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Beverly lawyer ready to ride



Chicago attorney Chris Moore stands with his Triumph Bonneville T100 at the Wounded Heroes Foundation's September 11 Memorial Poker Run to raise funds for injured U.S. troops. | SUPPLIED PHOTO

Attorneys motorcycle club to make first run Sunday

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The Chicago Attorney Motorcyclists club, a recently founded group of attorneys who love to explore the wide open spaces on two wheels, will take its inaugural ride Sunday, Sept. 14.

Chris Moore, 53, of Chicago's Beverly community and a partner at the Chicago law firm Novack and Macey LLP, founded the group in August. Moore said that when he returned to motorcycling in 2013 after years of focusing on his family and profession, he wondered how many other attorneys who also were motorcycle enthusiasts would enjoy the camaraderie of colleagues.

His day trips that brought him to places

around Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan and Indiana made him think, "I bet other lawyers are doing this."

By late summer, Moore gathered a small group of attorneys who together formed CAM. Moore said the purpose was to "get a group together that could enjoy each other's company and know about each other and ... reach out when someone has an idea for a ride whether it be for a few hours or for a weekend."

CAM plans to be laid back in its approach to membership, too, Moore said. A law student is among its 12 members, and Moore said the club is open to professions other than attorneys.

"It's great to have shared professional experiences because that's part of the point, but I don't think motorcyclists are exclusive as a rule," he said. "We're trying to be inclusive but keep it focused primarily on lawyers."

Moore said the group's inclusive philosophy will extend to charity work. Recently, some

CAM members joined the Wounded Heroes Foundation's September 11 Memorial Poker Run to raise funds for U.S. troops serving in Iraq, Afghanistan and around the world.

CAM also has donated to Teen Living, an organization that helps homeless teens in the Chicago area. Moore said the club is not "a by-laws organization with a formal group membership" but it does plan to organize other charitable events as the club grows.

"That's one of the kind of things that I think motorcyclists tend to do," Moore said.

CMA members are scheduled to meet at 7 a.m. Sunday at Valois Restaurant, 1513 E. 53rd St., Chicago.

Moore said the group's 25- to 30-mile ride likely will travel north on Lake Shore Drive but the destination will be a "spontaneous" decision by the group.

"We'll play it by ear," Moore said. "That's kind of the point. Do some good, have some fun, meet some new people."