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-- IFMR-NA President's Newsletter --

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*** COMING EVENTS ***

- **September 6, IFMR PolioPlus Ride To Eat, Roseville, CA.** Contact Bob Mutchler (Rpmutchler@aol.com) for details
- **September 12-16, IFMR Saguenay Fjord Ride, Halifax, NS.** Contact Clarke Paynter (clarke.paynter@ns.sympatico.ca) for more info
- **September 28, IFMR 'Stop Hunger Now' Poker Run, Rotary Club of Strasburg, VA.** For more information call 540-465-9242
- **September 28, IFMR Poker Run for Fort Dobbs, Rotary Club of Statesville, NC.** Contact carldumford@att.net or rrmckinney@gmail.com for more info.
- **October 3-6, IFMR 2013 Fall Get-Together, Lakeview Golf Resort and Spa, Morgantown, WV.** For more details contact Dewey Rotruck (deweyrotruck@gmail.com)
- **October 10-13, IFMR Scenic Ride in the western NC mountains.** Contact Carlton Pernell (carltonpernell@aol.com) for more information.
- **November 16-27, IFMR Argentina & Chile Atacama Desert Tour, Salta, Argentina.** For more details contact IFMR-AGS president Konstantin Blome, (praesident@ifmr-ags.org)
- **April 27, 2014, District 7750 Friendship Ride to End Polio, Dillard, GA.** Contact Jim Dodmead (jim@dodmead.net) for more details.

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

IFMR-NA 'Changing of the Guard'

Outgoing IFMR-NA president Bob Shriner and incoming president Tim Cudd had originally planned to have a 'changing of the guard' ceremony in Colorado during the Rocky Mountain High Ride in late July.

A few days before the Colorado ride, Tim had to cancel his trip due to an unexpected medical problem with his elderly parents, so the ceremony was shifted on short notice to Columbia, MO, where the two met with past president Raymond Plue and treasurer Hal James while Bob was enroute to the Colorado ride.



L-R: Hal James, Raymond Plue, Tim Cudd, and Bob Shriner

Bob turned over official IFMR-NA files and the IFMR-NA check book to Tim. Hal James briefed Tim on the organization's finances and the procedures used to track and control expenses, then pronounced him the new "King" of IFMR-NA. If you'd like to contact Tim with ideas, complaints, or other information, you can do so at tim.cudd@ifmr-na.org. *Long live the King!*

Notes . . . from the Top

by *IFMR-NA President Tim Cudd*



Greetings from sunny St. Louis, Missouri, USA.

I hope everyone has been able to get out and ride this summer and is having a great time. While I wasn't able to attend the Colorado Ride, I just got back from a bike trip to Tampa Florida to see my daughter and grandkids. I'm pretty sure I picked the rainiest part of the country to ride through both to and from but had a great visit.

As the new President of IFMR-NA I want to take this opportunity to introduce myself and talk about a couple of exciting changes that are in place and a little about where we are headed. I have had the opportunity to meet with or talk to several of you in the past couple of months and look forward to meeting others as we go forward. What an exciting opportunity and huge responsibility it is to take on this new role. I can't say thank you enough to Immediate Past President Bob Shriner for his help, wisdom, and guidance over the past few months as we have worked toward this transition.

Just as a little background on myself, I have been chasing the bad guy for about 36 years in some capacity either in law enforcement, security, loss prevention, or private investigations specializing in white collar or insurance fraud cases. It keeps me busy and as you can imagine is always a challenge. I just finished my year as District Governor for D6060 and had a great year. As I think many of you that are PDG's would agree, the best part of that job is meeting the folks around your district and getting to know everyone. I can imagine that this position will be the same. In addition to Rotary I currently serve as President of Missouri Chapter International Association of Arson Investigators, Squadron Commander of the Sons of the American Legion Post 312 in St. Charles MO, Historian of the Sons of the American Legion Missouri Detachment, and Director of the Harley Owners Group Chapter in St. Charles MO. I also serve on the Missouri State Board of Private Investigator/Private Fire Investigator Licensing.

Someone asked me the other day about a rumor so let me address it here. Yes it's true, Elvis is really dead. On August 16, 1977 while working as an EMT I was one of

the 4-5 people that unloaded Elvis out of the ambulance at Baptist Hospital in Memphis the day he died. Elvis is dead, deal with it. I know it's true. I was there.

Let me give you an update on a couple of exciting new changes at IFMR-NA.

One of the things that had been looked at in the past was the development of an organization structure plan for the IFMR-NA that includes who does what, when, and why so that the members know who to go to with questions or concerns. I am pleased to announce that with a lot of hard work from Bob Shriner and with the unanimous approval of the Executive Council we now have a "Leadership Plan". This is a simple two page document that provides a structure and information that was long overdue and should be a resource guide to our members going forward. We are in the process of getting that document out to everyone so look for it on our website and by email. A copy is also attached to this newsletter. Take a look.

The second item that I am pleased to announce is a change in the way we order and handle merchandise sales. One of the things I noticed when I was looking at ordering merchandise was a system that required me to place the order by email, mail my check to pay for it, once that check was received then the order was made with our vendor and the order was shipped. I also know that we renew our dues by credit card so we started looking at being able to order merchandise and pay online. After a lot of research by our treasurer Hal James, website administrator Chris Jones, and merchandise director Ken Brandt we will soon have everything set up to be able to order and pay online through a PayPal commercial account. Hopefully, by streamlining this process out a little, we will be able to increase sales of IFMR-NA merchandise as well as expand the items we offer for sale. We'll have more information coming out on that as well.

Thank you to everyone for putting together rides in your areas and providing the information for us to pass along. We are still looking for Ride Guides for several areas so if you are interested let us know. Meanwhile, I encourage and invite you to contact me with your questions, comments, or concerns. We all belong to this organization because of our love of riding. I encourage you to get out and enjoy the ride and share our organization with your friends and colleagues from Rotary. Be safe and I look forward to seeing you on the road.

– *Tim Cudd*

Ride Guide Reports

from around IFMR North America

Colorado, Tom Dines

Ride Report: IFMR 'Rocky Mountain High' Ride, July 19-23 IFMR riders, including past president Bob Shriner and sister Bev Shriner, from Virginia and Oklahoma, respectively; Bob and Bev Johnson, Florida; Don Theile, California; Bill Johnson, Indiana; and Tom Dines and his guest Dennis Hoglin, from Colorado, met for dinner Friday night at the Colorado Springs Margarita restaurant, site of the charity dinner for the Black Forest Fire. All enjoyed a fine dinner on the outdoor deck with a view of Rocky Mountain Front Range.

Early the next morning, about 6:30 AM, the IFMR riders gathered with about 300 members and friends of the Pikes Peak Harley Owners' Group for the 14th annual "High Altitude" ride. Our IFMR group joined with a small HOG flight and set off in chilly 42 degree sunshine to ride over five Colorado Mountain passes over 10,000 feet in altitude.

1. Victor pass---10, 201 feet,
2. Hoosier pass---11,542 feet,
3. Loveland pass---11,990 feet,
4. Fremont pass---11,318 feet,
5. Independence pass to famous Aspen, Colorado --- 12,095 feet.



L-R: Bill Johnson, Bob & Bev Shriner, Bev & Bob Johnson, Dennis Hoglin, and Tom Dines

Not included as a pass but interesting was the spectacular Eisenhower tunnel we passed through, which is the longest mountain tunnel and the highest point on the U.S. Interstate system at 11,158 feet.

Saturday evening, July 20th, was spent in historic Glenwood Springs, Colorado, where the IFMR group

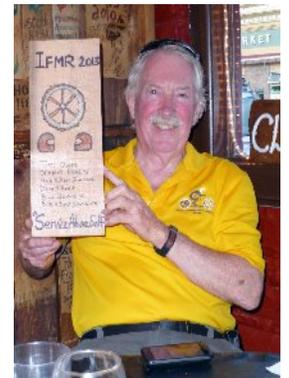
enjoyed a great meal together at a local restaurant near the hot springs for which the city is named.

The following morning, Sunday, found us on the road to the Grand Mesa in western Colorado, this time without our 300 new HOG friends. Grand Mesa is the world's highest and longest mesa. The highest point on **Grand Mesa pass is 10,840 feet**, our sixth pass over 10,000 feet on the trip. The group stopped briefly for this photo at Ward Lake on Grand Mesa.



After leaving Grand Mesa, ride leader Tom Dines led the riders to one of many highlights on the trip, the Drost's Chocolates Shop at nearby Eckert, Colorado, for homemade ice cream and chocolate. In addition to the "goodies" there were nearly 50 antique restored NCR cash registers, collected and on display by the shop's owners!

From Eckert the group moved back into the mountains and concluded the day in Ouray, often called the Little Switzerland of America because of the high mountains that surround it. Dinner that evening was at the renowned Outlaw Tavern restaurant where the group created a hand-made IFMR shingle to be hung in permanent display over the bar. In the photo at right Bob Shriner proudly displays the newly-created IFMR shingle just prior to giving it to the tavern owner to add to his collection over the bar.



On Monday the group rode on the famous (not to mention twisty and spectacular) Million Dollar highway over **Red Mountain pass (11,018 feet)** to the old mining town of Silverton, Colorado, the turnaround

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Colorado, Tom Dines (Continued from page 3)

point for the Durango/Silverton narrow gauge railroad. Don Theile found the best meal and atmosphere in Silverton at the Handlebar Mustache grill and bar, where he was soon joined by the rest of the group.

Leaving Silverton after lunch for Durango, the final stop on the trip, took the motorcyclists over **Molas pass at 10,910 feet** and over **Coal Bank pass at 10,640 feet**. Superb Scenery everywhere!!! Upon arrival in Durango, drinks and dinner were consumed along with storytelling and merriment at the historic Strater Hotel and its renowned Diamond 'Lil saloon, where the group witnessed a gripping mock 'shoot out' between a couple of lady bandits and the frontier sheriff who had been tracking them down. Fortunately no actors were injured in the making of this scene



L-R: Dennis Hoglin, Bill Johnson, Don Theile, Tom Dines, Bev Johnson, Bev & Bob Shriners, Bob Johnson

Tues morning, July 23rd, found riders heading for home. Don Theile headed west back to California. The others headed east, bagging one more high pass, **Wolf Creek pass (10,857 feet)**, which was the subject of C.W. McCall's greatest album trucking song "Wolf Creek Pass". That gave east-bound riders a total of ten passes over 10,000 feet in just four days. And west-bound Don Theile had bagged his tenth by a quick 'detour' to the top of Pikes Peak on the first day.

Several IFMR riders had been scared off the ride because of worries about highly-publicized forest fires in the Colorado mountains. But the group saw no signs of fire or smoke during their four day jaunt. It proved to be a great IFMR ride with much enjoyment and fellowship along the way.

Ontario, Canada, Blair Campbell

Ride Report: IFMR Great "North-South" Grand Tour & Get-Together, July 5-7

On Friday, July 5th approximately 20 IFMR riders met at the Knights Inn in Orillia, Ontario to get acquainted and prepare for a great ride through some



of Southern Ontario's most scenic country in the infamous Canadian Shield. Riders from throughout the US and Canada, from as far afield as Michigan and Virginia, rode through rain and fog to get to Orillia, where they finally gathered to benefit from Rotary fellowship and a love of riding.

Saturday turned out to be a glorious day. Warm, sunny and clear. From Orillia the group headed north through the Muskoka Lakes territory, through the small towns of Gravenhurst, up and over to Rosseau and down around lakes Rosseau and Joseph to Bracebridge where we lunched.



IFMR Biker Babes (L-R): Judy Windrim, Donna West, Jean Brandt, and Rachel Lynch

From there they headed east to Minden and down through the Kawartha lakes territory to Fenelon Falls where we stopped for ice cream and watched the boats get lifted through the locks joining the various lakes. We passed by and through more lakes than could be counted!

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Ontario, Blair Campbell (*Continued from page 4*)

From Fenelon Falls we headed back through a rather circuitous route (some claim we were actually lost!) to Orillia where everyone enjoyed a fine dinner and fellowship before departing for home on Sunday.

All in all, a great weekend of Rotary fellowship facilitated by our shared love of motorcycling.

Mexico City, Leticia Parra-Toledo

Riding Through Mexico's New Baluarte Bridge

The recently completed Baluarte Bicentennial Bridge is located along the new Durango-Mazatlan highway in Mexico's northern region. The bridge crosses a deep gorge in the Sierra Madre Occidental mountains with a clearance of 390 metres (1,280 ft) below the deck, much taller than the Eiffel Tower. It forms part of a new highway linking the Atlantic and Pacific coasts of northern Mexico and will greatly reduce the travelling time between Durango and Mazatlán. It's the highest bridge that has been completed.

A group of Mexican riders rode across it recently -- a wonderful experience -- as shown in these photos.



For more info:

http://highestbridges.com/wiki/index.php?title=Baluarte_Bridge

Youtube: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NqUAAMEZ49E>



Wish you all, my dear IFMR-NA riders, would come visit and share this great experience!



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Nova Scotia, Clarke Paynter

IFMR Saguenay Fjord Ride, Halifax to Chicoutimi and back. September 12-16. With overnight stops in Woodstock, NB, and San Simeon, QC, the ride will cross the St. Lawrence both ways on the Riviere-du-Loup ferry, then ride up the mountainous west side of the Saguenay Fjord to Chicoutimi, QC, then back down the scenic east side of the fjord to historic Taddoussac, QC, site of the earliest frontier chapel in Canada. For more details see the listing on the IFMR-NA website at http://ifmr-na.org/upcoming_rides.htm

West Virginia, Dewey Rotruck

IFMR 2013 Fall Foliage Get-Together The fall colors should be at their peak for our fall ride in north central West Virginia the weekend of **October 4-6**. Linda and I look forward to seeing our IFMR, NA friends here in the Morgantown area. We have a fantastic weekend planned, with accommodations at the Lakeview Golf Resort and Spa on Cheat Lake just east of Morgantown. Contact me for further details at dewey.rotruck@gmail.com

For those who are arriving early, we are considering a short Friday ride and possible tour of the Triple S

Harley Davidson dealership. This is a dealership that leads the nation in sales and has an awesome display of owner Cliff Sutherland's vision for motorcycle tours in West Virginia. Visit their website at www.triplesharley-Davidson.com.

Hope to see ya'all here in October.

North Carolina, Carlton Pernel

IFMR Ride in Western North Carolina Mountains, October 10-13. Based in Morgantown, NC, which is easily accessible from all directions, this ride has something for everyone. You can join us for the entire ride or choose from the menu and ride ala carte.

- ▲ **Thursday, Oct 10.** -- Tour Biltmore Estate with scenic rides to and from.
- ▲ **Friday, Oct 11.** -- Beautiful Linville Falls, Exciting Grandfather Mt., and ride the most scenic portion of the Blue Ridge Pkwy.
- ▲ **Saturday, Oct 12** -- Ride to the highest peak east of the Mississippi-Mt. Mitchell and do twisties on the Blue Ridge Pkwy., lunch & tour scenic Black Mtn. Dinner and continued fellowship.

Lodging:---Morgantown Quality Inn, (828-437-0171), room rate \$65 plus tax (mention "IFMR" to get our special rate)

We're sending a special invitation to IFMR riders in Tennessee & Georgia to join us. *Ya'll come!*

