



Vision Riders



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Local Chapter News

The big ride last month was the Wings of Pink. Everyone had a great time and the weather was perfect. Over \$2000.00 was raised to help prevent breast cancer. To put icing on the cake, Linda, the spark plug behind the ride, had an article she wrote about a friend of hers that has breast cancer. The article was published in Biker Up magazine.

The Bridge To Faith ride went well too. Our chapter was the most represented group there, outside of the sponsor. Some old geezer from our chapter won the oldest rider award. He doesn't want me to mention his name here.

The fellowship at the bike nights at Sonic and Subway are doing well when weather permits. Since it is not an official chapter function, it gives us an opportunity to witness to other bikers that attend. During one of those nights, we had some visitors from Hodgenville. They also attended the last meeting. I want to extend a welcome from the newsletter editor. We hope to see more of you fellows.

On a final ride note, during our recent South Russell FD ride, we had one of our riders go down on her bike. This was the first time, so I'll have to say to Linda: Welcome to the club. We all have gone down at least once and some more than that, so don't feel bad. We all understand from being there ourselves.

And last, but not least, Theresa is home and happy to be there. For those that didn't get her note, she is grateful for those that built the ramp to her front door, so she can access her home more easily. We all hope she keeps on healing and hope to see her up and about as soon as she feels up to it.



A recent bike blessing

Observations From Our Road Captain



Front to Back

As I am writing this, I am looking back on today's events. As a chapter of the CMA, we supported a ride for a small fire department. Regardless of the size of the department, they still respond to emergencies at the sound of the pagers, alarms, etc.

As part of a motorcycle ministry, we respond as well when we have the opportunities to witness for Christ. As the road guards, we start at the front of the pack and wind up at the back of the pack as we pull our assigned guard work. Most bikers understand the process we go thru doing this, but there are more and more *new* riders joining us. They see this process, but don't necessarily grasp the significance of what we are doing. Every time someone pulls their bike out of the pack to stop traffic, they are taking a risk for the safety of the pack.

Matthew 23:11-12 says: "But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant. And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that humbles himself shall be exalted." By these actions, we as a chapter are being the servants and giving the glory to God, Who is then the One being exalted. This is why we do what we do; to God goes ALL the praise, honor and glory.

I want to thank each and every one you for all you do for this chapter and local events in service for our Lord and Savior. May God bless you for your efforts.

Darrell Smith, Road Captain

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“God Bless You All”

Tommy Watkins

Youth Movement/Fastlane



In the last report I talked about the youth working on peoples homes that they didn't even know. Well this time they did some work on a home in Greensburg. These people they did know, Mitch and Theresa Collings, which are both fellow CMAer's. As you know by now Theresa had a motorcycle accident, but she is going to be just fine in a few months. But in the meanwhile, we saw she was going to have some difficulty getting into her house due to the steps. The Youth and I, along with several others from our chapter jumped in and built a ramp that will make it a lot easier or as I like to say: “More Gooder,” for her to come and go from the house. You see, CMA is not only about ministry on bikes or ATV's. I think it goes something like this: “Here if you need us,” on a bike or not.

On July 18th we had our first official Youth Movement meeting at the Green Co. Country Club and discussed several things that were coming later in the next few months. We then went out to Summersville and the Youth set up the hospitality tent for the days bike/car/tractor show and the boys enjoyed the rest of the day just meeting and talking to everyone that stopped by.

During July 24th and 26th, the Youth along with myself, Dan, and Darrell made our way to West Virginia to the CMA Nationals, laid back in the “BIG BROWN BUS” or RV, that is.

We met and spent time with Jerod McPherson the “Top Dog” over the Youth Movement. Might I say, the Youth represented Vision Riders very well. Jerod even told me how impressed he was with these young men and how respectful they were to everyone. I think we might have taken the wrong boys—just joking guys I'm very proud of you as always. Ya did good guys, great month!

Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries

Richard Durham: 8/2

Gordon Judd: 8/9

Joe Denny Roberts: 8/13

Shane and Doris Moore: 8/15

Coming Up In September:

Scott (Skeeter) Humphrey: 9/5

Bob Parrish: 9/6

Doris Moore: 9/11

Keith & Jamie Morriss: 9/14

Darrell Smith: 9/18

Spyder's Web



So much has been going on in my life this past month. First let me say how much I appreciate all the prayers, concerns, visits and just plain old love that have been shown us during the illness and death of my Aunt Jewell. As most of you know it was a long battle and on Tuesday morning at 6:35 the Lord called her home. You guys have shown me what family is all about and it doesn't necessarily mean being blood related either. Someone who is special to me said to me this week, “You are a special sister” and I feel it. Second, I want to express my appreciation for all the assistance you gave on the Wings of Pink ride. Without your last minute pitching in we would not have raised as much money nor had as much fun. Normally I am better prepared but I just had been pulled in too many directions and hadn't given it my full attention.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for being there when I needed you!

In His Grip,

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Linda (Spyder)



Some of our lady members

From Our President



Who Do You Smell Like ?

I know at this time of year with the hot days of summer upon us this may seem like a silly question. But bear with me there is means to my madness.

A few weeks ago my pastor, Skip Alexander, gave a sermon based on 2 Corinthians 2: 15-16. It impressed me and with his permission I will share from his sermon notes as who should we smell like.

Verse 15 states we are to God the aroma of Christ. The Greek word literally means a sweet smell i.e. the rose of Sharon, a lily of the valley. These are words that are used to describe the wonderful aroma our Savior fills the air with. How do we smell to God? How do we smell to our friends? How do we smell to strangers? The Christian life should be lived in closeness to Jesus Christ. As with most things what we are close to will rub off on us. Hopefully to others as well as to God we smell like Jesus. We can make sure of this by daily praying, studying the Word of God, and by sharing our faith.

Verse 16 says that some have the fragrance of life and others have the smell of death. The smell of death comes from not accepting God. The sins of the world will leave a stench on us that we cannot get rid of on our own. Only in trusting in God can we be washed of the stench of sin and made fragrant like the aroma of Christ.

This may have been a simplification of what the whole sermon was but it got me to thinking. Who do I smell like on a daily basis? In my attitude and

interaction with others do I give off a pleasant aroma of Jesus or do I smell like death because I am uncaring, complaining, disagreeable, bad tempered, loud mouthed, and a lot of other descriptive words? If we as a chapter are going to give God the glory of our lives then we need to make sure we use the perfume of the Rose of Sharon, the lily of the valley and present to the world a life that is pleasing to God. If what we do is pleasing to Him, then we are smelling "like a rose".

To God be the glory for the great things He has done, He has saved us, He has healed us, He has given us an opportunity to share Him with people from all walks of life. Remember we are called to change the world one heart at a time. Let us travel down a road that brings us to the aroma of Jesus, Who We Want To Smell Like!

Dan

From Our VP



Worry or Wonder?

Last month my family and I decided to go to the annual air show in Dayton, OH. It had been several years since we last attended. Every time before it has been so very hot during the air show. This year Matt and I decided to upscale our tickets to a special seating area that had outdoor tables with umbrellas as well as access to inside air conditioning and real bathrooms. Along with all this they had free food and drinks during the day. We were looking forward to a great day with some nice accommodations.

Early Saturday morning I stepped out to look at the skies. It was overcast, breezy and felt like rain. If you enjoy air shows, you know that is not the kind of weather you want to have.

A little bit later I heard my granddaughter Abigail acting up a little bit so I decided to take her out on the balcony to get her to quit being so fussy. As I held her and continued to look at the clouds, I worried about what kind of day we would have. The cloud ceiling was maybe 1000 feet. Anything above that was out of sight. I knew that the day's activities were

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not going to be what I expected and wanted. I felt I probably had wasted the whole trip. Greensburg

While I was starting to get irritated at my luck, a breeze came through. The same type of breeze and wind, which was bringing in all this cruddy weather and ruining my day.

As the wind hit Abigail's face, she lit up in the sweetest grin I have ever seen. The breeze was in her face and she actually got tickled by it. There was no worry in her; there was only wonder and happiness for a few moments.

It struck me that here I was worried and cursing the wind and weather and at the same time it was bringing such happiness and wonder to this little baby. I could worry, fuss and fret about it or I could enjoy what God has sent me, just like she was enjoying that breeze.

We can head out on a ride, and within a mile get soaking wet and complain about it. Or we can enjoy the camaraderie of sharing the experience with others.

We can have an accident and get hurt and curse God for what happens. Or we can realize the medical miracles we now have, and experience the compassion love and care our brothers and sisters have for us.

We can lose a loved one of many years and wonder why God took them or we can be thankful for having the time with them that we got to have. And to be thankful we have had all the good times and lessons they left for us for the rest of our lives.

So the next time we have worries or difficulties in life, let's see how we can turn the worry into wonder. As it turned out, Matt and I had a great day at the air show. I didn't worry about a thing the rest of the day.

Upcoming Events

17 Aug.: Vette City Disciples chapter meeting @ 6 pm

18 Aug.: Bluegrass Believers chapter meeting @ 6 pm

22 Aug.: Harrodsburg 15th Annual Motorcycle Meet & Downtown Cruise-in @ 5 to 9 pm

11, 12, & 13 Sept.: CMA state rally. Check CMA Web site for details

18 & 19 Sept.: Fall national women's conference. Check CMA Web site for details.

Mondays @ 6 pm EDT: Bike night at the Lebanon Sonic drive-in

Tuesdays @ 6 pm EDT: Bike night at the Subway on Broadway in Campbellsville

Thursdays @ 6 pm EDT: Bike night at the Subway in

Prayer Requests

Theresa Collings: Pray for continued healing and give praise for her recovery so far.

Our chapter: Pray for continued growth and, also for safety on future rides.

From the C.M.A. Handbook: Ministering With Accountability

CMA is an interdenominational organization. We recognize that there are differences in the doctrines and practices of our members in the local church. CMA's ministry is one of salvation, restoration, and Christian growth through the Bible.

Listed below are several guidelines for accountability for members in ministry. These procedures are in place to provide accountability to our members and CMA. If you have any questions, please contact your State Coordinator.

† Report any ministry results or activity to your chapter secretary.

† Be active in your local chapter.

† Notify your State Coordinator if you are serving as a chaplain for a secular organization.

† Contact your State Coordinator about becoming an approved speaker to conduct services at secular events.

† Fill out an event report within 10 days of an event if you served as an approved speaker. Send the report to your National Evangelist and State Coordinator.

† Do not consume alcoholic beverages (including near beer) while wearing the CMA logo.

† Avoid usage of titles that may mistakenly identify you as a national CMA officer.

† CMA National events take priority over CMA State events and CMA State events priority over secular events.

From Our Chaplain

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Who am I?

Once again I was inspired by recent events in my life. While staying with Theresa at the hospitals, patrolling the hallways, sidewalks and elevators, wearing my colors/patch, I received many comments and no, they were not about my good looks. The comments were all about the CMA patch on my vest and what it meant. Some of the comments were: That's cool, that's a good reason to ride for, several amen's, and even a He's the only One we should ride for.

This got me thinking about the patch. The patch identifies me for what I stand for and Who I represent, with the insignia and colors significant to our organization. In our biker world, colors and patches are used to indicate what gang, club, territory or organization that the wearer belongs. Sometimes, or maybe, even most of the time, the reputation of the theses colors indicate their notoriety in biker circles. I won't mention them here, but some patches or colors are so recognizable that we need to be wary of our surroundings and be on alert.

I then thought about the colors or patch that Jesus wore when he was alive. I don't recall of any such thing in the Bible so I believe that He didn't have any. His actions spoke louder and truer than any color, patch, or rocker could ever say. He couldn't go anywhere without attracting a crowd, a crowd eager to hear his teachings and watch Him heal, not only the sick, but also those in spiritual need. When Jesus was being grilled by the Pharisees, they asked Him who he was, He responded with: "who do the people say that I am?" The answer was rabbi, teacher, healer, etc. All this without the aid of a patch. In Exodus 3:14, Moses asked God how to tell the people who was the one who sent him, God responded: I am who I am. Tell them I Am sent me to you. No colors, no rockers, no insignia, and no patch, but yet they knew. I am proud of my patch and what it stands for and even prouder of our Chapter and the caring and loving members that belong to the Vision Riders, for they show what God is all about. While I can be identified as a Christian by my back patch, I want the people to be able to see it in my actions and attitude from the front also. Let us be an all around child of God and not one sided.

With all my love and never ending gratitude, and may your lives be blessed.

Your Chaplain, Mitch

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A recent fellowship ride



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