



Vision Riders Chapter Newsletter December 2007



As the Christmas season nears lots of concern is given to how much money will be spent. We are reminded every day how many shopping days are left. But we all know that money and things are not what Christmas is about. The meaning of Christmas is not in decorations, parties, gifts, etc. the real meaning is in the message the angels brought to the shepherds.

The glad tidings that were brought were of the birth of Jesus Christ the Lord. This means that Christmas is about praising and glorifying God. He is the Savior of the world offering salvation and peace of heart to anyone that is willing to ask.

The question then to us is, are we giving God the glory in our lives? Are we telling others the great joy we have in Jesus? As we wear our back patches when we ride we are telling others "Hey I'm a Christian", lets hope and pray that as the riding season is ending that there will be an invisible back patch on us saying "Hey, I'm a Christian". Let us remember the reason for the season as we enter this blessed time of the year.

Now for my wish list:

1. Let us be prayerful that as we end this year and look forward to the next that we (Vision Riders) will be able to share the gift of Jesus to the lost of the biker world.
2. Let's pray that our chapter will develop into a group that as we love each other we are willing to love the Lord and serve him in any manner in which we are led.
3. Let's pray that our chapter will be able, by our example, draw others to the ministry of the biker world.
4. Let's look forward to next year as a time for fun, fellowship and giving God the glory for all that he has done for us.

Dan Hayes

Bake Sale at Wal Mart

Our bake sale at Wal Mart was a resounding success. We sold everything we had. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who worked and participated in this event. We raised \$362.00 that will be matched by Wal Mart. This should give us enough for the funding of our chapter for next year for the purchasing of tracts, testaments and other materials for next year's riding season. A special thanks to Ms. Betty Reynolds of Greensburg for preparing 40 or so old fashioned fried dried apple pies.

We got the opportunity to share with several people the work and ministry of CMA. Near the end of the bake sale when most items had been sold, a lady stopped and was looking over what was left. When she was told about the reason for the bake sale, she immediately purchased everything that was left. It turns out that she had once been stranded on the road with car problems and was pregnant, when a CMA member came to her rescue. She felt this was a small way to say thanks for the ministry of CMA.

It goes to show you never know when doing a good deed while wearing your back patch will come back to us as a blessing.

Prayer Requests:

Jimmy Cable and family. His wife Linda passed away from cancer.

Max Wise's baby that has cancer.

Darrell Smith's father in law, step father and mother in law, all of whom have serious health problems.

Mitch Collings father.

Everyone had a great time at our Christmas dinner at Dan's home. Thanks to Sam, Barb and Harmony for joining us.

Our next meeting will be January 10, 2007 at Phillip's Lanes in Campbellsville. Fellowship at 6:00 p.m. and meeting at 7:00 p.m. Please make every effort to attend and invite someone.

Congratulations to Duane and Anita Orange and Darrell Smith for completing their ministry team material and earning their chapter and CMA patch.

Good Job Guys !!!

The Year in Review

Since our first informational meeting in April, we have experienced a lot of "firsts" while working to form this chapter. In July we participated in our first bike blessing with the assistance of the Vette City Disciples. The church sponsoring this event has asked us to help make it an annual event. We also were blessed to be able to attend the CMA National East Rally. God smiled on us by making it relatively close to us in Tennessee. We also were represented in Little Sturgis that weekend. Our first State Rally was also a great experience. We also expanded our education and efforts by helping at the Harley Drags in Bowling Green where we were asked to help next year with another hospitality tent. In October we helped with a Biker Field Day in Greensburg and again had the chance to witness and spread the ministry of CMA. We were asked if we could help next year again in Greensburg and also in Campbellsville. Thanks to God for His blessings in our efforts and thanks to each member who has actively participated in these events. The CMA events have given us so many blessings this year. You too can receive these blessings by working in your chapter and it's efforts.

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