

Newsletter



July-September, 2021.



President's Update

Larie Trippet

Welcome to the first newsletter of my two year term. I am proud and humbled to be your President.

Please let me know how I can serve you better!

Some of my goals:

- Plan and implement a fantastic IFMR-NA experience in Houston 2022. Details below.
- Encourage and facilitate more rides in all regions. The Regional Directors are the primary point of contact for rides in your region, as well as the ride to Houston. Any member can plan a ride, be it one day, two days, or more. We have tools to help you communicate and register participants.
- Grow the membership. Just as RI President Mehta wants to grow Rotary membership by inviting prospects, lets apply that to our fellowship....invite a fellow rider to join us!

I encourage everyone to get familiar with our website and access it when you are looking for information: ifmr-na.org. Here you will find up to date information on the IFMR activities at Houston, a ride schedule, as well as a history of past rides. Information about past rides will help you plan your own ride. You can also order some cool IFMR-NA gear! Check it out!

Yours in Rotary Service,

Larie.



My Crystal Ball is back from the Shop

James M. Dodmead



To me, IFMR is about riding motorcycles. My start was in 1998 with an IFMR ride in South Africa, which was the ride of a lifetime (don't think that doesn't get fed back to me from time to time: You already had your trip of a lifetime!)

But I would like to take this opportunity to talk about what some of the rides we would like to make over the next few years.

Recently IFMR-NA member Tom Kale and Rotarian Mike Mclean came up with some spectacular rides for the Carlton Pernel and Terry Skoglund Memorial Ride in Maggie Valley, NC. There were about 23 bikes and 28 people on that ride and it was a great time seeing all the people you hadn't seen for years and all the people you had never met in person (considering it was a memorial ride).

Here is the Spirited group leaving Jonathon Creek Inn:



We attended the Waynesville Rotary Club meeting Friday at lunchtime:



Beautiful scenery:



Did some riding on the Blue Ridge Parkway:



Fellowship (and gas) in Western North Carolina:



We visited Dale's Wheels Through Time museum, where Carlton, Terry, and Dale's memorial trees will be planted:



Some upcoming rides that you may want to pencil into your calendar might be:

- If you are as adventurous as PDG John Krumb, he will be going to Egypt in October 2021 for the 10th anniversary **Cross Egypt Challenge** <http://www.crossegyptchallenge.com/> Time is running short, so you need to get registered! Please note that this is sponsored in part by the Alexandria Cosmopolitan Rotary Club, so you will definitely need to know the Four Way Test before you go.

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Houston 2022 Convention

We have some great plans for IFMR in Houston in addition to riding there and riding after.

What we know so far:

- Hotel for IFMR with 250 rooms blocked, at a very reasonable price! Includes secure motorcycle parking.
- Rides from all corners of North America. Possibly some IFMR riders from outside North America will join.
- Official photo of IFMR members, with or without motorcycles, in front of the convention center on Friday at 9am
- Reserved motorcycle parking at the convention center.
- Booth in the House of Friendship. President Larie will be seeking volunteers to help staff the booth.

- After convention ride to the hill country of Texas. Details still being worked on.

- Commemorative T-shirt will be available. Also a flag for your motorcycle.

In the planning stages:

- Happy hour(s) to enjoy the fellowship
- Dinner

Visit IFMR-NA.org for updates and links to reserve a room at the chosen IFMR hotel. Also at the website, you can identify your Regional Director and contact them to coordinate YOUR ride to Houston.

Looking forward to meeting you in Houston!

Larie.



Maggie Valley ride

Linda Ryan



Part 1



Part 2



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- A ride in the spring of 2022. It is looking like this may be Johnson City, TN or a Florida ride, or both ☺. If you have any ideas or would like to help set something up: jim@dodmead.net

- The 2022 Rotary International Convention will be in Houston from June 4-8, 2022. There will be a ride from each of the regions to the IFMR/Motorcyclist Motel. The southeast region ride will start on Tuesday June 1st (leaving very early to beat the heat) with a stop in Birmingham, AL for a visit to Barbers Museum and a 2nd stop in Baton Rouge, LA to have some excellent Cagin' food. More information will follow on rides from the other regions. Here is the convention URL <https://convention.rotary.org/en/houston> There will be an IFMR-NA Group Picture in front of the convention center on June 3rd. The IFMR/Motorcyclists Hotel can be accessed here: **Click here for Hotel link** or https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/wingate/houston-texas/wingate-houston-near-nrg-park-medical-center/rooms-rates?brand_id=WG&checkInDate=6/1/2022&checkOutDate=6/12/2022&useWRPoints=false&children=0&groupCode=060422ROT&iata=00093796&adults=1&rooms=1&loc=ChIJAYWNSLS4QIYROWVl894CDco&sessionId=1625157517

Also, we will be looking for volunteers to help man the IFMR booth in the House of Friendship during the convention. The convention will be followed by a few day ride in the Texas Hill Country. More information will follow on this ride as well. If you haven't attended an RI Convention, you will be amazed by all the good we do around the world.

- August 2022. Maggie Valley or Franklin or Nantahala Village. I will either have the Gold Wing or my sports car. We'll see how my wife's foot is. The weekend of August 26th would probably have the best weather. We will take a look at lodging options and provide more information. If you have suggestions for this ride, let us know.

- October 20-23, 2022. Tom Kale is working on a Bourbon Trail Ride centered in Bardstown, KY, with rides to different distilleries and evening "sampling." In addition, I am planning to have an "add on," either before or after to visit the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, KY. He is also

looking at lodging with a nice porch for evening bourbon sampling.

- There was the possibility of an Chile/Argentina ride in early 2023, but right now that looks like it could be a hazardous event (<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories/chile-travel-advisory.html>) . Maybe we can revisit this in later years.
- In spring or summer 2023 we are discussing the possibility of a West Virginia ride. My friend, Jim Ford, who spoke to the Rotary Club of Motorcycling Rotarians last year developed a 7 or 8 day ride around WV that we may look at. It comes complete with Lodging recommendations! Knowing Jim, this is a great ride. More to follow on this.
- In June of 2024, the RI Convention will be in Melbourne, Australia. IFMR-AUS was planning a ride in 2020 and then 2021, but they were both cancelled. I have my fingers crossed that they will reconsider it and sponsor that ride in 2024 for the convention. And if you are going all the way down under, you may as well spend a couple of weeks riding in New Zealand (that is my plan and please note that this is NOT THE TRIP OF A LIFETIME!).
- In late May of 2025 the RI convention will be in Calgary. I can guarantee that there will be a "Icefield Parkway" ride to Jasper that year, even if I have to lead it in my wheelchair! This is absolutely, positively the most spectacular ride on the planet. This is a do not miss event. You should definitely pencil this in your calendar.

My crystal ball view is getting a little hazy now, so that is about as far out as I can go.

But, it definitely looks like good IFMR-NA riding times ahead!

Jim.



Ride to End Polio Now!

Christopher H. Schneider

On Saturday September 25th, the Rotary Club of Motorcycling Rotarians in conjunction with the IFMR-NA South Central region held a ride that was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Memorial-Spring Branch and the Rotarians of District 5890. A more perfect day for a ride could not be had for the Houston, Texas area. Mild temperatures in the 70's and 80's with plenty of sunshine and low humidity. The ride originated at the Mobil Gas Station located on Hwy 35 in Pearland Texas.

While waiting for the kickstand up, Debra Tiplitz, a member of the Rotary Club of Motorcycling Rotarians and IFMR-NA was presented with her club secretary pin by PDG Bill Palko and her IFMR-NA patch and stickers from PDG Chris Schneider.

PDG Chris Schneider also presented the IFMR-NA patches and stickers to the most recent members to join the IFMR-NA; PDG Bill Palko, Asst. Regional Director; Darryl Smith, Past President of the Rotary Club of Space Center and Quinn Edgecombe President-Elect of the Rotary Club of Houston-Skyline.



The riders we accompanied by Wayne Staton, a polio survivor and a member of the Rotary Club of Sharpstown and his wife Gwen Corolla, a member of the Rotary Club of Memorial-Spring Branch who were driving the pursuit vehicle.

Eleven riders, including Ute Schneider, President of the Rotary Club of Motorcycling Rotarians, Chris Schneider, Director IFMR-NA South Central, PDG Bill Palko, Asst. Director IFMR-NA South Central made their way 108 miles to the Hotel Blessing <https://hotelblessing.com>

At the Hotel Blessing the riders were treated to a family style all you can eat lunch buffet. For \$11.00 per person that's the best deal in Texas! After an enjoyable meal and relaxing fellowship, the ride made the return trek back to Houston.

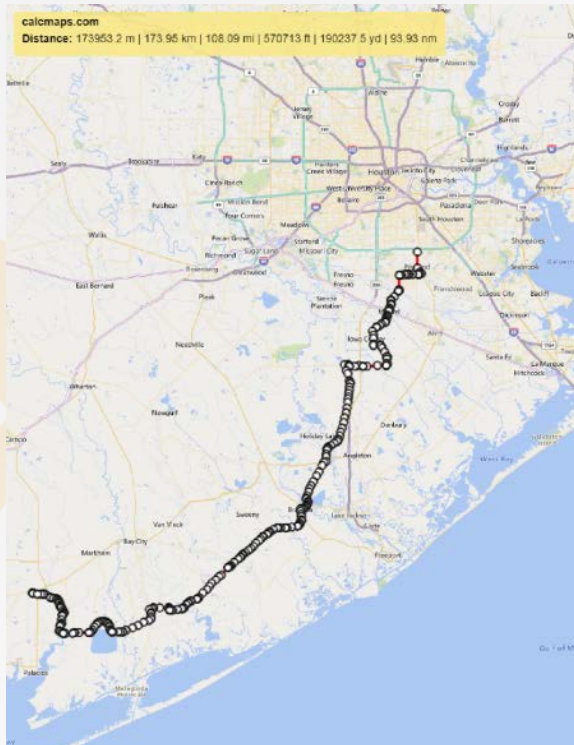
When all was said and told, the ride raised \$9,160.00 for the Polio Plus Fund a The Rotary Foundation. Not a bad way to spend a wonderful day in the service of others!





Ride to End Polio Now!

Christopher H. Schneider



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