



# Vision Riders



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## Local Chapter News

Hang in there, riding season is just a month or two away. Just in case you haven't noticed, the C.M.A. is making its mark on the community. In the February issue of *Biker Up* magazine, Vision Rider member Tim Cooper, wrote the Rollin Spiritually column for the magazine. In future issues, other Vision Riders will contribute and rotate the duties from month to month. C.M.A. member Lonnie Embry writes the Fastlane column, so C.M.A. as a whole is making its mark on the biker community in more ways than one.

Earlier this month, your officers attended the state officers meeting and your editor tagged along to give you this report. There were many subjects covered but some of the highlights were:

1. To be more discrete when recruiting new members to keep the ministry as their first concern.
2. Be careful about participating in secular events.
3. Keep a balance in your chapter ministries.
4. Funding the new building at national HQ.
5. The ladies retreat registration deadline is 2/20.
6. Little Sturgis is to begin on 7/10.
7. Lonnie Embry updated everyone on his Fastlane activities.
8. Joel Wise gave us a talk on prayer ministry.
9. R.F.S. will be here before we know it.
10. CMA events have priority over secular events when on the same day. They are listed in the Heartbeat magazine.
11. Seasons of Refreshing is coming up on 12 and 13 March. The theme this year will be advanced ministry training. There will be a patch for attending.
12. The KY state rally will be in E-town. Registration is \$25 and to pre-register, you must have it in by 8/21. Only two meals will be provided for sale on site.

For those that couldn't make it, we had a full meeting. There were no Vision Riders patches presented but there should be some next month. Read Tommy's article to find out who. Lisa gave a short talk on first aid. She made a suggestion, which I haven't thought of until now, to carry a first aid kit on your bike. Some of us don't have the room or place to carry one, but those of us with full dressers, should be able to squeeze one in somewhere, so we will have a few available on our rides. Many other things were covered but they were upcoming events. Be sure to check the listing elsewhere in this issue. There are many listings.

## Observations From Our Road Captain



On January 1, 2010 we had our second annual Vision Riders Polar Bear Ride to raise money for the food pantries. I want to thank everyone that braved the cold weather. The high for the day was 27 degrees and I think that high temperature lasted about two

minutes. I had a longer route planned out and it would have been a good ride but it was too cold. Some of us rode more miles to get there than the ride turned out to be. I was surprised to see how many people rode their bikes in the cold to get there.

Last year we raised money for three counties. This year we added two more. We took a chance by doing this and I wondered if that two more counties were added, it would make for less money for each county. I should not have thought about it because God really blessed the ride. We raised more money this year, for each county, than we did last year.

I would like to thank the Campbellsville police department for the escort. They are always there when we need them. I would also like to thank the Campbellsville Baptist Church for letting us use the church.

We did the first bike blessing of 2010. I hope and pray this is the first of many in 2010. One biker was asking questions about CMA. Were there seeds planted? I think so. Now those seeds need to be watered.

We had a cold day to witness, to fellowship and do something good for our community. That cold day turned out to be a good day, God's day. Not a bad way to start off a New Year. May God Bless you all.

Jon

Vision Riders Road Captain

## From the C.M.A. Handbook: Mission Statement of the Christian Motorcyclists Association

**Vision:** *Changing the world, one heart at a time.*

### We will accomplish our vision through:

- † Evangelistic outreach primarily, but not exclusively, to the motorcycle community.
- † Run for the Son, where we will partner with ministries with world-reaching potential.
- † Equipping our members in ministry training that aligns itself with Biblical truths.
- † A servant's attitude to the world and our members (i.e. *Here if you need us*).
- † Quality products that aid in evangelistic outreach.
- † An efficient Support Center support team.

### Mission:

To inspire our leaders and members to be the most organized, advanced, equipped, financially stable organization, full of integrity in the motorcycling industry and the kingdom of God.

## **Youth Movement**



Another month has already come and gone. Even though the cold weather has kept things slow, our youth movement still grew by two. Brothers Harley and Hershel Fisher are to be the next members of Vision Riders. They have both received their membership cards and have already completed the ministry material and are now eagerly awaiting their gold sticker.

For the most part I talk about the teen youth. Well, on Super Bowl Sunday I got to talk to some children at a local church in Taylor Co. Yes, it was a blessing! After I had talked to them I was thinking about some comments we have said in the past about having every ministry covered but one, CMA kids. We had said no one in the chapter has kids that age. I had never really thought about that much until now. Who said they had to be kids of our members? Those kids I talked to that night weren't from the chapter. What got their attention was my vest with all the pins and patches on it.

There was one patch that was missing and I was wishing at that time it had been on there. That patch is CMA kids patch and it will be on there as soon as the materials get ordered and the DVD is viewed. I'm not trying to overload myself by taking on two things, but if that opportunity arises again and I'm sure it will, I want to be ready to show them the bright blue patch and to minister to them with some of the things I learn from the CMA kids ministry.

*Matt:18:5 "And whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me"*

Tommy Watkins

## **From Our President**



At our recent Officer's Conference, we reviewed several indicators of a growing chapter. One prominent theme throughout the conference was that a chapter needed to be "balanced." My understanding of what they meant by balanced, was that we need to be careful as a chapter to not focus only on one segment of the ministry. Many times a chapter will only focus on a particular demographic in their area. This can be something like only reaching out to the local MC club or even only reaching out to riders that most closely match the make up of the chapter. To be honest most chapters are composed of older cruiser riders. This

can severely limit the people groups that can be reached if they don't reach out to other types of people.

Another prominent theme was the four characteristics of a growing and strong chapter. These were Prayer, Fellowship, Evangelism and Discipleship.

I got to thinking about where our chapter is regarding the two themes that were emphasized during the conference by our State Leadership.

Let's take a look at "balance." As with most chapters we started off as a small group of cruiser riders and we were all pretty much the same age. As we have grown I have seen some movement in the age range. We were blessed to have someone willing to pick up and run with the Youth Movement and we now stand with seven members under the age of 18. We also have a very strong group of ladies in our chapter. The youth and ladies compose half of our chapter's membership. We also not only reach out to the MC clubs in our area, we are willing to support and work with all the local civic and community groups. We are working on venturing into the ATV and off road world of bikers by planning at least two events this year involving ATV and motocross events. We also are looking forward to working with the sport bikers with the Draggin the Alpine event this year. We also are looking into chapter involvement with other non-biker related ministries in the area. We have members showing a desire to get involved in programs like the local men's rehab facility. Other opportunities can be found in the local hospice programs, the jail ministry as well as many other ministry fields. We will continue to look for ways to provide our chapter members with opportunities to minister and witness in a wide variety of mission fields.

CMA says that a vibrant and growing chapter will be strong in areas of prayer, fellowship, evangelism and discipleship. I know our chapter is very strong in the fellowship area. We are a tight group that enjoys each other's company and we have a strong bond of love and compassion for each other. We are always quick to make visitors and others feel welcome. I think we also do a good job of discipleship. Our winter study sessions are a great example of our chapter learning more about growing as Christians. We also share among each other our successes as well as our failures. Our prayer life is also very active within our chapter. We don't hesitate to ask for prayer and I think we individually do bring these prayer concerns to the Lord on a regular basis. CMA National is working on a prayer program that will extend from the local chapter all the way to National leadership. I look forward to learning more about how we can share our prayer concerns with thousands of fellow CMA'ers across the country. Evangelism may be one of our areas of improvement. We will continue to look for ways that will strengthen our ability to bring someone we are witnessing to, to the point of decision about their salvation without driving them away.

All in all I think our group is pretty strong in both of the themes, and we are making progress in becoming stronger in our weaker areas. Of course, we should always strive to do better. None of this would, of course, be possible without the help, love and support of each and every member of this chapter.

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!

**Tuesdays @ 6 pm ET:** Bible study at the Hayes' home. The meal begins at 6 and the study starts at 7

**Saturday and Sunday, 27 & 28 February beginning 10 am ET:** Ladies retreat @ Camp Nikao in E-town.

**Thursday, 11 March @ 6 pm ET:** Regular Vision Riders monthly meeting at the Campbellsville bowling alley dining room. Meal @ 6 and business meeting @ 7.

**Friday, 12 March @ 6:30 pm ET:** Registration & first session for the KY Seasons of Refreshing @ Franklin Crossroads Baptist Church in Cecilia, KY. There will be a second session on Saturday, 3/13 @ 8:30 am.

**Friday, 26 to 28 March:** Harley Drags @ Bowling Green, KY.

**Saturday, 20 March:** Bridge to Faith dance for St. Judes.

**Thursday, 25 March:** Commissioning service @ Elkhorn Baptist Church for the Harley Drags.

**Saturday, 3 April:** Chapter Passover service @ Saloma Baptist Church @ sundown.

**Sunday, 25 April:** Chapter visitation at Saloma Baptist Church for RFS presentation @ morning service.

**Saturday, 1 May:** Run for the Son – details forthcoming.

**Saturday, 15 May:** S. Russell County Fire Dept. Ride.

**Sunday, 23 May:** Blessing of the bikes @ Campbellsville Baptist Church

**May 28 – 31:** Chapter retreat – make reservations ASAP

**June 15 – 19:** CMA National Rally @ Hatfield, AR.\*

**Saturday, 19 June:** Katelynn Stinnett ride.

**Saturday, 31 July:** Wings of Pink ride.

**Labor Day Weekend:** Bike games/Christian Biker Weekend.

**September:** State rally.

\* Keith and Jamie will be leading a ride to the National Rally along a scenic route, leaving a few days early. Contact Keith or Jamie for details.

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## Your Witness

If you witnessed to someone and would like to tell others about the experience, send your account to the editor and it will be published here. This month, we have the account of Lisa Healy:

I had an opportunity last week to witness to someone. My sister and I were at Burger King in Campbellsville and as we were walking in the door, we saw two guys standing outside smoking. One guy worked there and the other was waiting for him to get off of work. Anyway, my sister was wearing her Pittsburgh Steelers coat and WV T-shirt and that started the conversation. (He liked WV football, etc.) As we talked to the guy that didn't work there, we came to the conclusion that he was "lost." He has been going through some rough times and was looking for a job. He's a recovering alcoholic (he may still be drinking, as we smelled it on him). Some how, we got on the topic of "religion." He opened the door wide, so my sister and I jumped at the chance to witness to him. He said he believes in God but, doesn't believe that Jesus is the Son of God. He went on to say how he believes that Jesus was a "prophet" and a "good man." We talked in great length about the Bible and Jesus' teachings, etc. When we finally finished talking, after about two or three hours, I believe that we really got him thinking. I pray that the "seed" we planted will be watered. I gave him my number and let him know if he wanted to talk about what we discussed, I would be more than happy to talk with him some more. I haven't heard from him since, but, who knows what tomorrow may bring.

## Favorite Verses

From Theresa Collings comes these verses out of her KJV Bible:

Hebrews 13:1 Let brotherly love continue.

Hebrews 13:2 Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

These verses give us something to think about when meeting new people, no matter what they look like. If anyone should be aware of not judging by appearance, it should be us bikers.



You don't see signs like these too often.

### Computer Tips

Since most of us have e-mail and different levels of expertise on a computer, here are some tips for those that need them.

A lot of us forward items from time to time that we think might interest other folks. People receiving your forward will appreciate it if you use the BCC (blind copy) line for their address. When you do this, the only address the recipient will see will be their own, unless you have another address in the To line. Some people don't like having their address spread around all over the place. Once you send an e-mail, you loose control and the next person could send it to anyone and could alter it, so think about what you send and to whom you send it to.

Have you ever received a forward with a whole bunch of lines down the left side of the page and a whole bunch of checked for virus notes at the bottom of the page? If you get one like this and want to clean it up before you send it on, it's easy to do. Place the cursor at the beginning of the text or picture(s) of the message to the right of those vertical lines on the left side of the page. With your left mouse key held down, move the cursor to the end of the text or pictures. This should highlight everything as you drag the cursor down the page. Once you are at the end of everything you highlighted, let up on the mouse key. Go to your keyboard and hold down the *control* key and hit the lower case *C* key once. You have just copied everything you highlighted, if you are using the Windows operating system. If you have an Apple computer, instead of the *control* key, hold down the *option* key and hit the lower case *C* key once. If you are using Linux, you are smarter than me and don't need to read this.

Now that you have copied your content, close the message that you copied it from and open up a new e-mail message. Place your cursor in the body of the e-mail where the message goes and hold down your *control* key and hit the lower case *V* key. This action should have pasted everything you copied from the old message into your new one. Now, you are ready to address it and send out a cleaned up forwarded message.

### Tech Tips

For those of you with fully dressed bikes and a trunk on the back that are looking for a way to increase your carrying capacity or want some way to strap down things that won't fit in the trunk, here's an option. Racks are available for some models that only take four screws to mount on the top of your trunk. It involves drilling four holes and bolting it on the trunk—that's all! If you have any questions, contact the editor. Below is a picture of the installation.



### From Our Chaplin



### Valentine's Day

Valentine's day is upon us which means, what guys? You better order the flowers or card or candy or dinner or all of these if you are in hot water. Valentine's day is a day that is celebrated throughout the world. Gifts and cards of love and endearment are sent to one another, between husband and wife, girlfriend and boyfriend, and parents and their children and grandchildren. It is a day of love. But why does it have to be just one day, it should be every day of the year. John 3:16 states: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Now we may not be able to afford cards, gifts, or candy every day, I believe there are other ways to express our love or Agape Love. I think there are 3 ways to express this love for our fellow man, the first being a morsel of kindness. Leo Tolstoy was once walking down the street when he came upon a beggar. He reached into his pocket to offer him some money but realized that he had none. Looking at the beggar he replied, "Brother, I am sorry but I have nothing to give you," in which the beggar brightened up and replied "you have given me more than I have asked for—you called me brother." Thus a little morsel of kindness can go a long way. It may even be just a smile. The second way of showing love is the hug. Parents hug their children to show their love whenever they are sad or hurt. We can do the same with our fellow brothers and sisters. Sometimes a simple hug can break down even the most stoutest of barriers to allow the feeling of love and caring to seep through. I always felt reassured and cared whenever my MOM hugged me. The final way of showing love is through prayer. Jesus states that, thru prayer, all things are possible. Everything from answers to healing to feelings of relief can be overcome by prayer. When times are tough, a prayer to Jesus can open the doors. These 3 things, kindness, a hug, and prayer can be done everyday, never disappointing and are always welcomed. And you know what, they don't cost a thing to give and usually the rewards will be great. Maybe one day we may hear Jesus say, "well done my good and faithful servant." (Matt 25:23)

Thanks, and with lots hugs and prayers your Chaplain Mitch Collings

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