



Vision Riders



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Local Chapter Happenings

Here we are at the peak of biking season and looking forward to next month when we have our state rally. Laura Thompson has highlighted a part of the CMA Handbook that deals with state rallies. Check it out and see how much goes into one and you will appreciate what everyone does to make it happen. The posting is not all of what is in the handbook because of the length. To get the entire list, check the handbook

Some of us took an evening trip to Bowling Green to attend the monthly meeting of the Vette City Disciples. That was an interesting trip and enjoyed by all that went. We experienced several different types of riding from the curvy local roads to the Interstate high-speed highway. Your editor gained some valuable experience with night riding since I don't do much around here. Going 75 mph and passing tractor-trailers in the dark is a little different than cruising on a local road enjoying the scenery during the day. All in all, the comments were positive about the ride and we got to see how another chapter conducts their meeting. If you haven't attended another chapter's meeting, I urge you to do so when the next occasion presents itself.

This month's issue of the newsletter is even smaller than last month's. For whatever reason, some of our contributors can't contribute and except for a few items, like this one, the size depends on our contributors. You don't have to be an officer to contribute. If you have something you think others might be interested in reading and is written by you, please ship it to me via e-mail. Don't worry about spelling and grammar, that's my job to make any corrections. Please, no items copied from other sources.

If you check our activity schedule, you will see several important events coming up real soon. The first one is the Biker Games, sponsored by our chapter. It is on the 3rd of September at Veterans Park in Campbellsville. Here is an opportunity for you to show off your bike or your riding skills in some of the games. If you don't want to do either one of those, there will be some good food and fellowship available. Be sure to invite your nonmember friends and tell them that there is no charge to attend.

A week after the Biker Games, beginning on Friday the 8th, is the CMA State Rally at Elizabethtown. If you haven't registered, you should do it soon. If you get your registration in the mail to be postmarked by August 27th, you get a \$5 discount. Go to our Web site calendar to get the registration form to print out. Each person attending needs to bring a door prize to the rally.

Don't forget about the Harley Drags. The fall drags are on the 24th and 25th of September. This is a witnessing opportunity to those that probably need it the most. Some of our members will be leaving early to set up a camper there. Our chapter is the host chapter for this running, so we need to provide a lot of support. If you can help out, even for one day, please let Richard know ASAP. Help has been hard to find, so anyone doing so will be appreciated. Richard can answer any questions you may have.

Road Captain's Report



Some of you may know that my uncle Wayne arrived from New York last week. That Saturday we had met some of you at Carol's to go to Perryville Kentucky to ride in the 2 wheels 4 tots poker run. What an excellent turnout! It was said that around 200 or so motorcycles had come to show support for a great cause. We had great weather for the ride. Our first stop was in Washington County, then on to Loretta for some lunch and rest. Our last stop was at Poor Boy's for drinks and to rest and fellowship together. Then we headed back to Perryville for supper and door prizes. As we got into the American Legion it had started to rain. Of course we know whom to blame. (Not mentioning any names Jon.) Just kidding Jon. It seemed like everyone was getting a door prize because they had called everyone's name at least once. Everybody knows me I was getting anzy because I knew we were getting ready to be caught in a real bad storm. We had started to leave and then it came. We made it to the gas station there just below the American Legion and it started to rain harder. We decided to take it easy and get home. The slower we went, the harder the rain came, and the squeezing of my ribs became harder also. We had a wonderful time fellowshiping and meeting new people. I would also like to thank the ones who came with us to show support for this tot run.

That is one of the many reasons I love the CMA and especially our chapter. Everyone of you guys have such a big heart and care so much for others and are willing to do anything you can to help one another. My family and I are so blessed to know each and everyone of you. Thank you for being who you are.

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From Our Assistant Chaplin



Reasons

A month or so ago someone asked me about our chapter's membership, what type of people join, are they all church goers, do they participate in most of the events, and so on went the questions. I never really thought of it until thinking about our chapter meetings, looking around the room we quickly see what could be the most diverse band of misfits ever assembled save, of course, the disciples.

When Jesus was out selecting the disciples, His selection process would have driven a church board to insanity- taking from the lowest of society, those who were certainly unschooled and untaught individuals- what kind of church did he hope to start anyway? Yet after all these years later the world is still running to Christ or cursing His very name-WHY? Because the band of misfits Jesus chose are the same ones that carried the Good News by their words and deeds.

We are much like that, some have sordid pasts which they are neither proud of, nor enjoy reliving through conversations, yet it is those same stories which draw others like them into the saving knowledge of Christ. We know we all have joined CMA for different reasons, for some it is to serve the Lord through motorcycling, for some perhaps it is for the camaraderie of being accepted by others, and still yet, for some it may be to ride around in a group of Bikers and feel like a real "Heaven Raiser" knowing there is strength in numbers and no one to stop you- wrong!

Now some of you may be saying that is wrong, and perhaps it is, but you also need to be realistic about where we are as a group of men and women who have free will. Have we all arrived where God wants us to be? Of course not, then why do we believe all our brothers and sisters in Christ are there? I especially am not condemning anyone, since I identify more with Thomas on the day of Christ's resurrection, than I do with Peter on the day of Pentecost.

The point is, we are all on this journey together, and I don't know what brought you here anymore than you know what brought anyone else, you only know what they told you, but I do know we can gain strength from each other, using the weakness of each other to turn into strengths for Christ's Glory. As the year winds down, ask yourself: Where can I help others to grow strong in this work of God, and in doing so, you may find your own weaknesses being strengthened...just a thought spoken out loud. Ya gotta love me cause the good book says so, and remember: "Keep the shiny side up, Watch the cage, and Keep your eyes on the Son."

Tim "Light Seeker" Cooper

CMA Handbook Spotlight State Rally

State Rally: A CMA hosted rally held to equip and minister to the membership of CMA.

Held yearly in each state, the state rally is a time of encouragement, equipping, fun, and fellowship. It provides great opportunities for you and your chapter to meet with your National Evangelist and with other members and chapters with similar interests. We strongly encourage you to pray about adding this event as well as the Seasons of Refreshing to your schedule.

Dates for the upcoming rallies are generally posted beginning in the January HeartBeat and on the website. Some locations have childcare and pre-registration available. Please contact your State Coordinator for more information. His contact information is in the HeartBeat and at www.cmausa.org.

As this is a statewide rally, the State Coordinator will utilize chapters in the state to help in various areas. Assignments to rally responsibilities are made by the State Coordinator after input from the chapters. Each chapter will submit a work sign-up log for their area of responsibility at least three weeks prior to the rally. The State Coordinator will appoint volunteers and/or individuals for the following (and additional areas as needed) responsibilities. (Editors note: the list is quite long and can be read in the CMA Handbook. It would take up too much space in our little newsletter.)

Birthdays and Anniversaries

August

Richard Durham	8/2
Garrett Thompson	8/2
Jodie Cooper	8/4
Gordon Judd	8/9
Joe Denny Roberts	8/13
Vann Lantz	8/24
Tommy Cundiff	8/30
Shane & Doris Moore	8/15

Next Month

Harley Fisher	9/8
Doris Moore	9/11
Darrell Smith	9/18
Tim Cooper	9/20
Keith & Jamie Morris	9/14
Garrett & Laura Thompson	9/16

From Our President



Our church recently was presented a program by Laura Chowning regarding her recent mission trip to Peru. Most of you do not know Laura, but she has never been what you might call an extrovert. As a general rule she would rarely speak in public and a lot of times didn't look you in the eye as a youngster.

She did an outstanding job with her presentation. You could sense the enthusiasm and real emotion she experienced during her mission trip. As I spoke to her after the service it was easy to tell that the mission trip had changed her on a physical level.

I thought of our own Tommy Cundiff as I reflected on the change I had seen in Laura. After Tommy's first mission trip to Nicaragua, he came back a changed man. There was, and is, a fire in his heart. There is a desire and purpose that was reignited in him to go and help minister to others. I saw a similar change in Laura and have been thinking about their experiences.

Mission outreach and evangelism is the reason we Christians are here. It is our job to do what we can do to bring the message of salvation to everyone. Many times evangelism has to be secondary to mission outreach. Jesus himself took care of physical needs and then taught them about salvation.

However, it is so easy to get sidetracked as Christians. We are not exempt from the same trials and tribulations that the rest of the world experiences. Life has a way sometimes of beating us down and weakening our sense of spiritual salvation and the work we are to do. We tend to lose that sense of joy that we as Christians should always have in our salvation. The next thing you know, the interest in spreading the good news fades and we move farther and farther from our Lord.

This is not a new thing though. David went through much of the same things. David even did a lot of things that just weren't right. Nathan the prophet came to David after his episode with Bathsheba and called his hand on it. The conviction of the Lord moved upon David and he cried out in Psalms 51 asking that the "joy of Thy salvation" be returned to him.

David realized that God had not taken the joy of salvation away from him. He realized that the fault was his and God had always been there. God was waiting for his return to the work he had been called to do. He called out for help from God. He realized that it wasn't the works of sacrifice and offerings that God was looking for. It was as it is written, "My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not

despise." (Psalm 51:17 NIV) David's realization that only a willing spirit and heart is what God wants us to have.

I don't know if God is calling you to a mission trip to Peru or Nicaragua. I do know that he expects you to be working on outreach and evangelism. He has always been there and will continue to be there for you. However it is up to you to accept the work that we are called to do. It is up to you to get involved in something that helps to reach others for Christ. It is up to you to bring to God a broken spirit and contrite heart and a willingness to do more for Him. It is up to you to break out of whatever is keeping you from being active in the ministry.

These two examples of mission outreach are great lessons in the change that can be experienced by being proactive and stepping into doing more in the ministry. You can see the joy of salvation burning alive in both Tommy and Laura. We aren't supposed to just look at them and say, "I wish I could do that" or "I wish I could feel the same way as they do." The truth is that each and every one of us can again experience that same joy of salvation we had when we became a child of God. We just have to realize where we are, and take action to do what the Lord wants us to do.

I realize that mission trips to third world countries may not be for everybody. But I know that there is a mission and outreach effort that you can be involved in. As Christians we are to be more than just "pew warmers." As Christian bikers we are to be more involved than just attending chapter meetings or even rides. We are to be active in personally spreading the Good News.

Tommy and some others are working hard to put together another mission trip to Nicaragua. Please consider going or at least supporting them in prayer or any other way the Lord may be leading you. If that isn't your calling, get involved in an existing ministry or bring a ministry idea to the chapter. If you have a heart for it, a ministry will be provided. By being active you too can enjoy the joy of Thy salvation.

Richard Durham
2011 Chapter President

Upcoming Events

Please review and make your plans in advance to avoid last minute inconveniences and expenses. For events and rides sponsored by other organizations, check our Web page. Most, if not all events are listed there.

Tuesday Evenings: Bike night @ Subway in Campbellsville on Broadway @ 6 pm Eastern.

Thursday Evenings: Bike night @ Subway in Greensburg @ 6 pm Central

Sep. 3: Biker Games @ Veterans Park in Campbellsville.

Sep. 9 to 11: CMA KY State Rally @ Camp Nikao in E-town. See Web page calendar for registration form and info.

Sat., Oct. 1: Gallilean Home Bug Run, sponsored by the Bluegrass Believers chapter.

Oct. 19 – 23: CMA changing of the colors in Hatfield, AR.

Note: For details, non-chapter events, updates and last-minute postings, check the Web page calendar.

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This is from the C of C benefit ride.



Here is a line-up of bikes in Somerset when some of us went to visit the Reborn Riders.



The mileage award was won by Randall "Bear" Shofner. Presenting a cross made from drinking straws is our Road Captain. Last month's winner was not present, so the actual award was not available. (Photo by Lisa)



If these riders look a bit young, it's because they are. Our youth leaders support events like these. Some of our future members will come from these youth.