



International Fellowship of Motorcycling Rotarians

North American Chapter (IFMR-NA)

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Motorcycling Rotarians Plan Rides to New Orleans to Help Raise Funds for POLIO PLUS

The International Fellowship of Motorcycling Rotarians (IFMR) recently announced plans for motorcycle rides to the Rotary International convention in New Orleans from several different parts of the country to help raise funds for POLIO PLUS, Rotary's continuing effort to stamp out polio everywhere in the world. The funds raised will help complete the funds required to match a \$200 million grant to POLIO PLUS from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.



Planning for IFMR participation in the 2011 RI convention in New Orleans is moving ahead briskly. Once again IFMR will be encouraging its members and other Rotary motorcyclists to ride to the convention; but this time IFMR is making a special effort to organize rides and raise awareness to promote contributions to Rotary's POLIO PLUS campaign. It's also asking riders to pledge amounts per mile for their ride to New Orleans and also raise additional pledges from their local clubs, club members, and friends, all payable to the Rotary Foundation POLIO PLUS fund.

Four different ride groups – funneling riders from the west and northwest, from the central region, and from the east and northeast – have been set in motion. From Sacramento, Seattle, Chicago, and Albany, all coming together in Baton Rouge on May 19 for a grand entrance into New Orleans on May 20.

Imagine the impact of all four groups of IFMR motorcyclists arriving in New Orleans at the same time, ready to deliver their checks and pledges to the Rotary Foundation's POLIO PLUS effort.

IFMR's plans for the POLIO PLUS rides are being closely coordinated with Rotary International leaders, Rotary Foundation trustees, and the 2011 Rotary Convention Promotion Committee, all of whom have offered their strong encouragement and support to help make this IFMR effort for POLIO PLUS a big success.

As information about the rides has begun to reach other IFMR chapters in other countries, we've begun to receive queries about the routes and about rental bikes for international riders who might want to join one of the rides, both to show their support for POLIO PLUS and for the opportunity to see new parts of the US with other IFMR members. What a great opportunity for fellowship among international Rotary motorcycling friends!



All riders will be encouraged to pledge or raise as much as possible, aiming for an average \$1/mile to New Orleans in pledges for every rider. But no one will be excluded. Clubs along the way will also be encouraged to send riders, to send pledges, and to arrange 'meet and greet' events with riders passing thru their area enroute to New Orleans. Whether or not you can make the ride yourself, you can still help by raising funds and pledges in your club, your community, and your Rotary district. You can also help by organizing a group of riders from your area to meet and ride with the group on to New Orleans, or just for a few hours or miles, or just for a brief 'meet & greet'. **Help spread the word and join in the ride!**

A special IFMR New Orleans 2011 website and blog is being created to provide up-to-date information about the rides and IFMR activities at the convention. Go to

<http://ifmr2011neworleans.blogspot.com/>



You'll hear more about it as details are worked out. Meanwhile, **mark your calendar, spread the word, and plan to ride to New Orleans.** Contact the Ride Captains shown below to let them know of your interest and to arrange rendezvous points enroute.

Bob Shriner



POLIO PLUS Ride Captains

SEATTLE: May 13-May 19 - Marc Baker, Mqbhdrotary@gmail.com Otto Rieve, ottorieve@telus.net

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INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP of MOTORCYCLING ROTARIANS

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ABOUT THE INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF MOTORCYCLING ROTARIANS

The International Fellowship of Motorcycling Rotarians (IFMR) is a world-wide fellowship of Rotary Club members who enjoy and share the sport of motorcycling, travel and community service across boundaries and borders. Just one of the many fellowship groups created by and for Rotarians around the world. It was founded in 1992 by Rotarians in Australia, Canada, Sweden and the United States and now has members and chapters worldwide (Australia; Austria, German, Switzerland; Belgium; Central America; France; Great Britain, Ireland; India; Italy; Netherlands; New Zealand; North America; Norden; Slovenia; South Africa; South America; Turkey). The fellowship is open to all Rotarians, Rotaractors, and spouses with an interest in motorcycles...riding on/off-road, racing, collecting, restoring, motor scooters or otherwise.

The Motorcycling Fellowship is focused on having fun and fellowship, on meeting other Rotarians from around the world and on motorcycle safety. We fully support all of the tenets of Rotary, especially fellowship and tend to fulfill our community service through our local Rotary Clubs. Rides are planned by Rotarians and may be local, regional or international in scope. The Fellowship's events are open to all Rotarians, their families and guests, and all makes and models ridden by Rotarians are welcome.

Join, participate, share and enjoy!

IFMR-North America chapter dues are US\$20, 01 July – 30 June. Late dues and donations are always accepted. Please complete and return the application form. In addition please register a username and password on the IFMR-North America chapter website: www.IFMR-NA.org and to receive newsletters, organized ride information and member chat please register a username and password at ifmr-na-subscribe@yahoogroups.com. The IFMR world-wide website is www.IFMR.org.

The IFMR-NA Mid-Atlantic group holds spring and fall rides each year. The California group have held events such as the **Alien Ride**, the **Desert Ride**, the **Indian Country Ride** and **Yosemite Rides**. When the Rotary International convention is held in North America rides are generally organized to the convention, such as **the Ride-to-Calgary**, **Route 66 Ride to Chicago** and ride in the Rotary International convention Centennial Parade and for the Salt Lake City convention a ride up and down the Rocky Mountain chain from New Mexico/Arizona to Montana with riders from the west meeting riders from the east in Steamboat Springs, Colorado before going to Salt Lake City.

IFMR-NA international rides have included the **America Started Here Tour** in 2003 visiting Niagara Falls, Canada, Philadelphia, PA, Colonial Williamsburg, Monticello and sites along the Atlantic Coast from Maine to Virginia. Almost 20 riders from 7 different countries participated for two weeks and visited 10 states. The **Wild West Posse Ride** organized in 2005 visited old frontier forts, cattle-drive trails, wagon trails, Pony Express trail, cowboy/outlaw sites and the natural geologic wonders in the High-Plains. Eighteen riders from 6 different countries participated for two weeks and visited 8 states. The **Great Lakes–Great Times Tour** held in September 2008 included riders from several countries touring along and around the shores of the Great Lakes. Join, log-on and participate. In 2009 a number of IFMR-NA riders and wives who attended the RI Convention in Birmingham, England, participated afterward in a 1,900 mile motorcycle tour of **England and Scotland** organized by the IFMR Great Britain & Ireland chapter. In 2010, immediately following the RI Convention in Montreal, IFMR-NA held the **Atlantic Canada Tour** – a 13-day 2,700 mile loop thru eastern Quebec, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, and Nova Scotia, then back to Montreal. Twenty-five rider from eight countries, plus many spouses and friends, and local Rotarian riders along the way who joined the group for a few hours or a few days, participated on the tour (see the blog at <http://ifmrmontreal2010.blogspot.com/>)

As an IFMR member you become the seed for developing a local IFMR group in your area, helping organize Rotary rides and shows at your Rotary club and district, and making presentations to other Rotary clubs regarding Rotary International Fellowships and IFMR in particular. June is Rotary Fellowship month, an especially good time to organize a ride, show, or presentation to Rotary club members about Rotary Fellowships.

GET A BIKE; GET A GROUP & RIDE!



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL FORM

North American Chapter Dues

\$20 annual (1 July to 30 June)

Please complete and / or correct the information below and return this form to us if you wish to join or remain on the Motorcycling Fellowship mailing list.

Today's Date: _____ New member Renewal (check one)

Name: _____ Partner: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Prov: _____ Postal Code: _____

Email: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Business Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Rotary District/Club: _____ / _____

Meeting Day/Time/Place: _____

Motorcycle(s): _____

I would like to help IFMR-NA with (check all that interest you)

- Helping organize local and regional IFMR rides and get-togethers
- Helping publicize and promote IFMR among Rotarians to build participation in the Fellowship
- Helping with member news, photography, newsletters, website and on-line communications
- Other _____

Comments / Suggestions: _____

PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO **IFMR-NA**

Dues \$ 20.00 Donation \$ _____ Total \$ _____

Date Paid _____ Check No. _____

Please indicate if you would like to receive:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Rotacyclist lapel pin, reflective decals, & 8" embroidered IFMR patch |
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