



International Fellowship of Motorcycling Rotarians

North American Chapter (IFMR-NA)

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-- IFMR-NA President's Newsletter --

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*** COMING EVENTS ***

- **Monthly rides: SE TN, NW GA. 'Black Sheep of Rotary'**. For more details contact Tom Kale, tskale@epbfi.com
- **July 20-22: Ozarks Adventure Ride**, Eureka Springs, AR. Contact Raymond Plue, plue-r@socket.net, for details.
- **Saturday, September 7-8: No Polio! Rally**, Sacramento/Folsom/Roseville, CA. Contact Bob Mutchler, Rpmutchler@aol.com for more details, or go to www.bestbits.org/nopolio/
- **Sept 13-16: Outer Banks Ride**, Manteo, NC. Contact Carlton Pernell, carltonpernell@aol.com for details.
- **October 12-14: IFMR Fall Get-Together**, Townsend, TN, Smoky Mtn area and 'The Dragon' (Rt 129). For more details contact Tom Kale, tskale@epbfi.com

For info on other domestic and international IFMR rides, check www.ifmr-na.org and www.ifmr.org

It's time to pay your 2012-13 dues. It's easy! Just go on-line to www.ifmr-na.org, then select **Pay/Renew Dues via Credit Card**, and click on the **BUY NOW** button at the bottom of that page.

Ken Brandt Named IFMR-NA Merchandise Director

We continue to get queries from members seeking caps, banners, and other IFMR-branded merchandise. After months of looking for an IFMR member willing and able to take on the job of Merchandise Director, we've finally found a long-time fellowship member who has agreed to coordinate the purchase and resale of all types of IFMR-branded merchandise sought by our members. Ken Brandt, who has served for many years as IFMR-NA Secretary and Bulletin Editor, has agreed to take on this new assignment beginning in July 2012.

The assignment is more challenging than it may appear at first. While we already have IFMR decals, patches, and pins which we give free to every new IFMR member, as well as sell to existing fellowship members who want additional copies for themselves or as gifts, expanding and managing the number of items that are available and implementing an on-line catalog, inventory, and payment system will require significant time and effort on the part of the merchandise director, the treasurer, and the webmaster, as well as some potentially significant expense.

One of the first tasks will be to determine what merchandise has been designed and acquired previously by IFMR or individual members, including information about the vendors who provided each item. If you know about IFMR-branded merchandise

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acquired in the past, please pass that information along to Ken at keystnken@aol.com. That will help a great deal.

Initially, while the details of on-line purchasing are being hammered out, we may be able to arrange some group purchases if we can identify items for which there is sufficient interest if members are willing to place firm orders. Later perhaps we can make arrangements with a few vendors willing to accept orders from members via the IFMR-NA website, which minimizes the inventory, time, and expense that the fellowship needs to fill on-line orders promptly.

More IFMR 'Ride Guides' Appointed

After asking for more volunteers willing to serve as IFMR "Ride Guides" in their areas, I have contacted and recruited several more to serve. They will play a key role in building awareness and promoting IFMR membership by helping organize rides, speaking to local Rotary clubs and district events, providing local info to IFMR riders visiting their area, and working with the IFMR-NA Executive Council on continued development of the Fellowship.

Here are the newest "Ride Guides" who have agreed to serve and been appointed thus far:

Rory Windrim, Michigan;
Raymond Plue, Missouri;
Charlie Foote, eastern New York;
Myron Fox, western New York;
Steve Strickland, western Virginia;
Dewey Rotruck, West Virginia;

Contact the ones in your area and get acquainted.

You, too, can become an IFMR 'ride guide'. Play a key role in growing IFMR membership in your area and invite others to join you for a ride. You can also help spread the word by hosting an IFMR exhibit at your District Conference and other Rotary events, or by speaking at clubs in your area.

Just let me know what you'd like to do and I'll help you with details.



Mid-Ohio Get-Together Draws New & Old Members

Some twenty IFMR riders and passengers from the eastern US shared a great weekend of riding and fellowship at Walnut Creek, OH, the first weekend in May. Located in picturesque Holmes County, home to the greatest concentration of Amish and Mennonite farms in the U.S., the area has some of the best riding available anywhere, as well as some of the best food. Riders, new and old, came from as far afield as North Carolina, Michigan, New York, and Ontario, as well as nearby Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Virginia. The event and Saturday ride were planned by Michigan riders Rory Windrim and Gerry Jackson.



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