



Vision Riders



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Local Chapter Happenings

Where have you been? Your editor has attended as many events as possible but can't make them all. Most of us are the same but some of us have disappeared. If you haven't been to any rides or bike nights, I encourage you to show up and surprise a few of us. Tuesday evenings at 6 pm Eastern we gather at the Subway on Broadway in Campbellsville for chat and fellowship. This is for all bikers, so there may be a chance to witness to nonmembers. Check the events listings for things coming up and make your plans.

For those that haven't heard, Linda Hayes is recovering well from the bike crash she had just before a recent ride. She is in a lot better shape than her bike. As in many bike crashes, it was a car that pulled in front of her. I don't know what the car driver said but if he was like many, he probably claimed he didn't see her. Along those lines, I saw a nice T-shirt at a recent ride. It was fluorescent yellow with huge black capital letters asking the question: CAN YOU SEE ME NOW? I supposed some cage drivers would still claim they didn't see the bike or rider.

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Chaplain's Chat



As you know, Tim will be unable to serve as Chaplain for a while. I will try to help him out. Let's keep Tim in our prayers.

I am proud of our members. Several of our members supported the Drury Brothers Ride. I have heard lot of talk since then about how much people appreciated them being there. There was the blessing of the bikes; one rider after that talked to me about church and said he was interested, and would see me in church soon. To me, this made the ride worthwhile. Let's all keep up the good work and let the other groups and people see that Jesus wants them too.

We have a great opportunity to share Jesus with other bikers that have not come to know Him yet. Let's keep up the good work. Many still need to know about the love of Christ and what He can do for them, if they will give Him a chance.

"Keep up the good work," I think is the key to success.

Pray for our chapter and pray for God to send each of us to someone we can share the Gospel with.

Your Brother In Christ,
Herbie Goff (Phil 4:13)

Ladies Ministry



As many of you already know our chapter ladies retreat has been postponed to a later date due to various reasons. So instead of reporting on this event I would like to take a moment and share with you the words of Dr. Ed Young.

"Shaken to the roots." That's an expression describing a person going through a severe crisis. But nature teaches that the tree most severely impacted by the storm puts down the deepest roots. Branches may be snapped off, twigs broken and leaves ripped away, but deep roots are undisturbed by the howling gales. In fact, they only get deeper and stronger. Your existence is like the tree trunk, up in the tumult. But as you are in Christ, your life is hidden in its roots, which the storms can't touch.

(Excerpt from Winning Walk © 2012 Dr. Ed Young, crosswalk.com)

James 1:3 states: the testing of your faith produces endurance.

Everyone we come in contact with is going thorough something. Whether it is minor or major, we are all struggling with a battle. Never underestimate the difference you could make for a person simply by reaching out to them. The best way to heal a broken spirit is with compassion and comfort.

Laura

Birthdays and Anniversaries

June

Harry & Delores Mack 6/21 43 Years
No birthdays in June

July

Laura Thompson 7/5
June Humphrey 7/8
Barry Parker 7/15
Cory Watkins 7/24
Valarie Lantz 7/25
Judy Fenwick 7/26
Mike Fenwick 7/30

The President's Corner



There is a story about Michelangelo that described, for me, the nature of spiritual growth.

When he had just finished the magnificent statue of the young David, one of the most remarkable and lifelike pieces ever done, someone is said to have asked him, "Michelangelo, how in the world did you ever do this?"

The artist was a little embarrassed but is said to have replied, "Oh, it wasn't all that difficult. I ran across this huge stone in the quarry. And I saw David in it! Very excited, I had the stone brought back to my studio. And month after month after month, I very carefully chipped away everything that wasn't David."

For me, that is what God does for us through the work of the Holy Spirit so that we can be free to participate in his will. Since childhood, through our sin and abuse, we've all acquired many kinds of masks – extra pounds, walls, protective habits, and controlling compulsions, addictions- to name just a few. We use them to decorate or hide our reality, our true personalities, from each other, from God and from ourselves. We use these masks so we'll appear to be "enough." But as we put our lives and our will in God's hands, month after month after month, God helps us chip away everything that isn't the person he made us to be.

To grow spiritually we don't have to be brilliant or saintly or anything more than we are. And although the emerging person has always been there inside us waiting to be released, to be reborn. As Paul said all old things are cast away and we are a new creation. When we finally see ourselves as that just as God made us to be – we are enough. We then can commune with Him and have a lasting relationship.

In his love, Dan

Handbook Highlights Chapter Officers

Chapter officers are elected by the chapter to help lead and coordinate the chapters' involvement in various activities. Chapter officers are a reflection of the CMA ministry and represent the quality of the chapter because of their visible spiritual leadership and their dedication to the ministry. They should work together as a team and promote unity throughout the chapter.

As chapter leaders, they should wear their back patch or CMA logo at all times when representing CMA, realizing the honor and integrity that it represents.

Chapter officers should take the lead in setting the example for chapter members in attendance at secular events and CMA sponsored events (i.e. Seasons of Refreshing, Run for the Son, State Rally, and planning meetings). They should also set an example of consistent financial giving to the chapter and CMA National.

The qualities of a chapter officer are:

- ✦ Godliness
- ✦ Respected among peers
- ✦ Proven worker
- ✦ One who makes the ministry of CMA a priority
- ✦ Active in the CMA vision of evangelism and Christian growth
- ✦ Involved in both secular and CMA events
- ✦ Teachable spirit
- ✦ Positive influence
- ✦ Full of faith
- ✦ Full of wisdom
- ✦ Good reputation
- ✦ Strong desire to be led by the Spirit of God
- ✦ Responsible
- ✦ Leads by positive influence
- ✦ Does the best job possible

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Road Captain

Darrell Smith



Most Recent Harley Drags Activities

Our weekend at the Drags got started early Friday morning when I stopped by Keith and Jamie's to drop off some food and personal items around 6:00 am. Keith left shortly after that to go down and get the campsite set up, then Bear and I rode down after work. Dan Hayes met and prayed with Bear and I in Greensburg before we took off.

We met Keith at a gas station and went for supper at the Mexican restaurant that has become like a tradition for the Vision Riders that work the Drags. After supper we rode over to get our armbands and visited briefly with the Vette City crew and Riders of The Word. The Riders were the host chapter this time and they were well represented at both campsites. We then proceeded over to our site where we were having difficulties with the air conditioning only to find out we were in a low voltage zone.

It was still hot when we relocated at around 11 pm. Thankfully Phillips rig is not hard to move. Keith had the hauler hooked up to the truck so unhooking the water and electric was about all we had to do. The support stands are lowered and raised with the push of a button. I kept the spot while Bear and Keith made the move.

Saturday morning started later than usual because of the time zone change and the cell phone switching over to local time instead of staying on Eastern time. It made little difference because the people started stirring later than in past years. The drags didn't seem to be as lively or rowdy as drags in the past but there were still moments of interest. Since the people started stirring later we stayed later and finally broke down around 10:30 or 11:00. We then retired to the campsite for a midday nap. The air conditioning was working good and *it was hot!* After resting for a while we got up and bid Bear farewell because he had to be at work that Saturday evening.

Since we needed some supplies for the coffee ministry and the campsite, Keith and I took off to Walley World on the bikes. I love shopping on the bikes because it limits the purchases; you get what you need and leave what you want but don't need. On our way back we stopped for gas and I had an opportunity to witness to my nephew and his wife, who were also attending the drags. It may sound strange, but I felt compelled to speak bolder to them in that environment than I have ever felt in a family environment where I usually see them. So I spoke up without pulling any punches, and they seemed to accept what I said without any rebuttal. That was a first.

We then headed back to camp and I started working on supper. Since I had picked up some pork chops and Bear had left,

I invited Rod and Rochelle, our Area Reps over for supper. After supper, we were going over the main camp when we noticed a group of people out in the field in front of us with a bunch of kids. Keith mentioned giving them some coloring books we had so we went over and asked one of the mothers if it would be OK. She said it would, so we returned to camp and got some coloring and a Hope for the Highways for "Birthday Child." We gave out about 40 coloring books in the family campground that weekend. We then headed over to the main camp for a little while and proceeded to the Riders camp back by the river. It was starting to get a little rowdy around 10:00 Saturday night when we headed back to our camp. It was still hot when we got back to camp and did some organizing of our tracts and supplies.

Sunday morning got started a lot earlier as well as the people started to stir earlier. We were going through a lot of coffee when some of the other chapter members started showing up and visiting with us. One of our visitors was "Head" for the Riders chapter that came by before the worship service. Since he was going to be bringing the message, Keith and I prayed for him before he left and then things got serious. There were two young ladies sitting on the stage when we prayed for Head and one of them spoke up after we got done praying. As I got to talking to them, one of them said that she had just recently finished her sentence for manslaughter, so we started talking and witnessing to them. Keith kept an eye on the coffee table while I listened to them talk about the way society and law enforcement treat her for doing her time. I kept hoping one of the ladies from the other chapters would show up, but no such luck. I asked if we could put them on the prayer list and started looking for a pen or pencil. I had left my day planner at the camp and asked them if they would stick around while I went to get a pen. They agreed so I took off in Abigail to the main camp and was able to get one of the Riders ladies, Vestil, to return with me. Vestil was nervous because she had never had an opportunity to witness to anyone like this. As soon as we returned, the two girls and Vestil hit it off like they were old friends.

During Vestil's time with the girls, we found out that the second girl is waiting sentencing for some activity that she was involved in. Rochelle showed up on the scene and joined in with Vestil and the girls really opened up! They talked about their children, abusive relationships and their parents. The whole time Vestil kept telling them how God loves them and is willing to forgive them if they will only accept Him. She was so nervous when I picked her up but her maternal instincts and experience as a pre-school teacher took over and she was amazing, talking to these girls. When they got done and the girls were getting to leave, Vestil said she wanted to pray with them and they joined in a prayer circle right there in front of that stage and presence of Lord so strong at moment that the others standing around even noticed and lowered their voices. That was my highlight for the weekend, two girls needing love and a CMA sister needing some experience at the drags. Both needs were met and I hope to get some updates from them. The names they gave us are, Shelley and her daughter, Sylvia as well as Alicia and her children, Olivia, Cody and Dossen. (Continued on next page)

Keith and I had a second opportunity to pray with these two girls before we left and told them we would be back in September expecting good reports from both of them.

Also on the Prayer request sheet are Regina, her man, who wanted to pray when they prayed with Keith and Virgil & Delores Lehner.

On another note, we discussed the September drags a little bit when Linda Collins asked me about some pinto beans, a little joke between us, and I told that in September I would fix a pot of beans on Saturday night and if the other chapters wanted joined in we would have a bean supper at the main camp. The other chapters chimed in with support so we will be getting everything arranged between now and then. By the way, did I mention, "it was hot?"

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June Mileage Award

Tommy Cundiff was our winner with 1755 miles on Big Blue.

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If this issue gets out in time, don't forget that our chapter is conducting the service at the Green River Lake campground on July the 1st. Some are going down on Saturday evening at 7:30 ET to inform the campers about the upcoming service.

Upcoming events in July are as follows:

July 1: Green River Lake services

Tuesday evenings @ 6 ET, bike night @ the Broadway Subway

July 14: Second Chance Poker Run in Lebanon. See Web page calendar for details

July 15: Worship service, car & bike show in Greensburg. Service starts @ 11 ET. For details see Tommy Watkins.

July 19: Officers meeting @ Dan's place, 7 ET.

July 22: Service @ Pine Grove Church

July 28: Vision Riders fellowship ride