



Red Knights International Motorcycle Club Ohio Association Newsletter



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From the State Representative:

The annual business meeting was held on June 18, 2005 in Bellville. There were 5 chapters represented with two of the state Executive Officers present.

A discussion was held on hosting the 2008 International Conference in Ohio. A motion was made and a vote taken to host the conference in Sandusky at the Holidome Recreation Center. This motion passed. The date for the conference will be approved at the Annual Conference in Toronto this year but it will be either the weekend of August 21st or August 28th.

I would like to remind you of the plans for hosting this event. It was voted on at our business meeting in 2004 that the Ohio Association would host this event instead of just one chapter doing it as has been done in the past. The profits from hosting this event would be shared by the chapters taking part in the planning and work. I have asked Dick Morse of Ohio 1 to be the committee chairperson for this event. As we get closer to the date of this event we will be having a planning meeting of the job and duties that are required. Remember that this is a time to show off your Chapter, our Association and our State so make plans on being involved.

Ohio Association Sponsored State events:

Due to the poor support for this years Ohio Association Spring Convention and the fact that the summers are to hard to hold an event due to many factors, it was decided that we would only hold one event sponsored by the Ohio Association each year. It was voted on to move the Conference from Spring/Summer to earlier in the year and to hold a "Cabin Fever" type of weekend. Ohio 8 (Akron) will be hosting this event next year and will have more information in the coming weeks.

Election of Officers:

Jim Langan (Ohio 4) has agreed to serve as the Association Vice President for another two year term. I would like to introduce you to our new Association Treasurer, Jim Jorgenson (MAL) who will also serve as the MAL Representative for the Association. Jim's term is also for two years.

At the winter event in 2006, we will elect a new State Representative, Association Secretary and Association Road Captain. As you many remember when I was elected as the State Representative in 2002, I told the members that it was my intent to serve for a period of four years. It was and is my opinion that we need new people in the leadership positions in order to have new direction, new goals and ideas. Therefore, it is my intent not to seek reelection as the Ohio State Representative in 2006.

Nominations for these offices are open to all members in good standing and should be sent to the Vice President Jim Langan by January 31, 2006.

Ohio Association Poker Run:

Ohio 10 will be hosting the Ohio Association's Fall Poker Run on September 24, 2005 in Lima. The theme is "A Tribute to our Armed Forces". The members have been working hard and their efforts show it. A flyer is attached with this newsletter with more information. Let's work to make this the best attended Poker Run of the year. Contact a member of Ohio 10 to purchase your ticket for the 2005 Harley Davidson Fat Boy that they will award.

Dick Morse Red Knight of the Year Award:

I was disappointed that we did not receive any nominations for this award this year. I have visited the chapters and know that many members are working to help their chapters. The International has adopted this idea and will award its first Red Knight of the Year at the annual convention in August.

*I request that you look at your members and send your nominations for the **2006 Dick Morse Red Knight of the Year Award** to our Vice President, Jim Langan by January 31, 2006.*

International Red Knights International MC Annual Conference:

Remember that the 2005 International Annual Conference will be held August 11-14, 2005 in Toronto. I hope that you are making plans to attend. You can go to the International web site for more information. The Ohio Association has placed an ad in the convention booklet but this does not take the place of your chapter putting one in it. Let's support the host chapter by placing an ad in their booklet and use this as a chance to show off your chapter.

Web Site:

To clear up any misunderstandings, when you want to place something on the Ohio Association Web Site, remember to send it to the WEB MASTER at webmaster@rkmcOhioassociation.com. Do not send it to me as I received over 25 e-mails a day and will not forward it to the webmaster. Remember that this is your web site and you can use it as much as you may want. Visit it on a regular basis to find out what is happening a round the state and with the other chapters.