



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** ***

- **May 10-12, IFMR 2013 Spring Get-Together, Fairfield Inn, Loch Haven, PA.** Contact Ken Brandt (keystnken@ao.com) for details.
- **June 22-23, 2013, IFMR Pre-Convention Ride, Lisbon, Portugal.** Contact IFMR World Secretary Cornelius Neufert (secretary@ifmr.org) for details.
- **Midsummer 2013, IFMR Summer Get-Together, TBD in Ontario-Quebec.** Contact Blair Campbell (blarecam@gmail.com) for details as they become available.
- **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

If you haven't done so already, it's past time to pay your 2012-13 dues. But 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. *Do it now!***

Council of IFMR P/DG's Named to Help Raise Awareness

The IFMR-NA executive council recently approved creation of a new council of IFMR members who are current, past, or future Rotary District Governors.

The role of the council will be to advise and assist IFMR in promoting awareness of Rotary fellowships, and IFMR in particular, among District Governors, Rotary club officers, and local Rotary and Rotaract club members.

IFMR and our North American chapter are continuing to grow as we spread the word about our existence. But IFMR – and Rotary fellowships in general – continue to be among the best kept secrets in Rotary.

Ask most Rotary groups about Rotary fellowships and you'll generally get a blank stare or perhaps a comment about 'Ambassadorial Fellowships' or the funds donated to local students for college tuition. Ask about social fellowships for motorcycling Rotarians, golfing Rotarians, yachting Rotarians, etc, and it's more blank stares.

After thinking about and discussing the matter with quite a range of Rotary friends, IFMR members, and others, we came to the conclusion that Rotary District Governors are the critical link in building more awareness of IFMR and other Rotary fellowships. Present, past, and future DG's have a network of contacts among other DG's unequalled in Rotary. They are in a unique position to spread the word about

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fellowships by including the topic in zone and district training programs and encouraging those they meet and work with to help spread the word to other DG's, club presidents and officers, as well as local Rotarians and Rotaractors.

Just as they play a valuable leadership and advisory role to their district and to RI, they also have the experience and insight to help IFMR plan, implement, grow, and evolve to meet the changing interests and needs of Rotarians, Rotaractors, and RI.

Initially, we've identified and recruited the following IFMR members who are present, past, or future DG's to serve as charter members of the council.

Wade Nomura, Carpinteria, CA (D5240)
Jim Bell, Bakersfield, CA (D5240)
Bob Griggers, Marshallfield, GA (D6920)
Eric Grubb, Rising Sun, MD (D7630)
Gerry Jackson, Davisburg, MI (D6380)
Raymond Plue, Columbia, MO (D6060)
Tim Cudd, St Charles, MO (D6060)
Dave Daugherty, Mansfield, OH (D6600)
Michael Atkins, Meaford, ON (D6300)
David Arnn, Louisburg, NC (D7410)
Chris Jones, Cornelius, NC (D7680)

Since IFMR member application and renewal forms haven't previously asked for information about positions held in Rotary, it's likely that there may be others not listed here who are also past, present, or future DG's. If you're one of them, or know of one, please let me know and we'll include you on the council. We need your help; and we hope you'll also enjoy the added camaraderie of meeting other P/DG's who share your interest in motorcycling.

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On-line Dues Payments Prove Very Popular, Spur Membership Growth

IFMR-NA membership director Jean Does reported recently that 3/4ths of new memberships and renewal dues payments since July 1 have been made on-line by credit card rather than by mailing a check. In addition, the pace of new memberships has accelerated since on-line dues payments and membership applications were begun last spring.

Since July 1 twenty-one new members have joined IFMR-NA, while 12 have dropped, bringing total membership to 235 as of mid-December. Here's the list of the new members added since July, listed by home state/province:

Penny McDonald, Armstrong, BC
Hays Englehart, Orlinda, CA
Chris Jones, Winters, CA
Kevin King, Brentwood, CA
Fred Sadoff, Weston, FL
Kathy Hart, Warner-Robins, GA
Phil Fleming, Canton, IL
Judy Windrim, Davisburg, MI
Michelle Gascoigne, Zumbrota, MN
Carl Dumford, Charlotte, NC
Richard Hawkins, Mooresville, NC
Jody Grose, Concord, NC
Sean Gautam, Charlotte, NC
Dean Martin, Locust, NC
Roberto Martinez, East Greenbush, NY
Dennis Gray, Markham, ON
Michael Atkins, Meadford, ON
Clifford, Ridilla, Latrobe, PA
Jamie Repesh, Gainesville, VA
Art Lyons, Onalaska, WWI

Welcome to all!

While IFMR-NA membership continues to grow and on-line credit card payments have been the most popular way to pay dues, overall dues payments continue to lag. Fewer than half of current IFMR-NA members have bothered to pay their 2012-13 dues so far, despite several reminders by email and in this newsletter.

If you're one of these 'dues delinquents', please take time right now to go on-line, pay your 2012-13 dues, and update your member information. If you're not sure about whether you've paid your dues or not, email IFMR-NA membership director Jean Does (ldiharli@aol.com) and she'll double-check the records for you.



Winter Road – Shenandoah Valley

IFMR's 'PolioPlus' Bob Mutchler Cited for His Community Service

Long-time IFMR-NA member, polio survivor, and repeat PolioPlus fund-raising rider, "Motorcycle" Bob Mutchler. Folsom, CA, was recently recognized for his efforts by KTLX Fox 40 TV-Sacramento News in a special December 11 "Salute to Service" segment. You can see the video clip at

<http://fox40.com/2012/12/11/salute-to-service/>

Bob was one of the IFMR members who helped organize the 2010 IFMR PolioPlus rides to the Rotary International convention in New Orleans, which raised some \$50,000 for Polio Plus.

You can congratulate Bob for his well-deserved recognition and his continuing work for PolioPlus with an email to rpmutchler@aol.com

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IFMR-NA Now on Facebook

IFMR-NA has recently created its own page on Facebook. You can check it out and 'friend' us at

www.facebook.com/rotacyclist.ifmrna

It's another way for IFMR-NA to spread the word and for IFMR members and others to share information. Take a look!

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IFMR Merchandise Now Available for Orders

IFMR-NA merchandise director Ken Brandt has begun accepting orders for IFMR-branded shirts, caps, patches, pins, flags, and decals. An on-line catalog of items will soon be available on the IFMR-NA.org website. Meanwhile, you can place your orders by email to Ken at keystnken@aol.com, indicating what items you want, the size and color desired, and the address you want it shipped to. Ken will then process the order with the supplier for shipment to you and send you a confirmation email with the amount that should be mailed to him with a check made out to IFMR-NA.

More IFMR-NA Events Planned for 2013

The number of IFMR rides and events in 2012 has been the highest in recent years; and plans for 2013 are for even more events, and in more parts of the country.

Dates and locations have already been set for spring and fall get-togethers in the eastern part of the country. Ken Brandt is organizing the 2013 spring get-together, which will be held the weekend of May 10-12, based at the Fairfield Inn in Lock Haven, PA. Dewey Rotruck is organizing the 2013 'fall foliage' get-together, which will be held the weekend of October 3-6, based at the Lakeview Golf Resort & Spa in Morgantown, WV.

Other events still in the planning stage for summer and early fall tentatively include weekend get-togethers in Ontario (early summer), central California and Missouri (mid-summer), and perhaps Colorado (late summer or early fall). And there may be others that I haven't heard about yet, including a number of local club events and fund-raising rides. As more information becomes available, we'll pass it along via the "COMING EVENTS" section of the website and in future newsletters. And if you're organizing an IFMR get-together or other kind of event, let me know and I'll see that it gets added to the calendar and we'll help promote it.

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DG Chris Jones (D7680) Rides a GoldWing to Visit His Clubs

In case you wondered why the number of new IFMR members in North Carolina was far greater than in any other part of the country recently, the reason is IFMR-NA webmaster and member Chris Jones, who also happens to be Governor of Rotary District 7680 this year. In an effort to spread the word about Rotary fellowships and IFMR in particular, DG Chris has been riding his Gold Wing when making official visits to the clubs in his districts. And he's usually accompanied by his Rotary aide, IFMR member Ron McKinney, also on his motorcycle. That gets people's attention and REALLY helps spread the word about IFMR. *Way to go, DG Chris!!!*