

## **NEW Member Information**

### **Introduction**

Welcome to the Harley Dressers Touring Association, You are a member of the greatest group of people you will ever have the privilege of meeting. The purpose of the Association is to improve the image of motorcycling in the eyes of the general public. Our motto is: **"Ride with Pride"**

This handbook will give you an insight into what goes on inside the Association. Please take the time to read this and when you come to your first rally you will have a good idea of what to expect. The Association is not a "club"; it is a registered non-profit corporation governed by a Board of Trustees.

### **Trustees**

The Board of Trustees is the governing body of the Association. A majority rules on issues concerning the Association. Decisions are based solely on what is best for the membership and the Association as a whole. The trustees hold meetings as needed.

### **Membership**

Membership in the Association is on a yearly basis, your membership renewal is due January 1<sup>st</sup> each year. If you join after October 1<sup>st</sup>, your membership is good through the following year. New membership is \$30 renewal is \$25 couple or single. In (U.S. Funds )

### **American Motorcycle Association**

Our Association is a chartered organization with the A.M.A. The A.M.A. sanctions all of our rallies and furnishes us with someone to insure these rallies. Without the insurance provided by A.M.A., we could not have the rallies as we do today. You do not have to be a member of A.M.A. to belong to the Association, or to attend the rallies. We, the trustees, support A.M.A. and what they do on behalf of all motorcyclists. We hope that you will join A.M.A.

### **Sunshine**

Cards and/or flowers are sent to members and their immediate family (i.e. husband, wife, son, daughter, father or mother) for illness, hospitalization, etc., or a death. We want our members to know we care and to comfort them when needed. Please let us know as soon as possible by emailing or telephoning Millie Beers.

### **Rallies**

The Association (usually) has three rallies a year, the Spring and Fall rallies are hosted by members. The International (summer) rally is hosted by the Trustees. The spring and fall rallies are usually three-day events. Thursday-Saturday. The International rally is a five-day event, Monday-Friday and has some events not at the spring and fall rallies. If you have any questions concerning the form, please contact the rally coordinators. Please do not send the room reservations to the Association, call the rally hotel directly. **Note:** it is better to pre-register for a rally than to wait past the cut-off date, however if you decide late that you want to attend please call us. If you cannot make a rally after you have pre-registered, notify the rally coordinators by phone either at their home or at the rally headquarters (hotel location of the rally). We need this information for the counts of the planned activities at the rally. You can add your guests info on your rally pre-registration forms. On all group rides there is a rally marshal assigned to the rear of the group. Should a problem arise, please pull off to the side of the road. The marshal will stop to give you assistance. The marshal at the rear of the group is in radio contact with the chief marshal, we won't leave you stranded. If any other problems occur, speak to the chief marshal directly. You can also call us on our cell phones if your out riding and need assistance.

## Newsletter

We publish the newsletter tri-annually: February, June and October.

**Ads for sale or wanted:** There is no charge for an ad placed by a member wishing to sell or buy something on the website or in the newsletter. Check with the newsletter editor for further information.

**Articles:** The editor always solicits articles for the newsletter. She also reserves the right to edit any articles sent in for publication, usually due to space limitations.

## Public Relations

Before a rally we contact area media (TV, radio and newspapers). A prepared news release is sent about the Association and its upcoming rally in their area. Radio, TV and newspaper interviews are often done at the rally.

The Association is acknowledged in the museum founders Hall of Fame at the A.M.A. Heritage Museum in Westerville, Ohio for the contributions we make to help support the museum.

## Longevity

The 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 & 30 years certificate and pin are presented to any individual who has been a member of the Association for 5, 10, 15, 20 & 25 years consecutively. These are presented at the International rally or mailed after the rally. Eligible members receive a certificate and a pin denoting the number of years of participation in the Association. They are presented or sent to you in appreciation of your continuing support. Your name is also published in the newsletter in recognition of your achievement.

If you feel you should have received a certificate and pin, and for some reason you did not, please contact us.

## Motorcycle Raffle

Our annual motorcycle raffle is the only fund-raiser the Association has. Tickets are sent out to all members in February. You can buy/sell 1 or more tickets or books. You may also request additional books.

The bought or sold ticket stubs **must** be returned by the cut-off date. The winning ticket is drawn during the banquet at the International Rally. You do not need to be present to win, if you win and are not present, you will be notified by phone. NOTE (***You do not have to buy/sell any tickets***)

## Emergency Travel List

**Dedicated to the deceased men and women  
of this Association.**

**"Missed but not forgotten"**

This is a member benefit and is specifically for Association members. A good place to carry it is in your tour pack.

We have heard and published in the newsletter some wonderful stories of how members have helped each other through this list. Please bear in mind that you do not have to be a mechanic, etc. If you wish to be listed in the emergency travel list in the Membership Handbook, fill out that section of your renewal form. If not, CHECK no. Please remember, if your renewal is not in on time, or you do not fill out the emergency travel information, your name will not be listed in the travel list. Also, should you have a change of phone number, or address, let us know.