



# International Fellowship of Motorcycling Rotarians

## North American Chapter (IFMR-NA)

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## IFMR-NA.org Update Completed; Includes On-line Credit Card Payments

Thanks to a lot of volunteer effort by the IFMR-NA Internet Committee, Treasurer, and Membership Director, the new IFMR-NA.org website has been completely overhauled and is now in use by members and visitors. In addition to offering more complete and easily accessible information about IFMR and its activities, the new website also provides for secure on-line credit card payment of dues, event registration, and merchandise purchases, plus a secure members-only area.

In early July the website was released on-line in "beta" (trial) version without the credit card feature, to enable IFMR members and other users to try out the site and provide feedback for further development. Work was already underway for addition of the credit card processing capability which Treasurer Hal James was able to arrange thru Missouri Credit Union, where he is President and CEO.

Together with Membership Director Jean Dores and Webmaster Chris Jones, they were able to implement a 'basic' credit card payment button on the Membership page of the website which can now be used by both new and renewing members to pay IFMR-NA dues.

To pay your 2011-12 dues, go on-line to [www.ifmr-na.org](http://www.ifmr-na.org), select **Pay/Renew Dues via Credit Card**, and click on the **BUY NOW** button at the bottom of that page. *Try it!*

On-line dues payment via credit card eliminates one of the major bottlenecks in both recruiting and renewal of IFMR members, especially those from Canada and Mexico – the difficulty and expense of processing payments by check from non-US banks, which often cost more per check than IFMR annual dues. Now payments from *anywhere in the world* can be made easily on-line by credit card.

However, more work is needed to make the process still easier by allowing on-line completion and updating of the membership information form.

Once these improvements are made in the on-line dues payment process, future plans include adding sections for on-line purchase of IFMR merchandise – caps, shirts, pins, patches, and other IFMR items that members have asked for – and for pre-registration at IFMR activities.

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

- **Sep 3, 2011** – Second Annual 'NoPolio' Rally, Folsom, California -- [www.polioplusride.org](http://www.polioplusride.org) or 916-798 4488
- **Sep 10, 2011** – "Stamp Out Polio" Poker Run, Leavenworth, KS -- 913-683-8571
- **Sep 30-Oct 1**– KC Hicks Memorial Ride, CA-AZ-UT-NV -- <http://motorcycles.lyster.com/trips/kc/index.html>
- **Oct 13-16**, IFMR Fall Get-Together, Allegheny Highlands of WV & VA, Woodstock, VA

*For more details, check [www.IFMR-NA.org](http://www.IFMR-NA.org) or contact the phone number or link shown above.*

## IFMR-NA Financial Statement Shows Improvement in FY 2010-11

IFMR-NA Treasurer Hal James recently issued the organization's financial statement for fiscal year 2010-11. A copy of the statement is attached to this newsletter.

The statement indicates that IFMR-NA received a total of \$3,301.71 in income during the 12 months that ended June 30, including \$2,748.00 in dues and donations; \$553.65 in receipts for shirts, merchandise, and annual dinner registration at the Montreal convention; and \$0.06 interest from savings. Expenses totaled \$1,016.20, including \$44.27 for preparation and printing of newsletters; \$109.34 for postage for newsletters and membership correspondence; \$123.04 for renewal of the IFMR-NA.org domain name; \$227.19 for procurement and shipping of IFMR decals; \$103.95 for a banner for use at IFMR and Rotary events and the Rotary convention; and \$408.41 for printing and shipping for the New Orleans convention.

The IFMR-NA treasury started the fiscal year with a balance of \$1,741.82 and ended the fiscal year with a balance of \$4,027.33, a net increase of \$2,285.51.

Most of the credit for the improvement goes to membership growth and more systematic record-keeping and dues-collection among existing members implemented by Membership Director Jean Dore. Dues collection in the latest fiscal year was 60 percent greater than in the previous year; and membership records are now systematically organized, largely due to the comprehensive review and overhaul performed by Jean Dore. Dues were also raised slightly in late 2010, from \$15/year to \$20/year.



### Treasurer Hal James and Wife Kristy Love Motorcycle Touring

Despite a busy schedule as President and CEO of the Missouri Credit Union in Columbia, IFMR-NA Treasurer Hal James and his wife Kristy find frequent opportunities to ride their Harley on both short and long trips around the country. For example, in 2009 they rode to Michigan for Terry Skoglund's international IFMR "Great Lakes – Great Times" tour; in 2010 they were part of the IFMR "Atlantic Canada" tour following the Montreal convention; and this year they rode to New Orleans and back as part of the IFMR "PolioPlus" ride to the RI Convention. Earlier they participated in the California IFMR 'Alien Ride', and the IFMR 'East Meets West' ride to the RI Convention in Salt Lake City;

As if IFMR rides weren't enough, they also participate in a number of other short and long rides. They recently returned from a ride to Sturgis, SD, to attend the 2011 rally.

Hal rides thru heat, cold, rain, snow, whatever – never mind the conditions, 'just do it'. He is a long-time Iron Butt Association rider.

In 2005 he rode the 'Bun Burner Gold' -- 1,500 miles in less than 24 hours; in 2008 he rode the 'Border to Border Insanity' (Mexico to Canada) – 1,499 miles in 22 hours, 54 minutes, while also dealing with a flat tire; and in 2009 he rode the 'Coast to Coast' (Pacific to Atlantic oceans) -- 2,410 miles in 42 hours, 25 minutes.

Kristy, a retired nurse, has accompanied him on almost all the rides except the Iron Butt rides.

Hal is a long-time Rotarian and past president of the Rotary Club of Columbia South, Missouri. He has served as IFMR-NA Treasurer since 2007 and has played a key role in helping update and overhaul the IFMR-NA website, as well as overseeing IFMR-NA finances, IRS reporting, and other IFMR-NA management tasks.



#### **International Fellowship of Motorcycling Rotarians**

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World-Wide Website

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North American Chapter

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For newsletters, organized ride info and member chat

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## Financial Report 7/1/10 to 6/30/11

7/1/2009 Starting Balance		\$1,741.82
Dues & Donations	\$2,748.00	
Shirt & Registration Payments from Canada Meeting	\$553.65	
Interest from Savings	<u>\$0.06</u>	
Total Income		\$3,301.71
Checks/Expenses		
1020 Ken Brandt - Reimburse for Newsletter photos	(\$20.00)	
1021 Ken Brandt - Reimburse for Newsletter printing	(\$24.27)	
1022 Jean Dores - Reimburse for postage	(\$109.34)	
1023 D&D Signs - Banner for New Orleans meeting	(\$103.95)	
1024 Ray Plue - Decals & shipping	(\$227.19)	
1025 Ron Lyster - Web site Domain Renewal	(\$123.04)	
1151 Bob Shriner - NO Handouts	(\$54.39)	
1152 William Fee - Printing & Shipping to RI NO	(\$354.02)	
Total Expenses		(\$1,016.20)
6/30/2011 Ending Balance		<u><u>\$4,027.33</u></u>

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