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RIDER'S DIGEST

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"Ride With Discretion"

SUMMER 2013

Last Call for Canaan Valley... A registration form and tentative Conference agenda are located on pages 4 and 5 of the newsletter. If you haven't booked your room and paid your registration, do it NOW!! See you at the Canaan Valley Resort in August!

Chapter 51 (Orbisonia PA) Makes the News with Its Donations... Received from Shawn Vaughn of Chapter 51. Shawn reports that his Chapter was recently featured in their local newspaper for the donations Chapter 51 made to four local food pantries in the Chapter's local area. The article, titled "**Masons Donate to Local Food Pantries**," follows: "*Masonic Motorcycle Club International Chapter 51 representing our local and surrounding communities presented \$150 donations to each of the 4 different food pantries. The food pantries include: Huntingdon Food Pantry, Mt. Union Food Pantry, Orbisonia Food Pantry, and Fulton County Food Basket. The food pantries are non-profit, charitable organizations that distribute food to those in need, who have been referred by other human service agencies and local clergy. Masonic Motorcycle Club International motorcycle club is comprised of masons throughout the United States. Chapter 51 is comprised of members of various Masonic Lodges in Huntingdon and Fulton Counties and the surrounding area.*" The article featured several photos of Chapter 51 members presenting checks to representatives of the local food pantries. When asked, here's what Shawn said about how Chapter 51 came up with the idea of raising money and donating it. "We, as Chapter 51, held our first meeting after receiving our charter and decided that we would raise money and donate it locally because the local people don't really know what the Masons are all about. We had a vote, and came to the conclusion that for our first year we would donate to the local food pantries because they are always in need of help. We figured that since our Chapter is comprised of 4 different lodges we would donate our proceeds to each of the four area food pantries. We decided as a whole that when we do a scheduled ride we would charge \$5 per rider to raise the money for the charity we decided for the year. We schedule at least 1 ride per month and it takes place the first Saturday of every month unless weather does not allow the scheduled ride. If the weather doesn't permit us to ride the first Saturday we postpone it until the following Saturday." Well done, and congratulations to all the members of Chapter 51.

Dues are due... The following Chapters have not paid their dues: **3, 12, 15, 27, 30, 31, 32, 34, 36, 37, 41, 43, 48, 49, 50, 52.** Each Chapter secretary received the renewal forms and roster updates in April. Let's get those forms and checks in as soon as possible. Thanks!

Chapter 45 (Italy) Hosts Its 2013 Moto Club Italy... Roberto Caroti, Chapter 45 secretary, reports that the Italian Chapter once again held a week-end long gathering of its Members and other Masonic motorcycle enthusiasts. On Thursday, June 6, participants arrived at the Hotel Ariston Molino in the lovely Venetian hills. After a wonderful meal at the hotel Thursday evening, riders gathered early Friday morning to visit various sites in and around the ancient city of Padua. On Saturday, the group enjoyed an exciting ride to Venice. After the morning ride, they boarded a boat and toured the Venetian islands. Friday and Saturday rides were followed by dinner and camaraderie at the hotel. After breakfast at the hotel Sunday morning, June 9, all the attendees headed home. A wonderful time was had by all!

Final Journeys...

Robert McLay Chapter 6 Zelenople, PA June 12, 2013

Lee Mai Chapter 30 Rapid City, SD June 13, 2013

Don Williams Chapter 8 Angola, IN June 26, 2013

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President's Message...

I'm not sure about your area but the riding season in Minnesota has not been the best to say the least. As we only have 5 more weeks till the conference in WV I'll have to find some way to get my lower unit (not the bike's) in shape for the long ride some of us are planning to get there.

This is my final message as the President and all I can say is "Thank You" to all who have helped me make my 4 years on the Board so enjoyable. It has been a pleasure to serve all of you and the friendships I've made have been priceless. The MMCI is truly one of the finest groups of Masons I have had the pleasure to meet and associate with. I haven't accomplished everything I had hoped to but I am proud to say we have added some new members and more than a couple new chapters. The future looks bright, our membership is solid and the Board is experienced and ready to serve. I hope you all feel welcome to contact any Board member and give us your ideas. We, as the leaders of the MMCI welcome hearing from our members and if there is anything we can do to improve ourselves and grow the membership, it is received with open arms and minds.

There are more to say "thank you" to and that will be done during the Annual Conference. OH, speaking about the conference, that reminds me. We have some new members, and new chapters (welcome to the MMCI) and I hope you are all planning on coming to Canaan Valley, WV in August. This is the place where you will feel welcome and have one heck of good time. New friends will be made for life and your MMCI membership will mean more to you. Look for details, and forms in this Rider's Digest or go on line to your MasonicMotorcycleClub.org web site.

In closing, I would like to mention to everyone that this is your club and if you would like to serve on any committee or even the Board, just let any of the board members or myself know. Also, we are always looking for articles or news within our chapters for the Rider's Digest; feel free to send your input to Secretary Jeff or myself.

Fraternally yours, WB Ken White – President



Vice President's Message...

Greeting Brothers,

The summer riding seasons has arrived. It's seems to have taken a little longer this year to warm up. But now the temperatures are just right. The 2013 Conference is just around the corner. Uncle Dick and his team have planned a great Conference this year in Canaan Valley WV. Just a couple of weeks ago Uncle Dick & the committee took one last trip up to Canaan Valley to make sure all items are ready. The block of rooms we had held were all rented and more had to be added. If you haven't sent in your reservation just yet, now is the time to do it.

My two years as your Vice President are coming to an end; I would like to thank the members of the Board for their help and guidance, President Ken thank you for calling and making me feel welcome. Your leadership was outstanding and I hope if the Club will allow me to serve them as their next President I can lead this Club, with the same values and leadership you have showed the past two years. Secretary Jeff, it has been said many times if the Club only knew how much work you do, thank you. Treasurer George you and I have become good friends over the last couple of years and I do appreciate you staying on as treasurer. Kent, Uncle Dick, Cliff, Dean, Gordy and all of the Trustees thanks for you guidance. It's nice to know I have your support and knowledge to lean on in the future.

My next report will be given at the Conference in Canaan Valley, Hope to see you all there. Until then, Ride Safe and always **RIDE WITH DISCRETION.**

Fraternally Yours – Ron Ferraro



**MASONIC MOTORCYCLE CLUB
 INTERNATIONAL INC.
 2013 ANNUAL CONFERENCE
 CANAAN VALLEY RESORT
 AUGUST 12TH THUR AUGUST 16TH**



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

ITEMS	SIZE (CIRCLE)	COST	#	EXTENDED COST
REGISTRATION FEE ADULT		\$70.00	X	
REGISTRATION FEE CHILDREN (12 & UNDER)		\$35.00	X	
MEN'S SHORT SLEEVE T-SHIRT	S M L XL 2XL 3XL 4XL	\$15.00	X	
MEN'S GOLF SHIRT EMBRODERED	S M L XL 2XL 3XL 4XL	\$22.00	X	
LADIES TANK TOP	S M L XL 2XL	\$15.00	X	
ADD \$2.00 FOR 2XL, 3XL, AND 4XL		\$2.00	X	
EXTRA CONFERENCE PIN		\$5.00	X	
CASS SCENIC R.R. TUESDAY 8/13 LUNCH AT WHITTER STATION "DUTCH"		\$25.00	X	
TOTAL				
TRIP TO FLIGHT 93 MEMORIAL (CIRCLE YER OR NO)	YES OR NO	\$0.00		

**Make checks payable to MMCI #1 and mail registration form and check no later than July 15, 2013 to:
 2013 MMCI CONFERENCE 653 MADISON AVE. PAINESVILLE, OHIO. 44077**

HOTEL INFORMATION:

Canaan Valley Resort & Conference Center, 230 Main Lodge Rd. Davis, WV. 26260 Phone-800-622-4121 Or 304-866-4121
 www.canaanresort.com , Ask for the "MMCI RATES". Room rates are \$69.00/night + tax. MMCI rates available thru July 15th. A block of 80 rooms has been reserved. RV Parking and Cabins are also available. **VACATION PACKAGE :5 Nights ECONOMY PACKAGE :3 Nights**
 Individuals must make their own reservations by no later than July 15, 2013. Reservation received after July 13, 2013 will be provided on a space available basis and at prevailing rates.

REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES:

Hospitality Room, Goodie Bag, Welcome Event, Pizza Party, Blackwater Falls Lunch, Ice Cream Social, Discount Coupons, Banquet Buffet (Thursday Evening), Conference Pin, and Friday Departure Breakfast.

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EARLY BIRD DRAWING: ONE FREE REGISTRATION (\$70.00) WILL BE DRAWN FROM ALL REGISTRATION RECIVED BY 4/1/2013

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

MASONIC MOTORCYCLE CLUB INTERNATIONAL ® INC.
29th ANNUAL CONFERENCE, CANAAN VALLEY RESORT, DAVIS, WV
PROPOSED AGENDA FOR WEEK OF AUGUST 12 – 16, 2013

SUNDAY, 08/11

Vacation package

Check in, after 4:00 pm, Registration. Hospitality Room.
Relax, Pool time, Finish packing goody bags.
Dinner in Davis on your own. Convention Committee meeting.
Hospitality Room

MONDAY, 08/12

Buffet Breakfast at Lodge. On you own.
Check in, all day, Registration .in the Hospitality Room.
Road Captain meeting, 9:00 am. Board Room. Audit Committee. Short ride, "Surprise".
Visit Smoke Hole Cavern with lunch at Seneca Rock on your own OR Ski slope tours.
OR #1 Visit Green Bank Science Center. Bus Tour, Lunch on your own. 65 miles. 9:00 am
Buffet Dinner at Lodge on your own.
Hospitality Room

TUESDAY, 08/13

Economy Package

Buffet Breakfast at Lodge. On you own.
Check in, all day. Registration in the Hospitality Room
Railroad Trip, Cass scenic R.R 71 miles 8:00 am. Cost, \$25.00. . Lunch at Whittaker Station.
OR Seneca Caverns & Park, Lunch at on your own. 20 miles 10:00 am
OR #2 Visit Green Bank Science Center. Bus Tour. Lunch on your own. 65 miles. 9:00 am.
Pizza Party at Big Johns..** 2 Miles. 5:00 pm. Discount Coupons.
Executive Board and Death Benefit Fund Meetings. 6:30 pm. Thomas Masonic Lodge ??
Hospitality Room.

WEDNESDAY, 08/14

Buffet Breakfast at Lodge, on your own.
Check in all day. Registration in the Hospitality Room
Trip to Flight 93 Memorial in Shanksville PA . 100 miles 8:30 am. (With rest & gas stops.)
Lunch at Somerset Masonic Lodge # 358 ** 1:00 pm
Hospitality Room. Ice Cream Social. **

THURSDAY, 08/15

Buffet Breakfast at Lodge. On you own
Morning Annual MMCI Meeting, Election of Officers. Reports 9:00 am to 11:00 am
Ladies fashion show or entertainment.
Ride to Black Water Falls, tour and lunch ** 15 miles. 12:15 pm
Bike Show and open Judging. ** 3:00 pm
MMCI Banquet Dinner.** Awards, Installation of 2013-2015 Officers. Cocktails, 6:00 pm, Eat, 7:00 pm
Hospitality Room. Pack up to go home.

FRIDAY, 08/16

Send off Buffet Breakfast at Lodge... ** 7:00 am to 9:00 am
Quick Ex-Board Meeting. 8:00 am Conference Room.

** Paid for by the Convention Committee.

Notes; Gas station within 2 miles of Lodge. Don't feed the wildlife. Tons of parking for our bikes,
The Resort is building new rooms so we will have to be aware of construction. They just might be completed and we will
be able to stay in them. MMCI products for sale. Go to; www.canaanresort.com for further information. Nature Trails &
Golf Course on grounds. Members are responsibility for their own resort reservations. We will need at least five
experienced volunteer Road Captains with CB radios for trips. From the Conference Committee.

Minutes of the April 6, 2013 Executive Board Meeting... The Spring 2013 meeting of the M.M.C.I. Executive Board was called to order by President Ken White at 4:03 PM in the conference room of the Ramada Inn in Cortland, NY. All elected and appointed officers were present except for Dave Page, Two Year Trustee; and Jeff Killian, Chaplain. Chapters 1, 8, 12, 14, 24, 49 and 52 were represented. Opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance were led by Ken White, President.

Minutes of the Fall 2012 Executive Board Meeting were approved as written.

Sickness and Distress: It was reported that Dick Morse, Lifetime Trustee, was dealing with Round Two of problems with his leg.

Officers Reports:

President: Nothing to report. **Vice-president:** Ron gave an update about the 2013 Annual Conference in Canaan Valley, WV. **Secretary:** as published in the Secretary's report. **Treasurer:** as published in the Treasurer's report. **Trustees:** Gordy asked about the income of the Club.

Committees: By-laws – George presented a resolution which addresses and formalizes how and where the MMCI logo and patch may be used, and by whom. The resolution was approved and is Resolution 17 which may be found in the Constitution and Bylaws, located on the MMCI website. Nominations reported that it was actively seeking and screening candidates for the upcoming elections and had two confirmed and two possible candidates. Website – the ISP that hosts the Club website is updating its software. Conference 2013 – Ron reported that tasks have been delegated, pins have been ordered and that the winner of the free early bird registration drawing was Richard Toby of Chapter 6. Membership reported Chapter 8 growth, and a new Chapter with some prospects. Quartermaster – as published.

Old Business: The discussion continued about the creation of an Annual Conference handbook. Connie announced that she was ready to email a copy of the proposed handbook to Executive Board members for review.

New Business: Ken reported that the contract that was received from Gettysburg for the 2014 Conference site and accommodations required substantial advance funding with unreasonable rates. He requested that the Executive Board consider an alternative proposal by Chapters 49 and 52 to hold the 2014 Conference in Dells, WI. Representatives of those Chapters were in attendance at the meeting by phone and indicated that they were able to ensure that they had the capacity and manpower to host the 2014 Annual Conference. A motion was made, seconded and passed to hold the 2014 Annual Conference in Dells, WI.

A discussion was held about Chapters holding multiple charters in MMCI and other Masonic motorcycle clubs. It was agreed that an individual member can belong to whatever clubs he chooses, but that a MMCI Chapter has more restrictions placed upon it, and each individual case will be dealt with at the Executive Board level.

Good of the Order: Nothing to report.

Next Executive Board meeting will be held at the Annual Conference in August, 2013.

The closing prayer was given by Ken White. Motion to adjourn moved and seconded. Passed. Meeting adjourned at 5:30 P.M.

Submitted by Jeff Kaplan, International Secretary

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