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-- IFMR-NA President's Newsletter --

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*** COMING EVENTS ***

- **October 2-4, IFMR NC Region Fall Get-Together, Athen, OH.** Lodging at BAYMONT ATHENS is \$119/night. Call or email them at . (baymontathens@sjbhotels.com, or 740-594-3000), and mention IFMR. For more details and to give planners a head-count, contact Rory Windrim (rlwindrim@gmail.com)
- **November 5-8, IFMR SE Fall Mountain Ride, Murphy, NC.** Ride three great motorcycling icons in one great weekend: Tail of the Dragon, Cherahola SkyWay, and the Georgia "Gauntlet". Some of the most beautiful riding country in America and other great stops in the southern Appalachian Mountains. Lodging arrangements pending. For more info, contact Carlton Pernell, (919-915-5000, carltonpernell@aol.com),
- **IFMR Dixie Delta Ride**, fall date not yet set. Ride scenic biways along the Mississippi River from Missouri to New Orleans. For more info, contact Tim Cudd (tim.cudd@ifmr-na.org, 636-928-0047),

For info on domestic and international IFMR rides, also check www.ifmr-na.org and www.ifmr.org. If you plan an IFMR event in your area, send information about it to newsletter editor Bob Shriner editor@ifmr-na.org and to webmaster Chris Jones at webmaster@ifmr-na.org

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Membership Director Change

Long-time IFMR-NA Membership Director Jean Dores was succeeded in July by long-time IFMR member Larie Trippet.

Jean Dores had held the office since 2009 and is widely credited with consolidating and re-organizing previously fragmented IFMR-NA membership records plus making changes to offer on-line membership applications, renewals, and credit-card payment of dues. She also managed the fellowship's email address list on ifmr-na@yahoogroups.com, which is one of the main ways, along with the ifmr-na.org website and this newsletter, for keeping members aware of news, events, and other information about IFMR.

Larie Trippet lives in Sparks, NV, and is a member of the Reno Centennial Sunset Rotary Club. He has been an active IFMR member for over 10 years. He began racing motorcycles as a young man in the So Cal desert in the 70s. Eventually he became very involved with a new sport – dual-sport rides – and became the first president of the dual-sport division of District 37 of the AMA. He branched out with a true street bike in the 90s and still rides on dirt and pavement. His current ride is a 2014 BMW R1200GS Adventure.

Larie joined Rotary in 1997, was club president in 2001-2002, and later an assistant district governor. He contributes to District 5190 as alumni chair and assists with Foundation grants.

Notes . . . from the Top

by IFMR-NA President Tim Cudd

As summer winds down in most of our areas I hope that everyone has had the opportunity to get out and enjoy the ride and put some miles on.

I am continuing to work on an inaugural ride for our new World President, Raymond Plue. We had hoped to get that done for the middle of September but will be backing that up just a bit so stay tuned for more details to follow. As you know Raymond lives in mid Missouri so the plan is to travel south through Memphis, TN and on down to the Baton Rouge and New Orleans, LA area traveling along Hwy 61 and the Great River Road through Mississippi. There is a lot of southern history, hospitality, and southern cooking to experience along the way. OK, I'll admit it, being from the south I am really looking forward to the southern cooking on this trip.

In the southeast states regional director Carlton Pernell is putting together a great fall ride in the southern Appalachian mountains in early November. It starts in North Carolina with a ride on the spectacular Cherahola Skyway and the infamous Tail of the Dragon, then continues on south into Georgia for a loop around the Gauntlet. Lodging details weren't yet available as I write this; but you can contact Carlton at carltonpernell@aol.com for more details.

If you have been around Rotary and the IFMR any time at all, or look through the photos taken at these events, you understand how important good food is when planning these rides. Our organization is about riding and having fun. The fun part includes not only the ride but re-connecting with old friends, making new friends, and catching up or learning new things about what our members are doing. I encourage you to get out when you can and get to know your fellow members and riders.



There are a few announcements that I want to pass along as well. Please join me in saying a special thank you to Jean Dores for her service to our chapter the past few years as the membership chair and secretary. Jean has decided to step aside for a much deserved break and I can't thank her enough for her assistance and the job she did for not only my tenure but for several of the Past Presidents as well. Thank you Jean!

I also want to welcome Larie Trippet who has stepped up to take the reins from Jean and take over the duties of the membership chair. Larry has been working with Jean the past few months and is up and running. You will find more information from Larie on page 4 of this newsletter. We're also starting to look at possible changes to simplify the annual dues and renewal process, including the possible creation of a Lifetime membership option.

Meanwhile, we're continuing to search for someone to succeed Bob Shriner as editor of the IFMR newsletter, an assignment that he's held for over five years. If you would be interested in that job, or know of someone you'd like to recommend, please let me know.

Finally, it is my pleasure to announce that PDG Gerry Jackson from Michigan recently assumed the duties as Chair of the IFMR-NA Council of Governors. This position had been held by Raymond Plue; but as the new World President of IFMR he probably has enough on his plate. Thank you Gerry for stepping up to assume this important position!

Together with north-central regional director Rory Windrim, Gerry has also been helping put together a weekend get-together in scenic southeast Ohio the first weekend in October, based at Athens. At last report some 20 riders and passengers had already registered for the event, so it's sure to be a great get-together with great roads, great rides, and great fellowship. For more details, contact Rory Windrim at rwindrim@gmail.com.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tim D. Cudd". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a thin horizontal line.

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Your IFMR Dues are Due!

Larie Trippet, Membership Director

The Rotary year is ending its first quarter and it is time for all good IFMR-NA members to renew their membership by paying their dues. And it is very easy! Just point your favorite browser to IFMR-NA.org.



**New Membership Director
Larie Trippet and his GS**

In the center section, there is an announcement about the online renewal form. Click the link and follow the instructions. Alternatively, in the left column of menu choices, choose “Pay/renew dues via credit card” and follow the instructions.

There are two steps involved. First is to enter all your relevant information for the club. Then you are transferred to a different website and process for collecting the \$20 dues using your credit card.

We strongly encourage you to use this method, although the traditional action of mailing in a paper check is still available. If you want to pay by check and mail it in, a mailing address is at the bottom of the printable PDF renewal form.

Obviously, we don't want to lose anyone as a member of IFMR-NA. But if you don't pay your dues within a reasonable time, we'll be obliged to drop you from our membership roster and from our yahogroups email system. So please go on-line and pay your dues.

Meanwhile, we'll be looking at ways to make the annual renewal and dues process simpler and easier in the future, including the possibility of creating an optional lifetime membership category, which a number of members have suggested.

If you have any questions or comments, please email me at membership@ifmr-na.org. And I'll hope to meet you at an IFMR event somewhere soon.



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Mexico Rotary Club Promotes Motorcycle Helmet Use

English – With help from local police, Cozumel Rotary Club (D4195) recently handed out motorcycle helmets to people riding without one, emphasizing their efforts to raise safety awareness among local residents and tourists regarding the risks of riding without a helmet, especially for child riders. A couple of roadside signs were also put up by the club.

Nemesio Interian Balam, president of Cozumel Rotary Club, explained that his club had received a direct donation of 30 helmets from Biker Bob Harley Davidson in Taylor, Michigan and Wolverine Harley Davidson in Clinton Township, Michigan, thanks to the arrangements made by Greg Sevaly, the security chief of both dealerships, and imported thanks to the help of Raymond Kwok, a local businessman.

Cozumel Rotary Club added 30 more helmets for a total of 60 (19 for kids, 41 for adults), which were distributed in various parts of the city with the help of local traffic police.

Motorcycle helmet use is compulsory in Cozumel.

Espanol -- El Club Rotario de Cozumel, distrito 4195, con la ayuda de la Dirección Municipal de Seguridad Pública y Tránsito, llevó a cabo la entrega de cascos para motociclistas, con especial cuidado en menores de edad viajando sin protección. También se instalaron dos carteles preventivos para concientizar a la población y turistas sobre el uso de los mismos.

Nemesio Interian Balam, presidente del Club Rotario de Cozumel, explicó que recibieron la donación de 30 cascos de seguridad por parte de los clubes de motociclistas Biker Bob Harley Davidson, capítulo Taylor, Michigan y Wolverine Harley Davidson, capítulo Clinton Township, Michigan, gracias a las negociaciones de Greg Sevaly, jefe de seguridad de ambos grupos, e importados a la isla gracias al apoyo de Raymond Kwok, conocido empresario local.

El Club Rotario de Cozumel logró conseguir 30 cascos más, para un total de 60 (19 son para niños y 41 para adultos), los que fueron entregados en operativos viales realizados por agentes de tránsito en diversas zonas de la ciudad.

Es relevante señalar que en Cozumel el uso de casco es obligatorio.



By Juan Yebra, IFMR-NA
Associate Editor - Mexico

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