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-- IFMR-NA President's Newsletter --

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*** COMING EVENTS ***

- **May 10-12, IFMR 2013 Spring Get-Together, Fairfield Inn, Loch Haven, PA.** Contact Ken Brandt (keystnken@ao.com) for details.
- **May 18, "Hells Rotarian Rebirth Ride", Linwood, WA.** For details contact Marc Baker (Mqbhdrotrary@gmail.com).
- **June 8. 5th Annual Ride to Provide, Knoxville, TN.** Contact Jack Funderburk (jfunderburk@funderburkelec.com) for more information.
- **June 22-23, IFMR Pre-Convention Ride, Lisbon, Portugal.** Contact IFMR World Secretary Cornelius Neufert (secretary@ifmr.org) for details.
- **July 4-7, IFMR "North-South" Grand Circle Get-Together, Orillia, ON.** Contact Blair Campbell (blarecam@gmail.com) for more details
- **July 19-22, IFMR "Rocky Mountain High" Get-Together, Colorado Springs, CO.** Contact Tom Dines (tomdines@gmail.com) for more details.
- **October 3-6, IFMR 2013 Fall Get-Together, Lakeview Golf Resort and Spa, Morgantown, WV.** Contact Dewey Rotruck (deweyrotruck@gmail.com) for details

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

If you plan an IFMR event in your area, send info to bob@shriner.com & to webmaster@ifmr-na.org

Adilson Bonatto Named New IFMR World President

PDG Adilson Bonatto, of Brazil, is IFMR's new World President. Formerly the Chapter Chairman of IFMR-South America 2007-2010, he is a long-time member and leader of IFMR and an avid motorcycle rider. He is also a long-time member of the Rotary Club of Araras, Sao Paulo, Brazil, and Past District Governor of District 4590.



In a recent message to IFMR chapter leaders, he expressed some of his thoughts about IFMR and the future of our Fellowship:

"It is such a great responsibility to be President of the IFMR - International Fellowship of Motorcycling Rotarians. I am going to work very hard to collaborate on the development of this important Fellowship Group. I am open to criticisms and suggestions, because I believe that we can work together towards the improvement of the IFMR everywhere.

"Besides the membership expansion of the IFMR, I would like all of us to collaborate with the RI projects such as the Polio Plus Program and the Shelterbox. The exchange of information and experiences will certainly motivate the development of the IFMR. I count on your collaboration and participation!"

New IFMR-NA Ride Guides Appointed

IFMR-NA President Bob Shriner recently announced the appointment of four more IFMR-NA Ride Guides. The new additions and their areas are Jon Spittle, PA; Blair Campbell, ON; Tom Kale, TN; and Mark Shirley, LA/East Texas.

The names will already be familiar to many IFMR riders. **Jon Spittle** (York, PA) has been a long-time participant in IFMR rides in the Mid-Atlantic area and has helped organize several IFMR rides.

Tom Kale (Chattanooga, TN) is the organizer of the infamous “Black Sheep of Rotary” motorcycle group in southeast TN and has organized or participated in several IFMR rides, including the 2010 POLIO PLUS ride to New Orleans.

Blair Campbell (Thornbury, ON) has participated in several IFMR rides, including the 2010 POLIO PLUS ride, and is spearheading the IFMR “North-South” Grand Tour Get-Together scheduled for early July in central Ontario.

Mark Shirley (Baton Rouge, LA) is a long-time leader in Louisiana HOG and organized key parts of the 2010 POLIO PLUS ride to New Orleans, including the unforgettable high-speed police escort for IFMR riders from Baton Rouge to the convention site in New Orleans and several local rides for conventioners.

These appointments brings the total number of IFMR-NA Ride Guides to twenty-two, with eleven in the eastern US and Canada, six in the central region, and five in the western states and provinces. IFMR membership is still sparse in several areas; but plans are to continue recruiting Ride Guides to help organize and publicize IFMR activities, including local events, in every state and province.

In addition to promoting IFMR awareness and events, Ride Guides also provide valuable contacts and sources of useful information to IFMR members who may be traveling across country thru areas they are less familiar with. Riders who want local information or help planning an interesting route should contact the Ride Guides in the areas they plan to visit.

IFMR Ride Guides are the builders and future leaders of the organization. If you would be interested in helping IFMR spread the word and getting acquainted with other Rotary motorcyclists in your area, contact Bob Shriner (bob@shriner.com) for more information, or recommend someone you know who would make a good Ride Guide.

IFMR Banners Now Available

IFMR-NA has until recently had two 2'x5' IFMR banners for use at IFMR events, district conferences, and other occasions to help promote awareness of IFMR. With increasing demands for use of the banners, scheduling among users and the costs of shipping the banners back and forth around the country was becoming a problem – a 'good problem', but still a problem.

To solve the 'problem', in March IFMR-NA decided to make the large 2'x5' IFMR banners available to IFMR members at a discount as a step to help promote awareness, as well as reduce the time, hassle, and cost of shipping existing banners. The banners, which had been purchased previously by IFMR for about \$120, including tax and delivery charges, are now available to members for only \$60, including tax and delivery charges. Quite a bargain!



Since the offer was announced a number of members have already taken advantage of the opportunity and ordered banners to use at their district conferences, club meetings, IFMR get-togethers, and other Rotary and community events. The banners will soon be added to the IFMR merchandise store at ifmr-na.org/store.htm. In the meantime, if you'd like to order a banner of your own or for your local club or district, email Bob Shriner (bob@shriner.com) or Ken Brandt (keystnken@aol.com) with your request, then mail your check for \$60 to IFMR Treasurer, Hal James. (On-line credit card processing for IFMR merchandise orders is also being planned and should be available soon).

IFMR at Lisbon RI Convention

If you're headed to Lisbon for the 2013 Rotary International Convention, be sure to stop by the IFMR booth in the House of Friendship while you're there. IFMR-NA President-Elect Tim Cudd (dg2012.2013@gmail.com) will also be in Lisbon, so you can try to connect with him there, too.