# THE TMA NEWS



# **Summer Edition 2024**

Hi fellow TMA members,

Here is the 2024 Summer issue of the TMA newsletter. It has been a slow start to this season again, but nice days here and there.

The AGM was on April 21<sup>th</sup> and this year it was after a breakfast buffet at HUMPTY'S., thanks to those who attended the event. A ride committee has again created the 2024 event schedule and you can see the schedule below.

Here's hoping for a good summer, and getting back to some riding. I am sure we are all looking forward to getting together for our TMA events.

**Club administrative notes:** A reminder there are still a mere handful that have not registered there 2024 memberships to date and in order to continue being in the club they should respectfully forward there memberships to Gayel ... 204-981-8949. It is still \$25 a year! Thanks.

If you have pictures to publish in the next issue of the new newsletter or on the new Web Page you can get them to me, for our next issue. Please forward me your comments, or news information that you may have. This can be given to me on a Club event or emailed to me at <a href="mailto:lynnenns@yahoo.com">lynnenns@yahoo.com</a>. Also check out the TMA web site at <a href="http://www.touringmotorcycleassociation.com">http://www.touringmotorcycleassociation.com</a>

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello to all old and new members. I'm sure everyone is glad to see the end of winter and the start of riding season. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Lynn, Gayle and Terry for the excellent jobs they have done throughout the winter months and the spring organizing. I would like to thank Tom and Terry Phillips for hosting the ride committee meeting and to all the ride committee members for the excellent ride selections for this year. New this year will be an earlier start time for Tuesday evening ride, 5 pm. I know this seems early but finding restaurants that stay open late is harder than ever and our members prefer to ride in the daylight as much as possible. So after a winter of talking to members at breakfasts and at the AGM meeting, everyone said they would give it a try and see how it works out. We will review this end of June and see how it is working out.

In closing I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy riding year.

Your President

Gerry Lowry

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## TMA CLASSIFIED / NOTICES

- **KRM Motorcycle** – **Motorcycle Mechanic.** (**Kevin**) - Works on new and old bikes, from tuneups, rebuilds, tire changes, etc. Has his own mechanical shop in the Transcona area. Good reviews on work. Would need to book an appointment. 204-792-4303.

## **Manitoba Events**

# Saturday May 4th

# - International Female Ride Day

Moto Queens Canada & Machine Girl Motor sports International Female Ride Day. 10:00am meet up at Best Western Plus in Headingley; KSU 10:30am.Route will complete at Harley-Davidson Winnipeg from 2:00pm-5:00pm with entertainment, Show & Shine, Food & Drinks, Jumpstart & more.

- CMMG Safety Rally @ Legislature



# **RIDE FOR DAD - MAY 25, 2024**



## Pre-registration

May 23 & 24, 4–8 p.m., Earls Polo Park

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Registration: 8 a.m. - 9 a.m. Kick Off: 10 a.m. Sharp Starting location: Earls Kitchen & Bar 1455 Portage Avenue, Polo Park

\$40 before Ride Day, \$50 on Ride Day or FREE with \$100.00 collected in pledges.

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n The 2024 Manitoba Motorcycle Ride for Dad starts at Earls Polo Park and continues with a police escorted parade west on Portage Avenue to Assiniboia Downs, then on to Selkirk, Gimli and back for the wind-up event at Cowboys, Canad Inns Windsor Park.

# **BREAST CANCER**



Event Date: Sunday, June 23, 2024

**Event Location:** TC Energy Centre, Ile des Chenes **Event Schedule:** Registration: 8:30-11:30 a.m. |

Ride Begins: 9:00 a.m.

A made in Manitoba motorcycle fundraising ride! Join us rain or shine.

Free dinner for all participants

- Poker run (three hands for \$20)
- Silent Auction
- Photo Scavenger Hunt
- Prizes for top fundraisers

 $\cdot$ Registration is free for those who raise \$100 or more in pledges

Donations are welcome from non-riders too!

The Breast Cancer Pledge Ride donation pledge form.

https://support.cancercarefdn.mb.ca/site/DocServer/BCPR 2024 Community Event Donation Pledge Form.pdf



New this year: **NO RIDE** – instead, join us at the Marion Hotel on Thursday, June 20 for the live draws.

FREE hot dog & beer for all raffle ticket purchasers! No registration required.

Ways to support the Autism Ride Raffle

## **Purchase Raffle Tickets**

**Become a ticket seller** – contact Ginette gsabourin@stamant.ca to be set up with your own personal link which can be shared with family, friends, colleagues, supporters (plus there's a PRIZE for top ticket seller!)

Make a Donation\* - \*Full Charitable Tax Receipt

## **Become a Sponsor**

Proceeds from the Autism Ride Raffle will continue to support the needs of children and adults with autism at St.Amant. From preschool classroom items (ipads, smartboards, computers, specialized apps, sensory toys & more), sensory spaces with custom furniture in existing classrooms, experiences and activities & much more.



<sup>-</sup> Saturday, 7 September 2024

<sup>•</sup>Start Location: Headingly Sport Shop •Time: 10:00-11:00 am •Cost: \$20 per hand •Route: Route Map provided at registration



## THE TMA RULES FOR SAFE GROUP RIDING

# For new and experienced riders

On this page we learn "who's who" in a riding group as well as spell out the rules that are observed by the TMA while riding as a group. These rules have been adopted in an effort to ensure a safe and enjoyable riding experience for all riders, no matter what level of riding experience they have. Always remember that we share the road with traffic. Other traffic neither understands or cares about our presence. We are simply in their way, BE VISIBLE and not DEAD RIGHT! It is good for even experienced riders to review these rules at least once a riding season as a safety practice. Please review these rules/responsibilities and have a safe ride.

## **Road Captain**

Chooses the route and advises the Sweep and the group

Determines where to place "new" riders in the group.

Leads the ride.

Signals line changes (which are passed on to the Sweep).

Makes sure there are no other vehicles in the lane the group is changing to.

Determines where gas stops will be made based on the bike with the smallest tank.

Keeps an eye on how everyone is riding and tactfully talks to anyone whose riding may be a hazard to the group

Starts the ride in an organized formation, no jack rabbit starts.

## Sweep

Helps any bike that has to stop during the ride.

Secures the lane once the Ride Captain signals a lane change.

Takes over the lead or arranges for a second Ride Captain should the group split up.

Keeps an eye on how everyone is riding and tactfully talks to anyone whose riding may be a hazard to the group.

## The Group

Knows the "Ride Rules"

Looks out for their own safety and the safety of those around them.

Passes on all hand signals (see Hand Signals below).

Follows the bike in front of them.

Does not change lanes or tire tracks until after the bike in front of them does.

Speaks to the Road Captain or Sweep if they have any concerns with the way the chapter is riding.

# Maintains the group speed so that we have no gaps that invite cars to jump into the middle of the group

- 1. Inexperienced Riders are welcome: we prefer to position them towards the rear of the group. We ask that new riders be comfortable with their bikes and abilities before attempting a group ride.
- 2. Arrive at the ride starting point at least 10 minutes in advance to allow for pre-ride preparation. This would include such things as a safety check, discussion of the route and fuel stops and a review of hand signals.
- 3. Arrive with a full gas tank, an empty bladder and appropriate riding gear. Don't assume that because it is warm when you leave, it will be that way until you get back. Bring clothing for cold and or wet as well.
- 4. We will ride in a staggered formation with a 2 second gap between bikes in the same tire track.

- 5. If a space occurs in the staggered formation, the rider behind the empty space, after signaling and where space permits, crosses over to the free tire track. The riders behind that bike will, safely and after signaling, cross over to the free tire track in front of them. Staggered bikes coming to a stop will assume a side-by-side formation and leave the stop and enter the intersection together. Although the bikes will leave together the bike in the left tire track will move slightly faster so that we are back in a staggered formation by the time we clear the intersection.
- 6. The Road Captain (lead bike) will initiate the speed and lane changes. **Do not pass the Road Captain.**
- 7. A Sweep (last bike) will be appointed for each ride. The Sweep will be responsible for pulling over to assist another bike should that bike signal help is needed. The group will continue to the destination. The Sweep will contact the Ride Captain by phone.
- 8. Two or more groups may be formed depending on the number of bikes that are involved in the ride. Each group will have a separate Road Captain and Sweep.
- 9. Passing will be initiated by the Road Captain's flasher, this will signal the Sweep to pullout and secure the lane on a divided only) then a hand signal, then he/she will pull out to secure the passing lane as long as traffic permits.
- 10. Follow the bike in front of yours.
- 11. Regardless of the Road Captain's signals, a rider is responsible for his or her own safety at all times.
- 12. Once the group has departed from the stop it is expected that there is a commitment to go to the next stop. If you know in advance that you will be leaving the group ensure that you inform the Sweep and Road Captain and then ride toward the back of the group, or as directed by the Sweep.
- 13. Anyone joining the ride after on the route will, after requesting/notifying the Sweep of their presence, cut immediately ahead of the Sweep. This ensures the Sweep remains last rider in the group.

NOTE: Some riders have adopted the habit of "LAZY" hand signals. These do NOT properly identify their intentions to other traffic. Hand signals should begin with the forearm out at right angle from the shoulder. This will garner the attention of anyone behind.

The appropriate use of "brake light flashes, and or 4 way flashers" are very effective attention getters.

Many riders have adopted the use of headlight "high beams" during daylight hours. This is a very effective way to become more visible to traffic. However, the riders in the GROUP need to remember to use the LOW BEAMS.

Many riders enjoy the use of "LOUD PIPES". If this is you, as a courtesy, please find a place near the rear of the group so as to not impose your preference on those who do not enjoy the increase volume.

I agree with the above 2024 TMA Ride Rules - (Print Name	)
Sign	

2024 TMA

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Left turn Arm and hand extending left, palm facing down



**Right turn** Arm out, bent at 90° angle, fist clinched.



Stop Arm extended straight down, palm facing back.



Speed Up Arm extended straight out, palm facing up, swing upward.



Slow Down Arm extended straight out, palm facing down, swing down to your side.



Follow Me Arm extended straight up from shoulder, palm forward.



You Lead/Come Arm extended upward 45°, palm forward pointing with index finger, swing in arc from back to front.



Hazard in Roadway On the left, point with left hand; on the right, point with right foot.



Single File Arm and index finger extended straight up.



Double File Arm with index and middle finger extended straight up.



Comfort Stop Forearm extended, fist clenched with short up and down motion.



Refreshment Stop Fingers closed, thumb to mouth.



Turn Signal On Open and close hand with fingers and thumb extended.



Pull Off Arm positioned as for right turn, forearm swung toward shoulder.



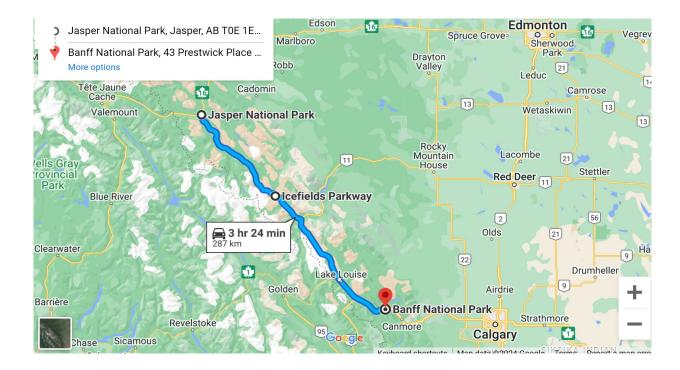
Cops Ahead Tap on top of helmet with open palm down.



Fuel Arm out to side pointing to tank with finger extended.

# The Icefields Parkway Motorcycle Route Guide

Canada's Icefields Parkway is one of the best road routes in the world – making it a must for every motorcycle rider too. Here's how to ride the Icefields Parkway on a motorcycle and everything you need to know about biking there...



The Icefields Parkway is an absolute must for every motorcycle rider touring Canada.

## Why motorcycle the Icefields Parkway?

The Canadian Rockies are out of this world. Gargantuan mountains, jaw dropping glaciers, deep valleys, frothing rivers and waterfalls, pristine lakes, and rugged nature in all its glory. Now, carve a beautifully laid strip of tarmac through the middle of all of that and you've got the Icefields Parkway. It's not just one of the best rides in Canada, it's one of the best in the world. It's an easy ride on a motorcycle with minimal turns, but it's stunning with plenty of awesome stops along the way. You do need to pay for a Parks Pass to ride this route, there will be a kiosk on the road that you will have to stop and buy your ticket at (it's not expensive).

#### What is the Icefields Parkway route?

The Icefields Parkway is in Alberta, Canada. The road's name is Highway 93, it connects Jasper and Banff National Parks and is roughly 230kms (144 miles).

The speed limit along the road ranges between 50 - 90kph and takes roughly three hours without any stops. But you should stop... lots.

#### Must do sights along the way

You're spoiled for choice along the route as there are so many beautiful and tranquil stops. Here's a little list of favourites. They recommend checking out this official,

## https://icefieldsparkway.com/plan-your-trip/maps

as it has a great map with the best sights on it. - Columbia Icefield, Lake Louise, Peyto Lake, Athabasca Falls, Sunwapta Falls, Panther Falls, Victoria Glacier, Herbert Lake, Bow Lake.





## Where to stay?

The obvious choices are Banff, Jasper and Lake Louise. But it will be busy and expensive. Canmore is a nice alternative and a pretty town. If you want to stay along the route, there are basic wilderness hostels and campgrounds. But these can get booked up very fast. I'd recommend using **WikiCamps** to help find campsites (and make sure you turn up early to your site) and booking.com for hotels and reserving spaces in advance.

# **Really?**



VIRTUAL RIDE – ANYONE?



AMAZON'S NEXT DELIVERY FLEET



THESE NEW HANDLE BARS ARE SO COOL!



THE ALL TERRAIN MOTORCYCLE

## TMA RIDE SCHEDULE – 2024

## **LEGEND**

WPG - From NORTH	DEPARTING FROM A & W – 2585 MAIN ST. & RED RIVER BLVD.
WPG - From SOUTH	DEPARTING FROM HUMPTY'S – 4900 McGILLIVRAY BLVD. & PERMIMETER

<sup>\*</sup>Please arrive 10 mins. early with tank full & bladder empty.

## **TUESDAY EVENING RIDES**

MAY 7 - KSU 5:00 pm	From NORTH to Selkirk	JULY 16 - KSU 5:00 pm	From SOUTH to Tolstoi
MAY 14 - KSU 5:00 pm	From SOUTH to Steinbach	JULY 23 - KSU 5:00 pm	From NORTH to Arborg
MAY 21 - KSU 5:00 pm	From NORTH to Gimli	JULY 30 - KSU 5:00 pm	From SOUTH to Grunthal
MAY 28 - KSU 5:00 pm	From SOUTH to Portage	AUG 6 - KSU 5:00 pm	From NORTH to Teulon
JUNE 4 - KSU 5:00 pm	From NORTH to Beausejour	AUG 13 - KSU 5:00 pm	From SOUTH to Miami
JUNE 11 - KSU 5:00 pm	From SOUTH to Richer	AUG 20 - KSU 5:00 pm	From NORTH to Portage
JUNE 18 - KSU 5:00 pm	From NORTH to Riverton	AUG 27 - KSU 5:00 pm	From SOUTH to Grunthal
JUNE 25 - KSU 5:00 pm	From NORTH to Stonewall	SEPT 3 -KSU 5:00 pm	From NORTH to Gimli
JULY 2 - KSU 5:00 pm	From SOUTH to Morris	SEPT 10 -KSU 5:00 pm	From SOUTH to Niverville
JULY 9 - KSU 5:00 pm	From NORTH to Twin Beaches		

<sup>\*</sup>Please call or text Gayel at 204-981-8949 before 3 pm of ride day if you plan to ride

## THURSDAY DAY RIDES

MAY 9 - KSU 10 am	From DEACONS CORNER to Westhawk	From DEACONS CORNER to Warroad (bring passport)
JUNE 13 - KSU 10 am	From TIMS (3965 Portage west) to Brandon & Area	From TIMS (3965 Portage west) to Southwestern Manitoba
JULY 11 - KSU 10 am	From DEACONS CORNER to Lac du Bonnet	

<sup>\*</sup>Please call or text Gayel at 204-981-8949 before 9 pm Wed. if you plan to ride Thurs.

## WEEKEND DAY RIDES

JUNE 30 - KSU 10 am	From #6 & perimeter (Red Sun	JULY 27 & 28 - KSU 11	From HUMPTY'S on
	Smoke Shop & Gas Bar) to Lundar	am	MCGILLIVRAY (10 am breakfast)
			11 am to Tolstoi (overnight, bring
			passport)

<sup>\*</sup>Please call or text Gayel at 204-981-8949 before 9 pm the night before, if you plan to ride.

## **OTHER RIDES**

MAY 4 - KSU 11 am		JULY 1 - KSU 9 am CANADA DAY	Harley Davidson - 1377 Niakwa Rd , All Welcome, Poker Run
MAY 25 - KSU 9 am	From Earls -1455 Portage Ave, Polo Park – Ride For Dad	AUG 24th & 25th	MS BIKE – TMA Volunteers to Marshall the event
JUNE 23 - KSU 8:30 am	From TC Energy Centre, Ile des Chenes - Breast Cancer Ride		

<sup>\*</sup> Details to be announced.