



# Vision Riders



**Chapter 1038**

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## Local Chapter News

Riding weather is here! By now, even the fair weather rider should have a few miles on their tires. Check out our road captain's comments on tires in his section.

For those of you that missed the Passover meal we had, you missed out on a lot. Many of us learned a few things and enjoyed the fellowship. Many thanks go out to Vann and Valerie for giving us gentile Christians a view from the Jewish Christian perspective and how our Messiah brings us all together.

We received a status report from Lisa about how we would handle trauma response. There is progress and some items were donated to the cause. One thing you might want to think about is whether you want to let Lisa or the trauma team know if you have any medical issues or allergies they should know about. This can be critical in a situation where you are not able to respond to questions from someone treating you.

We were blessed to have Barb and Noble Abendroth at our last meeting. They are the state level Youth Movement representatives. Comments on our chapter's youth and the movement as a whole were welcomed.

## Youth Movement



Since the last report our youth have returned to Ballance Moto X in Bowling Green. This year the weather was just opposite from last year. Last year, cool and muddy, this year, warm and dry.

Once again when we arrived at Ballance MX they would not let us pay to get in and then escorted us in thru the pits straight to the vendors area and gave us a great spot to set up. Even before we started unloading I was asked if we were returning for the next weekend. It seems like God is opening a big door for us to be there.

We met some very nice people this year and even met a long time CMA member since 1983, he is the Victory Motocross Minister. I know my report is short but our youth are still doing God's work.

Tommy Watkins,  
Youth Leader

## From Our VP



Well, the riding season is here. We have already had several successful events. Some seeds have been planted. I know we will be very busy in the upcoming months. We, as a chapter, have several things on the calendar. There are other rides and events scheduled in the next couple of months. Just about every weekend there is something going on. There will be a lot of opportunity for witnessing. Remember, we are to be there to listen and witness. Please start praying the Lord God Almighty will give you the words He wants said when that time arrives. You never know, you might plant the seed that is needed to change a heart. You may not know it at the time, but it could happen. You might say just the right thing that is needed.

Please ride safe and God Bless.

Keith Morris



Here we are at our April meeting.

### Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries

- Jon Nesbitt: 4/1
- Dan Hayes: 4/3
- Tommy Watkins: 4/4
- Angie Watkins: 4/8
- Anita Durham: 4/10
- J. T. Napier: 4/12
- Karen Goff: 4/13
- Tim & Jodie Cooper: 4/2
- Dan & Linda Hayes: 4/11

### Coming Up In May:

- Justin Smith: 5/1
- Herbie & Karen Goff: 5/13
- Jon & Tina Nesbitt: 5/16
- J.T. & Virginia Napier: 5/17

From the C.M.A. Handbook:  
**Active Membership**

CMA is a ministry with high standards that has gained respect and favor from the secular community. We expect our members to:

- † Model a Christ-like attitude and behavior.
- † Follow Biblical standards and Christian integrity in their walk and actions.
- † Complete a Ministry Team training program. (This is a requirement to purchase or wear the official CMA logo 3 1/2" and larger, excluding the small CMA decal.)
- † Be part of a local chapter. (Contact information for a local chapter can be obtained through your State Coordinator. His phone number is listed in the *HeartBeat* and on our website at [www.cmausa.org](http://www.cmausa.org).)
- † Support CMA prayerfully and financially at both local and national levels.
- † Be 12 years or older.

Reaching the world is important to CMA and our members enable that task. Active membership at a national level is based on completing **one** of the following criteria in a 12-month period:

- † Purchase any Goodie/Toolbox item(s) from CMA National totaling at least \$20, or
- † Attend a CMA National or State rally or a Seasons of Refreshing, or
- † Complete a Ministry Team training program, or Donate at least \$20 to CMA National or Run for the Son.

**From Our President**



At our April chapter meeting we had a "full house." It was the most attended chapter meeting we have ever had. If I remember right we had only about 6 or 7 visitors there. That means that everyone else there was a normal chapter member. We could have gotten a few more chairs in, but we are getting very close to outgrowing our current meeting location. The chapter officers have been aware of the possibility and have been looking around for alternate locations to meet for several months now.

The positive part is that so many of our members are willing to come and be a part of our chapter meetings. We almost always

have some new faces at our meetings that you guys have invited. Many times these new faces become a part of our ministry. So many times organization members don't feel a need to be a part of the business side of things. I feel though that if you are going to be a part of a group, you should try to be at the group's meetings in order to see and know what the group has going on and how it operates.

Another great thing about the April meeting is that it was another indicator of how our chapter has grown. This growth will allow us to be a part of multiple events on the same day and still be an effective witness and presence at each ride. I was talking to a member who joined a little over a year ago and he said he was amazed at how we have grown since he joined. Seems like only yesterday that I can remember one of our early meetings that I got there first for, and I was wondering if anyone else was going to show up. I think that night we had about 6 people to attend. Two of them might have been my wife and daughter.

God has certainly blessed us over the last couple of seasons. He has sent us a very diverse group of people with many different talents and gifts. This diversity is starting to be a great advantage for us. With our Youth movement going well, we are now getting interest in a member or two willing to head up a CMA Kids movement. We are also having an ATV event that Shane is leading next month, which has an enormous possibility in this area for witnessing. I can see our participation in the sport bike world increasing with our willingness to work in and be a part of the "Draggin the Alpine" event that FastLane leader Lonnie Embry is working on in June.

I look forward to the new areas of ministry that I think we will see this riding season. I also look forward to all the opportunities we will have as a group to share what Jesus has done in our lives. Each and everyone one of you is a part of this work and all of you are important to the work we are called to do.

Our crew is one of the tightest groups I know of. While we come from very different backgrounds and religious doctrines, we all pull together for the purpose of helping to spread the news of Jesus Christ. I think He will continue to bless us and provide for our needs as long as we keep the focus of our group on making sure that everything we do is all about God.

Richard Durham  
2010 Chapter President



Preparations for our Passover Meal

## Upcoming Events

Please review and make your plans in advance to avoid last minute inconveniences and expenses. Mark your calendar!

**Monday Evenings:** Bike night @ the Dairy Freeze in Lebanon. (This location might change, so check with someone before going.)

**Tuesday Evenings:** Bike night @ the Subway on Broadway in Campbellsville.

**Sunday, 18 April:** Biker Sunday @ Glad Tidings Christian Center in Brandenburg, KY. Registration from 9 to 10:30 am & service begins @ 10:45 – bike show and ride follows - for more info, call Gary Chapman: 270-668-2646 or Cy Moorman: 270-547-1798

**Sunday, 25 April:** Chapter visitation at Saloma Baptist Church for RFS presentation @ morning service.

**Saturday, 1 May:** Run for the Son. Registration begins at 11:30 am Eastern @ Green River Plaza in Campbellsville. Kickstands up around 1 pm.

**Sunday, 2 May:** Visitation day at Herbie's church.

**Thursday, 13 May:** Regular chapter meeting, 6 pm Eastern for meal & 7 pm for business meeting @ bowling alley meeting room.

**Saturday, 22 May:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance outreach charity ride. Registration begins @ 10 am Central @ the old Walmart parking lot in Columbia, kickstands up @ noon Central.

**Sunday, 23 May:** Blessing of the bikes @ Campbellsville Baptist Church

**May 28 – 31:** Chapter retreat – make reservations ASAP

**June 15 – 19:** CMA National Rally @ Hatfield, AR.\*

**Saturday, 19 June:** Katelynn Stinnett ride.

**Saturday, 26 June:** Ladies retreat

**Saturday, 31 July:** Wings of Pink ride.

**Labor Day Weekend:** Bike games/Christian Biker Weekend.

**September:** State rally.

\* Keith and Jamie will be leading a ride to the National Rally along a scenic route, leaving a few days early. Contact Keith or Jamie for details.

sounds a bit like the disciple Peter. In Luke 5:1-11, it tells us how Jesus was teaching the people along the shores of a lake and the people became many. So much so, that Jesus asks the owner of one of the two boats on the shore if they would take Him out a ways so that He could continue to teach. The owner, Peter, then took Jesus out a ways and He continued to teach the people. After a time, Jesus told Peter to take the boat out to the deep and to lower his nets. Peter responded that they had been fishing all night long and were exhausted but didn't catch any fish. I believe he was thinking that it was pointless, but nevertheless agreed to do as Jesus said. Once out into the deep, Peter lowered his nets and they became so full in fact that the nets broke and they had to call for the other boat to help them. Peter was astonished and afraid but Jesus replied, "fear not, from henceforth thou shalt catch men." Peter, James and John then went back to shore, left their fish and livelihood behind and followed Jesus. In Matthew 28:19-20, Jesus says, "Go forth and teach all nations, teaching them to observe all things I have commanded you and lo, I am with you always even unto the end of the world."

So when we are out in the biker world, trying to witness to them, our nets will a lot of times come up empty, but if we continue to cast them out with the love of Jesus, eventually we will become successful and the blessings will be so great that it may even break the nets. What we must do then, is to continue to mend the nets and keep casting and remembering that even in the worst of times Jesus is there with us. When we are sad, Jesus is there, when we are not, Jesus is there, when we are sick, Jesus is there, when we are discouraged, Jesus is there, when we are happy, well, and worry free, Jesus is there. When we remember that Jesus is with us always, we can cast our nets with confidence and will be rewarded greatly with being blessed and filled with the Holy Spirit. When doing God's work, remember that He is with us and we will never fail. So keep casting out the nets to win the lost to Christ.

Your Chaplain and Brother in Christ, Mitch

## From Our Chaplain



### Empty Nets

Do you have worn, empty, or wet nets? Have you ever had the feeling of a sleepless and fishless night? For what have you been casting? Solvency—my debt is like an anvil around my neck—or is it Faith—I want to believe but—or healing—I've been sick so long—or even—I have worked hard all night but have caught nothing? Or how about, I have sat at this booth all day waiting to witness to someone but no responses? Well this



Who said shoes were needed to dance? This was after our Passover meal.

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### Observations From Our Road Captain



#### Spring Planting

The trees are sprouting their leaves. The flowers are blooming. The grass is getting greener and the motorcycles are on the road. I think Spring is here.

For those who parked their bike for the winter it is time to get out and go for a ride. Before you jump on and head down the road, check the air in the tires. If your bike has been parked, the tires will be low. I check my tires at least once a week. This will help give a longer tire life plus better control of your bike. Also check the oil and do an inspection on your bike. The chain, belts, cables, brakes, etc. Are we ready to ride? Is there gas in the tank?

As you ride, be aware of possible conditions that winter snow, ice and salt have done to the road. You may have to dodge a few pot holes that wasn't there last year. If you like to ride country roads watch for mud and dirt from tractor tires as farmers are getting their fields ready for planting.

We also need to get ourselves ready for planting. Planting seeds in the name of Jesus. Satan will put pot holes in front of us and try to lead us on another road. We must stay focused and let God lead us on the right road. We should inspect ourselves and pray that we make the right choices that will be put in front of us.

I would like to remind everyone that May is Motorcycle Safety Month. The next time you are playing online google motorcycle safety or go to [www.msf-usa.org](http://www.msf-usa.org) and click on safety tips.

God Bless you all.

Jon Nesbitt

Vision Riders Road Captain.

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#### Witnessing With The Use Of Tracts

By Richard Durham, Chapter 1038 President

We as a chapter, like CMA, are called to be "evangelistic" in nature. Our primary goal is to bring others to a saving or closer relationship to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We need to keep this in mind as our riding season gets into full swing. We should always be ready to share with others what God has done for us in our lives when we can. Check your bags and see if you have the tools you need. Everyone should keep some witnessing tracts and a bible or two with you. They are a great way to "break the ice" and start a conversation with someone. Then you may have the chance to witness to them. You should also have some personal CMA cards ordered. They are a great way to share your contact information. They can also open up new ministering opportunities. The main thing to remember though is that you need to engage the person in conversation. Just handing out tracts is not usually enough. When you are talking to someone and the discussion turns to a subject that one of the tracts may cover, get the tract and read part of it to the person. This shows that you are willing to share with them your time and your heart. This will mean more to that person than the tract probably will. Make sure though they take the tract or bible with them. It will be a reminder to them later. The main thing is to develop a conversation and relationship with the person so you can get to a point of talking about salvation and the love of Jesus Christ. Don't be disappointed if you fail to have a salvation experience during every conversation. Remember that most of our work is planting and watering seeds. But rest assured that whatever you do in God's name will not be wasted.