers at Secretary@tarheelbmw.org to confirm your email address.

Congratulations to BMW racing for a 6th and 7th finish in the Daytona 200 and several more victories in Speed Week's races. More congratulations to VP Jeff for being elected to the BMWRA Board of Directors. Even more congratulations to our membership that have volunteered to host a monthly meeting. New member, Mike Slocum, offered to host the May meeting in Greenville, NC, and the club will be meeting in Fuquay-Varina, Raleigh, Fayetteville, Boone, Holly Springs, and Linden during this year. Good way to make your BMW happy.

The days are getting longer and warmer, so it is time to get on that bike and ride!

From Your Editor

So I was at a recent TT meeting and Robin Gray said "Hey, would anyone like to be Editor?" I guess I picked the wrong time to scratch my head because, well, here I am....your new Editor. Just kidding of course. Since joining TT about a year ago, I have wanted to find ways to give back to the Club. In my short time with the TT'ers, I have made some great friends, found roads that I would not have otherwise, been on many superb rides and enjoyed lunches filled with camaraderie. Just exactly why I joined. Being Editor sounded like a good fit and a good way to contribute. So here I am.

I attended my first Coffee Stop this year and was very impressed. It is a great service that the members do and, to have done it since 1976, is just incredible. A tip of the Editor's hat to all that make it happen.

A big thanks to Gene Knight and to Ed and Elizabeth Jones for the contributions to this month's edition. Finding content each month is always a challenge and, thanks to their efforts, I have an easy first edition and we all get some great, enjoyable and thought provoking articles.

As you can see, I have made some format changes and hope everyone likes what they see. I have also tried to put the GPS coordinates on all addresses as a help to those with those fabulous devices. More on that in later columns. I have added a date to the classified ads that represents the date they will expire. After that date, the lister must re-up them with me so we are not running old ads.

As Willie mentioned in his column, we are also instituting the option of having your newsletter delivered electronically. There is an article explaining all the details on page 4.

And a special thanks to Robin Gray for her coaching me through the transition.

Jim Morrison

Notes from the Secretary/Treasurer

By Philip Myers

You should have received your new 2008 Membership Directory by now. If not, let me know. Please check your directory listing for accuracy. The information listed in this directory is that information you last submitted to the Secretary/Treasurer, usually in your initial membership application or updates during the renewal process. If this information is no longer accurate please let me know and I will put the corrected information in the database and in the next newsletter.

Also, if you would rather not have some (or all) of your information published in our directory, let me know and I will mark it as private and it will not be published in future directories. Please be aware that we do not share this directory with anyone that is not an active member of our club.

If you did not receive my recent email concerning the electronic version of the newsletter, it is because we do not have a valid email address in our database for you. If you wish to participate in our electronic newsletter program (and save yourself \$10/year on dues), let me know by emailing me as soon as possible.

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Alaska Trip (continued from page 1)

On this trip, we saw and got pictures of: black bears, grizzly bears, caribou, elk, moose, stone sheep, big horn sheep, rocky mountain goats, fox, humpback whales, orca (killer whales), and prong horn antelope, to name just some of them. After leaving Denali NP, we were able to get clear pictures of Mount McKinley, which is a rarity.

We rode the "inland passage" on a ferry, back down from Haines, Alaska to Bellingham, Washington - about 940 nautical miles, over a four night and three day period. All rooms were already reserved, so we set our tents up on the deck, and secured them with duct tape - the all-purpose utility tool. Beautiful scenery was around every bend in the road and/or bend in the river. Once back in the lower 48, we rode the scenic coastal highway down the coast of Washington, Oregon, and California, taking some great pictures and visiting the redwood forest. We rode highway 101 into San Francisco - across the Golden Gate Bridge, and stopped at the visitor's center. We again were lucky enough to get clear pictures of the bridge, and Alcatraz. Thank goodness the weather was clear. We headed East and across the middle of the country, hitting temps of up to 103 as we crossed Nevada. This was quite a shock, after waking to temps. in the low 40's, up North. Long underwear definitely was no longer needed! We had only a few minor bike problems. My red '95 K75, which was the oldest and smallest bike in our group, ran just great. I was so proud of her!

We camped about 50% of the time-taking advantage of some free camping in the Yukon, and in Anchorage at the Harley Davidson Dealership. We met interesting people from all walks of life. We met one young man at the H. D. dealership campground, riding a chain driven 600cc Suzuki, who was in the second year of an "around the world" trip. The most popular bikes seemed to be the BMW GS, and/or Suzuki V-Stroms. When it comes to bikes, smaller and lighter weight seems the way to go in Alaska. They are easier to hold up, and get up!!

There are still very limited "facilities" of any type, for many miles in Alaska. Knowing that there are more wolves and bears than people, for hundreds of miles around, certainly makes one grateful for the dependability of today's modern motorcycle. We were prayful that our cell phones would find a signal, if something did go wrong, but grateful we didn't have to find out. Special arrangements must be made to have cell phone service, while riding through Canada, which two in our group had done. Our entire trip took 29 days, and we rode more than 10,600 miles. Camping and sharing motel rooms held our cost to just over \$3,200 each. Gas and all meals are very expensive, once you leave the lower 48. Alaska is truly the "last frontier", and a destination I hope to revisit, before getting "too old". I hope anyone yearning to make this trip, gets to fulfill their dream, just as I did.

Gene Knight

Electronic Delivery of the Newsletter Now Available

At the club meeting on March 16, Jim Morrison, our new Newsletter Editor, proposed offering our members the option of receiving their newsletter electronically rather than printed and mailed. For those choosing the electronic delivery, the dues would be only \$10 per year rather than the \$20 per year for the printed version. The electronic newsletter saves the club money for printing and mailing and saves Jim the work of stamping and labeling them too. And saves some trees! The proposal passed the vote of the membership. Here is an explanation of the new option.

Each month, Jim will send an email to each member that has chosen the option to use electronic delivery containing a link to a PDF file of the newsletter to view/download it. Jim has put a sample of this newsletter on the site and it can be accessed at www.tarheelbmw.org/April.pdf to show you what you would get and how the process works.

The PDF file is not an attachment to the emails because it is large and may bother some email systems. The newsletter is in Adobe PDF format. If you do not have the latest Adobe Reader program, it is available, at no charge, by going to: <http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html>

For folks converting from paper delivery to electronic this year, we will extend their membership, adding one year for each year already paid. Those members choosing the electronic version will not get the printed/mailed version. Also passed at the meeting was the option to receive the electronic edition for the full \$20 membership fee for those that want to contribute a little extra to the club.

If you have any questions about the electronic delivery, please contact Jim via email at TTJim@jpmorrison.us or at 919-484-0818.

For those of you that would like to get the newsletter electronically, please contact Philip Myers at secretary@tarheelbmw.org or 919-387-0735. If Philip does not hear from you, you will continue to receive the printed edition just like before.

Tarheel Traveler Social Calendar

April 5 - 1st Saturday Ride, 10:00 a.m. Gassed up and ready to ride at 10:00 a.m. Capitol BMW, 5200 Atlantic Avenue, Raleigh, NC. (GPS N35 51.338 W78 35.916)

April 6 - TriadRiders 1st Sunday ride, 9:00 a.m. Gassed up and ready to ride at 9:00. Cheesecake by Alex, 315 South Elm Street, Greensboro, NC (GPS N36 04.195 W79 47.422)

April 9 - 2nd Wednesday Dinner, 7:00 p.m. Breadmens, 324 W Rosemary St, Chapel Hill, NC 919-967-7110 www.breadmens.com (GPS N35 54.75 W79 3.635)

April 13 - 2nd Sunday Ride, 10:00 a.m. Breakfast at 9:00 a.m., gassed up and ready to ride at 10:00 a.m. Hardees, 38 East Rd, Pittsboro, NC (GPS N35 43.212 W79 10.603)

April 17 - 3rd Thursday Dinner, 6:30 p.m. El Tucan, 250 S Bragg Blvd, Spring Lake, NC 910-495-1400 (GPS N35 09.812 W78 58.330)

April 20 - Monthly Meeting - 11:30 a.m. tire kicking, 1:00 p.m. meeting Larry & Gloria Boone, 4801 Abercroft Place, Fuquay Varina, NC 919-386-8077 (GPS N35 38.912 W78 46.594)

April 23 - 4th Wednesday Dinner, 7:00 p.m. Sweet Tomatoes, 2310 Walnut Street, Cary, NC 919-851-4333 www.souplantation.com (GPS N35 45.259 W78 44.489)

April 25 - 27 Blue Ridge Rendezvous in Maggie Valley, NC details at www.bmwspportouring.com

May 3 - 1st Saturday Ride, 10:00 a.m. – Gassed up and ready to ride at 10:00 a.m. Carolina BMW, 2649 Randleman Rd, Greensboro, NC (GPS N36 01.536 W79 48.144)

For additional event/rally dates be sure to check the TT website www.tarheelbmw.org

April 2008

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 1 st Saturday Ride - Capitol BMW
TriadRiders 6 1 st Sunday Ride Greensboro	7	8	9 Dinner - Breadmans, Chapel Hill	10	11	12
13 2 nd Sunday Ride - Hardees	14	15	16	17 Dinner - El Tucan, Spring Lake	18	19
20 TT Meeting - Larry & Gloria Boone	21	22	23 Dinner - Sweet Toma- toes, Cary	24	25 Blue Ridge Rendezvous - Maggie Valley	26 Blue Ridge Rendezvous - Maggie Valley
27 Blue Ridge Rendezvous - Maggie Valley	28	29	30			

The Meeting Place – April 20, 2008

Larry & Gloria Boone

4801 Abercroft Pl, Fuquay Varina, NC 27526

GPS N35 38.912 W78 46.594 Phone 919-386-8077

11:30 a.m. tire-kicking, 1 p.m. meeting, with lunch being served after the meeting



From the south:

Go north on US 401 (Main St) into Fuquay Varina to Sunset Lake Rd (Walgreen's on left and Bo Jangles on right). Turn left onto Sunset Lake Rd and go 3.8 miles to Brackenridge Lane (entrance to Crofts at Brackenridge S/D) on right. Go 0.5 mile on Brackenridge Lane and turn left onto Abercroft Place. The Boone homestead is 4801; top dead center in the cul-de-sac. Be careful as the driveway turns to gravel at the top of the rise.

From Raleigh and east:

Take US 401 South towards Fuquay Varina and turn right onto TenTen (1010) Rd. Go 0.6 mile and turn left onto Lake Wheeler Rd at traffic light. Go 1.1 miles and turn right onto Optimist Farm Rd

(sharp right, easy to miss). Continue 4.5 miles on Optimist Farm Rd until it intersects Sunset Lake Rd at Stop sign. Turn left onto Sunset Lake Rd and go 1.4 miles to Brackenridge Lane (entrance to Crofts at Brackenridge S/D) on the left. Go 0.5 mile on Brackenridge Lane and turn left onto Abercroft Place. The Boone homestead is 4801; top dead center in the cul-de-sac. Be careful as the driveway turns to gravel at the top of the rise.

From the west:

From US 64 and NC 55 intersection, travel 'south' 1.4 miles on NC 55 East and turn left onto NC 55 (E. Williams St) at the traffic light where NC 55 Bypass begins. Continue 0.8 mile to the next traffic signal and turn left onto Sunset Lake Rd. Go 4.3 miles (crossing Holly Springs Rd traffic light and going past the lake on right) to Brackenridge Lane (entrance to Crofts at Brackenridge S/D) on the left. Go 0.5 mile on Brackenridge Lane and turn left onto Abercroft Place. The Boone homestead is 4801; top dead center in the cul-de-sac. Be careful as the driveway turns to gravel at the top of the rise.

2008 Meeting Hosts

Jan: Al & Karol Jones	Jul: Gary & Tina Shimizu
Feb: Willie Nichols & Pam Haines	Aug: Boone Rally
Mar: Pete & Sandy Osta	Sept: Joel & Julie Harris
Apr: Larry & Gloria Boone	Oct: open
May: Mike Slocum	Nov: Bryan & Quinna Stempowski
Jun: Jim & Pat Morrison	Dec: Joe & Roberta Keithley

Join in the fun and host a meeting!

Thank you to all our volunteer hosts! We've still got **one** open month.

Perspectives

By Ed and Elizabeth Jones

Receipt of the Travelers survey caused me to reflect over the years this group has been in existence. Having been associated with the group for awhile, I have some insight as to what has worked in the past, and a few opinions as to what will work again.

First, the survey. The riders that want go on the rides, WILL! Don't worry about the rest. Ride with what you have, and enjoy the day! A small group will have more fun than a convoy a block long. Start rides from various locations to accommodate more riders, and then, "Carpe Diem!!"

The same usual handful will host meetings, and the same freeloaders will sail in, eat, and run. Eventually, the hosts will get tired of it and stop volunteering. Then we meet at restaurants. Then, someone will try again and we will start over. Here again, refer to observation #1. Enjoy what we have and who we have.

Coffee stop? Same thing.

The Halloween Crapout. It has become that, hasn't it? For the first several "campouts" it was just that, a club campout, and we had fun. We had our gathering around the campfire in the evenings, scorched the usual marshmallow, killed a few hot dogs, and had a real family time. Then somewhere, a RALLY was injected and the viper MONEY raised its fangs. We would invite the world and get rich!! So it was. The coffee condo was built, out riders came from miles around, we had field events and riders sped through the field. Complaints of loudness and profanity were aired, and items became stolen, something we never had to worry about in the 25 year history of this club. I wonder why the campground owners pressured us to leave.... Our last place was a true disaster from the driveway. It is in a cultural wasteland with no true riding roads until you get back to Asheboro. Speaking of such, I would wager if we wanted to hold a small, family oriented CAMPOUT back at Zooland, and each rider registered and obtained their own site, the owners may be more receptive to same. I would volunteer to go to the campground and discuss it with them. Perhaps an older couple such as Elizabeth and I would make for a more subdued impression. A rally is so much work that the fun part gets lost along the way. Sometimes, simpler is better. Also, dump the "Halloween Campout" bank account back into general funds. We are not a conglomerate with sub-holdings. Simplify accountability.

"Should the club hold events that may deplete club funds?" This has to be a trick question! No ink wasted on this one.

What does the club not do? I think the general thought that the club has is true to the original purpose of this

organization, to enjoy the riding, and sharing ideas with likeminded friends. THAT'S IT!!!! We have found it!!!!!! That's all we have to do. It really is that easy! Enjoy what we have and what we do, and don't worry about those who don't. We don't need a membership in the gazillions. If we have 50 riders who enjoy and participate. Why do we need 250 riders with 50 who participate? Money, you say. Yes, we would have more money. But, yes I know this will sound treasonous, but, do we need more money??? As long as we have enough for postage and a few T shirts, why do we need Megabucks? To attract the attention of the IRS? I don't think so.

Tech Days? Good idea. Some would come and learn, probably not a huge crowd. But again, refer to principle #1. Let those who want to come enjoy it and don't worry about the rest. We all have different interests in the mechanical field. It ranges from the, Take it to the dealer and tell them to, "Make it nice" and write a check, to those who tear it down to the frame and rebuild each part and end up with a new 30 year old machine. Find the ones who want it and go with what you've got!

Support Dealers??? By all means. Without dealers we have a huge gap in our safety net. I wouldn't give them funds, but if they need people to help with open house days and some grunt labor, we can afford that.

Group rides? No way for ME! I have ridden with groups of 20 or 400 and it is still one large cluster...situation. It is too demanding and potentially dangerous. That said, some folks love it. If enough riders want to go for a parade ride in Raleigh traffic, head 'em up and move 'em out. Personal preference. I won't lead them or follow them. What do I like? A small group of 2 or 3 others of similar riding style, heading for a destination known or unknown at the time, and all day to do it. Eat somewhere, and ride home, sometimes together, or go our separate ways.

I guess that about empties my brain. We are not as active in the club as we once were, but will still support our wayward child. It has always been a curious child, and now has grown into a wandering adult. We nursed it through the diaper years and kicked it through teenager status. But we wanted to broaden its' viewpoints, so put it out into foster hood. Some of the leaders brought great ideas into the mix, and some made me cringe, but I figured it would find the right path eventually.

Just remember who we are, a group of riders who like to ride and eat! That's it. That's all there is.....

Ed and Elizabeth Jones, #1 and #2, 1975 -- ??

Coffee Stop Kudos

By Liz and Ed Jones

We'd like to extend a hearty "thank you" to the following Tarheel Travelers who showed up and signed in at our recent 32nd Annual Coffee Stop. We served up about 700 cups of coffee, tea, and hot chocolate during the two days, and of course, lots of conversation. The weather was quite cooperative, a little breezy, but comfortable. We had no unusual circumstances to make for idle gossip, unless of course we count the New Yorkers version of "look who's come to dinner" (you had to be there...inside infuriating comedy).

Hopefully, we've missed no one in our list, but if I did, please know it was not intentional, and your help was appreciated! HATS OFF TO:

Belva and Steve Brunner (transporters & set-up extraordinaire)

James and Glenda Locklear

Ed and Liz Jones (sign putter-uppers)

Pat and George Fryer

Jimmy and Cherrie Hair

Emily Banks

Kevin Nipper

Terry and Ruby Caffery

Becky Gradus (Paul made a cameo appearance in working mode)

Sandy and Pete Osta

Larry Green (another sign putter-upper)

Jeff Brown

Willie Nichols

Ray Ussery

Philip Myers

Larry Boone

Frank Bartlett

Gene and Jody Keye

Jim Morrison



Coffee Stop 2008



Writer, Editor, and BMW Icon Robert J. Hellman Dead at 62

Writer and recognized BMW enthusiast Robert J. Hellman died on March 9 at his Chesapeake Bay home in Tracy's Landing, Maryland, of carcinoid-related heart disease. He was 62. Dr. Hellman obtained a Ph.D. in German intellectual history from Columbia University in 1972 before moving to Washington and working on Capitol Hill. During his graduate studies, Hellman was active in the affairs and publications of Columbia's International House, captivating many in the multicultural milieu with his guitar playing and eidetic command of obscure tunes and lyrics.

He grew up on Hellman Point Road in North Lake, Wisconsin, graduating from Marquette University in 1967, a member of Crown and Anchor Literary Society, and where he was greatly influenced by Jesuit Father Francis Paul Prucha, a leading native-American history authority. An early U.S. exchange student to East Germany who lived to view his own *Stasi* file after the secret police records were made available, Hellman lived at *Trotthaus* during the last years of the Cold War while he conducted research at Humboldt University for his book, *Berlin, The Red Room & White Beer: The "Free" Hegelian Radicals of the 1840's* (Three Continents Press, Washington D.C., 1990). There, he played on the East Berlin volleyball team. He witnessed the funeral of the alleged last Holy Roman Empress, and the collapse of the actual Berlin Wall.

A prolific writer and adroit editor, Hellman's contributions included a 1976 book produced under then House banking committee chair Henry Reuss, *On the Trail of the Ice Age*, which inspired the Ice Age Trail in Wisconsin. Hellman wrote for numerous periodicals including *Washington Dossier* under editor Craig Stoltz, among venues that extended from Daytona Bike Week coverage for *The Washington Times*, to *A History of the U.S. Army Engineer Topographic Laboratories from 1984-1988* (Fort Belvoir, VA, 1994). Recently, he was influential in shaping the biography by Stacy Cordery, *Alice: Alice Roosevelt Longworth, from Washington Princess to Washington Powerbroker* (Viking Press, New York, December 2007).

A tireless proponent who helped popularize the term "Boxer" for BMW's air-cooled motorcycles, Hellman's too-salient wit once got him banned from reviewing cars for the company's flagship magazine. Designated BMW "Freund der Marke" No. 001 in 1997 and given BMW of North America's first *BMW Icon* award a decade later, both created with him in mind, his name became synonymous with advocacy of the brand worldwide. Vice Chairman, Motorcycles, for the International Council of BMW Clubs until February 2007, Dr. Hellman was honored later that year for his over twenty years as editor of the BMW Riders Association magazine *On the Level*, with kudos from participants on the order of BMW

AG Motorcycle Designer David Robb in Munich and peripatetic investment guru Jim Rogers in Shanghai. Dr. Hellman belonged to the National Military Intelligence Association and the Association For Intelligence Officers. He was singled out by the late Secretary of Defense Casper Weinberger for predicting the fall of the Berlin Wall, among other achievements spanning the theatres of Granada to Bosnia, but was proudest of receiving a 1970 letter from Martin Heidegger troubling to point out two flaws in Hellman's interpretation of the philosopher's teachings.

Outlived by centenarian Jacques Barzun, who had served on Hellman's doctoral review board with Zbigniew Brzezinski and Fritz Stern, with Ph.D. Supervisor Leonard Krueger, Hellman was drawn to controversial viewpoints, frequently holding forth on a variety of subjects with correspondents as disparate as Gore Vidal and Norman Finkelstein. An avowed liberal who often saw past party lines, to the point where he once entertained writing speeches for a Republican governor, Hellman followed basketball with equal passion, cheering Dwayne Wade and decrying Duke, and attributing success in army Trivial Pursuit tournaments to the acumen that sports savvy added to a repertoire stretching well beyond an understanding of Friedrich Nietzsche. A tenured figure at *The Guards* in Georgetown and *Mangos by the Bay* in Maryland, Hellman's broad interests included crewing for Harry "Buddy" Melges, Jr. of America's Cup fame, iceboating, ice skating, windsurfing and scuba diving, a late-onset love of gardening, and an abiding appreciation of the turtles that reminded him of his lakeside childhood.



Dr. Hellman was preceded in death by his father, Dr. Hugo Hellman, Marquette University Dean-School of Speech from 1940-1969, and is survived by his mother Margaret Hellman, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; his daughter Alice Sturm and her mother, Joanna Sturm, of Washington, D.C.; his brother John Hellman, sister-in-law Odile Onimus Hellman, nephews Christophe, Thomas, and Michael Hellman, of Montreal, Canada, Etienne Hellman of Paris, France; his cousin Monte Hellman of Muenster, Texas; their collective and respective families; and his companion of nineteen years, Mary Lee Kingsley of Bethesda, Maryland.

The Market Place

Aerostich Roadcrafter two piece suit, grey and black. 44 Jacket & 42S pants. Should be good fit of 67-70 inches tall and about 180 lbs. Looks essentially new, \$350.00. Call Al in Fayetteville, 910-488-6526. (exp 6/08)

Coats 220 motorcycle tire changer: comes complete with extra rim protectors, tire balancer, weights, lube, etc. Price \$400.00. If interested call 336-679-8031, or Email cdanhoots@gmail.com for more details. Thanks, Dan Hoots (exp 6/08)

Deep case lids for BMW system cases. These were on my R1150RA. Excellent condition, \$60.00 for the pair. Call Al in Fayetteville, 910-488-6526. (exp 6/08)

Anderson Powerpole connectors for DC power interconnection/distribution for your motorcycles. Several members are already using these rugged connectors with great success. See Brian Young's website at www.alt-moto.com for more information. You can also call Brian at 919-954-2178 or email him at brianyoung@alt-moto.com. (exp 6/08)

Forum Chatter - what's interesting from our Yahoo Groups Forum

Question: Where can I find a packing list for an extended weekend camping trip?

Answer 1: There is a Pack List tab at <http://www.sherpamayberry.com/>

Answer 2: <http://users.net1plus.com/holbrook/camping.htm>

Also contributed by Gary Shimizu via email:

Packing Checklists: <http://micapeak.com/checklists/>

Trip Planning: <http://www.bmwmoa.org/camping/packing.htm> and http://www.amadirectlink.com/roadride/riderresc/trip_planner.asp

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