



# Vision Riders



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## Local Chapter News

Things started to warm up in June. Not only was the weather warmer, but the number of organized rides increased. There was at least one each Saturday if you wanted to participate.

The Katelynn Stinnett ride to prevent child abuse went off well. You missed a good one, if you didn't make it. The Drury ride from Lebanon was quite impressive for the number of bikes participating. There wasn't that many from Vision Riders, but a lot of others showed up. I heard estimates that exceeded 150 bikes participating.

One of our own, Joe Brown (Biggun), was ordained into the ministry. I heard a comment from someone that attended, that they didn't recognize Joe because he was dressed in a fancy shirt and tie. We can't keep our biker image all the time. Sometimes we have to dress for the occasion. Don't worry, Joe, we won't tell anyone, so your image will be preserved.

As of this writing, Theresa is still in a Louisville hospital from her bike crash. Let's keep her and Mitch in our prayers as she heals. Pray for spiritual strength and that this crash will not be a deterrent to Theresa's learning how to ride. There are very few, if any of us, that has not gone down at least once on a bike. My first ride ended with me grabbing the front brake as a panic move. I went end over end on that one and survived with minor injuries. I paid to have the bike repaired and later bought it from the owner as my first bike, a 150 cc Suzuki.

At our last chapter meeting, we got a monkey on our back. Riders of the Word, the Elizabethtown C.M.A. chapter, passed on Timothy the monkey. Timothy's purpose in life is to promote visits and contacts between C.M.A. chapters. Now that we have Timothy, we have to pass him on to a chapter that hasn't had him yet. If you have a chapter in mind, pass your suggestion on to our leadership.

## Observations From Our Road Captain

### Be There



Once again we have made it to the heat of the summer. This is the time of the year when there are more bikes on the road than the rest of the year. With gas price fluctuation as it is, there are even more bikes than usual. As the number of bikes increase the number of bike incidents will increase as well.

As members of CMA, this could improve our opportunities to witness to lost people. When we hear of a bike wreck, we should stop and say a prayer for the person or people involved and then seek an opportunity to offer support.

There are many ways to show support and each of us have a different comfort zone when dealing with something like this. We need to realize our comfort zone and use it to share Gods love and compassion to the world, "One Heartbeat at a Time."

The motto: "Here if you need us" needs to be displayed at this time by our efforts to help. As God has blessed us with this ministry, we are responsible to Him to minister to those in need.

So far we have been there to serve several people in their time of need and let others know what we stand for. God has blessed our chapter with growth and opportunities because we have answered the call when needed. I feel that as long as we keep serving with pure hearts and humility, God will continue to keep blessing us. As an officer and member of this chapter, I want to say THANK YOU to each and every one you for being there when needed.

With Christian Love,  
Darrell Smith, Road Captain

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### Youth Movement/Fastlane



We had a less active month this go around; there were lots of different things going on this last month. One of them was Kentucky Changers which is thru the Kentucky Baptist Convention. Changers is focused on the youth and we, as Vision Riders, had five to attend a week of mission work in the ice storm damaged town of Princeton, KY. We left on June 13th excited and returned June 20th blessed. It was a hot stormy week but God kept us safe and we got our work done as planned (roofing, painting, scraping, demolition, repair, replacing roofs, and siding porches etc.). Two of our youth even went to Grant Co. for another week on July 4<sup>th</sup>. As their Youth Leader I'm so proud of these young men for their hard work and dedication to do work for God and to be a witness for Him.

This chapter is greatly blessed to have these young people that are willing to give up part of their summer, pay 200 bucks to go work in the hot sun on someone's home that they don't even know nor have never even seen. Young people: Keep up the good works you are doing. I'm very proud of you!

Things to come: Traveling to West Virginia to the National Rally and later, a camping trip somewhere near home.

God Bless you all,  
Tommy Watkins, Youth Movement

#### Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries

Cory Watkins: 7/24  
Judy Fenwick: 7/26  
Mike Fenwick: 7/30  
Joe Brown: 7/31

#### Coming Up In August:

Richard Durham: 8/2  
Gordon Judd: 8/9  
Joe Denny Roberts: 8/13  
Shane and Doris Moore: 8/15

### Spyder's Web What About Bob



Riding the other day I stopped at a red light (hard to believe I know) on a slight incline and while I'm not usually bothered by that, the incline, not the red light, for some reason today, I was uneasy about the possibility of killing the engine when the light turned green. As I gassed thru the intersection words I had heard a million times flashed thru my mind: "If you learn to drive a straight shift, you'll be able to drive anything anywhere any time."

With this thought racing thru my head I started reminiscing about my first love, my dad, who I lost two years ago in February. He was my hero and could do no wrong and I was his pride and joy. We had a special bond that I wish all daughters could have with their dads. I am an only child and when I was young we were inseparable. I guess that's why I've always been such a tomboy. My grandmother used to tell me I was "cut out right, just sewed up wrong." Dad was a carpenter by trade and a perfectionist about his work. I spent more time around job sites with him than most of his hired hands. We spent a lot of time sawing wood! When I was five he bought my first "bike." Of course it was the peddling kind and he taught me to ride. When I became a teenager he taught me how to drive a car. We had a '62 Chevy, 3-speed on the column that he bought brand new. Now, anyone who knew him knew that you didn't ask to borrow Bob's vehicle. That is until it came time for me to get behind the wheel. As soon as he came home in the afternoon he handed me the keys and I was g-o-n-e. With his words of warning ringing in my ears: "Don't wreck my car and don't get caught; I'm not bailing you out!" I remember before he died we would go out somewhere in the car and he'd look over at me; he would grin and say: "That foots getting a little heavy isn't it, Snook?" Snook was his nickname for me. I'd grin back and say: "No it's getting a little bobby."

After my mom passed away, our relationship sort of flipped. I was the adult and Dad was the child. The Bible says once a man twice a child and I believe it is true. We still enjoyed that closeness but it was just a little different than before.

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I don't think when dad imparted these "Bob" wisdoms to me he was anticipating me riding a motorcycle at my age. But then he was never surprised at anything I did and usually got a laugh or two out of most them. I surely do miss him!

Like Bob, God must get a laugh out of some of our antics. But on the other hand, He is deeply hurt when we don't obey Him. When He gave us His commandments it was simply a way of giving us instructions for life just like Bob teaching me to ride a bike or drive a car. God doesn't want us to be harmed anymore than our parents do/did.

The next time you are tempted to pull some stunt God would not approve of just remember, He wants to be proud of you. Honor Him by listening to His instructions and being obedient to His commands. Be His pride and joy and His best friend. Go everywhere with Him and enjoy His presence and don't hesitate to share Him with others. After all, He is your heavenly father!

In His Grip,  
Linda (Spyder)

### **From Our President**



### **Baby The Rain Must Fall**

Since last month several events and things have happened in our chapter, some good and some not. We again had a chance to minister at the Harley Drags and, hopefully, we planted seeds or watered those previously planted. Some of the ladies had a weekend experience that they considered worthwhile as well. There has also been sadness and anxiety this past month as well as we dealt with death of family and for the first time being scared and concerned over an accident of one of our own.

While reflecting on what has transpired this past month I heard the old song "Baby The Rain Must Fall." The lyrics of this song struck a chord with me. "Some men climb a mountain, some men swim the sea, some men fly above the sky, they are what they

will be, but baby the rain must fall, baby the wind must blow, wherever my heart leads me baby I must go."

If we think about these words we realize that we each have a separate destiny. Most of us travel different paths in our vocations, bikes we ride, the manner in which we witness for the Lord, etc. In almost every aspect of our lives we do somewhat different things. But, the rain falls on us all and the winds blows on all of us the same as we travel down the paths of our lives. It is down these paths our hearts lead us and where we give our priorities and our best efforts to.

It is in the last line of the lyrics I think is what is most important: "Wherever our hearts lead us is where we must go." Where are our hearts leading us in this chapter? Are we striving to bring Glory to God or are we doing things for ourselves? I truly believe that if we as a group are striving to bring Glory to God then we can fight off the advances of Satan. I believe that the more we serve the Lord, the more Satan will go after us by casting doubt, denial and deceit. So let's continue to be focused on only one purpose and that is to bring Glory to God in everything this chapter tries to accomplish. Remember that "where our hearts lead us is where we will go," so let's go with and for God.

Dan

### **Upcoming Events**

**July 16 – 19:** Little Sturgis rally

**July 18:** Summersville Fun Day Bike Show, begins @ 8am CDT, ends 1pm CDT

**July 19:** Elkhorn Baptist Church visitation @ 10:30 am EDT

**July 20:** Vette City Disciples Chapter Meeting

**July 21 – 25:** National Eastern CMA Rally in Lewisburg, WV

**Mondays @ 6 pm EDT:** Bike night at the Lebanon Sonic drive-in

**Tuesdays @ 6 pm EDT:** Bike night at the Subway on Broadway in Campbellsville

**Thursdays @ 6 pm EDT:** Bike night at the Subway in Greensburg

### **Prayer Requests**

**Mitch and Theresa Collings:** Pray for healing and strength to endure the trials associated with Theresa's injuries.

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### From the C.M.A. Handbook: CMA and the Church

CMA is an evangelistic organization with a primary focus on *changing the world, on heart at a time*. We believe that to be an effective CMA member, our members need to be grounded in a local church. Every effort should be made to place new Christians in a local church and healthy chapter. Our goal is to add to the local church with active ministry. Ordinances of the church (i.e. baptism, communion) should be a part of the local church.

### From Our Chaplain

Please keep Mitch and Theresa in your prayers. Since Mitch's schedule has drastically changed with Theresa in a Louisville hospital, we are giving him a break this month. Dan has passed on this little item to run in place of Mitch's contribution:

#### The Warriors Prayer

*Author Unknown*

Heavenly Father, your warrior prepares for the battle. Today I claim the victory over Satan by putting on the whole armor of God.  
I put on the Girdle of Truth! May I stand firm in the truth of Your Word, so I will not be a victim of Satan's lies.

I put on the Breastplate of Righteousness! May I guard my heart from evil, so I will remain pure and holy, protected under the blood of Jesus Christ.  
I put on the Shoes of Peace! May I stand firm in the Good News of the Gospel, so Your peace would shine through me and I will be a light to all I encounter.

I take the Shield of Faith! May I be ready for Satan's fiery darts of doubt, denial, and deceit, so I will not be vulnerable to spiritual defeat.

I put on the Helmet of Salvation! May I keep my mind focused on You, so Satan would not have a stronghold on my thoughts.

I take the Sword of the Spirit! May the two-edged sword of Your Word be ready in my hands, so I can expose the tempting words of Satan.

By faith, your warrior has put on the whole armor of God.

I am prepared to live this day in spiritual victory!

Amen.

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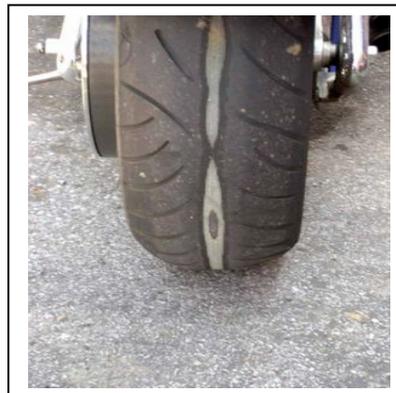
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