



RIDER'S DIGEST

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"Ride With Discretion"

Winter 2013/2014



President's Message...

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all. I hope this communication finds you all well and enjoying the holiday season with family and friends. I know by the time you receive this newsletter the Holidays will be over but this is the closest I can get to wishing everyone a blessed Holiday season.

As many of you know my riding season was shortened by a little accident. I was trying to play Tarzan but ended up more like George of the jungle and fractured my wrist. I can report as of the writing of this message everything is going well and in 2 more weeks I will be out of my cast and on to physical therapy. I would also like to thank all the members for their cards, e-mails, and well wishes during my recovery. The Sunny Side up committee does a great job in getting the word out about members who are ill or just needs some support. But remember this committee needs your help, If you know any member that is ill please let the Committee know, the cards do really work (I know first-hand).

We just held our first Board meeting and the attendance was great. We had over 20 people at the meeting. The meeting was very productive with all your Officers working together to advance this Great Club. After the meeting we all went to dinner followed by some great fellowship. Remember our Board meetings are open to all members, and our next meeting will be Saturday April 5, 2014 at location TBA.

In closing I just want to remind you this is YOUR club and if you would like to sit on a committee or even hold an office please let any Board member or myself know, or if you have any questions please contact any of us.

Fraternally Yours,
Ron Ferraro



Vice President's Message...

Brothers, The Holiday Season is upon us; I would like to wish everyone a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR. With the New Year may you all be blessed with health and happiness.

Chapters 49 and 52 are doing a great job setting up the Annual Conference. I hope to see everyone there.

IMPORTANT: *If you made reservations with Wintergreen Resort prior to November 15th they request that you call 800-648-4765 to confirm, as a computer glitch erased many reservations. If you have questions ask for Shirley Lewandowski.*

The MMCI Family is a Great group of Men, Women, and their Children. I am glad that I have had the pleasure of meeting as many of you as I have, and I can only hope that more of you can make the Annual Conference, as we have a great time, and fantastic fellowship.

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Fraternally Yours – Dean Gonya

Keep The Shiny Side Up

I would like to start out by saying thank you to everyone who sends out cards to our MMCI family members when they are in need of our kindness.

To update everyone the following members are still in need of your thoughts and prayers:

- Fighting Melanoma: John Comstock,
- In poor health: Robert Wicke & Suzy Wolverton,
- Recovering from surgery: Uncle Dick, Gary Lippert & Linda Widger.

If you require address or e-mails please send me a request. Don't forget when any of our MMCI is in need of thoughts & prayers or if something good is happening in their lives please let me know at Connie.62@verizon.net.

**MMCI Executive Board Meeting
November 9, 2013 at the Quality Inn, Apalachin NY**

President Ron Ferraro called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM. All International Officers were present, with the exception of Honorary Trustee Ken White and Lifetime Trustee Rich Kovac. Chapters attending were: 1, 3, 8, 12, 14, 15, 24, & 25. The minutes of the annual meeting held on August 15th, 2013 were approved as published in the Fall 2013 Rider's Digest. Officers Reports:

- President - Thank you for the well wishes, cards, and flowers.
- Vice President - Enjoy the holidays; Conference planning is going very well
- Secretary
 - New Chapter - CH 53, Stevensville, Montana approved via an e-mail vote of the Board.
 - Dues not paid - CH 31, NY; CH 50, PA
 - CH 8 - 135 members; 31 in arrears
 - Current Membership = 627; 56 in arrears
- Treasurer
 - Report attached. Will be talking to bank regarding options to move some funds out of checking.
 - Working with Doug to ensure website payments are sent/automatically paid.
- Trustees (Randy Headdings 6 year, Gary Lippert 4 year, Gordy Aune Jr. 2 year)
 - Nothing to report, but thank you for the cards for Bonnie's father (Randy)

Committee Reports:

- The following Committees had no reports to present - By-Laws (John VanKirk), Safety (Tom Boyle), Nominations (Don Crete), Audit (Gordy Rudd), Grievance (Neal Forbes), Positive Growth & Retention (Ken White)
- Finance (George Detweiler) – Report attached. IRS EZ-990 will be filed timely.
- Membership (Kent Dorney) – See Secretary's report
- Web Site (Doug Kelley) – Issues with change over, costs became prohibitive. Doug is looking into other options that are more in-line with the Club's budget, as the original estimate has now grown to over \$5,000.
- Quartermaster (Cliff Wilson)
 - Sales for the quarter \$343.00, including conference sales. Inventory of club items is more than adequate.
 - Antenna flags – minimum order of 50 @ \$3.90 each. Nylon, double-sided 4" x 6" flag, two color. A 6X9 flag may be more appropriate for flag posts.
 - Rings – manufacturer is out of business, alternative manufacturer was offering at \$85.00 but there have been no requests. Board voted to remove the item from the website.
- Death Benefit (Dick Morse) – No deaths this quarter. Committee Finances are in good shape
- Sunny Side Up (Connie Dorney) – opened checking account with debit card at local credit union: \$1006.69 balance. 12 cards sent since convention, one flowers.
- Conference (Larry Herzog Jr.) – Dean has been receiving regular reports from CH 49. Contract is signed with hotel, on-line, can reserve rooms as of right now.

Old Business

- Shiny Side Up program - Program documentation underway.
- Future Convention Locations - No proposals at this time for 2015 and beyond, but a group of the Board will look into the Harrison, Arkansas this spring as a potential location.

New Business

- Life Membership (Emeritus) - A proposal that an Honorary title to give to some members for lengthy service & membership to the club. Proposed requirements for the honorary title included that the Brother may be nominated by any member of the Club; would not have Board voting rights; minimum level of participation in the Club to include - served 2 terms on the board, 10 years active membership, attended 10 conferences. Awardee may have no or reduced dues. Email suggestions to Ron or Kent. Goal is to have proposal ready for next convention
- Status on Chapter 50, PA - Invitation for Board member attend a Chapter meeting has not been responded to.
- Next Exec. Board Meeting Date & Location: April 5th, 2014. Location TBD – if no reasonable alternative location found, then meeting will be held in Apalachin, NY.

After the Closing Prayer the meeting was adjourned at 5:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Kent A. Dorney, IS/PP.

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Executive Board, 2013 – 2015

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Conference 2014: Chapter 49 – Wisconsin Dells
Larry Herzog, Jr (Chair); Joe Nemeth; Dan Roe; Ron Thompson; Dean Gonya (Vice-Chair)

International Chaplain: Jeff Killian

Lifetime Trustees: Doug Kelley, Richard Kovac, Richard Morse, Cliff Wilson

Appointed Committees

Audit: Mark Dreyer (Chair), Gordy Rudd, Chris Alexander, John VanKirk

By-laws: John VanKirk (Chair); Kent Dorney, PP; Gary O'Neal, PP

Death Benefit Fund: Dick Morse (Chair), Kent Dorney, Dick Foxen (Sec-Treas), Neal Forbes, Jeff Kaplan, Cliff Wilson (Vice-chair/PP),

Grievance: Neal Forbes (Chair); Jeff Killian; Kent Dorney

Finance: George Detweiler (Chair); Kent Dorney, PP; Gordy Aune, Jr.

Membership: Kent Dorney (Chair/PP); Doug Kelley, PP

Nominations: Don Crete (Chair/PP); Ken White, PP; Dick Morse

Positive Growth & Retention: Ken White (Chair/PP), JohnVanKirk

Quartermaster: Cliff Wilson, PP

Safety: Tom Boyle (Chair); Cliff Wilson, PP; Robert Boss; Jeff Johnson

Shiny Side Committee: Connie Dorney (Chair), (Connie.62@verizon.net), Kim Crete, Bonnie Baker

Website: Doug Kelley (Chair/PP)
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Honorary Trustee: Kenneth White, Past Pres.
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The International Secretary's musings...

Riders Digest...

We are always looking for articles, please let us know what your Chapter is doing. Change of address, articles and material for publication to: Ch8MMCI@verizon.net, or mail to: 49 Simson Street, Tonawanda, NY 14150

Dues are PAST DUE...

The following Chapters have not paid their dues: **31 & 50**. Additionally there are several Chapter 8 members whose dues are now overdue. Please send your payments and Chapter forms into me as soon as possible.



MASONIC MOTORCYCLE CLUB INTERNATIONAL ® INC.

2014 ANNUAL CONFERENCE
 Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin
 Sunday, August 17 thru Friday, August 22, 2014



NAME _____ MEMBER# _____
 PASSENGER NAME _____
 OTHER GUEST(S) NAME(S) _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
 E-MAIL _____ PHONE _____

ITEM							#		Sub-Total
Registration Fee - Adult								X	\$70.00
Registration Fee – Children, 12 & Under								X	\$35.00
Conference Shirts – indicate # under size		Small	Medium	Large	XL	2XL	3XL		
Color = Heather, Women’s tanks are Heather						+ \$2.00	+ 2.00		
Men’s Short Sleeve T-Shirt (\$13.00)							X	\$13/\$15	
Woman’s Tank Top (\$13.00)							N/A	X \$13/\$15	
Golf Shirt – Embroidered (\$22.00)							X	\$22/\$24	
Tuesday and Thursday feature long guided rides at no cost. Short self-guided rides available each day.								X	
								X	
EXTRA CONFERENCE PIN								X	\$5.00
TOTAL Due									

Make checks payable to MMCI Chapter #49, mail checks and registration form no later than JULY 1st, 2014 to:

MMCI c/o Larry Herzog, Jr.
 752 Waterloo Street, Columbus, WI 53925

Hotel Information:

Wintergreen Resort and Conference Center; 60 Gasser Road., Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965
 Phone # 1-800-648-4765.
 MMCI Room Rate is \$69.00/Night + Tax.

Individuals must make their own reservations with the hotel no later than July 14th, 2014.
 After July 14th the hotel will accept reservations based upon available space and may be at prevailing rates.

For more information please feel free to contact:

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ALL PARTICIPANTS ARE REQUIRED TO SIGN A WAIVER FORM.
 CHILDREN UNDER 18 MUST HAVE THE WAIVER SLIP SIGNED BY PARENT(S) OR GUARDIAN(S).