

# Newsletter



## President's Update

Greetings from Reno! Sadly the riding season for most of us is drawing to a close, or at least getting colder. I hope that many of you got some late season rides in.

Over in the southwest, we had a fine ride over 4 Sierra Nevada passes in early October. 4 of us enjoyed the weather and ride. Full report in the newsletter.

As you probably have heard in a previous newsletter, we are evaluating an alternative "system" for our website and member management. Currently we are on ClubRunner, which is very common among Rotary clubs and districts. We are evaluating iMembersDB, which is effectively a clone of DACdb but for clubs and fellowships. Anyone with thoughts or comments, please send them to me.

As we prepare for next year, I want to encourage you to consider leading an IFMR ride. I want to publish a riding calendar around January so riders can get events on their calendar. Please coordinate with your Regional Director or assistant.

Volunteer opportunity!!! We have several open positions on the Leadership Team. If you are interested in getting more involved, please let me know! Open positions include: President-elect, Secretary, Membership director, Northeast regional director, Southeast regional director.

With the holiday season within view, I hope you enjoy them and get some great presents for your motorcycle riding!

Yours in Rotary Service,

Larie.



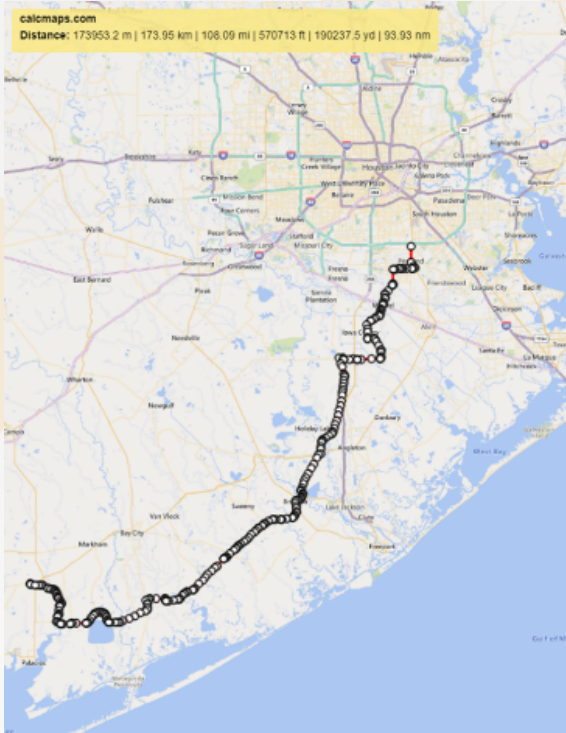




# Sunday Ride to Hotel Blessing

Chris Schneider

On short notice, a ride was planned for a Sunday brunch at the Hotel Blessing in Blessing, TX. Due to the short notice only 3 riders took part in the ride; Chris & Ute Schneider and Chip Boetler, a former member of the Rotary Club of Seabrook. Ute had to try on her new BMW R1200 GSA Triple Black.



The ride was blessed with a beautiful sunny day with mild temperatures. The reward was the awesome brunch at the hotel Blessing, family style and all you can eat. After filling our bellies we hopped on the iron horses and headed back to our starting point. Total ride time was 5 hours down and back (200 miles) on the FM roads of the gulf coast.





# October 2022 Sierra Nevada Pass ride

Larie Trippet

On Friday evening Sept 30, Scott Nelson and Larie Trippet met in Folsom, CA for dinner prior to the ride on Saturday and Sunday. We enjoyed good food and drink along with conversation.

At 8:30 Saturday morning the two departed and met Ron Mead and his wife Susan in Angels Camp, CA about an hour later.

The bikes with riders, went south to Highway 4 and turned east to go over Ebbetts pass. After descending down the east slope, we turned onto Highway 89 to go over Monitor Pass (Larie's favorite!)

At highway 395 we turned south to the lunch stop in Walker CA. The Walker Burger is an excellent burger stop along the way.

Proceeding south we came to Highway 108 and Sonora Pass. Ultimately we arrived in Sonora CA for

the night. We chose a Mexican restaurant for dinner, and followed that up with a beer at the local brewery, Sonora Brewing Co.

Sunday morning, we left after breakfast at about 8:30. Following Highway 49 north and a scenic, twisty short cut on Highway 26 over to Highway 88. In an effort find a Starbucks to use a gift card, we back tracked all the way to Highway 49.

From Starbucks, Scott headed home while Larie Ron and Susan took off on Highway 88. Lunch was found at the Kirkwood Inn. Larie proceeded home to Reno while Ron and Susan took another crack at Monitor Pass.

The weather was awesome, the fellowship was awesome. I think we will do it again in 2023!



# IFMR Tour Programme 2022-2023

- 26.11. - 4.12. 22 **Israel** (Chapter Austria-Germany-Switzerland AGS)
20. - 22.1. 23 **Winter Meeting** Salzburg- Austria (AGS)
- 8.4. - 9.4. 23 **Tour in Slovenia and Croatia** (Chapter Slovenia)
20. - 22.4. 23 **Season opening** Mountainous country near Cologne (AGS)
- 27.4. - 1.5. 23 **Frankonia** (AGS)
12. - 14.5. 23 **Hilly Spessart/Odenwald** cruising near by Frankfurt (AGS)
20. - 27.5. 23 **Lake Garda/Italy** (AGS)
25. - 28.5. 23 **Tour Elblag** (Poland) <https://ifmr-polska.org/event/international-ride-elblag/>
- 10.6. - 17.6. 23 **Provence/Southern France** (AGS)
- 24.6. - 2.7. 23 **Piedmont/Liguria** (AGS)
- 26.6. - 1.7. 23 **International Ride to Hungary** near Budapest (Chapter Hungary)
7. - 9. 7. 23 **Oldietour Taunus** near by Frankfurt (AGS)
- 13.7. - 16.7. 23 **Spree Forest** east of Berlin (AGS)
20. - 23.7. 23 **Upper Bavaria** (AGS)
27. - 30. 7. 23 **Border Region CH/F/D** (AGS)
29. 7. - 6.8. 23 **Finland/Karelia** (AGS)
04. - 6. 8. 23 **Lower Rhine/Münster** (AGS)
17. - 20. 8. 23 **Thuringia** (AGS)
25. - 27. 8. 23 **Kiel/Baltic Sea** (AGS)
30. 8. - 3. 9. 23 **Northern Austria/Mühlviertel-Wachau** (AGS)
14. - 17. 9. 23 **Swabians Mountains** (AGS)
22. - 24. 9. 23 **Münster Region** (AGS/ The Netherlands)
- 28.09. - 1.10. 23 **Final Tour 2023 Alsace/Vosges Mountains** (AGS)







# Ride to the Lone Star Rally and the Blue Water Highway

**Chris Schneider**

The Lone Star Rally took place on Galveston Island from November 3rd thru 6th. More that 400,000 people attended with over a 150,000 motorcycles from around the country making this the largest biker rally in North America.

Chris & Ute Schneider with a few biker friends visited the Rally on Saturday, November 5th.



Needless to say that at 11:00am things were already in full swing. We were able to secure parking within walking distance of the Strand.

The streets were filled with people, vendors and lots of motorcycles. Of course, Ute always runs into someone we know, Deb Tiplitz, a fellow member of the RC of MC Rotarians and IFMR-NA member.



Once we had our fill with the crowds, we hopped on the bikes and headed down the blue water highway. A great ride along the Gulf of Mexico.



This ride from Galveston went along the coastal waterway until the city of Surfside Beach for a short pit stop. From there we headed inland up through the Brazoria National wildlife refuge to FM2004 that brought us back to Alvin, our end point. This was a round trip ride that took 4 hours (approximately 150 miles).





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