



International Fellowship of Motorcycling Rotarians North American Chapter (IFMR-NA)

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IFMR's POLIO PLUS Rides Make Headlines at Rotary Convention

More than 50 IFMR riders from the US, Canada, Europe, and Latin America participated in the IFMR fund-raising rides to the New Orleans convention for POLIO PLUS and raised some \$50,000, with more donations continuing to arrive.



IFMR-NA President Bob Shriner presents a ceremonial check to Rotary Foundation Vice-Chair John Germ at the Rotary Convention in New Orleans May 20, 2011

Starting in five major cities -- Seattle, Sacramento, Chicago, Albany (NY), and Miami.-- riders came from all parts of the country: A few others also made the trip on their own routes and time-tables, all converging in Baton Rouge on Thursday, May 19.

The most exciting part of the trip to New Orleans was the final 80-mile ride on I-10 from Baton Rouge to the convention center in New Orleans on May 20 with a police escort provided by members of the Blue Knights, a motorcycle club comprised of off-duty motorcycle police officers from throughout that part of Louisiana.

Upon arrival at the convention IFMR riders were met and welcomed by RI President Ray Klingensmith and Rotary Foundation Vice-Chair John Germ and hundreds of Rotarians who lined the street in front of the convention center. At a brief press conference in the lobby of the convention center, the Rotary leaders were presented with a ceremonial check from IFMR for POLIO PLUS. Video from the press conference appeared later on two local TV stations and in the local Times-Picayune newspaper.

The funds raised by IFMR were also announced and praised by Pres. Klingensmith during the opening plenary session of the convention. As a result, many convention-goers visited the IFMR booth in the House of Friendship to congratulate IFMR for its effort.

Rotary Foundation executives said it was the first time that a Rotary Fellowship had attempted such an ambitious fund-raising effort.

New IFMR-NA.org Website Nearly Ready for "Beta" Release to Members

During the Rotary convention, members of the IFMR-NA Internet Committee discussed progress on updating the fellowship's website and agreed to release the new site for use by members in 'beta' version as soon as possible. The actual release date will depend on progress in adding more

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essential elements but is expected to be on or about the first of July. The existing website will remain on-line until then.

The 'beta' version will include most but not all the features initially sought by committee members. Work will continue after the release date, with choices and priorities for further changes and enhancements made based on feedback from users. Emphasis is on ease and frequency of use by members rather than on 'fancy new technology'.

The site includes both 'public' and 'members only' sections, with 'public' sections being released first. Contact information on members will be added later and accessible only in the 'members only' section to protect privacy.

Future additions currently planned include regional forums similar to those on the existing website as well as new features such as credit card payment for dues and fellowship merchandise (shirts, caps, patches, etc.)

When the new site is released, all IFMR-NA members will be notified by email if they have registered an email address with the Membership Director.

Membership Director Jean Dores Loves IFMR and Riding her Yellow Harley

Along with 18,000 or so other Rotarians, Jean Dores was in New Orleans for another Rotary International Convention last month. But Jean made the trip on her beloved yellow Harley, nicknamed the "Triple Bee" after the Triple B ranch where she lives in the desert mountains near Anza, CA. We caught up with her for a short interview.

"I became a Rotarian in 1992 while working as General Manager of a homeowners association in Palm Desert. The president of that group 'encouraged' me to become a member of Rotary. It didn't take long before I truly enjoyed being a part of this wonderful organization. Life has been good to me, so I find it very satisfying to give back.

"Several years ago, Doug Montgomery, a member of my Rotary Club at the time, knew I rode a motorcycle and invited me on an IFMR ride to Yosemite. I have been a member of IFMR ever since. IFMR is a wonderful fellow-



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Rapid City Rushmore Rotary Plans Pre-Sturgis "Poker Run" in the Black Hills

Many riders who attend Sturgis like to come before the big crowds arrive and enjoy the scenic beauty and clean air of the Black Hills. If you're one of those, you'll be interested to hear that the Rapid City Rushmore Rotary Club recently announced plans for a 'Tikes & Bikes Poker Run' on July 31, the weekend prior to the giant rally in August. It's a great opportunity to meet other Rotarians and IFMR members, see some great country, and help Rapid City Rotarians fund one of their signature community service projects. For more information, go to www.tikesandbikes.org

Bob Stines



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ship. I treasure the friendships I have made and continue to make.

"The maiden voyage on my Harley Heritage was riding to Sturgis in 2000. It was the millennium and the 60th anniversary of Sturgis. The Black Hills looked like an ant hill there were so many motorcycles on the roads. It was an experience I'll never forget. If you have not yet been there, you must make the ride at least once.

"Living in the mountains keeps me somewhat isolated, so when I have an opportunity to ride with IFMR, I am always ready. The memorial ride for our dear departed friend K.C. Hicks is scheduled for late September. K.C. and his smile are missed by all. I look forward to reliving all the memories of K.C. on this ride. And I'll look forward to meeting more of you at an IFMR event in the future."

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