

# Vision Riders



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# **Local Chapter Happenings**

This recent hot weather makes for some nice riding except that the heat causes a lot of us to shed some clothes. A tank top or no shirt at all might be cool and, for some, cool looking, but doesn't protect too well if you are sliding along the pavement. On a recent organized ride, a couple got some nasty wounds as their bike went down on a straight and wide open stretch of road where you would least expect a crash. If you think it couldn't happen to you, I'm sure they thought the same thing. Which is more uncomfortable, long sleeves or no skin?

For those that help out with road guard duties, check with Jon. He is developing some new procedures to make things safer and run more smoothly.

The  $4^{th}$  of July services at Green River Lake are not that far off. Our chapter is facilitating the worship service for the campers on that date. If you can help out, contact Richard.

Depending on when this issue is published, the CMA national rally may be over and we can get a report from Keith and Jamie from their attendance.

Don't forget to check our section of the CMA national Web page; this is not our local Web page. It is our little section of the CMA Web site. Theresa is our Webmaster for that one and she has added a few new pictures.



Gordon Judd

In a late development, our support vehicle leader, Gordon Judd had an unexpected problem with his health and was taken to Elizabethtown Hospital. A group rode over there to show him our support on the evening of the 16th. That same group first stopped at your editor's home to help return my TV tower to a standing position after I did some work on it. Praise God for the people we have in our chapter. There are very few organizations where we support each other like we do in Vision Riders.

In a recent update, Gordon is doing well and it is suspected that he just overdid it in the heat. He is supposed to go home on the afternoon of the  $17^{\text{th}}$ .



Shane fills up on a recent ride

#### **Youth Movement/Fast Lane**



Well since last report our Youth have attended two events that again combine Youth Movement & Fast Lane together. On May 19th we made way to Monticello, KY for a first ever ATV ride and it was a success! We had somewhere around 30 ATV's and mx bikes show up with more than 40 people. My hat's off to Shane Moore for the great show and Lonnie Embry for assisting with this event. Lonnie is our state Fast Lane Rep. Also I would like to thank Jeff Parsons, Darrell Smith and Gordon Judd for preparing the campsite, cooking and hauling the ATVs. The youth and myself along with everyone else had a great time riding the trails.

Then, on June 4-6 we hit the hills and curves at the Alpine Lodge in Burkesville for the Draggin' the Alpine II, to help out Lonnie Embry. Our job was to watch the curves and keep the riders aware of any dangers that might pop up like debris in the road, animals or a bike that might go down. We did have a couple riders that dropped their rides but God was watching over us; we had no injuries. Both times the bikes went down in the curves our youth were watching and both times they were very alert and handled it quickly, making sure the riders that were following knew there was a problem ahead of them.

In both of these events we got to meet new people and let them know what we stood for and what were all about. We blessed several bikes and ATVs at both events and we all got to spend some quality time together.

Remember what I said a few months ago? It's going to get "More Gooder!"

Youth Movement Leader Tommy Watkins

#### **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

Rhonda Brown: 6/18

Harry & Delores Mack: 6/21/1969 Joe & Dana Jolly: 6/22/1984

#### **Coming Up In July:**

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

# **Vision Riders Newsletter, June 2010**

# From the CMA Handbook: CMA and the Church

CMA is an evangelistic organization with a primary focus on changing the world, one 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 chapters. 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 President



# **Accept The Challenge**

There are so many times that we don't get to see the results of our work in CMA. We are reminded often in the ministry team material, that our job is to primarily plant or water seeds. We know that we may not get to see the results of our work.

But it is still our job to keep working in this ministry. We do it by showing the love of Jesus that is inside of us. Not by brow beating bikers with the Bible, or condemning them because of their life style. We do it by living the life we should live, we do it by loving people where they are, and we do it by providing whatever help and assistance we can.

On May 23, 2010 we were blessed to be able to see a part of the fruits of our labors. During the Bike Blessing service at Campbellsville Baptist, we were presented a plaque of appreciation from the Bridge to Faith Motorcycle Club. I know that it was a special moment for me. Not because we had gotten some reward for our efforts, but because of the love, care and support this chapter that was shown to the biking community. It was an affirmation of the work that each one of you is doing in this ministry. It was a moment I will always treasure as being special to me.

But we can't "rest upon our laurels" as the old saying goes. Regardless of how much we do, there is so much out there to be done. The harvest will always be plentiful, and the laborers will always be few as the Good Book says.

The riding season is busy and I think it will continue to be that way. There is always some activity, event or ride that we can be a part of. While we enjoy motorcycling and fellowshipping with other bikers, we have to realize that the goal of our ministry is to bring others to the salvation of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. If the purpose of anything we do is something other than to bring others closer to God, then it really isn't worth doing.

With this in mind, I would challenge you to use any opportunity to be a witness for our Lord. Try to always conduct yourself in a Christian manner. Others are always watching to see

if you walk the walk and not just talking the talk. Take advantage of every chance you get to share with others what God has done for you. My challenge to you is that at every stop on each ride for the rest of the year, mention to someone at each stop something about God. It doesn't have to be dramatic. For instance, if someone says something about the weather, simply reply that we have to be thankful for what God sends us. It doesn't have to be a long sermon or something like that. You will be surprised at the effect just a few words will have. You will also find it easier and easier to share your faith with others.

After all, that is what our job in this ministry is all about.

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 @ the Dairy Freeze in Lebanon. (This location might change, so check with someone before going.) **Tuesday Evenings:** Bike night @ the Subway on Broadway in

Campbellsville.

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

Eastern time.

June 15 – 19: CMA National Rally @ Hatfield, AR. Saturday, 19 June: Drury Brothers ride in Lebanon, KY. Saturday, 19 June: Nationwide Katelynn Stinnett ride.

26 – 27 June: Ladies retreat

26 June: Ride to Survive ride in Mt. Washington. Leaves Value

Market @ noon.

25, 26, & 27 June: Summer Harley drags in Bowling Green. 30 June – 4 July: American Freedoms rally in Corbin, KY.

1 - 4 July: Some Gave All ride across KY.

4 July: Sunday service @ 9 am EDT @ Green River Lake dock -

chapter will assist with service.

**16 & 17 July:** Little Sturgis activities. **Saturday, 31 July:** Wings of Pink ride.

Saturday, 7 August: BTF poker run – details pending. 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.

#### **Tommy's Tech Tips**

During the hot and humid summer months keep a close check on the water/oil levels. All bikes have batteries with water that will evaporate some with the hot temperatures. On bikes that are water cooled, keep the water levels in the radiators checked often as they will tend to lose some due to the humidity. With air cooled bikes, keep a high quality oil in them like Amsoil which helps reduce heat.

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#### **Observations From Our Road Captain**



#### Let's Ride

I have had several people ask me: "How do you get so many miles each month?" The answer is I get on the bike and ride. I can ride to the store which is only a mile away and put 125 miles on the bike. I take the long way. With summer here there is a bike night every night of the week and a poker run every weekend. We are having the chapter fellowship rides too. There is always something going on. There are times when I would rather ride alone. It helps me think, clear my head and have a talk with God. I call it therapy. When I have a lot on my mind I get on the bike and go. I like to ri..... sorry about that. I was thinking about riding while I was typing and I got a little side tracked. So where was I? You are all welcome to ride with me on some up coming rides. Now, ask yourself. The weather man is calling for a 40% chance of rain. Ride or stay home? If it is not raining at the moment, let's ride! The weatherman says the high for the day is only going to be 50 degrees. Ride or stay home? Put on your leathers; let's ride! The weatherman says it will be 100 degrees. Ride or stay home in the air conditioning? Put on some sun screen and let's ride! The weatherman says it will be 82 degrees with low humidity. Ride or stay home? If you choose to stay home on a day like this you need to sell your bike! You never know who you will meet and minister to when you are out on the bike, so let's get out there and enjoy the ride. Be safe.

God Bless you all. Jon Nesbitt

#### **New Members**







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Lined up at a road stop during a ride in May

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#### Spyder's Web

"I hope you have a heart attack!" Of course I don't mean that literally. I want you to have a heart attack of God. God desires for you to have a heart for him so humongous that you feel as though you will have a heart attack from being filled with His holy spirit. As women who are trying to present ourselves as followers of Christ we must have a heart for God and His word. It is not always easy to understand what God is trying to tell us, but discernment will come as we spend more and more time in His presence and holy word. In today's society it is very hard to find time to be still and know that he is God. Praying on the way to work or reading your bible between loads of laundry, cooking a meal or settling squabbles is sometimes all we can do, but God wants our full attention so He can minister to our needs and teach us how to better serve Him. To do Gods work we must diligently seek Him in prayer and study. Revelation 1:3 tells us "blessed is the one who reads the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it." Proverbs 31:26 says "she speaks with wisdom and faithful instruction is on her tongue." How do we acquire this instruction? By spending time in God's word. I encourage each of you to "make" time to spend in God's presence and have a 'heart attack of God' each time you fill yourself up with His love, mercy, grace and forgiveness.



1968 Triumph TR6C
Your editor rode one like this when he was much younger.

#### **New Bike Column**



Can-Am Spyder – something different than most of us have.



Honda Fury – a factory-made chopper.



Harley-Davidson Sportster 48 – you don't get far with a 2.1 gallon gas tank.

Your bike pictures are welcome. If you got a new one or have done some custom work and would like to show it off, contact the editor and your picture will be published as space permits.