

Ride to Remember (R2R)

R2R 2006 was held in Whitwell, TN, to honor the staff and students of its middle school for their efforts in the world renowned Paper Clip project.

Many R2Rs have followed since with the focus on not only Holocaust remembrance, but also directing fund raising efforts for Holocaust education. It is our contribution to ensuring that the words “Never Again” and the meaning behind them are spread far and wide to not only the Jewish community at large, but to all sects and denominations of the non-Jewish world.

The R2R has become the signature event for the JMA and will occur annually at a venue to be selected by the JMA’s governing council. Each year an R2R Organizing Committee (OC) is assembled and conducts its meetings via the Internet. Their responsibility is to attend to the myriad of details that are necessary to make an R2R a successful and meaningful event. Any individual who is a member of a JMA Member club can become a member of the OC.



For information on joining the JMA, email info@jewishbikersworldwide.com

For contact information of member clubs, visit our website www.jewishbikersworldwide.com

We are proud of what we do and represent, and we invite all Jewish motorcyclists to align themselves with a member club, or if none exists in your locale, form one if the minimum standards are met, as defined in our charter; available for view on our website.

Meet & Greets

Several clubs have conducted a “Meet and Greet,” where a convenient destination is chosen for generally a weekend get-together. New friendships are molded, and existing ones solidified as the camaraderie of biking with fellow Jews is explored.

There have been many recent Meet and Greets: several in Vermont, one in Ohio, and one in Durango, CO, to name just a few. Many clubs gather at a Meet and Greet



to share ride experiences, motorcycle equipment information, and just plain old biker talk.



The territorial growth of the JMA will create large distances between Member clubs. The Meet & Greet has become the mechanism for clubs to participate in common activities on a “local” basis. It is hoped in the future that some of these activities become charitable in nature, i.e., the confluence of reasonably local clubs getting together for a JMA-sponsored cause.



WE RIDE TO REMEMBER

The JMA is the home of Jewish motorcyclists from around the world. We are a worldwide association of Jewish motorcycle clubs that represents thousands of Jewish motorcycle enthusiasts. Member clubs must be defined as a Jewish club, however, the common thread is our religion and membership. Admittance to our member clubs is not dictated by degree of observance or brand of motorcycle.

Jewish Motorcyclists Alliance

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ABOUT US



Our beginnings:

During the years 2003 & 2004, conversations were taking place at different times and along different lines between several different Jewish motorcycle clubs, primarily in the Eastern U.S. about the formation of an umbrella organization to unite in communication and purpose the few Jewish motorcycle clubs known to exist at the time. From those random and non-specific conversations grew the concept of having us all get together for a simple "meet and greet."

The meeting took place in Delaware in October of 2004 with members of the Chai Riders (metro NY), Hillel's Angels (NJ), The Tribe (MD, VA, DC and environs), Yidden on Wheels (Toronto), and the King David Bikers (So. FL) participating. From that meeting grew the concept of the first Ride to Remember (R2R) honoring the anniversary of the liberation of the death camps in Europe.



The event took place in Washington, DC, in May of 2005 under the auspices of the newly named Jewish Motorcyclists Alliance (JMA).

At that time, the JMA was merely an abbreviation for an organization that existed in name and spirit, but not in body. During the early part of 2006, the JMA became a reality with the five original founding clubs having grown to ten and the adoption of a Charter for defining the guidance and conduct of JMA business for current and future members. More clubs were formed and many more have joined since then, including many international clubs in Canada, Australia, Israel, and the UK., to name a few.

Philosophy:

As individuals, we share the fundamental passion to ride motorcycles, but we are drawn to each of our own clubs by our common faith and heritage as members of the Jewish faith. The common thread is our religion, re-



gardless of the degree and manner in which we choose to observe the Jewish faith. The admission of a prospective club for membership into the JMA is not predicated upon the degree to which the members of a Jewish club observes or practices the Jewish faith, or by the brands of motorcycles that its members may ride.



Mission:

The mission of the Jewish Motorcyclists Alliance, and by extension the JMA forum, jmaforum.nicetopic.net is to create a global internet environment whereby members of the Jewish faith who ride mo-

torcycles can congregate to share and exchange ideas and opinions about matters of concern to the Jewish community at large, as well as issues specifically concerning motorcycles and motorcycle riding. The JMA is an umbrella organization whose affiliate clubs consist of official, organized motorcycle riding clubs* with JMA membership criteria specified in the JMA Charter and by-laws. A member club designates a delegate to serve on the JMA Council. We are proud to state that we are achieving our goals as we grow and unite Jewish motorcycle clubs.

Governance:

The JMA is governed by a Council comprised of a representative from each Member club. There are four elected officers: President, Vice Presidents, Treasurer and Secretary. The four officers are members of the Executive Board that is responsible for conducting and filtering the ongoing business of the JMA for presentation to the full council for subsequent action.

* Please note: individuals do not become a "member" of the JMA simply because of or through his/her club affiliation. The JMA consists of clubs only, therefore only a CLUB can attain membership status. Individual members of a JMA member club may participate in JMA decisions through the actions of their JMA member club Council representative. Anyone not affiliated with a club can participate in the JBW forum to express their opinions on JMA matters.