



# Vision Riders



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## Local Chapter News

As 2009 comes to an end, so do the terms of our first officers. Since I became a member after the chapter started, I didn't see all that went on to develop the chapter. I just wanted to thank those that got things rolling and give the credit to the Lord that gave them the strength and will to do it. Keep praying that the Lord will continue to bless this chapter with our new slate of officers. I see no reason why He won't. Meanwhile, this is your last opportunity to read their contributions to the newsletter for those that are ending their tenure.

Last month I ran a cartoon of motorcycle with a sidecar and asked that you find what the major mistake in the cartoon was. Linda Hayes was the first to send me an e-mail pointing out that the sidecar was on the wrong side of the motorcycle. If we were in England, the cartoon would have been correct. Many others found the error too, but weren't as fast as Linda to respond. It's reassuring to know that many in our chapter are observant.

Our December meeting/Christmas dinner went well with over 40 attending. The food was great and the fellowship even greater. The activity of "dirty Santa" after the meal was fun and a new experience for some of us. If you were not there, you missed a great time.

The last page of this newsletter is a poem I wrote 15 years ago. It is my gift to our readers. Since our membership represents many different churches, the theological views in it do not necessarily represent the CMA or Vision Riders, they are of the editor. It was written to glorify God and His gift to us.

## Observations From Our Road Captain



### Gratitude

After three seasons on the point, I now have a new perspective. I will now ride back in the pack and pull road guard with the rest of you. As a group, we have ridden a lot of miles without a major incident or accident. I am grateful for everything the Lord and each one of you have done to make this possible. As of Jan. 2, we will have a new Road Captain at the point and I pray that he is blessed even more than I have been.

While the riding has been a big part of what we do, the actual ministry opportunities and efforts is the real blessing. We have been blessed with each, and we have responded. That is what makes this group special. While we are all different individuals, our focus on ministering makes us all the same. It is through our different

backgrounds and life experiences that each of us have something to offer regardless of where we are or who we are with. For this I am thankful. I have learned a lot by watching and listening.

As we begin a new year with new officers, I pray that the membership will continue to stay involved and give the same support and effort as we have shown we are capable.

THANK YOU for your support and may God bless each and every one.

Darrell Smith, Road Captain

## Youth Movement/Fast Lane



Well my first full year as Youth Leader is about over. It has been an honor and a privilege to work with the youth. I have truly enjoyed it and have been blessed in so many ways that I don't know where to start. Let's see:

How about Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 2009 the Polar Bear ride all the way to the Flame On Rally beginning on Dec 31<sup>st</sup> at Hatfield Arkansas? Between these two dates the Youth have participated in more than 16 different events and rode in a number of rides during the year as well. The youth have represented this chapter far better than you would ever expect from teenagers. When we went to the east National Rally in July, Jerod McPherson (CMA National Youth Evangelist) made a very nice comment about our youth: "These young men are very sharp and well behaved and are already being used by God in several ways." I think that is about as good of a comment that he could've given them.

Also our youth have been featured in Heartbeat two different times in the past year; they were also featured in a Fast Lane video that was shown at the National Rally and, additionally, set up a booth at the Loretta Lynn National Qualifier Moto X event. They did a skit at Seasons and took care of chapter night at the State Rally with another skit that got everyone up on their feet. Both of these were in front of every chapter in Kentucky.

I would say it's been a pretty good year. There's a lot that I don't mention because it would take up all the room in the newsletter but it's been great and I pray that next year will be just that much MORE GOODER! Hey! You should have known I was going to get that in somewhere. *(continued next page)*

I would like to thank everyone that helped me though the year because without your help and support it would have been hard to do all that we did. The most important person I would like to thank is our almighty God! Because without Him it wouldn't matter anyway. God bless you all.

Remember the reason for this season! Merry Christmas!  
To God be the glory,  
Tommy Watkins

### **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

Vann & Valerie Lantz: 12/12  
Tommy & Angie Watkins: 12/31

### **Coming Up In January:**

Mitch Collings: 1/1  
Theresa Collings: 1/5  
Gordon and Sue Judd: 1/16

### **From Our President**



We are in what I believe is the greatest time of the year. It seems this season brings "joy to the world"; there seems to be hope in the eyes of almost everyone, as we try to show our love to each other in gift giving. We as Christians KNOW where this comes from. It is from the greatest gift that was ever given: the gift of Jesus to a dying world. As we have been studying on Tuesday nights "IT" needs to be shared. This means not only sharing Jesus but also showing the world His love by being radical in sharing our love to others. This will be just a sample of the radical love of God given to us.

As I write this, my last article as president of our chapter, I think about the future of our chapter. Our chapter will be different next year as we have new leadership as our officer team. With all my heart I pray that our new officer team will be given the support and help I was given these past couple of years. I pledge my support to them by openly agreeing to pray for them and be willing to do what is asked of me as they lead us into a new era.

I have my last wish list for our chapter:

1. That next year we will show in a more radical way the love of God to those we minister to.

2. That we will continue to be led by God, only do what He leads us to do, to do nothing unless it bring glory to God, and to love each other as the first church did.
3. That we keep a single minded purpose for our chapter.
4. That we always remember we are at war with Satan and don't let our guard down to allow him or his demons to enter into our group.
5. Remember that as long as we love God with all our hearts, minds, and bodies AND love our neighbors as ourselves we are doing God's will and are showing the world who we really are.

One more thing:

Thanks to all of you for your prayers the past couple of years and for giving me the privilege to be a part of what I believe is a group of people who love God, love sharing God with the world and who truly want to "change the world one heart at a time".

Dan Hayes

### **From Our VP**



We began our winter study sessions with a 4 week program that Southland Church in Lexington recently developed and went through. The idea of this program was to make Jesus the focus of our lives and our churches. To be more radical about the way we do things. We talked about the need to step outside the norm and look for ways to change the world around us. The idea was that so much of what we are doing as Christians and as a church, just isn't getting the job done. Too many people and churches have gotten used to doing things "they way we always have done it". The early church was radical in its day and we need to look at being a bit more radical today.

So many times we get caught up in the "corporate" aspects of our church involvement as well as the ministries we participate in. Many times you will be chastised if you go against the grain and reach out in ways that might be different from the way it has been done in the past.

I must say that you guys and this chapter have not been contained within the box that someone else has defined. Maybe it's because we are a young chapter, maybe it's because there is a focus on getting God's ministry done and maybe it's the fact that we all actually do love and care for each other. All of these things are good things and I think the results have been evident in our chapter this past year or two.

As we prepare to start a new year with several new people in officer positions, we want to continue the course we have been on. As president I am committed to making our outreach the prime focus of

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our existence as a group. Our job is to help spread the message of Jesus to all those around us. We need for others to see by our actions and our lives that God can make a difference in the world around us.

I see so much potential in this group and the skills and talents you guys have. Because of our growth, we have so much more capabilities than we have had before. I look forward to working with each of you and finding more ways to do the work of the Lord. Sometimes these ways may be "outside the box" but if we are truly committed to making a radical change, they will always be fruitful, as long as we keep "it" about Jesus.

Richard

## Spyder's Web



After much "prodding" from the editor, I am sending you my Christmas Web. I want to take this opportunity to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. It has been a blessing to serve with each and every one of you guys this year. My prayer for you is that your desire for the New Year will be steeped in God's will for your life.

As we start a new adventure in 2010 may our first priority be to give thanks to our Lord for the pouring out of His grace upon us. We are blessed to be called His children. May we continue to be mindful of those around us who are lost, less fortunate, or struggling to find the right direction in their life. May our eyes be opened to the possibilities for witnessing, giving comfort or to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. It has taken each of us to make this chapter successful and each of us has work to do, so never think that what you do is inconsequential or unappreciated. I love you my brothers and sisters.

My Christmas wish for you is to remain in the center of God's love in 2010!

IN HIS GRIP,  
Spyder

## Upcoming Events

**Tuesdays @ 6 pm ET:** Bible study at the Hayes' home. The meal begins at 6 and the study starts at 7. December 15 will be the last one for 2009, then we resume in January 2010 on Tuesday nights again.

**Friday, 1 January 2010:** Polar Bear Run. Registration begins at 11:30 ET @ the rear entrance of Campbellsville Baptist Church. Non-riders welcome; riders: dress for the weather of the day.

## Prayer Requests

*Theresa Collings:* Pray for her continued recovery.

*Our chapter:* Pray for the new officers elected. Ask the Lord to provide them with the wisdom needed to perform their leadership tasks.

## From the C.M.A. Handbook: Chapter Purpose

Chapters have a three-fold purpose:

- † Encourage members to be active in testimony and Christian witnessing to all motorcyclists.
- † Provide an evangelistic association for motorcycling.
- † Provide a Christian fellowship-riding group.

Every chapter member should be involved in one or more of these four areas:

- † Praying: sincerely seeking/lifting up (Matt.18:19; 21:22; Acts 1:14; 1 Tim. 2:8)
- † Encouraging: visiting and serving (1 Thes. 5:11-17; Hebrews 3:13)
- † Discipling: mentoring and growing people (Matt. 28:19; 2 Tim 2:2)
- † Evangelizing: going out (Matt. 28:19)

## Tech Tips



## Cold Tires

From Tommy Watkins:

Anytime that you start out for a ride, especially in the cooler weather always take it easy for the first few miles and give the tires time to warm up. Cold tires will sometimes surprise you and not hold the road well, especially if you surprise them and roll on the throttle before you get them warm. Also, check the air pressure often!

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## The Greatest Gift

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As it is the custom in the Western world, to give gifts at the end of the year,  
I wonder if, through the hustle and bustle, people know the reason very clear.

They fight in the stores to get the last of the latest toys that are the rage.  
They speed and cut off others on the roads acting like someone half their age.  
You hear about the Christmas spirit and how everyone is so nice to each other.  
On the surface, it may look nice and sweet, supposedly caring about your brother.  
But, before the year comes to an end, all is forgotten and it's back to the same thing.  
Put it to the other guy; get yours first and race ahead to reach out for that golden ring.

If a gift is given, is it because you feel obligated or want to show your wealth?

Is it out of love that you gave it or was it to maintain your status and your health?

How many children know that Christmas is about the birth of Jesus Christ, our Lord?

How many adults acknowledge Christ and learn His will by reading it in His word?

When was the first gift given that is the cause for the holiday activities known today?

I can tell you that it wasn't from three wise men, like some of the songs do say.

This gift was given before there was time and in love like no man can express.

It is the gift of eternal life and came from God, the Father, I must truly confess.

To give this gift, God sent His only Son to humiliate Himself taking on the flesh of man.  
His entrance was not into splendor, but into conditions spelled out in God's holy plan.  
The Son lived a life knowing hunger, pain and temptation, doing it so perfect and pure.  
What an example for us all to follow; think of the humiliation He had to always endure.

He lived His life, teaching, healing and setting the target for everyone to hit.

Of course, the Word says, everyone misses the mark, you'd better believe it.

For those chosen not because of who they are or what they have done,  
will hit the bulls eye, because the Father sees only His righteous, perfect Son.

Yes, He gave something priceless that will last forever to the end of time.

Something that, when left to their own means, men will reject in kind.

Something that takes His Holy Spirit to clear eyes blinded by a veil of sin.

Something that takes those from another family and makes them one of kin.

Eternal life is the greatest gift that knows no boundaries of time or space.

This gift has been received by many in different times and in most any place.

So, I ask you: Have I made my point to you so you can see the light?

Have you yielded to Him that gives the greatest gift or do you still put up a fight?

I can't speak for you, but I accepted His gift and rejoice in His eternal love.

Thank you Father, for your greatest gift, sent from Heaven above.

