

ACMM Monthly News – June 2013

Thank you ladies for another successful very ACMM meeting! It is hard to believe we have gone from 26 to 45 members this year with more to come! 73% increase this year (so far!) WOW

I'd like to welcome Pam Whitters (Sussex NB), Betty Weston (New Horton NB), Cheryl MacLaggan (Moncton NB), Kathy Holloway (Roachville NB), Pearl Lucy (Moncton NB) Shirley Allain (Moncton NB), Lynda Erb (Ratter Corner NB) & Jocelyne (Joyce) Poirier (Summerside PEI) to the group. These ladies have all submitted applications to Motor Maids and although official notification from the Motor Maid Membership Secretary may still take a while to come through as they are in the midst of preparing for convention but we can give them a warm ACMM welcome!

On May 26, we held two meetings and what a great attendance! even though the weather did not bode well for most to ride (Peggy D & Anne W were the brave ones) we had 12 NB members and 5 guests meet at the Kennedy House in St Andrews NB. The venue was fantastic and the owners were thrilled to have the ACMM NB group there (they even said they were well behaved :-). They have invited us back any time and they will give us the run of the house, rooms, banquet etc-great thought for a year end spot. In NS, we met at the Driftwood Restaurant in Berwick and it was also a great meeting venue with a private room and video screen and perfect pie!. We had 11 members and 1 special guest Coleen Murphy (who we have loaned to Florida for a while).

Meeting Summary Notes: please review as various good suggestions/ideas came from each of the meetings

- Convention Bid: As you may know, ACMM is presenting a bid to host the 2015 Motor Maid Annual Convention in Moncton NB. Christine and Lynne will give the presentation in Bend Oregon at this years convention on July 11 and it will be voted on by the members in attendance. The presentation was shown (to great applause at both venues). Thank you so much to Crystal, Anne, Elizabeth, her son Graham and Vicki for their hard work on this. It is truly a work of art! Speaking of art, the vests Crystal made for Lynne & Christine to wear at convention were absolutely incredible!! Hard to believe but the artwork on the bridge design was hand drawn. We want to keep the excitement of the convention bid going so if you know of other members in other districts, who are going to convention, please spread the word and ask for their support at the vote in Bend Oregon on July 11th. We are also starting to campaign to other District Directors for their support. Some members talked about possibly getting together the afternoon of July 11th to await the results of the BID selection. Members had suggestions, comments for when we win the bid-in order to keep these to one place, we will soon be starting a Convention Idea blog on our member only section of the website to gather info.

- Communication: we discussed the use of the ACMM Facebook site. This site, although it is a closed group for ACMM members, does also have some members from other districts. We have also added some women who were interested in learning more about us while they consider if they want to join. Maybe in the future we will allow access for non-MM members for a short period of time then check in with them on their intentions and assess their continued access. We also want to endeavour to keep the ACMM FB page positive and related to our motorcycling activities and will monitor what non-members post.
- ACMM T-shirt order: there is enough interest for us to place an ACMM T-shirt order. I will get firm prices and shirt styles shortly and will set up a way for folks to order via our website. Stay tuned for further instruction
- Patch Order: See attachment for order placed- for rockers and name tags this Wed May 29. As far as the large MM crests, Lynne will be purchasing a number of them while she is at convention which we will be able to sell to members at our cost rather than having to order from the US. We will soon be updating our website with information on how to place future orders for rockers and vests. **UPDATE**: unfortunately the folks who do the rockers are heading out on vacation and may not get to our order until they return so it may be end of July or so before we receive the order. They will try to do the ones for the ladies who just bought vests before they leave this week but we have no guarantee. I have not yet submitted payment yet so if you are OK with me holding your money in a separate account until they come back and do the order I can do that. If not let me know.
- Ride Routes: It was suggested we have a way to gather information on members favourite rides which will help give ride options now that the weather looks like it will start to cooperate. We will look into a Favourite Ride Route blog on the website. More info to follow soon
- Charity Events: ACMM would like to support our members who participate in charity motorcycle events where possible. If you are fundraising for an event, please contact Lynne Campbell. We may be able to make a donation on behalf of ACMM.

- Update ACMM Contact list: I have attached the most recent ACMM Membership contact list. We would like to track every one's membership start date. Can you take a look at your membership cards and email me your start date and any other corrections needed? Thanks (PS I do have the dates for members who joined this year)

- Upcoming Ride Events:
 - many ACMM members will be heading to Summerside for Atlanticade on June 28-July 1. Hope to see some of you there! Look for the white vests!! I expect as time gets closer there will be more plans to meet for those who are able to.
 - Convention is in Bend Oregon July 9-11 for any new members wanting to go for a 6500km spin :-)
 - Aug 9-11 many ACMM and Eastern Canadian MMs are meeting in Jackson New Hampshire for a rally. For those new members we hope you will consider joining us! most will be starting out on Thursday, overnighiting it somewhere in Maine and carrying on to Jackson on the Friday. Heading back Sunday and home by Monday. Information is available on our website www.acmotormaids.com

NEXT MEETING: Sunday June 23 rain or shine!

This meeting will be a joint one for NB/PEI/NS Time for everyone to meet!

ACMM Border Meeting in Aulac (Will post event on web and Facebook as soon as I confirm with the restaurant)

At the Schnitzel Haus, at 12 noon

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Ride safe my friends and keep us posted on your journeys!

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