



Vision Riders



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Local Chapter Happenings

Warmer weather has brought more out on bike nights. It also brings some heavy rains. We had one of those rains when a few of us escorted a funeral procession. I never have ridden in such a heavy rainfall. When we headed home, it came down so heavy that I had to pull off the road because I couldn't see. Richard was right behind me using my rear lights as a point to focus on to follow. Were we discouraged because of the rain? Not at all. We all knew we had a purpose and we might have been a little wet, but we all survived. One thing about riding in a heavy rain, it gets the bike real clean. All you need to do is just polish off the water marks after it dries and you have a squeaky clean bike.

Warmer weather also is the time when many of us take trips. Keith and Jamie went to the CMA Rally in Arkansas and managed to make it down and back in one piece. Your editor and wife also made a trip. Since it is not a chapter happening, read about it elsewhere in this issue.

For those of you that may have missed a meeting or two, our Road Captain has come up with some new procedures for road guards. If you ever served as a road guard or think you might in the future, contact Jon for details of the new procedures. They are designed to make things safer and more organized.

Youth Movement/Fast Lane



Another month has gone by again. It's hard to believe it's already July. We didn't have any youth activities since last report, but our youth were active with Kentucky Changers—helping people that are somewhat less fortunate than others. Four of our youth went to Bullitt Co., KY and helped paint, build porches, repair roofs, clean gutters and wash houses in 95 degree heat. One thing that blessed me about these teenagers is they take a week of their summer vacation from school and go with their church group and help people they don't even know. Not only that, but they pay \$190.00 to be able to go.

All the time they are working on these homes, they are witnessing to the owners and building relationships that neither will ever forget for the rest of their lives. Kentucky Changers is what

it's called. Not only does it change homes for people for the better, it also changes the people as well. Every year many lives are changed; there have been many come to know the Lord, just by seeing the actions and behavior of young Christians.

I'm very proud of the young men we have in this chapter for the work they do in their church as well as CMA. We're very blessed to have young people that are not ashamed to talk about our Lord and Savior and are willing to work for the Lord and not against Him. Thank you boys for a job well done.

Youth Movement Leader
Tommy Watkins

New Member



Bobby Barker

Birthdays and Anniversaries

- Cory Watkins: 7/24/88
- Valerie Lantz: 7/25
- Judy Fenwick: 7/26
- Mike Fenwick: 7/30
- Joe Brown: 7/31
- Richard & Anita Durham: 7/3/1976

Coming Up In August:

- Richard Durham: 8/2
- Jodie Cooper: 8/4
- Gordon Judd: 8/9
- Joe Denny Roberts: 8/13
- Vann Lantz: 8/24
- Tommy Cundiff: 8/30
- Shane and Doris Moore: 8/15

From the CMA Handbook: Ministering To Minors

CMA ministers to motorcyclists of all ages, and Youth and Children's Ministry is a growing sector of the ministry of CMA. Jesus welcomed the children on numerous occasions and cautioned those who would hurt them (Matthew 18:6). In order to protect children and the integrity of CMA and its members, it is required that all CMA members who are involved in ministry to minors complete the CMA Ministry Team for Children or Youth. A notarized National Criminal background check is required for completion of these ministry teams.

From Our President



The Remotest Part of the Earth

As I was contemplating about what to write about for this month's newsletter, I got to thinking about all the events we have been involved in lately. Then I got to looking at where a lot of these events occurred.

Since the riding season began, we have sponsored a bike blessing service in Wynne, AR on the way to the National Rally in Hatfield. We have traveled to Southern Indiana to support and be a part of a Christian Weekend Rally in Memphis, IN. We have spent the night in Corbin, KY to support the CMA efforts at the American Freedoms Rally there. We sponsored our first Fast Lane ATV event in Monticello, KY. We were also blessed to be a part of helping with the Sport Bike Fast Lane event in Burkesville, KY. We had ministry chances everywhere as we rode in KY, TN and NC during our chapter retreat. Our chapter also has become a regular fixture at the Ballance Moto X operations in Bowling Green, KY. Even Nicaragua has seen the presence of Vision Riders and the Christian Motorcyclists Association.

We are also reaching out in ways that are not physical. We have had several comments and compliments on our outreach articles each month in Biker Up magazine. I recently was told by a member of a 3 piece patch MC that he enjoyed our articles he found there. At the Rally in Corbin, we were also recognized as contributors in the magazine.

In Acts 1:8 Jesus told us: "you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth." (NIV). I believe He started with Jerusalem because that is where they were at when He was talking to them. The idea was to work where you were, and as you grow in knowledge and ability, to expand the area and to continue spreading the message to the entire world.

Only a couple of years or so ago, our ministry presence was in Taylor and Green counties. That was our Jerusalem. God has

blessed us greatly since then. He has sent us people with the dedication and abilities to allow us to reach out not only in numbers but also in area as well as different forms of ministry.

We don't wear a territorial rocker. Our territory is wherever we can be a witness. Anywhere that we can spread the Word is where we need to be. Whether that is in our own family or on a remote mission trip, we are to work to spread God's Word.

I am so grateful and thankful to each member of our chapter, and to each member of CMA for the work that is being done.

We need to keep on keeping on and pray for God's guidance as we reach out to even the "remotest part of the earth."

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!

Monday Evenings: Bike night @ Joe's Deli, across from the Post Office in Lebanon.

Tuesday Evenings: Bike night @ the Subway on Broadway in Campbellsville.

Thursday Evenings: Bike night @ the Greensburg Subway, 7 pm Eastern time.

16 & 17 July: Little Sturgis activities.

Saturday, 24 July: Summerville Fun Days Car/Bike Show.

Saturday 31 July: Wings of Pink ride.

Saturday 31 July: Preston Ray Madison Remembrance Ride by BG Sportriders.

Saturday, 7 August: BTF poker run. Ride leaves @ 1 pm Eastern from Green River Plaza.

Saturday, 7 August: El Shaddai chapter visit.

Labor Day Weekend: Bike games/Christian Biker Weekend.

September 10, 11, 12: CMA State rally.

Saturday, 2 October: Grim Reapers MC toy run.

Saturday, 9 October: BTF Toys for Kids poker run.

Saturday, 23 October: BTF toy run.

Saturday, 6 November: Southern Cruisers toys for kids ride.

Tim's Bike Cleaning Tip

If you wet fabric dryer sheets, they are great for removing bug guts, tar and general stuck on grime. You will still have to rewash with soap and water to remove the film but it also builds a film which make removal easier next time.



Our Chapter's Ladies Retreat

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Observations From Our Road Captain



Six Months Gone, Six Months Left

The first half of 2010 is now in the past. It seems that time is moving faster than ever. The year started with our Polar Bear ride. We have had two members from our chapter go down on their bikes. Thank God they both were able to walk away with only road rash and no broken bones. There are others that haven't been as lucky. In the last six months have we made an influence in the biker community? I see more and more people riding motorcycles, some of which I thought would never get on a bike. Some start riding because it saves at the gas pump. Some like to fellowship and ride on Poker Runs. Some like the thrill because of certain television shows and think that riding a motorcycle and wearing leather looks cool. Wearing leather on a 90 degree day does not look cool but it may save some skin if you slide across the black top. You have the "old school" bikers and the "week-end" riders. I remember when having tattoos and riding a motorcycle was considered a bad thing. You were an outcast. That is why CMA was started in 1975, to share Jesus to the bikers that were cast out from society and from the church. The CMA shows love and compassion, accepts a person no matter how they are dressed or how long their hair is, accepts them as they are and not judge them. As CMA members we are: "Here if you need us." With that said, what can we do in the second half of 2010?

When I first met some members of CMA a few years ago I had no intention of joining. I did not want to join. I thought I would go on a ride or two and that was it. Then one of those "strange" things happened and I joined. Even after that I wondered if I had made the right choice and not another mistake like I have done so many times in my life. The first CMA state rally I attended was very different than any other motorcycle rallies I had been to and I

felt a little out of place. I am still rough around the edges. I take the road of life one curve at a time because I don't know what is in store for me. This all started because of a friendly hand shake and a "Glad you could make it." Do you see how easy a seed can be planted? Do I still make mistakes? Yes, we all do. You pick yourself up and move on. I don't know what God has planned for us. We know the destination is Heaven but what is the journey to get there and who can we show love and compassion to along the road of life?

God Bless you all.
Jon Nesbitt

Assistant Chaplain's Corner



Well, I finally got my bike out of the shop and being eager to ride it to work, I first checked out the weather report—yep, you guessed it, RAIN! And as I write this devotion the rain is still on the horizon with none on the ground. Much like 2 Peter 3:3-18, in this verse the scoffers laughed at the Word of God on the lips of the disciples, the promises and warnings to man. Like the forecast of rain, it may not be here but it is certain it will come—so too shall God's judgment come to mankind. We have all been riding and seen the dark clouds up ahead, only to see those in the approaching lane in their wet gear; did we stop, or go on as if the warnings weren't true? There are many who will continue to ignore the warning signs and suffer as a result, but perhaps some, maybe just one, may be turned around by our efforts. So what do we do? We ride, we witness to others and we share the truth through our testimony and actions. Through these, they may see the truth, and the love of Jesus Christ, and some may turn from the approaching storm ahead.

Be blessed and remember: "Shiny side Up!"
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Spyder's Web



The 2010 Ladies Retreat is history. But my, how much fun we had. A comment made by a member of another chapter caused me to contemplate how close a relationship our ladies have with each other. We enjoy each other and we agree to disagree about issues that are important. We have received ladies from other chapters and made them feel at home with us. I believe this is why we continue to grow and are able to minister in various ways. We share God's love with each other and with those we come in contact with through our travels. Ladies, keep the faith and continue God's work. Remember, we are all His children and as we are fond of saying, we are all "seessters!" I'm looking forward to planning the next event.

Spyder

Our Second Long Ride

The recent trip that Delores and I took to PA for my 45th high school reunion was the second long trip we took since we began riding motorcycles. The first trip was in 1969 on a 650 Triumph scrambler that we took on our honeymoon from PA to Canada and New England, a trip of over 2,000 miles. This trip was a little shorter and with an increased comfort level for much older riders.

The round trip totaled a little over eleven hundred miles and we stayed in motels instead of a tent. Of course the bike was a little bigger with the sidecar and other luxuries that a cruiser has as opposed to a scrambler from years ago. I was concerned that the amount of luggage we would have would require using the trailer but it wasn't needed. As you can see in the picture, the upright passenger seat and the luggage rack that I added to the bike trunk enabled us to carry two waterproof duffel bags. We carried another bag with toiletries and medicine that us old people need in the trunk of the sidecar to protect them from damage. I also carry a tool bag, gas can, tire repair kit, jumper cables and other items all the time in case I need them. Of course, I had to have a computer along, so the laptop went in one of the saddlebags.



As you can see, we weren't that loaded down with luggage.

I bought a small tank bag with magnetic mount to keep my sunglasses, maps, and notepad handy. The tank bag has a window on it to keep a map or notes visible to view while riding. This proved quite handy for glancing at the directions I wrote on a file card with route numbers and when to exit notes. At stops where there was a possibility of theft, the bag came off easily and was locked in the trunk of the bike.

Interstate riding was no problem at 70 mph with the bike's 94 horsepower. However, with the sidecar, luggage and a hefty driver, it did slow down a bit on the hills of WV. With a lot of full throttle operation on the hills, gas mileage was not the greatest with 23 mpg being the worst I have seen. That meant that we could go a little over 100 miles without tapping the reserve before filling up again.

When in PA, we got to visit relatives in addition to attending the reunion. The reunion was the best one yet that I have attended. I skipped the last few but am looking forward to the 50th in five years. When in high school, I was not one of the in-crowd students. I was one of the Ag (vocational agriculture) students and hung around with farmers and other blue collar kids. We were not the ones that had their pictures in various places in the yearbook.



The cover on the sidecar kept the dew off the seat. I used a trash bag to cover the bike seat for overnight parking.

The Lord works in mysterious ways sometimes and with my career ending up with me being responsible for preparing the President's daily intelligence brief, it got the attention of my classmates. I was no longer a nobody like I was in school. I am not used to being in the spotlight, especially coming from the work I did for many years for the Agency. I had an opportunity to speak briefly to the group and gave them a rundown on my working career since high school. At the end, I made sure they knew that it was not my doing that got me as far as I went; I made sure they knew that I gave credit to my Lord for it all.

The return trip was uneventful, which is a blessing if you don't like problems along the side of the roadway. We were tired but it was a good kind of tired. The bike performed well without any problems and I gained some valuable experience with a sidecar on Interstate highways and higher speeds than what we experience here in Taylor County.

Harry