



Vision Riders



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Local Chapter Happenings

Those that participated in the 4th of July parade in Campbellsville got wet but we did get mentioned as we passed the reviewing booth. The banner Richard had on behind his golf cart helped let everyone know who was following behind. In the July 7th edition of the local newspaper that had a few pictures of the parade, Keith had his smiling face in one of them, along with a mention of the CMA. It looks like we are becoming more visible in the community.



Here we are, lined up and ready to go.

We also provided support for the 4th weekend Sunday service at Green River Lake campground. The evening before, we walked around the campground telling the campers about the service in the morning. It's a sad observation but the difference in the number of people that said they would attend and the actual number that did attend is large.



Here is the campground worship service. We did manage to fill most of the seats.

The pictures above are just a few of the events we participated in during the last month. There were others like the Harley drags, the Monroe ATV event and more. If you haven't

been to any of them, it's time to get active. We all can't go to all of them but some of us can make a few. We each have different talents and time availability, so we can only do some. Do you have something that you can contribute to the chapter? If so, no matter if you think it can't help, let the officers know. We can always use your help.

Speaking of talents, your editor just had his talent for writing rewarded by having his first book published. It is a work of inspirational fiction for both adults and kids. The name is: The Treasure Mystery Clues. However, your editor is not the first in our chapter to get published. The writer of the next column, Rabbi Vann Lantz beat me to it by getting his book, A Year In (The) Torah, published. Vann's book is an interesting commentary on the first five books of the Old Testament.

The Next 100 Miles

By Vann Lantz



We all love a good ride, and some like long rides. This one is an all day ride. In this ride you will experience what I think is one of the best motorcycle roads around these parts of Kentucky, the 92. Welcome to the South Fork Loop.

Directions: From Columbia, take the 55 south toward the lake. From there, turn right onto the 127 to the 90. Turn left and head towards Monticello. Here you can take the Albany/1275 road to the 92, or follow the 92 direct. Be careful, as the signage is a little light. The turn that takes you out of Monticello is the one just past the courthouse circle. Follow the 92 until you reach the 27. Turn right and run this into Tennessee until you reach Oneita. There, turn right on 3rd or 297. Continue until you T, turning left onto the 154. Merge onto the 127 and follow it back into Kentucky. You likely know the way from here. Run the 127 until it jogs onto and off of the 90, back over the dam and turn left to follow the 55 back to Columbia.

Trip Notes: There are several things to make note of on this route. First is that the 127 between the dam and 90 was getting ready to be paved. The asphalt was grooved heavily so be careful. Next in Monticello, be mindful of the intersection for the 92. It is easy to miss. When you are on the 297, yes the 10 mph signs pointing out the 180-degree hairpin corners are serious, take it easy here. You will be running a 13 degree grade downhill and 8 degree grade uphill in these corners, but they are still fun. It is a long ride so be prepared for it, including checking your bike over. From Buffalo it was just over 300 miles. Enjoy!

Our Chaplain's Guidance



How Prepared Are We?

Recently I went on a few trips such as the National Rally in Georgia, the Harley Drags and a family reunion near Ashland and I thought I was prepared. The trip to Georgia was no problem, as long as Theresa (my wife) would answer the phone and look at the atlas to tell me where I was, because I forgot the map. But I did remember to bring the rain suit just in case it rained. After lugging it around for 2 days in 90 degree weather and no clouds in sight, I decided to leave it in my tent so I would have room to put souvenirs and such while I took a short ride into North Carolina over the skyway and looping over to Deal's Gap to ride the dragon. Things went smoothly until I started to descend down the skyway toward Tellico when God decided that I was getting too hot and allowed the skies to open up and dump buckets of water on top of me. I waited it out then continued on but ran into more rain so much so that I could barely see in front of me, so I turned around at Tellico and headed back. Well it stopped raining but got so foggy I could barely make out the yellow lines. By the time I reached the next town I started to dry until I learned that when the traffic light turns yellow, you slow down and stop and get rained on again. Anyway I made it back okay, soaked to the bone but okay and the rain suit was nice and dry.

The same thing happened on my way to the reunion. I decided to wear the rain suit that day since it was raining a little bit and I wanted to try to stay dry this time. Everything was fine until I hit Lexington where once again the skies opened up at every traffic light. I was mostly dry but I was wondering what the people in the cars that surrounded me were thinking. On the other hand maybe it's best I didn't know.

When getting ready for these trips I thought that I had thought of everything and every possible scenario, but there was always something that would not go as exactly planned. Come to think of it, I don't think that I have ever been on a trip where everything went right and I didn't forget anything. In the Bible, Jesus is instructing his disciples on what to do when He is gone. He tells them what to take, how to act, and what they should do. The

disciples were not as confident in themselves as Jesus was and they wanted to continue to go wherever He went. Jesus stated that where He was going, no man could follow but that He was to prepare a place for them. Just think about it, that you could make a trip and not have to worry about anything but it is already prepared and laid out for you. No road maps or GPS would be needed, no rain suits or coats, nor any reservations. Jesus has prepared the way for us, a way that is perfectly suited for each and every person. You will never get lost, never go hungry, never tire or worry, because Jesus is there to help you and guide you. All you need is faith, faith in God to take care of your problems or worries and He will wash them away, because He loves you.

So the next time you go on a ride and realize that you forgot something, don't worry about it. Strengthen your faith and God will provide.

Your Chaplain, Mitch

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At the Greensburg stop during the 11 July fellowship ride

From Our President



Every chapter member has been counseled and made aware of the fact that when you wear the CMA back patch you are representing the organization and it's ministry. You know you are to conduct yourself in a way that does not disgrace the ministry. We aren't perfect and will make mistakes. But we always need to be aware that others are watching and they know who we are even if we aren't wearing the back patch. I remember one time when my wife had to remind me that I was wearing my back patch when I was getting very frustrated in public a couple of years ago.

What we may not realize though is that there is another side of wearing that back patch. That side is that we also need to be aware of our commitment and respect to each other and to CMA and the chapter when we wear the patches of each one.

We need to treat each and every member with love, concern and compassion in all that we do. We may not agree with them on everything. Their mode of dress, or the bike they ride or the church they attend may not be the same as yours, but we are to respect them. It is hard to show the rest of the world our love if we don't show it within our own chapter.

Wearing the patches also means we need to show support for the chapter. You may not agree personally with the decisions of the chapter. A chapter vote on events or decisions may not go your way. But that does not give you a license by word or deed to create or cause turmoil because you didn't get your way.

Wearing the patches also means that we show support and will follow the established chain of command mandated by CMA in the handbook. If there is a problem with a rider then the Road Captain is to be notified of it. It is his job to then handle it. If there is interaction with another chapter or CMA official involving chapter activities or business, the President is to be made aware of it. If there is a problem within the chapter it needs to be brought to the officer team for resolution. Proper procedure must be followed.

Wearing the patches also means supporting the officer team. Each and every officer works more than the general membership is aware of. With a lot of members and activities there is always work that needs to be done. Sometimes decisions have to be made by the chapter team and sometimes by individual chapter officers. Nobody is perfect and there will be times when a decision is made when a better one could have been made. Hindsight is always 20/20 but there is no place for Monday morning quarterbacking in the chapter. Support of the officer team is crucial in the chapter.

It is our job to promote unity. Not only in our chapter but also in our organization. That doesn't mean that we will not be closer to some than others. Human nature will dictate that a lot of times. But

it does mean that we will not go so far as to develop different factions in the chapter.

Members will come and members will go. This is a voluntary ministry and each one of us has the right to decide their own direction. Early in our forming days, we realized that it was up to God to send us who He wanted to send. We put in His hands. When we did that, we started to grow and become the ministry we had hoped for. We must continue to rely on God to send us who He wants us to have. I believe that at some point in time He will press on their hearts as to whether or not they truly want to become part of the work of this ministry and they will leave or stay. But between those times, He may be testing us to see just how well we walk the talk.

There are no perfect chapters. Just as there are no perfect churches or perfect Christians. We all have flaws, imperfections and sins. If anyone is looking for perfection in any of these areas, they will eventually be disappointed.

As President, I treasure each and every member. I think there is potential in all of our crew. To make the most of this potential we have to love each other, we have to respect chapter decisions, we have to support the chapter officers and we must follow the right procedures. I am confident that if we do this with a servant heart, God will continue to bless our chapter. If we don't, I think that Satan will try to find our weakness and do his best to undermine our work and it's ministry. Our unity will make his job a lot harder.

Richard Durham
2010 Chapter President



Some of our chapter ladies on their recent retreat

Something to think about: When was the last time you checked your tire pressure on your bike?

Upcoming Events

Please review and make your plans in advance to avoid last minute inconveniences and expenses. For events and rides sponsored by other organizations, check our Web page. Most, if not all events, are listed there.

Tuesday Evenings: Bike night @ Subway in Campbellsville on Broadway @ 6 pm Eastern.

Thursday Evenings: Bike night @ Subway in Greensburg @ 6 pm Central

Sat., 23 July: Summersville activities

30 July: Wings of Pink cancer benefit ride.

Sun., Aug. 7: Chapter fellowship ride, 1:30 Eastern @ Carol's

Sep. 3: Biker Games @ Veterans Park in Campbellsville.

Sep. 9 to 11: CMA KY State Rally @ Camp Nikao in E-town.

Sat., Oct. 1: Gallilean Home Bug Run, sponsored by the Bluegrass Believers chapter.

Oct. 19 - 23: CMA changing of the colors in Hatfield, AR.

Note: For details, non-chapter events, updates and last-minute postings, check the Web page calendar.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

July

- Richard & Anita Durham 7/3
Laura Thompson 7/5
June Humphrey 7/8
Barry Parker 7/15
Cory Watkins 7/24
Valerie Lantz 7/25
Judy Fenwick 7/26
Mike Fenwick 7/30

Next Month

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

CMA Handbook Spotlight

Doctrinal Statement of the Christian Motorcyclists Association

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.



How can you lose with a young lady like this leading the parade group?

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