



Vision Riders



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Local Chapter News

Those of you that went on the night ride know what a great time we had. Those that didn't, give it a shot the next time one comes up. There was an estimated 100 bikes from all groups in the area participating. It was still daylight when we got started at 8 PM Eastern but after the second stop, all you could see was a string of lights going down the highway along with the sound that keeps the cattle running away from the fence that borders the highway.

Earlier that day, a few of us went to Three Springs Baptist Church for their car show. There were a couple of custom built trucks with engines much larger than what they came with. Chrysler was also represented with two Dodges equipped with 440 cubic inch engines. Along with a Corvette, a Mustang, and a few other cars, that was about the extent of it.

Monday is bike night at the Lebanon Sonic and we have been having some pretty good turnouts along with Tuesday nights at the Campbellsville Subway. Don't forget Thursday nights when it is bike night at the Greensburg Subway. All times are 6 PM Eastern.

Of course, you are receiving this newsletter late. That's because of me, your new editor. Doing this the first time and waiting on some of the contributors caused me to miss the deadline. I hope to improve things in upcoming issues. Since Richard and I are two different people, we have different styles. I do things a little different and hope you like the changes. It's not that the previous style wasn't good, it just isn't the way I do it. With the responsibilities of being editor, comes some privileges, within reason. Choosing my style is one of them.

At our June meeting, Keith Morris won the mileage award. Jon Nesbitt was close enough to breath down his neck, but came up short in miles rode. We also had two prospective members attend. They were given a warm welcome.

Looking Back

Another riding season is well under way and we have been a busy group of riders. Have we been a busy group of witnesses as well? As Road Captain, I

spend a considerable amount of time looking back at the pack in my mirrors and I got to wondering if I take the time to look back at the end of the day and evaluate my witnessing opportunities.

On the road, I am always looking out for the safety of everyone riding and when we stop, it seems that the next stretch is the main focus. As members of the CMA ministry, our main focus should be on witnessing to others and leading Christ. Our behavior at the stops is one way to witness by having a good time without drinking or cursing.



But is that enough? On a recent ride, there were around 70 bikes and we helped out by doing the road work. That proved the CMA motto, "Here if you need us." But how much personal witnessing took place? Was our presence enough?

As we travel our earthly roads, we are preparing for our final trip to God's Eternal Kingdom of Heaven. Did I do enough today for Him to justify giving me another day to ride? I know I have some phone calls to make and maybe a visit to follow up on a couple things. A lady at the end of ride was not able to ride today because she went to Louisville to bring her daughter home after a couple major surgeries. I failed to get her information for the prayer list and it is eating me up, so I know I did not do enough today.

I know that some of us are being asked about the CMA and possible membership by people that have ridden with us. We get together multiple times during the week and have a great time of fellowship and riding. I pray that the Lord will benefit from our activities more than we do, because I am BLESSED every time we get together.

With Christian Love,
Darrell Smith, Road Captain

Youth Movement/Fastlane

This last month was more on the Fastlane side of the two Vision Riders Youth went to Burkesville, to the Alpine Lodge to help out Lonnie Embry from the

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Vette City chapter out of Bowling Green with a Fastlane event.

This all came about on Sat., May 30th. The youth and I started out early that morning along with several others from our chapter. I think we had five old guys and three youth (sorry guys we are the old guys now). Anyway, we had a great time and everything went great. There were a few close calls with the sport bikes but no one was hurt (pride maybe) but nothing else. It was the first time that anyone has done anything like this for the sport bikers and they were very thankful and said they would love to do this again "PLEASE," as some of them said.

In case the road was didn't have to *cagers* or any sport bike world cars and trucks. CMA through two difference and a needed garden As always, thanks for the support, and I would like to thank Lonnie for allowing Vision Riders Youth to be part of this event.



you didn't know closed so they worry about the traffic. In the *cagers* means That weekend, chapters, made a planted seeds in of opportunity.

God Bless you all,
Tommy Watkins, Youth Movement

Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries

Harry & Delores Mack, 40 Years on June 21st

Coming In July:

June Humphrey, 7/8
Cory Watkins, 7/24
Judy Fenwick, 7/26
Mike Fenwick, 7/30
Joe Brown, 7/31
Richard & Anita Durham, 7/3/1976

Spyder's Web

Her Name is Susan

We met in San Antonio at a business reception. I was forced outdoors when it became too crowded to breathe, she and her husband decided they too needed some fresh air. We ended up at the same table where we introduced ourselves and struck a conversation that resulted in a common bond too often found these days. We chatted about this and that and after a while she excused herself to the ladies

room. After she left I mentioned to her husband that I had a pink ribbon bracelet just like hers. I told him I was a six year breast cancer survivor. At this point Susan returned and we picked up the conversation on that note. She began telling me her story and how God had worked in her life. I thought to myself boy her hair looks really good for someone who has been battling cancer. She pushed her wig back and had me feel her head. We laughed at the irony of losing all the hair on her body...except on her legs.

Now we get to the "God is in control and He has a plan for you part." She had been a stay at home mom and ran a daycare for about 15 years. In 2007 her husband John was involved in a serious motorcycle accident and was in the trauma unit for ten days. After spending so much time at the hospital she decided it would be nice to work there. After much prayer and consideration she applied for a job (with the help of one of her daycare parents who pointed her in the right direction and gave her a reference). She was hired and went to work in September of 2007. While filling out the required paper work she just went down the list of insurance coverage and checked off everything not thinking she would ever need to use it.

Almost August of volunteering chemo Thanksgiving turkey in the get a shower. the lump and weird. Going



getting a biopsy, having the lumpectomy, removing 29 lymph nodes (YEAH 29) and then 16 chemo treatmentshair loss....Anybody getting the weird part yet...all that insurance coverage.....

Here God comes into the picture again. She was receiving cards and well wishes from friends and family and began to notice a reoccurring theme. The same verse of scripture was showing up. Jeremiah 29:11. "For I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future," says the Lord. She was claiming this as her scripture, God had given it to her. I shared mine with her (Isaiah 40:31) the one I use on all the fund raising stuff I do for the Susan Komen Foundation 3 Day, 60 mile walks. This started another conversation regarding the fund raiser her family was participating in and it just happened(?) to be a Komen walk. See, God put us together for a reason (He

a year later in 2008 she started to drive a patient to treatments at the Center. day she put the oven and went to Soaping up she felt this is where it gets to the doctor,

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knows the plans He has for you). I think we were there to encourage each other in our walk both with the Lord and the physical part. Some of you may know the story behind how I got connected to this organization, if not, ask, I'll share it in a heartbeat!

Off and on throughout the next couple of days we would run into each other and wave and smile, each of us knowing....just knowing.

God is in control! He knows the road ahead, every curve, every turn, every rough spot and every straight stretch. We talked about this for some time and as many of you have heard me say, we only see to the next curve but God sees the whole road. My new friend is allowing God to work through her and her illness to witness for Him. During one of our conversations I made the comment that God "allowed" me to experience breast cancer. Susan had a strange look on her face after I said this and she commented that she had never quite looked at it that way. Awesome isn't it how God works in our lives to fulfill the plans He has for us?

As we were going thru the airport on Friday Dan looked over into one of the gate areas and guess who was waiting for their plane? We had an hour or so before our flights so we spent time again chatting, sharing some family photos and that common bond all of us touched by cancer share. Saying goodbye we hugged and wished each other well, not knowing where the road would take us.

As I was getting ready to send this to the newsletter editor I had an email from Susan telling me she had another chemo today and she has one more to go. You Go Girl!!

Susan, God knows the plans He has for you! This is written for you and I want you to know what an inspiration you are to me. Our prayers are for you to have full recovery and many years to spend with your family and friends. Allow God to use you and this illness to glorify Him!

Never give up, Never give in, and always... give Him the glory.

In His Grip,
Linda (Spyder)

From Our President

Have you ever heard the phrase "If it is to be; it is up to me?" Several leadership instructors use this phrase to get people to take ownership of the outcome of situations. Whatever the situation is if we want a specific outcome we must take ownership of it. After all, isn't that what God did when He looked at the mess of our lives and this world? He did not say

"People messed it up so let them bear the results." He looked at us and said I'll fix it and sent Jesus to pay our debts. It is up to us to choose Jesus and his ways to solve our problems and make things OK. If it is to be, it is up to me!

The attitude above leads me to one more thing. The story Jesus told of the man who had two people owing him money. One owed him \$50 and the other owed \$50,000. When the debts were forgiven in the story Jesus asked which man was the most grateful. The man who had invited Jesus to eat with him replied; "The one that owed the most money will be most grateful and love the forgiver more." Jesus agreed with the man that this was the truth. IF this is true isn't it our responsibility to try to invite, thieves, prostitutes, drug users, drug pushers, adulterers, to come to know Jesus. IF IT IS TO BE, IT IS UP TO ME!

Let's remember this phrase as we comb the highways and byways for those who need Jesus in their lives. Also, remember the goal we as a group chose for our chapter was THE GLORY." As we live our daily lives as individuals, as a chapter, as a CMA member let's keep these two thoughts going.



Let everything be for the glory of God and for it to happen we must take ownership and responsibility for it.

Dan

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Upcoming Events

Saturday, 13 June: Katelynn Stinnett Child Abuse Awareness Memorial Ride – Registration @ Green River Plaza, 11:00 – 1 PM Eastern

Monday Evenings @ 6 PM Eastern: Bike night @ Sonic in Lebanon

Tuesday Evenings @ 6 PM Eastern: Bike night @ Subway in Campbellsville

Thursday Evenings @ 6 PM Eastern: Bike night @ Subway in Greensburg

Friday, 19 June: Ordination of Joe Brown into the ministry at the Acton International Gospel Lighthouse @ 2:30 p.m. Eastern

Saturday, 20 June: Drury Brothers Benefit Run, Registration @ 10:30 – Noon Eastern at 212 West Main Street in Lebanon.

Saturday, 27 June: St. Judes' benefit ride, sponsored by the Southern Cruisers in Greensburg - details pending.

Saturday & Sunday, 27 & 28 June: Tentative dates for the Harley Drags in Bowling Green.

Saturday, 4 July: Biker Church in Lebanon at the New Life Community Church, 456 W Chandler Street @ 6PM Eastern

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

Prayer Requests

Chastity Johnson & family – health concerns.

Local chapter members that are struggling with spiritual issues.

Upcoming Harley Drags – that there will be enough people to go and for opportunities to witness.



A scene from a recent night ride

**From the C.M.A. Handbook:
Ministry Team Training Program**

CMA's primary purpose is ministry. Through this program, we pray you will find your place in ministry. You will learn that two of the key ingredients in sharing your faith are being visible and being involved. Building relationships with others will eventually open doors for ministry in the motorcycling world as well as wherever you are. For more information on the specific training programs available, we invite you to check them out on our Web site at www.cmausa.org

NOTE: Completion of a Ministry Team Training Program is required to purchase or wear the official CMA logo.

From Our VP

Witnessing Opportunities:

Each month we try to bring out various witnessing opportunities we have experienced or may have missed. Sometimes we evaluate ways we can be a witness.

A couple of weeks ago we were having dinner at a restaurant with another couple who are also new grandparents. Their grandchild is just beginning to put sounds together and his mother said something about how he will be talking soon. I told her to let the kid come with me for a while and I would teach him some new words....

Clif and Jennifer quickly cautioned Cayela (the mother) about letting such a thing happen. Cayela though said that she had never heard me say a bad word. That set me back a little bit. I have known this girl for 10 years or so now and I can be a bit short tempered if you know what I mean. Sometimes stuff just "slips" out.

To be honest about it, it made me feel good. Those of you that have known me for awhile know that I like most of us, I am no angel, especially years ago.

But it did get me to think about our words and the tone we use when we are in conversation with others. Are we always putting someone else down? Are we always finding fault with someone? Is our language and our choice of words a good witness to those around us?



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"Profanity is the feeble attempt of a weak mind to express itself forcefully," is a phrase that has been around for a long time. I was taught much the same

thing as a youngster. That and a good butt whipping for cussing was a pretty good deterrent to me.

Our society is riddled now with profanity and too many people are using it in their everyday language. Let's make an effort to be different and watch our language.

We also should take notice of not only profanity but also the way we say things. Guard our language and tone so that others will not see us as a whining, complaining, vulgar or sometimes boastful person.

We all know the CMA back patch can be a great witness to others. Let's not spoil that visual witness with what comes out of our mouths.

**From Our Chaplain
Spiritual Ride**

As our riding season blooms into full force, the opportunities to witness for Christ become plentiful. This is a good thing; yet my heart is saddened when there are functions and rides that I cannot attend due to work, prior commitments, or family situations, but then I remember what I said to one of our members who was going on a ride that I would not be able to attend, "Have fun, be careful, and I will be with you in spirit."

Jesus told Nicodemus (John 3) that the Spirit is like the wind in that one cannot see it but one can see its effects. Later, He told his disciples (John 14:16) that he would have to leave them but would send them the Holy Spirit, a comforter and counselor, which will be with you always. The world cannot receive it because they see it not, but you know Him because He dwells in you. In Matthew 28:20, Jesus was telling His disciples about the Great Commission and concluded with: "And lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of this world."

When Jesus was alive upon this world, he was not able to tend to all the needs of everyone, but through his command the Holy Spirit is able to reach everyone at anytime, day or night. With the Spirit, he provides us with comfort, peace, wisdom, security, and love.

So in short, there may be rides or functions that we are not able to attend physically, but we can be there in both prayer and spirit, providing support to those that are there. With Jesus, we are never alone.



In God's Spirit and Love,
Mitch