



Spring is Coming.....

As the weather warms, more and more bikes get dusted off, gassed up and hit the road. This is the time of year that many people look forward to so they can do something about cabin fever and regain the freedom you can only achieve from the seat of a bike. While springtime riding can be very pleasurable it can also be very disappointing if your bike and you are not ready. "If your bike ain't ready, you ain't ready!!!" That is a strong and straight statement. So let's get ready. Here is a list of items that are easy to check, and for some, easy to correct.

Check your tires. Check for even wear, proper inflation and signs of dry rotting. Uneven wear or dipping. Improper inflation can lead to difficult handling. Dry rotting can lead to unexpected blowouts. Each of these item can cause accidents that none of us want to suffer or hear about.

Check and change your fluids. Oil and filter, brake fluid, clutch fluid for those that have hydraulic clutches, coolant, transmission and fork oil. Using a turkey baster or syringe to remove your brake fluid is an easy way to change it without making a mess

Check your controls and levers. Check your throttle for smooth operation and wear. Check your brake and clutch levers and cables for wear. Check your brake pedal and pad. Don't forget your rear wheel master cylinder for fluid level. Don't forget to check your footpegs and floorboards and for loose bolts.

Check your drive belt or driveshaft for any wear or damage.

Check you battery for proper acid level and the terminals for any corrosion. Check your headlight for high and low beam, turn signals for operation and brake light.

After completing these checks, climb on your bike and do a few more simple checks. Without starting your bike, set it up and rock it back forth. Listen for any abnormal sounds such as brakes rubbing or any clicking sounds. While rocking, check your brakes, one at a time. Lean the bike from side to side and listen for any abnormal sounds that might indicate trouble. If you hear something that you normally don't hear, you might have a problem. Turn your handle bars from side to side to be sure your front end is tight and has no abnormal slack. While turning the handle bars, listen for any clicking that might indicate an issue with your front axle.

A couple hours of checking your bike out may be the difference of another good riding season or a disastrous year for you and your family. Remember, keep your face in the wind and the rubber on the road. The LORD has blessed us an opportunity enjoy a great past time while serving him, so let's do it. We can do it better by being amongst the people than we can in rehab.

Darrell Smith
Road Captain

From the Pres....

I just read an article by Shannon Sutton the president of the Soul Seekers CMA Chapter. It touched me and hopefully without offending I will paraphrase parts of the article.

How often do you check out what a biker is wearing on their back? What is on their back often tells you what you can expect from that person.

What does the world expect from us when they see the CMA patch on our back? They expect to see the love of Christ in us. They expect to see us walk with integrity. If we talk the talk, or as we wear the CMA patch, then we are expected to walk the walk. We are called to be set apart. Read Romans 12:2.

Why are you wearing a CMA back patch? Is it because you share the vision of CMA? Is it because that you believe that every single person riding on a bike needs Jesus? Or is it that by wearing a back patch you look cool? Or are you trying to promote a personal agenda and think that wearing a CMA back patch will help you do this? Or is it because you want to share the love of Jesus in the biker community? Please come to the monthly meetings.

There are lots of ways for the gift of Jesus' love to be shared. Our chapter needs you, you are important to the success of this chapter.

As we go forward may God's blessings be on all of you.

Dan Hayes
President

Prayer Requests

Donna Smith and her family as they deal with illness.

David Davis as he grieves the loss of his mother.

Helen Lawson who broke a bone in her elbow while riding last week.

Our local, state and national CMA leaders.

Our soldiers and their families.

For each other to have the strength and conviction this year to witness to the lost.

Most of all, pray for those who don't know Jesus as their Savior.



May 3, 2008 is the Run For the Son. Time is running short to complete our preparations for this important event. Packets are available and we should be ramping up and contacting friends, churches and business for contributions, prayer and any other support to this mission effort of CMA. For more information, or if you know of a church or business that would be interested in supporting us. Please call Dan Hayes at 270-403-4380 or email to dan@purcells.com.

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Seasons of Refreshing

We had a wonderful time at Hillvue Heights in Bowling Green for our Seasons of Refreshing. We were blessed by the message from Rick Steffy and inspired by the music and fellowship. It was a good time to take a little time and get recharged and ready for the upcoming ride season. I expect that this year will be a record year for motorcycles on the road and we will have many, many opportunities to witness to our brothers and sisters.

Seasons was an excellent way to focus and be "filled up" and prepared for the work ahead of us.

Richard Durham
Vice President

"Better Than Chocolate"

The 2008 CMA Ladies Rally will be held at Gaspar River Resort May 17-18. We will be treated to a Spa Day. Pampering our outside with manicures, facials, and pedicures, as well as inside with spiritual cleansing and uplifting messages. We can throw the chocolate in during the travel time. The cost will be \$20.00 to \$25.00 per person (this is still being negotiated). There will also be a Christian book, CD, or DVD swap so bring any of these items and swap for something you haven't seen, read, or heard. We need to get our reservations in so let me know ASAP. Any questions feel free to call me. I hope that all of us can attend. It would be a great way to get to know each other better. Nothing like seeing your friends in bare feet and no makeup!

In His service, Linda Hayes
Sec./Treas.

Upcoming Events

Bike Nights at Subway on Broadway in Campbellsville on Thursday nights and at Subway in Greensburg on Tuesday nights starting in April.

Vision Riders normal meeting April 10 at Phillip's Lanes meeting is at 7:00 p.m. Invite someone.

April 13 11:00 a.m. CMA/RFS presentation at Saloma Baptist Church.

April 19 Bridge to Faith Poker Run to benefit St Jude Children.

May 3 RUN FOR THE SON

May 17-18 CMA Ladies Retreat

June 7 Green River Lake Kid's Day. Vision Riders will be helping the organizers at a hospitality tent.

June 17-21 CMA National Rally @ Iron Mtn.

June 27-29 Harley Drags, Bowling Green

What's Ahead

It's exciting to look ahead and see the things that we are going to be participating in this year.

As we begin our second riding season as a forming chapter, we have a lot of good things coming up.

We plan to assist the Vette City Disciples at two of the Harley events this year at Bowling Green. We have initiated and will take part in bike nights at the Subway restaurants in Greensburg and Campbellsville this year.

We also are continuing to reach out to churches and present them with the ministry of CMA. We also will be having just a good old fellowship ride on Sunday afternoons. We are getting involved in our local civic organizations and are making them more aware of the continuing ministry of CMA.

It is going to be a lot of fun and work this year. Invite someone to our local meeting or any of the events we are a part of. Please join us and discover the joys of working for the Lord

Richard Durham
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