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## -- IFMR-NA President's Newsletter --

### \*\*\* COMING EVENTS \*\*\*

➤ September 11-13, "ROTABIKE 2015 @ EXPO MILANO 2015," Lake Orta-Piedmont, Italy. This is a unique opportunity to meet and get acquainted with IFMR members from all over Europe in a beautiful setting. the third International Meeting of Motorcycling Rotarians to be held in Italy is the opportunity to spend a weekend in the spirit of Rotarian fellowship at an international level. For more information contact [davide.gallaso@gallaso.it](mailto:davide.gallaso@gallaso.it)

For info on domestic and international IFMR rides, also check [www.ifmr-na.org](http://www.ifmr-na.org) and [www.ifmr.org](http://www.ifmr.org). If you plan an IFMR event in your area, send information about it to newsletter editor [bob@shriner.com](mailto:bob@shriner.com) and to webmaster Chris Jones at [webmaster@ifmr-na.org](mailto:webmaster@ifmr-na.org)

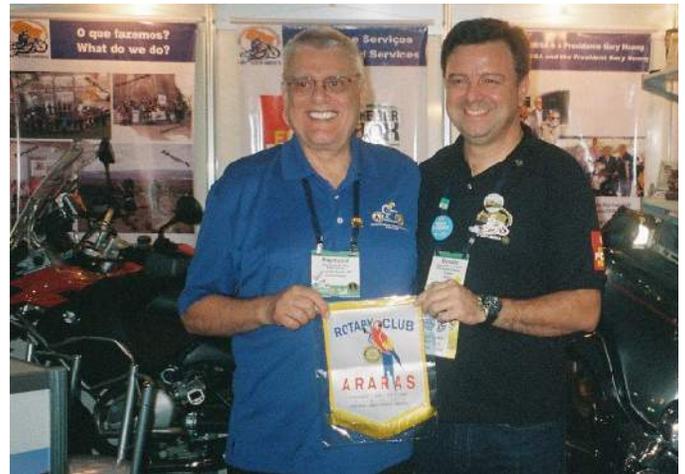
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Start planning your IFMR rides for 2015 now. Pick the date and location, then let us know and we'll help you get the word out to other IFMR members in your area. Also, let your DG, ADG, and district bulletin editor know; and ask them to help you spread the word among Rotarians who may not have heard of IFMR yet.

**IFMR . . . Join, Ride, Share, Enjoy!!!**

### New and Old IFMR World Presidents 'Pass the Baton' at RI Convention in Brazil

At the recent RI convention in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, PDG Adilson Bonatto of Brazil, who has served as IFMR World President 2012-2015, passed the leadership and responsibilities of office to PDG Raymond Plue of the United States, who will serve as IFMR World President 2015-2018.



PDG Plue is a veterinarian and a long time member of Rotary and IFMR. He served as President of the North American chapter of IFMR 2007-2010 and as chairman of the chapter's Council of Governors 2012-2015. He served as Governor of Rotary District 6080 in the state of Missouri 2010-2011. This was the 15<sup>th</sup> RI convention he has attended since 1996.

# Notes . . . from the Top

by IFMR-NA President Tim Cudd

As I write this article I look outside and see yet another rain storm passing through my area around St. Louis Missouri USA. The forecast is calling for another 6 to 7 days of scattered rain and thunderstorms as well. This past weekend was the 7<sup>th</sup> weekend in a row that it has rained all or part of both Saturday and Sunday. I keep thinking the rain will stop and then we can all complain about how hot and dry it is. I'm pretty sure a nice long road trip on the motorcycle would help.



Hopefully you are able to get out and ride and enjoy the adventure. I know that some of our members in California just had a successful ride to raise money for the fight against Polio and they are planning other rides are planned for this summer as well. There are other

rides scheduled which are listed on our website. I am excited to let you know that I have talked to incoming World President Raymond Plue and we are working on a ride in the Midwestern part of the United States to celebrate and kick off his tenure as the new World President. Look for more information on that ride to take place in September or early October.

For those that may not have heard, I recently received the sad news of the passing of IFMR France Chapter President Francois Maurisseau from injuries suffered in a motorcycle accident this past Saturday. Our prayers and condolences go out to his family and friends. While I do not have the details of how the accident occurred, his passing is a reminder for all of us to always be mindful of our surroundings when riding and keep an eye out for the other person.

I hope you are having a great year so far and are able to get out and ride. As always, if the chapter can assist you please do not hesitate to call. Our job is to assist our members in any way that we can. May you have nothing but blue skies and green lights as you ride safe and have fun!

– Tim Cudd

## \*\*\*\*\* IFMR PEOPLE NEWS \*\*\*\*\*

It's official! As of July 1, 2015, long-time IFMR-NA Membership Director **Jean Dores** is stepping down and passing the job to another long-time IFMR member, **Larie Trippett**. Jean has served as Membership Director for well over five years and devoted much of that time to correcting and consolidating the three separate membership rosters she inherited, then helping develop the on-line membership application and renewal process with on-line dues payment by credit card that IFMR-NA now enjoys. **THANKS, and WELL DONE, Jean!!!**

In mid-June we received sad news from Europe that **François Maurisseau**, president of IFMR chapter France, had a motorcycle accident on his way home from an IFMR-AGS tour in Switzerland. He was accompanied by **Daniel Lemaire**, his old friend and past president of IFMR Chapter France, who was riding before him. François fell off the bike about 20 meters before a roundabout and dashed his head against a lamp post. His helmet was found some meters away. Daniel could not help in any way. François died instantly. Condolences to his family and friends have poured in from IFMR chapters all around the world.

IFMR-NA Merchandise Director **Ken Brandt** had to miss the IFMR Spring Ride at Dubois, PA, in May, which he had spent months planning, because of a serious but unexpected health problem. He was surprised with a phone call from the entire group during the Saturday evening fellowship. He later sent the following note: “Jean and I want to express our “thanks” especially to you and all Rotacyclists who joined up for the Dubois Pa. Trip. We were excited about this ride from the time we did the planning and the pre-ride. However between the planning stage and the actual ride I had to take care of a medical situation and we could not be there for the trip. What we especially enjoyed and appreciated were the FaceBook photos during the ride; and the phone call on Saturday nite was real special to us. Thanks again and we're looking forward to being with Rotacyclists in the future!

– Ken & Jean Brandt

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## SE Region Report

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**SE Region "Waterfalls" Ride, June 14-16:** Eighteen IFMR riders and guests converged on Cashiers, NC, in the heart of the Great Smoky Mountains for two days of great weather, great riding, and fellowship in mid-June. Riders came from NC, SC, TN, VA, MI, and Ontario, Canada.



Group photo at "Dry Falls" (it's not so dry)

On Monday and Tuesday the group rode some of the twistiest mountain roads in the eastern US, stopping to visit some of the numerous waterfalls in the area. At times, getting up close and personal with the waterfalls involved as much hiking as it did riding; but a great time was had by all. Photos from the event have been posted on the IFMR-NA.org website.

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## NE Region Report

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**NE Region Spring Ride, May 8-10:** IFMR Merchandise Director Ken Brandt and his wife Jean planned another great spring weekend ride based in Dubois, PA. The group rode thru beautiful mountainous northwest PA, including Allegheny National Forest (famous for its elk herds and twisty mountain roads) and a visit to the Elk Country Visitors Center at Benezette and the spectacular Kinzua Bridge and gorge overlook. Here's a photo of the group at the overlook.



Ken also arranged a joint lunch meeting on Saturday with the Rotary Club of Emporium, which was on the route. Unfortunately, after making all the arrangements for the ride, Ken and Jean were unable to attend because of an unexpected health problem, but recruited Bob Shriner to lead the ride instead.

**A Canadian Perspective on IFMR Rides,** by Jack West, Stratford, ON: We have enjoyed two IFMR rides this year. The first ride at Dubois, Pennsylvania in early May was a wonderful ride with a large contingent from the Province of Ontario in Canada. The weather was outstanding. The Allegheny Mountains were breathtaking. We had a great lunch with Rotarians from Emporium Pennsylvania. Ken Brandt did an excellent job organizing the hotel and route. Dubois was great for Donna and I. Since it is around 300 miles away from our home in Stratford, Ontario, we can cover that distance in a day. While in the area we took a day to visit with our daughter-in-law and her mother in nearby State College before trekking home.

The second ride was organized by Carlton Pernel in North Carolina with a June 14 arrival date. When I

left Stratford it was 51 degrees and when I arrived in North Carolina it was 92. I met up with Gerry Jackson for lunch in Findley, Ohio, then we rendezvoused with Rory and Judy Windrim in Richmond, Kentucky, where we bunked out for the night. The next morning two Goldwings with Michigan tags and one Harley Davidson with an Ontario plate headed south of the Ohio River and onward to North Carolina. We climbed up the Tail of the Dragon almost to the Tennessee/North Carolina Border but had to backtrack due to a crash ahead of us. We diverted around and rode the Cherohala Skyway, finally meeting up with our fellow Rotarians in Cashiers. Our tour covered some majestic waterfalls and beautiful countryside.

Wonderful fellowship and motorcycling through the Appalachians makes for a very memorable trip. Bob Shriner and I rode north together up to Pikeville Kentucky on our way home where he went Northeast and I continued north. He told me, I was going to get wet and he was right. I found my rain gear too hot to wear so I just took the warm rain and let it soak in. I managed to find every road closure, detour and traffic jam that the State of Ohio had to offer but finally crossed the border from Detroit to Windsor around midnight. I was home by 3:00 am. The Canadian Border Officer thought it was a bit strange that I had purchased 2 gallons of 20W50 Amsoil Synthetic. but its half the price I usually pay in the Great White North. Thanks for the tip Rory. I don't think the Border Officer wanted to inspect me too badly as I had run into Mayfly season, and the bike and I were covered in them. I was home by 3:00 am covering 838 miles or so.

These IFMR rides are wonderful challenging adventures. They are in essence a Rotary Exchange of people not only for motorcycling but for Rotary too. a big part of these journeys are meeting Rotarians and learning about different areas of the continent. What is life like? What is your Rotary Club doing? Donna and I look forward to these wonderful adventures and have fond memories of our previous IFMR trips.

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## **NC Region Report**

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**NORTH CENTRAL UPDATE:** We're still trying to recruit someone to serve as Associate Editor for the NC region, to help spread the word about IFMR activities in the NC region and contribute news, photos, and other information to the IFMR-NA newsletter and website. If you would be interested in helping with this effort, please contact me at the email address above.

Debbie and I enjoyed attending both the NE Spring Ride in Dubois, PA, in early May and the SE "Waterfalls" Ride in Cashiers, NC, in mid-June. It was great to see many old friends from other parts of the US and Canada who attended those events. It was also great to see such a large turn-out of Canadian IFMR riders at Dubois; and later Jack West from Stratford, ON, joined us for part of the ride down to NC. What great fellowship! And great riding at both events!

There's also news from Manitoba about a ride held there, which follows.

### **Portage Rotary Peace Ride 2015**

by Guy Moffatt  
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The second annual Rotary Peace Ride departed Enns Brothers in Portage La Prairie, Manitoba, right around 10am, Saturday June 21<sup>st</sup>. The weather was a little on the cool side starting out in the morning, but the anticipation of a great day kept spirits high, and the coffee supplied by ride sponsor, Enns Brothers, took the chill off the morning.

After a thank you to the sponsors of the ride, and a review of group riding safety, the group of 20+ bikes were taken on a tour down the main thoroughfare in



**Coming Through Town**

the City of Portage La Prairie, complete with an escort from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police with lights and sirens blaring. Once on the Trans-Canada highway the first leg of the journey was 168 KM to Minnedosa, Manitoba, where the group was greeted by the Minnedosa Rotary Club with sandwiches in hand. The hour lunch break gave ample time for fellowship and nourishment, many of the ride participants took the opportunity to check out each other's machines, and they were joined by others that gathered to see the commotion in this small town of 2500 people.

The sun started to poke through the scattered cloud as the group filled their tanks for the next leg of the journey north on highway 10 to the picturesque Mountain Road, otherwise known as highway 357. The scenery was breathtaking on this 89 KM loop back south to the town of Neepawa on highway 16 for the next checkpoint, where everyone took the opportunity to stretch their legs and rehydrate.

The ride then followed highway 5 south to highway 351, which was once the Trans-Canada Highway. Rolling hills and subtle curves in the road made for an engaging piece of road nestled in amongst long tracks of trees and farm land, eventually taking the riders back to the number 1 highway with a short distance to go till the next checkpoint at the COOP gas bar in Austin, for a total of 84KM.

A shorter checkpoint than the rest, but enough time for everyone to pull their poker derby card number, and share in a container of jujubes that were offered up by one of the participants, Andy.

The last leg of the Peace Ride was only 48KM back to the Canadian Tire store in Portage La Prairie, where the Rotary Club hosted the end of the ride BBQ, complete with farmer sausage, perogies and cabbage rolls.

Prizes were handed out for the winner of the 50/50 Poker Derby, and for the many door prizes that were donated to the ride. Custom made lawn chairs along with a motorcycle jack were auctioned off to raise a few more funds for the Rotary Peace Ride. The feedback from the ride was again outstanding with everyone looking forward to the ride next year which might include zip lining at a checkpoint. The funds raised this year exceeded our first ride, and we look forward to growing this event, and being able to provide a safe and enjoyable ride for everyone.

## SW Region Report

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Various plans for IFMR rides in the SW region are under continuing discussion; but a successful Rotary club ride attended by several IFMR members was held recently in Vacaville, CA, and is reported below. And then there's the raffle for a new Harley. Take a look.

### Vacaville Rotary Ride for Polio

by Brian Gray  
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A beautiful Saturday morning at the Donut Queen in Vacaville CA (located just West of Sacramento about 30 miles towards San Francisco.). Bikes are arriving for our 10 AM departure. Many arriving with a passenger on the back!

All total, 35 Motorcycles! Plus some Rotarians in their 4 wheel vehicles to help and assist. A nice group of people.

After some fat free, gluten free, sugar free, guilt free (what doughnuts are known for, right?) and very tasty snacks, we depart. Going up several 2 lane roads, some twists, some turns. A stop for a drink 45 minutes later and a porta potty (the indoor toilets were not working, naturally). Another stop at the Dam on Lake Berryessa, water level is very, very low. Then a stop for a beverage, some people were hungry.



Arriving at our last stop in Woodland, CA about 2 PM where we had a private picnic area, some POLIO displays, ROTARY signs, and a DJ with traveling microphone, a good time was had by all. There was a talk by a Polio Survivor. A raffle with 12 items to raise money. Lots of prizes for the riders .... "Bike Most Likely To Be Ridden By Peter Fonda" "Bike your Grandmother would approve of" and the oldest rider (86 Years young!) – plus others were awarded for our

amusement. IFMR members from Southern California, RENO, San Leandro, and BURNEY attended, as well as many locals from District 5160.

We had a great day of riding and fellowship. The stops were as much fun as the ride! Plus we raised \$1279.04 for Polio too! (We had a "spare change bucket for Polio", thus the \$.04)



This group "Rotarians at Recess" is talking of more rides this calendar year. And a lot of interest in doing this event next year, to make it bigger and better! Contact me at the email address above for more information.

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## SC Region & Mexico Report

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### RIDING IN MEXICO: Pachuca a/to Sierra Verde (in Spanish & English)

Una de las ventajas de vivir en Pachuca, es la cercanía a excelentes (si bien un poco cortas) rutas de montaña.

No es difícil encontrar bikers locales y visitantes durante los fines de semana. Y es que Pachuca se encuentra a 80 kms al norte de la Ciudad de México,

gozamos de un clima templado la mayor parte del año, y en general poca lluvia. Todo contribuye a hacer de nuestra ciudad un excelente destino para almorzar y estar de regreso en casa relativamente temprano.

Ahora que, para los que vivimos aquí, nuestros caminos de montaña los tenemos a unos cuantos minutos.

La ruta que muestra el video adjunto la hice hace un par de semanas, y es una de las rutas populares en fin de semana de muchos bikers de locales y visitantes: Salir de Pachuca, subir a a Real del Monte, y después bajar a Huasca. En este caso paramos un par de kilómetros antes de Huasca, en el Hotel Sierra Verde.

Con todo y desayuno tardamos dos horas en regresar.

**Link to video:** <http://tinyurl.com/pxd4lp6>

Living in Pachuca has certain advantages, one of them being real close to some great (although a bit short) mountain routes.

Encounters with local and visiting bikers is quite a usual thing during weekends. That is because Pachuca is just 50 miles north of Mexico City, our weather is quite mild most of the year and, generally speaking, we have very little rain. All of these makes of our city a great ride and lunch destiny, you can even be back in Mexico City rather early!

Now, for those of us who live here, these great mountain roads are just minutes away.

The video shows one of the most popular routes, which we rode couple of weeks ago. It starts right in Pachuca, goes uphill to Real del Monte, and then all the way down to Huasca. On this particular weekend we stopped at Sierra Verde.

Round trip from Pachuca was two hours, breakfast included.

## NW Region Report

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Greetings. I'm in Hawaii on Maui and have just ridden in my 50th State on a Harley!

Yesterday at the "Blow Hole" on the North East Coast of Maui, today "Road to Hana" and Tomorrow the "Haleakala Crater". I now have nine of the twelve Canadian provinces and hope to do New Foundland soon. *It's a tough job, but somebody's gotta do it.*

Here are some photos I took along the way that you and other IFMR members might enjoy.



**Maui Waterfall**



**Key West**



**Utah**



**End of the Road - Homer, Alaska**