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President Claus Weber

Welcome to the New Year everybody, the weather has been a little ordinary depending where you live, I have had bushfires and very heavy rain and that was within a fortnight here in Adelaide. I had a busy Christmas and New

Year period moving house and yes the details in the members section has been up-dated. We have been on a few short rides, mainly down to the beach on warm nights and ride along the esplanades trying to get a bit of cool sea breeze.

On to some IFMR official business, I would like to welcome Franz Van Der Ploeg to the position of Treasurer for the rest of this year, unfortunately previous treasurer Ian Chase has had a few personal issues and has resigned from that position on the board. Ian Chase is still a member and will be still coming to our rides and functions when time permits, I would like to thank Ian Chase for his efforts.

We have had a few members who have sold their motorcycles or left Rotary and decided not to renew their membership, it is sad to see these people leave and I am sure that many of their friends/members miss them on the rides and at functions.

Please check the Big Ride details and see how you are going to be a part, whether a day ride or a week ride, I think that some of us from Adelaide will make it 3 weeks, as we will ride back via the Great Ocean Road.

Taylor and I have almost completed planning our holiday to Europe later this year, we have bought a bike through a friend, Honda CBR1000f 1988.

Plans include the Isle of Man for the TT, then we ride to France, Lyon, to meet the French IFMR president and we all go on a IFMR AGS tour ride in the Swiss alps for a few days.

We meet with the International Secretary in Berlin and ride across Germany to join in on another IFMR AGS tour ride down the river Rhine. All these tours can be found on the IFMR website if you would like a closer look. Current calculations are that we will travel around 7,000 kilometres, and about \$1000 of fuel.

In Europe with the AGS (Austria, Germany, Switzerland) they have a limit for the number of people that can attend, I believe that both of these tours are fully booked. I will be giving a short presentation on behalf of the Australian IFMR promoting the Big Ride but it may be short notice for them.

As you can imagine I have been sending lots of emails to Presidents and the International Secretary trying to organise this trip, they have all been very helpful, and all correspondence has been in English, so do not be afraid.

It was cheaper to buy a bike than to hire (2 weeks hire costs) We have bought the bike which has full luggage and the bike is fully prepared for our trip, new tyres, new chains and sprockets, a full service. Yes I have been lucky to have a friend in England, but I am sure that the UK IFMR members would have done the same if I had asked. We will be on the bike for 6 weeks.

I will be away for 10 weeks from the 24<sup>th</sup> of May to the 1<sup>st</sup> of August, and PP Robin will be in charge during that period.

Kind regards,  
IFMR President,  
Claus Weber

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## INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES

International  
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### Editor's Note:

*A number of our members are planning overseas motorcycling trips and these have been combined with some correspondence to produce this Newsletter which has a strong international flavour. I hope this gives you incentive to also plan rides in other countries and to get some practice on the BIG RIDE in November.*

**President Claus** has provided a summary in his Report and has expanded on some of the details:

*"Taylor and I will ride to Lyon in France after the Isle of Man where we will stay with French President Francois, maybe a day trip to St. Tropez on the French Riviera, then both of us will ride to Zurich to meet with the IFMR-AGS and join them on their tour ride to Lugano. We will spend 3 days with them. Peter Heuzeroth has been an important part of this and is planning to be a part of the Big Ride next year in November. I am communicating with Bruno one of the organisers and I will be doing a presentation on behalf of the Australian IFMR. Bruno is also trying to get the other Presidents (Holland, Italy, Spain, etc) to ride to Lugano so that we can do group photos for promotion of the IFMR. Hans-Dieter Reimer, International Secretary is talking about riding with Taylor and I from Munich to Berlin and then to Hamburg where we will also meet new IFMR Norden President Neils Praestkaer. On our return to the UK I will be meeting up with Rob Gittens and President Alan for a days ride."*



*The Honda CBR 1000 which will be Claus and Taylor's transport of choice for most of 10 weeks*

**IFMR Chapter NORDEN** is an amalgamation of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden and IFMR Members worldwide are invited to a 14 day tour in August commencing in Denmark then proceeding to Norway and Sweden including extensive touring of each country on rental bikes. Some of our Horsham Rotacyclists have registered their interest in joining this tour. The participants will be limited to 30 and perusal of the intended itinerary promises a fabulous journey.

Details of this ride can be obtained by e-mail at [perove.kjellborn@telia.com](mailto:perove.kjellborn@telia.com).

PO Kjellborn has ridden in Australia several times.

**IFMR Member Keith Driscoll** from Ballarat and his wife **June** are leaving for Canada in July to join a commercial tour group on a 13 day ride commencing in Seattle then into Canada and through the western Rockies before returning to Seattle. They are rounding off their trip with an Alaskan cruise.

In our December Newsletter we reported that founding Member **Tony Moyle** and **P.P.Bob Kendell** attended an information meeting for intending international riders with the view of them riding across Russia perhaps in 2016, and **Tony** has been in regular correspondence during the past 18 months or so with Rotarian Ahmad Elzoghby, organiser of the Cross Egypt Challenge, with the view of including an all IFMR ride in his annual schedule. IFMR Member **Davo Batty** of Bundaberg, Qld, and several other Australians joined the last event in Oct 2014 and he speaks highly of the organisation and the adventure ( Hey Davo – how about a short article for our Newsletter, Ed.)

*Rotacyclists are a secretive lot and I am sure there are more of you out there who are planning o/s adventures, so please help the poor Editor by dropping me some info' by e-mail.*

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## **INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES.. continued**

*Also of interest in the International Activity area are the following letter from the International Secretary and the arrangements for the election of International President. It should be noted that this will be the first time that the International President will be elected by the Chapters in a democratic process.*



### **Edict for the election of the International President of IFMR 2015-2018**

The International President of the IFMR 2013-2015, **José Adilson Bonatto**, in the exercise of his powers under these regulations, makes publicly known that the registration for the selection process for the position of International President of the IFMR is open and will be governed by the following guidelines:

- 1) In case of interest the Chapters' Presidents have the right to select ONE candidate from their Chapter members for nomination as International President.  
The presidency will last from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2015 – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018.
- 2) The deadline for submission of the candidates' résumés for the position of International President of IFMR starts on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2014 and ends on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2015.  
By then the Rotarian's résumé should be sent by the Presidents of the Chapters to the email [adilson@ifmr-sa.org](mailto:adilson@ifmr-sa.org).
- 3) The election will be held by the current President of the Chapters of the IFMR from 9<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> February 2015.
- 4) Only Rotarians who meet the following requirements on the date of the appointment are allowed to apply:
  - a) those who were President of any Chapter of the IFMR for at least one (1) year.
  - b) those who are members of IFMR, a Rotary Club and in full enjoyment of their rights.
- 5) It is up to the IFMR International President in cooperation with the International Secretary to approve applications, assess and monitor the entire electoral process as well as clarify any doubts in writing.
- 6) Candidates who demonstrably disregard the provisions of item 9, or whose applications do not meet the requirements of the Constitution of IFMR will have their application cancelled.
- 7) The release of the list of candidate will be made by the IFMR International President which will provide equality of opportunity to all candidates.
- 8) The results of the election will served first week in March 2015 directly to all chapter presidents.

Should further information be required, please contact the IFMR International President.

Araras - São Paulo - Brazil, November 2014

**José Adilson Bonatto**  
**Presidente Internacional - IFMR - 2013-2015**



## INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF MOTORCYCLING ROTARIANS

Dear presidents and chapter representatives,

I hope that all of you and your families celebrated New Year's and started 2015 with a lot of confidence. Again all the best from my side .

Up to now, I nearly got all contributions for an updating of the international tour schedule that will be published shortly.

A Rotarian from Greece contacted me two days ago asking for the possibility of founding a new chapter Greece. I will give him some general regulations about fellowships and support this procedure. I think it will work.

In this context I cannot fail to note that two chapters never answered any of my messages or requests nor had any chapter activities. Also their websites have never been updated over a number of years. I will contact them for the last time trying to find out if there is any further interest to act according to fellowship principles.

Dear Adilson, in case of a negative outcome we should consider the cancellation of the chapters West-Switzerland and South Africa from the list of IFMR.

My second topic refers to the organisation of international tours. From my point of view these tours are a perfect possibility to develop international Rotarian friendship and represents a unifying activity.

We are facing this years' international tour in August organised by chapter Northern Europe with an outstanding schedule riding through three kingdoms.

I suggest that we should try to establish an international tour every year.

Of course there is a lot of planning to do, including a comfortable time to prepare.

If you agree with this idea we should start now, I'm looking forward to reading or hearing your ideas.

I recently gave you the information that chapter AGS would be willing to do this in 2016. Everybody knows about the determining factors (expressions of interests, hotel reservations, bike rental etc) for a proper planning. Maybe we could come to an agreement about the sequence of international tours and the chapters willing to organise such an event.

But also individual visits of chapter-members who take part in tours of other chapters are very welcome and always supported by me and all the rest. In case of any plans please contact me. We already did it very successfully.

Let me finally point to the fact, that chapter South America looks forward to welcoming you at 106th Convention of RI in São Paulo, 6th - 9th June 2015, biking included. in case of your interest, please contact president Silvio Velozo.

I will contact you again early in February after the return of IFMR-president Adilson from his long ride. Then we will start the procedure for the election of our new international president.

Best regards

Hans-Dieter

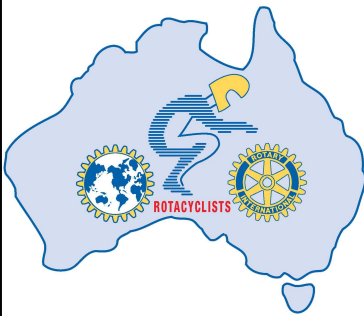
## Rotacyclists' Antics !!

One of our esteemed Members (who shall remain nameless) sent me this photo as a lesson of what not to do. He is a former safety officer but instead of taking the timber to a bench and clamping it he decided to cut it on the spot to save time !! He tells me he is fine now but probably won't have the same grip in this hand and can't control the clutch yet.



Another equally esteemed Member had a run of "bad luck". Had to jump off a falling ladder - smashed his heel and was in a moon-boot for 6 weeks. Then he received a hot spark from an angle-grinder in the left eye (no safety glasses!). Fell down the back steps backwards (wrong shoes) - heavy landing, lacerations, but nothing broken. And at a Rotary New Year BBQ he broke the wire tie on a bottle of pink bubbly, instantly ejecting the cork at warp speed which hit him in the mouth, splitting his top lip which bled profusely for an hour. All in a period of 3 weeks.

*I am sure there is a message in this for Rotacyclists of all ages but I am not sure what it is. Perhaps someone out there could let me know. Ed.*



## WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

It gives me great pleasure to be able to again welcome Rotacyclists who have joined our Fellowship since the publication of our last Newsletter. Every 3 months brings an increase in Members but there are still many Rotarian motorcyclists who for some reason are not aware of IFMR so I urge you to talk to your colleagues and spread the good news !!

**so, a special warm welcome to:**

- ♦ **John McNicol** of Chinchilla, QLD. Member of RC of Chinchilla & rides a Triumph Thunderbird 1700
- ♦ **Tony Thatcher** of Sunshine West, Victoria. Friend of RC of Sunshine West & Rides a Harley Softail '06

***Welcome John & Tony, Enjoy the opportunities our Fellowship can provide.  
Ride often and stay upright!***

## **Reminder to all members:**

### **Your Membership Renewal is now due !**

*All members should have received their Membership Renewal Invoice last month,  
Easy payment by Direct Debit or \*Cheque.*

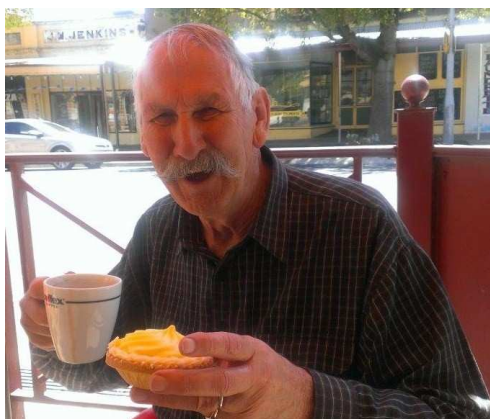
***\*Please Note:***

***If payment by Cheque,  
please mail to new Postal Address***

***To: IFMR-Australia,  
145 Post Office Rd, Smythes Creek Vic. 3351***

## Ballarat Rotacyclists at Dunolly

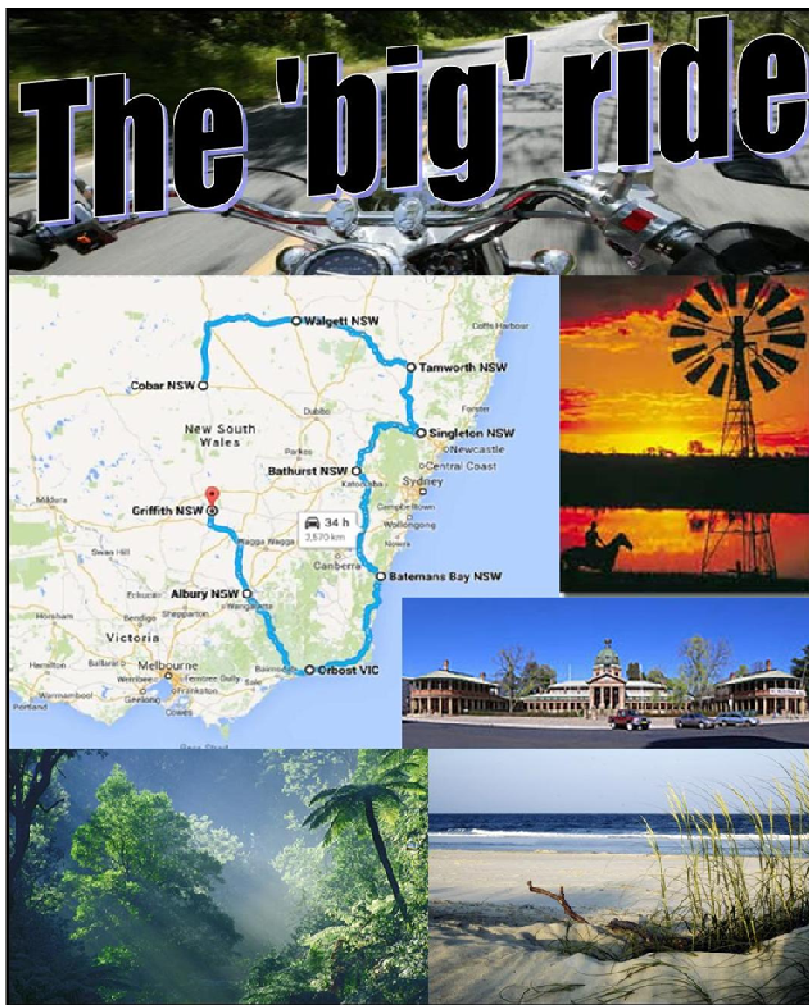
Ballarat Rotacyclists Robin Nuttall, Franz Van Der Ploeg, and Keith and June Driscoll on a day ride to the Golden Triangle in central Victoria on Australia Day weekend. A very pleasant round trip of approx 270 kms on quiet back roads in the mostly abandoned goldfields. Stopped for lunch in Dunolly, and viewed the Rev. John Flynn and the Welcome Stranger Nugget Memorials in the almost ghost town of Moliagul. Weekend prospectors still find substantial nuggets in this region.



Robin, Keith, and June enjoy the cakes at the Dunolly Bakery.



A derelict miner's cabin in the main street of Moliagul



**IFMR - The BIG RIDE** - 2nd –12th November 2015 is to take place over approx 10 Days, incorporating some coastal, some mountainous, and some outback experiences – total distance approx 2800kls all on bitumen, and all good riding. For more upto date details follow the IFMR Ride Organizer Steve McKewen's (Belves Design)

link: [http://www.belvesdesign.com/?page\\_id=83](http://www.belvesdesign.com/?page_id=83)

