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Fall Rides East and West Attract Riders Near and Far

Western IFMR Riders Enjoy 4-State KC Hicks Memorial Ride

Some 25 IFMR riders and their passengers met in Kingman, AZ, in late September for a 4-state ride in honor of long-time IFMR member KC Hicks, who passed away last summer. Here's a photo of some of the group when they gathered in Kingman. Several others came and went later from all across the West. Elisabeth Saunders came the furthest, from her home in Washington state.



KC Hicks was one of the earliest US members of IFMR; and he continued to ride until shortly before his death. He was known far and wide as a wonderful riding companion – a real Rotary gentleman – who always rode at his own pace on his old BMW and later on his Burgman 400. He was 85 when he finally announced that he was hanging up his helmet. An interview with KC by long-time IFMR-NA Secretary Ken Brandt was featured in the April 2011 issue of this newsletter just a few months before he died.

KC loved to ride with his IFMR friends throughout the mountains and deserts of the southwest and was part of many IFMR rides from the early 1990s onward. The memorial ride covered roads that he loved – Needles, Prescott, Sedona, Flagstaff, north rim of the Grand Canyon, southern Utah, Death Valley, and points in between.

For more details, including memorial comments about KC, places visited, and photos by various riders during the ride, go to <http://motorcycles.lyster.com/trips/kc/index.html> and <http://tinyurl.com/3fgd3ja>

***** COMING EVENTS *****

- **Monthly rides:** SE TN, NW GA, **Black Sheep of Rotary**. For more details contact Tom Kale, tskale@comcast.net
- **May 4-6, 2012: IFMR Spring Get-Together**, Walnut Creek, OH. For more details contact Rory Windrim, rlwindrim@aol.com.

For more details, check www.IFMR-NA.org or contact the phone number or link shown above.

For info on international IFMR rides, check www.ifmr.org

To announce IFMR rides and events in your area, send a short description, dates, and contact info to me Bob@shriner.com, the IFMR-NA.org webmaster chrisjones@lakenormanrotary.org, and the IFMR-NA Yahoo Groups email server ifmr-na@yahoogroups.com

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Eastern IFMR Riders Enjoy 4-Day 'Fall Foliage' Get-Together in WV

Twenty-nine riders and passengers on 19 bikes turned out for the 2011 IFMR "Fall Foliage" Weekend Get-Together at Snowshoe Resort in the West Virginia mountains in early October. Here's a photo of most of the group just before they left for a 200-mile ride in the Allegheny Highlands on a chilly but sunny October Saturday morning.



Riders came to the WV fall get-together from as far away as Ontario, Minnesota, and Georgia, as well as points in between. For several it was the first time they had come to an IFMR event. Jim Perra rode all the way from Zumbrota, MN – over 1,350 miles, further than any other rider at the get-together. Jim and several other riders also arrived a day or two before the event for 'early bird' rides led by Carlton Pernell, who has a condo at Snowshoe and knows the roads in the area very well. The mountain roads and fall colors were truly spectacular. Great ride! Great scenery! And Great Fun & Fellowship!!!

Tom Kale has posted a large gallery of his event photos on his website, <http://tinyurl.com/3copsb8> Take a look!

Michigan IFMR member Rory Windrim announced that he and Gerry Jackson are organizing the IFMR Spring 2012 Get-Together, which will be held at Walnut Creek, OH, May 4-6, 2012. Tom Kale and Mark Hall, from southwest Tennessee, agreed to develop plans for the Fall 2012 Get-Together, to be held in the Great Smoky Mountains region in early October 2012.

To pay your 2011-12 dues, go on-line to 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!*

Tennessee Rotarian Motorcyclists Form "Black Sheep of Rotary" Group, Hold Frequent Rides in Their Area

Last spring Chattanooga, TN, Rotarian and IFMR member Tom Kale began visiting other Rotary clubs and contacting Rotary friends in SE Tennessee and NW Georgia, recruiting Rotarian motorcyclists for a new riding group, the "Black Sheep of Rotary". Since then, word has spread and they now have some 15 participants who get together about once a month for a ride. Most are also now IFMR members, including several who first heard about IFMR thru Tom and the "Black Sheep of Rotary".

Tom and fellow "Black Sheep" member Dwight Jewell were both participants in the IFMR POLIO PLUS fundraising ride to the New Orleans convention. They also arranged for POLIO PLUS riders to have a 'meet & greet' lunch with the Chattanooga-Hamilton Place Rotary Club as they passed thru the Chattanooga area.

At the recent IFMR "Fall Foliage" Get-Together in WV, Tom and "Black Sheep" member Mark Hall agreed to organize plans for the IFMR 2012 Fall Get-Together in the Smoky Mountains region in October 2012.

To learn more about the "Black Sheep of Rotary" and how Tom brought the group into existence for regular local group rides, contact him at tskale@comcast.net. Perhaps you can do the same thing in your area following his method.

You can also help spread the word about IFMR and develop new members in your area by passing along a copy of this ad to the editor of your district newsletter. Email me if you want a JPG version to send.

Bob Shine



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