



Vision Riders



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Local Chapter Happenings

It has been a busy month like all fair weather days are for bikers. The Wings of Pink ride had 81 bikes and has taken in \$2600 at last report. Our visit to the El Shaddai chapter meeting was made by 22 of us and our August fellowship ride was bigger than some poker runs; we had 20 bikes go on that one.

Don't forget that 21 August is the deadline to register for the CMA state rally at the reduced fee. Our chapter will be covering the hospitality needs. Contact Richard if you can help.

The 14 August ride from Perryville had a decent number of our chapter participating. Some had to leave early. It was one of the longer rides and during probably one of the hottest days of the summer. A few of us got wet too!

Youth Movement/Fast Lane



Well here we are again another month gone by. Where in the world does the time go? I remember when I was a kid hearing the old people say that same thing. Guess what? I guess I'm one of them old people now.

As I began to write I was thinking about the past and was thinking about how God has changed my life by allowing me to work with the youth through the CMA.

Well, everyone has a testimony, and we usually hear the ones that tell about the BIG turnaround that we have made for the better, which is great that we let God in our life and made that change. But in the past few years being around the youth, I have heard so many testimonies about all the good things in their lives, mainly because they are young and have grown up around Christian people.

Several months ago I got to hear Hershall Fisher give his testimony at man-to-man and at the end, he said, "that's all I have because I'm only 13, man." How many people can say they were giving strong testimonies at the young age of 13? Just like some of the other youth talking about going to Kentucky Changers and Heartland Outreach to help build and repair things and witness to people they don't even know and then come back with a heart warming testimony about what God has allowed them do for others. Now that's good stuff!

Everyone has a testimony that someone needs to hear. So be as **bold** as the youth have become and give your testimony.

Youth Movement Leader
Tommy Watkins



Lisa Healy, our chapter photographer and historian, receives an award from President Richard for the best attendance at chapter events for the first half of the riding season.



What a lovely couple! Here, Jon passes on the monthly mileage award to Tim at our last meeting.

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**From the CMA Handbook:
Fast Lane**

The Christian Motorcyclists Association has been working to change the world, one heart at a time since 1974 and has gained an honorable reputation in the secular biking world. Since the 1980s, the motorcycling industry has been producing motorcycles focused on different styles of riding, which has created many subcultures of motorcycling. In 2003, the CMA Board of Directors felt a calling to reach into these subcultures of motorcycling, thus creating Fast Lane. Fast Lane is an extension of CMA into these motorcycling areas, which include, but are not limited to, super bikes, dual sports, and quads. These areas of motorcycling are growing rapidly, as is our need to reach into them with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

As always with the ministry of CMA, we look beyond the differences and love people as they are. It is the work of the Spirit of God to change people's lives. God has not called us to major on the differences; He has called us to look beyond the physical and see the heart condition.

For more information on how you can be involved in the CMA Fast Lane, you may contact us at: 870-389-6196, fastlane@cmausa.org, or CMA ATTN: CMA Fast Lane, PO Box 9, Hatfield, AR 71945. Available on our website at www.cmausa.org is a section on the Fast Lane that has with ministry tips, articles, and a schedule of events for the Fast Lane.

From Our President



What's the Purpose?

You just finished a 125 mile poker run on the hottest day of the year and made a contribution to the benefit. Last week you were at several bike nights that again took a lot of time and a certain amount of finances. Each season you go through hundreds of gallons of gas and a lot of wear and tear on your bike.

As you look back and reflect, it is easy to wonder, "what was the purpose and what am I, and the chapter accomplishing, what results can we see?"

As humans we want instant results for our actions. We want quick and favorable responses to our prayers. We want a pat on the back and some sign of appreciation for our efforts. When we don't get these things, we tend to lose interest because we are not getting the gratification that our human pride wants. It becomes a lot easier then to justify to ourselves that there just isn't any purpose in continuing the efforts. It then becomes a lot easier to become dissatisfied and lose interest in the chapter and the ministry.

CMA's philosophy has always been that we are all about the planting and watering of the spiritual seeds. That we may never see the ultimate results of what we do. Not everything we do has an immediate effect.

In order to see the results of something, you have to some knowledge of what it was like at an earlier time. I have a tree in my front yard that I look at every day. From day to day, I cannot tell if

the tree has grown or not. Yet when I look at old pictures of my home, I can easily see that the tree has tripled in height since I moved there. Many changes get overlooked over time simply because they happen too slowly for us to notice.

When this chapter began, there was some disappointment that we weren't growing and getting new members. Eventually everyone came to the realization that it wasn't about us, it was about God and we needed to let Him be the leader and guide. We were a small group of about 6 people who wanted to be involved in motorcycling as well as the ministry. Since then, our active membership growth has come slowly but steadily with individuals willing to be a part of this ministry.

It is not just about numbers though. Here are some of the things that are more important:

1. We have seen salvations within our own chapter members. To be a part of bringing someone to eternal salvation is the most important thing we can do. No other result is as important as this one.

2. We have seen the growth of spiritually maturity in chapter members. Not everyone comes into this ministry with the same level of commitment. Some join for purposes other than a heart's desire for the ministry. But I have seen growth in their ministry efforts. Sometimes it takes awhile to realize what this ministry is truly all about.

3. The chapter is also gaining in our relationships with other biking groups. By sharing our love for each other, our love for Jesus and by our witness, we are making progress in gaining the respect of other groups and clubs.

4. We continue to bond with each other as a group. We are a tight bunch and this bond has been strengthened by the love for each other. These bonds have been forged from sharing each other's joys and pains.

5. Spiritual lives are being strengthened. Chapter members are becoming stronger in realizing the importance of prayer, church attendance and being active in a ministry. Not everyone is at the same level in their Christian walk.

The next time we feel that maybe not enough is being accomplished, take a look at the changes in the lives of our chapter members. Pay careful attention to the spiritual improvement that is happening in our group. Be aware of the growth in the respect for our group in the biking community. These are the things we are here for.

There is always more to be done. There is always more that can be accomplished. But do not be discouraged when things aren't happening as fast as you may like. Stay in the game, stay committed and continue to support and be a part of this ministry.

I assure you that just like the tree in my front yard, after awhile you will be able to see the changes that you are a part of. They may not just happen overnight though. Be certain that nothing you ever do for the Lord is ever in vain.

Each and every one of you has contributed to the efforts and accomplishments of this chapter. I am so thankful for all that you guys are doing in this ministry.

Richard Durham
2010 Chapter President

Upcoming Events

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

Monday Evenings: Bike night @ Happy Days in downtown Campbellsville.

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

Thursday Evenings: Bike night @ the Greensburg Subway, 7 pm Eastern time.

Saturday, 21 August: Youth Fun Day. The youth will be going to Danville for a number of activities. Meet @ Carol's @ 10 am EDT for the ride there. Contact Tommy Watkins or check our Web site for details.

Sunday, 22 August: Michael Peyton Memorial Ride leaves Ultimate Thunder Cycle in Danville @ 2:30 pm. Check the Web site for details.

Saturday, 28 August: Kyle Napper Heart Transplant Benefit Run. Leaves Leitchfield, KY @ 12PM CST. Details on Web site.

Labor Day Weekend: Bike games/Christian Biker Weekend.

September 10, 11, 12: CMA State rally.

Saturday, 11 September: Red Knights Chapter 1 Fun Run. Leaves Danville @ 11 am ET. Details on Web site.

September 23 – 26: Harley Drags in Bowling Green.

Saturday, 2 October: Grim Reapers MC toy run.

Saturday, 9 October: BTF Toys for Kids poker run.

Saturday, 23 October: BTF toy run.

Saturday, 6 November: Southern Cruisers toys for kids ride.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Richard Durham: 8/2

Jodie Cooper: 8/4

Gordon Judd: 8/9

Joe Denny Roberts: 8/13

Vann Lantz: 8/24

Tommy Cundiff: 8/30

Shane and Doris Moore: 8/15

Coming Up In September:

Bob Parrish: 9/6

Harley Fisher: 9/8

Doris Moore: 9/11

Darrell Smith: 9/14

Tim Cooper: 9/20

Keith & Jamie Morris: 9/14



New member, Jack Satterfield

Observations From Our Road Captain



Too Hot To Ride?

Last month I wrote about the first six months of 2010 and what could be done in the second half of 2010.

The month started with the 4th of July weekend celebration. Some of us rode on the Some Gave All ride and some of us were at the rally in Corbin. There were many opportunities to witness to others. We had a good crowd for the lakeside service at Green River. On our July fellowship ride, 4 bikes were blessed for fellow motorcycle riders that we met along the way. Every night of the week there is a bike night. A bike and car show was held in Summersville. There was a very good turn out for the Wings of Pink ride. It has been a very busy month. It has also been a very hot month.

I never thought I would say "it's too hot to ride" but there has been a few days that it was too hot, so I started riding more at night. If you ride at night you may notice motorcycle riders that you don't see at bike nights or on poker runs. Some like to ride by themselves at night, while others are just getting off from work and want to roll on down the road with less traffic and less heat—no pun intended. If you ride at night you will get hit in the face with bugs unless you have a windshield on your bike, which I don't. One word of advice that I can give on riding at night is to wear clear glasses and keep your mouth shut. You don't want bugs in your eyes or in your mouth. I know that was more than one word of advice.

There are a few months left in the "riding season" of 2010 and they are going to be very busy. We have the bike games, state rally, Harley Drags, poker runs....and the list goes on. There is more to do before this year ends. At the start of the "season" we did an inspection of ourselves and our bikes. We may need to do that again. Does the oil need to be changed? Have you checked the air in your tires? Have you prayed for guidance. We should inspect ourselves daily to make sure we are still riding down the right road. It is very easy to make a wrong turn in our journey.

God Bless.

Jon.



CMA members at the Raptors' Toys for Tots ride.

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Chaplain's Corner



Power In Numbers

It always feels good when we all ride as a group to an event. They say that power is in numbers. With large numbers we feel comfortable, safe, and secure. We don't mind to go out and witness to others or help others in need when we have several people to back us up. This is a good thing, with numbers we feel less intimidated and we are willing and able to do God's work.

I was in a conversation with some of our fellow members, discussing about different places to witness to other bikers and that it might be better if only a few in number would be better. This got me thinking a little, and I thought, yes, there might be times when we are the intimidators. We don't mean to be so and certainly don't want to be intimidating. I scrolled through the Bible, looking for answers, and what I found was interesting. A good example would be Moses. He was picked by God, along with Aaron to free His people from bondage in Egypt. Now God didn't send Moses to Egypt with a huge army, He just sent Moses and Aaron and a big stick. Now this may not seem as witnessing, but Moses did give Pharaoh every chance to repent, he just chose not to do so. Another example was Jesus. Jesus, after a while, developed a strong following along with His disciples and after much training and teaching, He sent them in out, not in huge numbers but in pairs, not only to cover more territory, but to show more love and caring than intimidation. In reading about Paul's journeys, shows that there was usually only 2 or 3 of them that traveled together, but they were strong in faith.

So to keep matters short, yes it is good to have numbers to show support and strength and the fact that we all love God, for in God we have all the power, the strength, and security that anyone can need. Thus just as God is powerful in groups, He is more powerful in small numbers and I think the job of witnessing to others is easier. Instead of scaring, we are sharing our love for Christ to others and allowing that love to flow to them. So if that witness opportunity comes and you are alone or with just a few, remember God is there, and putting your faith in Him is all the power and security you need.

Forever in my prayers and heart, your humble chaplain,
Mitch.

The Stride in Our Ride

Each day we get on our bikes to ride,
we attempt to keep up in stride
with those we think have made the run
and still do it while having lots of fun.
It's about that goal we are aiming toward
that we are told about when we read the Word.
We go out in the world just like we are told.

Although some of us are not quite as bold
as we should be in our spiritual witness
because we all are on different levels of spiritual fitness.

Don't be sad or give up your trying.

In the pan you will not end up frying.

Just keep at it and pray for the strength
and soon your witness won't be at length.

Remember, to all the observing outsiders,
you are another one of the Vision Riders.

So, let's keep it up by proclaiming the Word
to praise and glorify our wonderful Lord!

Spyder's Web



Jamie and I recently went to Lexington to attend a Beth Moore Conference. Of course we had to be there early (we left at 8:00 am, had to go shopping—sorry Keith) to meet our group for dinner. We spent the night and attended the Saturday event as well. We received an amazing spiritual blessing. We both were emotionally drained by the time we got home Saturday afternoon. I would encourage all ladies to go to an event like this, whether it is Beth Moore or some other Christian presenter for ladies. We can increase and renew our spiritual energy by being with other women who are seeking God's direction in their lives. This will enable us to better share the Lord with those we come in contact with in the biking community. There is much unplowed ground out there and by preparing ourselves to meet these needs, the seeds we sow will not fall on unfertile soil. So get yourself involved in a good strong Bible study that speaks to you personally.

We shall Rise up on Wings like Eagles
Spyder

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