



Vision Riders



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Local Chapter Happenings

As the winter months progress, we make use of our time in our Tuesday evening winter study sessions. For those of you that have never attended one, we extend an invitation. We meet at Dan and Linda's home at 6 pm Eastern for a pot luck meal and the study begins at 7 pm. If you can't make the meal, you have another hour to make the study. For directions, contact any of the officers.

Our Polar Bear Run was somewhat of a disappointment in numbers. It wasn't the cold, but the rain that kept the numbers down. We did have others that showed up for the fellowship and to donate to the food banks. We all enjoyed some good chili and soup afterwards. We appreciate the hard work of the ladies that made that possible.

Plan ahead for Seasons of Refreshing next month. Check the listing of events elsewhere in this issue for the dates or look on the Web page calendar for details.

Another plan ahead item is the Chapter Retreat. At this time, about 6 to 7 couples have expressed interest in going. Time is getting short for getting things organized, so if you are interested, make your interest know before the next meeting. Plans at this time are to have it at the end of May.

Look ahead for a ride that will be a little different than most. We will have a ride that goes to all the counties that our members are from. We will make a stop in each of those counties for prayer, as in a prayer walk, only on our bikes. The ride is in the planning stages by our Road Captain.

Youth Movement/Fast Lane



Man it's hard to believe we are starting another year already. Each year since I have been working with the youth, they just get more "gooder." I expect the same this year as well.

We finished out 2010 with two events in Dec. One was a Fast Lane event headed up by Shane Moore. We made a return visit to Monticello, KY and actually rode through parts of Tennessee, into the beautiful Daniel Boone Forest. The ride was wet, muddy and challenging, what more would you ask for in an off-road ride? The best thing about it was our guests out numbering us, which gave us more opportunities to let people know what we are about.

The other event started in 2010 and ended in 2011 and what an event it was! It was the 2nd annual Flame On. This is one awesome event that Jerod and Jennifer McPherson started two years ago and in just one year, it doubled in attendance. Our youth have been blessed to attend both so far and I pray that it will continue in that order if it be the Lord's will.

How I would explain what Flame On is? Of course it's focused on the youth so they can come to know God, be refreshed in the Holy Spirit, meet new friends, become better witnesses for the Lord and have fun doing it.

After the event was over I learned that 33 youth came to know the Lord at Flame On and over 15 rededications were made. So 48 commitments were made in about 72 hours. If that doesn't light your fire, your wood is wet! That's what I call a "WOW" moment.

It is so important that these type events continue! Why? Because these type of events puts the youth in their own element. They are in a crowd that is their own age, they don't feel pushed; adults are there for security and support if needed. The type of Christian music played is what they like to hear and, as I was told by a young man at the event, nobody judges you. Everyone just felt free and relaxed and no one wanted to leave.

I would like to say "one more thing." I put all of the boys on their honor at Flame On and give them room to run. They did great and showed respect to all. Jerod started a new program this year for the older youth (18 and up) called leaders in training (LIT). Zach was the only one of our guys that met that age but I feel we had about three more that could've been right there with him.

Youth Movement is the future of CMA and as I always say: "THANK YOU" for the support you give. We are looking forward to a great and exciting year. "To God be the Glory."

Youth Movement Leader, Tommy Watkins



Mitch accepts the mileage award from David, our Road Captain
(photo by Lisa)

From Our President



Who Wants A Crystal Ball?

Once again a new year begins for our chapter. You would think that it would be nice to have a crystal ball and be able to see ahead to what lies before us. But that is not the way of things and I think there is a virtue to that. While foreknowledge of events would seem to be something we would like, I doubt that we would be any more content by knowing what lies ahead.

God in His infinite wisdom knew what He was doing. He created us with a free will and gave us a doctrine that relies on our faith. There lies in each of us a great amount of uncertainty in which we can find no other sanctuary except in trusting to God for what lies ahead.

As I reflect back on my first year as President of this chapter, I can see times when things didn't go as I expected. I can see things that could have been done better. It is those times that I think it would have been nice to have a better picture of what was going to happen.

But at the same time, I can see things in our chapter that have turned out so much better than we may have predicted. We have seen our Ladies Ministry grow. They are reaching out not only within our chapter, but are reaching out to others. Not only in the biking world but also to our community with events and ministries like the laundry ministry.

We have also seen God working with our Youth Movement. Just as it would seem that the youth would be moving into an age where other interests are on their mind, we saw our participation at Flame On continue to grow.

Our Off Road and Fast Lane events this year have been popular and successful. We continue to reach out to this niche of ministry that holds so many opportunities.

We will always have some disappointments that we feel like it would have been better to know what was going to happen beforehand. But at the same time we would not have experienced that joy that we feel when we see what God is capable of doing if we allow Him to be the center of what we do.

I have no doubt that we will see changes in the year ahead. I expect to see changes in CMA, changes in our chapter, as well as changes in the local motorcycling community. Whether these changes will be good or bad is yet to be seen. But I also believe that we will have some joyous experiences that will strengthen us. These joys would not be nearly as effective if we knew they were going to happen. I look forward to new avenues of ministry and to what you guys are going to do as we continue to work in this ministry.

As Jon Nesbitt has said before, we never know what is just around the next curve. But by holding fast to our faith and by doing what He would have us to do, we will have some wondrous times.

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!

Tuesday Evenings: Winter study sessions @ the Hayes' residence. Fellowship meal @ 6 and study session begins @ 7 Eastern time.

Sat., Feb. 5: Kentucky CMA state officers meeting in Scottsville, KY. Starts at 9 am Central.

Fri. & Sat. 25, 26 Feb. 2011: Seasons of Refreshing in Cecilia, KY (same place as last year).

March 19, 20: CMA Ladies Retreat.

March 25, 26, 27: Spring Harley Drags.

Sat., April 16: Ladies "Spring Fling."

Sat., May 7: Run for the Son!

June 21 to 25: CMA Eastern rally. See Web site for details and registration form. Make your reservations now!



A cold, wet Polar Bear Run
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Words From Our Road Captain



This year's Polar Bear Run of 2011 meant a lot to me because Jon came up to me and put his arm around me and said you know what the coolest thing about this is, is that a year ago today is when we were first met each other and was talking about the CMA (Vision Riders) and who would have known that today I would be handing this Road Captain pin over to you. Needless to say that I hadn't known that it was Jon's first as road captain. Since that day, my family and I have been blessed in many ways while getting to know each and everyone of you. I am very blessed and pleased to be your new Road Captain for 2011. I am new at this and am still learning and I will try to do my best at my job, and bring each and everyone of you back safe and sound. Thank you for believing in me to be your Road Captain. May God Bless each and everyone of you

David

Birthdays and Anniversaries

January

Mitch Collings:	1/1
Theresa Collings:	1/5
Jack Satterfield:	1/10
Christy Harper:	1/12
Randall Shofner:	1/30
David & Christy Harper:	1/10/98
Gordon & Sue Judd:	1/16/65

Next Month

Tina Nesbitt:	2/14
Brian McVey:	2/17
Linda Hayes:	2/24

Editorial

Opinions expressed here are that of the editor only and not necessarily those of Vision Riders or the C.M.A.

I recently read a news story about a loose knit group of Christians that are convinced that the end days are to begin on May 21st of this year. The story said they were convinced by their reading of the Bible. I won't say here if I think they are right or wrong but will present these verses to read and consider: *"But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man."*(Mat. 36, 37 NIV).



New members that were awarded their chapter patch.
From left to right: Garrett & Laura Thompson, Christy Harper, and Michael Lantz.
(photo by Lisa)



At the recent youth Flame On event

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VP Thoughts



It looks like I'll have to bite the bullet and come up with a column each month. For those of you that are not aware, as the newsletter editor, I bug the officers each month to get their columns to me so I can get the newsletter out to the rest of the chapter.

As Vice President, I will have to fill in whenever Richard can't be there. I hope that is not too often—not because I don't want to, but because Richard does such a good job. I do have some management experience from before I retired, so I hope I can fulfill your expectations of someone that serves as a backup. Meanwhile, if you don't get an opportunity to meet me in person, feel free to send me an e-mail. I am a better writer than a talker. The Lord blesses all of us with different skills, so I try to use the ones He gave me for His glory.

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Remember When?



Preaching from the rooftop at the 2007 National East Rally



At the 2007 State Rally

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