

MESA Ride - Eagle Isle Day Spa & Resort - Pre-Ride Celebration

by Kurt Anderson, MESA Rider



Pre-Ride Party for MESA riders held in Fremont, Ohio

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Eagle Isle Day Spa & Resort
Fremont, Ohio

Dear Tour-

My, how you've grown! When the Tour riders first stopped at this beautiful Fremont resort, it was 2005, the end of the first day of the first tour. We were only 5 exhausted Rotarians, wondering if a half-baked idea would survive beyond its first year.

Now you're turning 4 years old and making so many new friends. From 5 riders in 2 clubs in a single city, this year you had a wonderful planning committee of nearly a dozen Rotarians, including District Governor Dave Dougherty, from 8 different clubs. Your send-off and finale are being hosted by the Fremont Rotary club, which organized three sub-committees to handle those events in addition to tonight's luxurious Pre-Tour Party. There are 16 riders from 6 different clubs riding all or most of the tour, and many more joining us for various days. (I hear we'll have nearly 30 riders leaving Fremont tomorrow, and you could be as big as 40 or even 50 in Toledo!)

More Rotarians combined to plan your Pre-Tour Party tonight than were involved in the entire first tour. Fremont Rotary President Rob Lytle co-chaired the club's MESA committee with Helene Horvath-Zielinski, and the Pre-Tour Party was coordinated by sub-committee members Dick Binau, Past-President Kay Reiter, Past-President Jim Jackson, Tom Hoffman and Ken Berlekamp. Accommodations for 12 out-of-town riders and 2 spouses were graciously provided by Fremont Rotarian MJ Michael and her husband Scott, and the Eagle Isle resort staff. Rider gift packages were sponsored by Eagle Isle and Fremont Cycle & Fitness Center, operated by Fremont Rotarian Dan Wagoner.



PRE-TOUR PARTY
SATURDAY, JULY 12TH
6 pm to 8 pm
Food & Drinks | Fun & Fellowship
VENUE
Eagle Isle Day Spa Bed & Breakfast
2720 N County Road 198 | Fremont, OH 43420
(419) 332-4245 | www.eagleisle.com
Interested please register online-Ticket Required. No walk-ins.
Place of Interest: Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Center
Hayes & Buckland Avenues, Fremont
9am to 5pm, Mon-Sat
12pm to 5pm, Sun & holidays

If your maturity is measured by the people who have become involved, you're a very big boy now!

You even have your own official, permanent uniform!

You've grown from crawling, to toddling, to walking on your own...now you're truly ready to fly. Can't wait to see you take off tomorrow, Tour.

Sleep well...it'll be a very, very big day!



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