



Vision Riders



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Local Chapter News

As we begin a new year, we can rejoice in the outcome of our first ride of the year. The Polar Bear ride resulted in over \$1400 going to several food banks. The icing on the cake is that the sum raised was matched by a local merchant. If you were not there, you missed a good time of fellowship. Even though the temperature was in the twenties, we had a warm time after the ride with some soup and chili to go along with the fellowship. Several other groups participated to make all this happen. Let's not forget them whenever they sponsor a ride.

The January meeting was a busy one with some new items on the agenda. Make sure you check the Web page calendar to keep up with the most recent event schedules. A few highlights from the meeting were: Our new Road Captain got the high mileage award for the past year while your editor got the award for the last month and I only had to ride 106 miles to get it. Linda Hayes requested that we head up a ride for the Wings of Pink on 31 July and the motion passed – mark your calendars.

It was great to see Theresa at the meeting. She looked like she is getting around quite well with the help of a walker. Keep her in your prayers so that she can get rid of the walker soon. Our chapter has been designated as the contributor for the spiritual page of *Biker Up* magazine. The writing duties are to be shared by several different people. For those interested in the chapter retreat, contact Richard ASAP so that reservations can be made for a cabin. For those that couldn't make the meeting, contact Jamie to get your Run For The Son packet. The R.F.S. is on May 1st, rain or shine.

Observations From Our Road Captain



Looking Over The Past Year

As most of us have our bikes parked with stabilizer in the tanks and a battery tender plugged in, we need to reflect on what we have done in 2009. We all should ask ourselves some questions. Were there seeds planted? Were the seeds watered? We should not forget that "we are a ministry."

With that said, we ask how can we improve, how can "I" be a good witness for Christ? You don't have to go around preaching and telling people that they are going to Hell if they don't accept Christ into their lives. Don't be judgmental. That will only turn

people away from Jesus. The CMA patch on your back will bring people to you, so learn to be a good listener and be ready.

This past summer I put a lot of miles on my bike and I rode on a lot of different rides. I got to meet a lot of people. There were some rides where I was the only CMA member. People came up to me and asked questions. I gave away several Bibles. These people did not approach me because of "me"; they approached me because of the patch on my back. That CMA patch speaks loud and clear, so wear your vest when you ride even if you are the only one from the chapter on the ride. Be ready because a seed may be planted without you even knowing and first impressions are very important. Some people will watch you and see how you act before they approach you.

Even with your bike parked for the winter, it doesn't mean that you can't be a witness. You can wear your vest in the car on way to the store. You will never know when a seed will be planted.

Over the past year Vision Riders has grown. I hope to see the good work continue. I love all my brothers and sisters in this chapter and look forward to a great year of fellowship and witnessing to others.

God bless you all.

Jon Nesbitt
Vision Riders Road Captain



Here is our newest member, J.T. Naiper, as he was given his chapter patch.

Youth Movement/Fast Lane



The youth and I have just returned from their first trip to Iron Mountain in Hatfield, Arkansas. This was a first for all of us and a first for the Youth Movement in general. The National Youth Evangelist, Jerod McPherson and Jennifer McPherson, put together a four day event for the Youth Movement.

We as a chapter were blessed to attend this event with six youth and three adults. Everyone that went had a great time. I could go into detail but it would be too much for the newsletter. I'm sure you know what I mean if you read my report about that weekend. One thing I have already said is that it was the first one they had and we were there and there is only one first and we are already planning on going to the next one.

In 2009 our chapter grew in numbers. We don't know what 2010 will bring, but if it blesses me more than it did in 09 I might just vapor lock. ☺ I know I say it all the time but becoming Youth Leader has blessed me more than anyone can imagine. These young men in this chapter are a true blessing.

I have several things planned this year so look out! Here we come; I think it's just going to be "More Gooder."

To God be the glory,
Tommy Watkins

From Our President



As a chapter, we start not only a new year, but also a new decade. After the completion of our first ever chapter elections, we have some new faces in the leadership positions. Even though

new people may be filling some of the offices, one thing that will not change is our commitment to making God the center of all that we do. Procedures may change and different activities may come up, but we will continue to make the ministry our prime focus as a group.

Our focus has never been on growing the chapter just for the sake of numbers. God has blessed us though with a dramatic increase in membership the last year or two. My goal this year is to further develop and use the talents and gifts of the spirit of each and every one of our chapter members. As Paul wrote in Romans 12, each one of us is a member with different gifts, but we are all one body. We are to use our individual gifts for the benefit of the entire body.

Because we have grown in numbers and talents and abilities, we will be seeking and asking members to be the "lead person" in various activities and areas of ministry. I hope that when you are presented with an opportunity to use your gifts, you will accept the challenge for the benefit of the body. The combined gifts of this group give us an almost limitless amount of potential if we can put it to use.

As a group we have accomplished a great deal recently. Even in a poor economy, you guys have represented CMA, Vision Riders and our Lord in more events than any previous year. We have logged over 78,000 miles as riders. I am confident that the total would be well over 100,000 miles if everyone had kept records of our mileage. Also last year we literally were represented at well over 100 events in the biking community.

We have had a fantastic start as a chapter for 2010. Our Youth had a great trip to Hatfield for the Flame On event and our Polar Bear Run was also a huge success. With such a good start on the year, I have several goals for the upcoming year. We have I think one of the largest percentages of women in our chapter and I am pretty sure we have the largest group of women riders. With this in mind, I would like to see us expand upon our ladies ministry. I would like to see an all girls ride this year with us guys doing the entire road guard work as well as the after ride preparations. I would also like to see us begin to get a real start in the Fast Lane segment of CMA. We have several 4 wheelers and I hope to work with the Youth and other off road riders to have at least 2 events this year that focus on expanding into the off road segment of the biking community. I would also like us to get involved in the sport bike arena in our area. Our youth were a major part of the Draggin the Alpine event last year and I hope that event will be held again. We can also get involved in the European Bike Rally in Burkesville also. I would also like us to become more involved with other local ministries and civic groups. We have the local detention center that we can minister to as well as the various rehab and support groups in our area.

All of these things, and so much more is doable with your participation and action as each of us uses our talents and gifts collectively.

I truly look forward to this year and all that can be accomplished if we keep the focus on God and as we each take an active part in our chapter's outreach and mission.

Richard Durham
2010 Chapter President

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From Our VP



Well, we have made it into another new year. We have also completed our second annual Polar Bear Run. Isn't God great? God has already started blessing us and others in our five county area. The food pantries will be able to help a lot of people with the money that was raised and the food that was collected.

How about the fact that Jon Nesbitt had his first ride as Road Captain; it went well and without rain! He did a great job. Everything went smoothly and no one froze to death. We also had some of the participating riders show interest in the CMA. The more witnesses, the better. Please keep our chapter meetings and Bible studies on your agenda.

We don't have a whole lot more time to prepare for the upcoming riding season, so get praying to be ready for our Lord's commands. He will tell us where we need to go.

May God Bless.
Keith



Jon Nesbitt, our new Road Captain, receives the High Mileage for the Year award from Darrell Smith, our previous Road Captain, at our January meeting.

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, 6 February @ 10 am ET: Statewide meeting for all chapter officers for the 2010 calendar year.

Thursday, 11 February @ 6 pm ET: Regular Vision Riders monthly meeting at the Campbellsville bowling alley dining room. Meal @ 6 & business meeting @ 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.

Sunday, 25 April: Chapter visitation at Saloma Baptist Church.

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

Saturday, 31 July: Wings of Pink ride.

Prayer Requests

Theresa Collings: Give praise for her progress and ability to come to the last meeting. Continue to pray for her complete recovery.

From the C.M.A. Handbook:

Doctrinal Statement of the C.M.A.

The Christian Motorcyclists Association is interdenominational and evangelistic in nature. We believe in:

- ✝ The Bible as the inspired and infallible Word of God.
- ✝ One God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- ✝ The virgin birth and deity of Christ, His explicit atoning death, bodily resurrection, and ascension.
- ✝ Salvation through the blood of Jesus Christ.
- ✝ The sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit who enables a believer to live holy.
- ✝ The second coming of Jesus Christ.

Favorite Verses

If you are not a regular contributor to the newsletter and would like to have your favorite Bible verse(s) published, just send it to the editor's address listed in the Vision Riders Contacts box and let the editor know which English version it is from. Here is this month's favorite verse(s) from Joe Brown (Biggun):

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. (PS 23: 4 & 5, KJV)

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Your editor won the December high-mileage award. All it took was 106 miles—in cold weather.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Mitch Collings: 1/1

Theresa Collings: 1/5

Gordon and Sue Judd: 1/16

Coming Up In Feburary:

Tina Nesbitt: 2/14

Briar McVay: 2/17

Linda Hayes: 2/24

From The Deputy Chaplin



Now, as we start a new year, let us stop and take note of the people around us and offer our love through Jesus Christ; He gave us His love to share. If we do not reach out to others, how can we say we are God's children? If you see someone hurting, reach out and comfort them. If you see someone hungry, give them something to eat. If you see them thirsty, give them something to drink. If you see somebody tired, give them a place to rest and, most of all, reach out when they are lonely and show them love.

Gal 5:14 - 16 (KJV)

14 For all the law is fulfilled in one word, *even* in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

15 But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another.

16 *This* I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

Who is our neighbor? Our neighbors are the people around us, so be aware of them and their needs.

God Bless You!

Brother In Christ, (Biggun)



Some of the bikes that rode in the 2010 Polar Bear Ride.