



Vision Riders

December 2008 Newsletter



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From the President:

As we enter the Christmas season let us continue to keep real in our hearts and lives the true "meaning of the season". The fact that Christ was born as a gift of love from God to save us from our sins is something for us to give praise for.

As we go forth at this time when there is depression from the economy, the wars in the world, hatred, jealousy and the many other deceptions of Satan thrown at us, just remember Jesus came that we might have peace! Peace that this world has no clue of how to provide. A peace that passes all understanding.

Like most people I usually have a "wish list" at Christmas time. Earlier today I looked back at my "wish list" from last year for our chapter in 2008. There were 4 items I listed: for our chapter to share the gift of Jesus to the lost of the biker world; to develop into a group that were willing to be led by God; that we would by example draw others to this ministry, and in all of our fellowship to give God the glory. I believe that God granted those prayers. We grew by double the members this year; we spent time at rallies and rides sharing the story of Jesus; we have grown as a single-minded group of servants to our God; and we do our best to always give Him all the glory and honor for what has been done. I give thanks for each of you and the love of God you have in your hearts and lives.

As we share God's love this year among our friends and families remember the gift that was given us in Christ Jesus. Let's all work at trying to give that gift away for the rest of this year and all of next year as well. May the spirit of God dwell in you this Christmas season as you share with others the love of him that grants peace to us all.

Dan Hayes

YOUTH MOVEMENT

Well I feel that we have gotten off to a good start. We have went to three Christmas Parades. Two off them were led by the Youth on ATV's, one was made to look like a sleigh and carried the Christian Motorcyclists Association banner.

Justin has received his gold sticker for his card.

We had a great time at our Youth Fun Day in December at Findley's Fun Center in Danville with 4 youth attending.

"Being confident of this very thing, that he who has begun a new work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ" Philippians 1:6

This scripture lets us know that our confidence rests in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. How reassuring to know that our confidence does not rest in man or in his abilities, but in the grace of our Lord!

This walk of life has many turns and some difficult paths, but our confidence rests in knowing that He who began a good work in us will perfect it. This is a growing process from a babe to a mature Christian. It helps to realize that the battle is not ours-the reputation is not ours, but His. He is more than able to see that our race is completed in Him. When things get difficult, as they sometimes will, it is reassuring to look towards Heaven and realize that if I'll keep myself in His hands, all is well.

Are you resting in this confidence ?

"Remember the reason for the Season"
" Merry Christmas"
God Bless You,

Tommy Watkins



Prayer Requests

Sharon Wood as she recovers from breast cancer.

Danielle Carter as she recovers from the auto accident that took the life of her mother.

John Barke who recently lost his brother to cancer.

Gordon Judd who has back problems.

Those who are laid off or have lost their jobs.

Kevin Farmer's family, He passed away while fighting complications from cancer surgery.

Eric Nunn.

Our fellow chapters as new officers take over.

Sam and Barb Polston as well as our local, state and national CMA leaders.

The lost in the world.

Praise Reports:

The good year we have had as a chapter.

Stephanie's boyfriend Clinton who has accepted Christ as his Savior.

Upcoming Events:

Dec 20 12:30 p.m. Chapter fundraiser at Amazon.

Dec 21 7:00 p.m. Eastern-Micah Watkins will be speaking at Greensburg Baptist Church.

Dec 25 Our Savior's Birthday

January 1, 2009 Polar Bear Ride to benefit the local Food Pantries.

January 6 6:00 p.m. Winter Study Session.

January 8 7:00 p.m. Chapter Meeting.

Feb 7, 2009 Officers conference-Victory Hill Church in Scottsville, KY

April 3-4 Seasons of Refreshing

May 2, 2009 Run For the Son

May 22-25 Smoky Mountain Chapter Retreat

July 21-26 National East Rally in WV

Birthdays:

Mitch Collings January 1

Theresa Collings January 5

Duane Orange January 6

Anniversaries:

Tommie and Angie Watkins celebrate their 25th anniversary December 31, 2008. Congratulations to them.

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"SPYDERS WEB"

I tried several ideas on this article but kept coming back to the original. I reread all of the newsletters from the inception of the Vision Riders. I looked back on everything that's been documented, the articles, the prayer requests, the events we participated in. We have come so far and have so much to thank God for! I don't think we ever doubted what God wanted us to do, but we tried to accomplish it ourselves and we weren't doing very well! After much prayer and deliberation over what needed to be done we just allowed God to take over and what happened, as the saying goes, is history. Wow what a year! We have seen our numbers grow, the ministries have been covered, we have visited more churches than carter has pills and we have witnessed to a host of people. Evidently we are progressing in the direction God had planned for us. At some point in our Christian walk most of us have faced the muddy waters of doubt. Did we doubt whether we were doing God's will for this chapter? Without doubt, we'd never have a question. And without questions, we'd be without answers that cement our lives in place. Don't be afraid to doubt. Don't be afraid to question. God is big enough and powerful enough to handle our doubts and answer our questions. Ask the hard questions of the God who delivers both answers and more questions in pursuit of His absolute truth. I pray we have found His absolute truth in what we are accomplishing with Vision Riders but we don't need to rest on our laurels. The harvest is awaiting the harvesters. God has commissioned us to reach one heart at a time. Are we up to the task?

After having reviewed our year I believe we are. May you have a Blessed Holiday season, spent with family and friends. Let's not forget whose we are and why we are His. God bless all of you and I thank Him for placing you in my life!

In His Grip,
Spyder

Winter retreat

As the seasons change, so do we. We have had a wonderfully BLESSED year. The winter season will give us all a chance to rest, relax, and reflect back on the years events.

As we reflect, we need to pay attention to the opportunities we all faced that could have resulted with tragedy. In doing this we need to thank God for his mercies and protection. This will keep us positive, by giving God the praise for His love. It is so easy for us to celebrate the days without incident and be happy and cheerful, but the days of close calls keeps me grounded in how God is control and every now and then He reminds us of that fact.

Also, we need to reflect on witnessing opportunities we missed. Our study sessions will help us to identify these opportunities and the upcoming discipleship series will help us in ministering. That is the goal and mission of the CMA and Vision Riders.

In closing, I would like to thank each and everyone of you for your support and tolerance as we celebrate the birth of Christ. As we look forward to the new year and the opportunities we will have to ride and fellowship together, we need to keep God in the center. He is in control, we just get to enjoy His blessings on us.

MERRY CHRISTMAS to each of you

Darrell Smith
Road Captain

December Mileage Award:

This month we gave our Mileage Award to one of our own who doesn't even ride a bike. Gordon Judd has used his truck and has led our rescue crew for every ride. We appreciate his dedication to this ministry and more importantly to his Lord. Thanks Gordon.

From the Handbook:

Every month we review a section of the CMA handbook. This month's topic is "Active Membership"

CMA is a ministry with high standards that has gained respect and favor from the secular community and 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 of 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.
- Support CMA prayerfully and financially at both a local and national level.

Reaching the world is extremely important to CMA and our members enable that task. Active membership in CMA is based on the following criteria in a 12-month period. (Effective January 1, 2009)

- Purchase an Goodie/toolbox item(s) from CMA totaling at least \$20.00.
- Attend a CMA national or State Rally or a Seasons of Refreshing.
- Complete a Ministry Team training program.
- Donate at least \$20.00 to CMA National or Run for the Son or
- Purchase a HeartBeat subscription for \$20.00.



Our Run For the Son ride is May 2, 2009. Now is the time to be talking to our friends, churches, places of employment and businesses about giving to this very important ministry.



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Witnessing Opportunities:

Each month we try to focus on a witnessing or outreach opportunity that we experienced. In November we started our winter study sessions and Lisa's friend Joe Denny has been attending. On his first or second night, he made us aware that due to his job he had the opportunity to provide certain furniture and bedding as well as some small appliances, if we knew of a need. We have never been involved in providing furniture to someone so I thought while the effort was admirable, the application might not be there.

However God does work in mysterious ways. Within a few days of Joe's offer, there were two different house fires in our area. And in each case, the families were in dire need of exactly the type of items that Joe was able to provide. Darrell quickly got together with Joe and Lisa and along with the help and donations of some other chapter members; the furniture was picked up and delivered to the needy families.

Herbie Goff who leads our study sessions told us one night we need to be careful about what we pray for. We might just get it and have to respond. I think this is exactly what happened. We pray that we will be able to witness to those in our community and when the chance comes up, we will respond. Thanks to each member of our chapter for their willingness to serve.

New Members This Year:

Last year at this time we had about 7 patch wearing members. This year our numbers increased. But our increase was more than just numbers, our new members have given our chapter areas of opportunity we did not have before. I want to review our new members and the benefits they have brought to our chapter this year. God has blessed us this year and answered our prayers.

Keith and Jamie Morris: Keith is one of those guys that just doesn't know a stranger. He can talk to anyone at any time. Jamie is so much fun and is always in a good humor. These two together have grown in the Lord and provide some of the greatest witnessing that we have in our chapter. Both are always willing to do what they can. Jamie has accepted our Secretary position and is doing a wonderful job. Keith is also our assistant Road Captain.

Tommy and Angie Watkins: They say opposites attract. At first glance this seems to be true. Tommy is outgoing and has a great interest in the youth. He has taken on our youth movement leadership and is doing a great job. Angie is a little more on the reserved side. Until she gets the chance to stick you with a one-liner. She also has a great voice and uses it for the Lord every chance she gets. We look forward to all she brings to our chapter in the music ministry.

Lisa Healy: Lisa is a little dynamo. I have seen her stand in front of one of the biggest biker dudes around and talk to him about the tattoo on his neck that said "No one can judge me but God". In just a minute or two she was witnessing to the guy. She is also not afraid to throw that Rebel of hers out there as a road guard. Lisa is a nurse and we appreciate her skills in that area as part of our First Aid ministry team.

Joe "Bigun" Brown: When you think of shy and reserved, you sure aren't thinking about Bigun. Joe's past is quite a bit different from most of us. He brings to our chapter a lot of experiences from the secular biking world. Joe is also one of our most willing members to speak and witness to others. He has one of the most dedicated hearts for the Lord in our chapter.

Jon Nesbitt: Jon is Lisa's brother and has an extensive background in music. He has played in several rock bands over the years and can tell you a story or two. He also has a DJ business and has lots of experience with sound systems. We look forward to what his love of music and his love for the Lord will bring to our chapter.

Gordon Judd: When you are looking for someone solid as a rock that is willing to do the work that needs to be done, Gordon is your man. He doesn't ride a bike but loves to be doing the Lord's work. Gordon heads our rescue team and is an invaluable member of our chapter.

Herbie Goff: As a new chapter, we are a bit inexperienced. Herbie has brought to the table a lot of years in CMA. He has the lowest member number I have seen yet and his card is signed by Herb Shreve. Herbie has spent several years as an evangelist, pastor and Christian. He leads our winter study sessions and we all have learned a lot from Herbie. We are truly blessed to have him as part of our chapter.

Mike Fenwick: Mike joined us late this summer. Mike has years of experience in the biking community. He is a retired member of one of the secular motorcycle clubs. Mike has given us a lot of insight and knowledge about working with those in that community. Mike also brings to CMA his years of experience in the mechanical ministry team.

Shane Moore: Shane has been biking for a long time. He has years of time in trials biking. You can see him about every weekend towing his trials bike behind his Goldwing. Shane is easy to talk to and is always willing to talk to others about what God has done in his life. Shane is going to be a great asset to our chapter as he opens up new mission work in the off road biking community.

Theresa Collings: Theresa became part of our chapter late this year. She is just a joy to know. Quick with her humor and willing to help in any way she can. She is an accomplished keyboard player at her church and we appreciate her bringing all her talents to our chapter. She is also the better half of our Chaplain, Mitch Collings. But we won't hold that against her. She and Mitch both are vital members of our chapter.

Justin Smith: Justin is the youngest member of our chapter. He is the son of our Road Captain Darrell Smith and wife Donna. Justin has completed his Youth ministry course. The future of CMA is in our youth and we can see Justin being a large part of our chapter's growth in the ATV and off road ministry areas.

Chapter News:

Cold weather may slow us down, but it sure doesn't have to stop us. We have continued our fellowship by having our Winter Study Sessions. We are finishing up a series about personal evangelism and plan on taking a look at a study on discipleship. We have been in three Christmas parades representing CMA in Bowling Green, Greensburg and Campbellsville. We rode with the Southern Cruisers in Greensburg on their first toy run on what has been the coldest ride I have been on yet. As a group we went to see the movie "Fireproof". I highly recommend it. Our Youth Movement is under way and is being led by Tommy Watkins. We continue to have good attendance at our chapter meetings and continue to have new faces interested in CMA. We have visited Darrell's church at Pleasant Ridge and look forward to other visitations this winter. Justin Smith has completed his ministry team and we welcome him as our youngest member and part of our Youth Movement. None of this would be possible without the support of each and every member of our chapter and the loving grace of our Lord.



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