



### Cleaning out the bags:

Every winter I try to do something to my bike to keep a connection to riding even when the weather pretty much shuts it down. This year I decided to put a set of accent LED lights on my bike. To do this I had to remove the saddlebags in order to get to the places where I wanted some lights. Of course this required me to get to the bolts holding the bags to the rails and I had to take everything out of the bags to do this. As I was removing stuff from the bags I started to wonder why some of the stuff was even in there. I still don't know why I found one of my ties in the bags. I haven't worn a tie in a long time and can't think of a reason I would have been wearing one on my bike.

As I was cleaning them out, it occurred to me that I was packing around some pretty useless stuff. A saddlebag will only hold so much and storage on a bike is important. It also got me to thinking that maybe our lives are a lot like that. We may be packing around a lot of stuff that we don't really need.

As we prepare for another riding season and the ministry opportunities we will have, let's clean out our saddlebags and get rid of the stuff we don't need. Let's also take a look at our lives and clean out the stuff that is just taking up room. We need to get rid of the things we are packing that hinder us from doing what God wants us to do. We don't need to be packing around grievances for anyone. We don't need to be packing around prejudices based on religion, skin color or the type of bike someone rides. God gives us the tools and things we need to do His will. Let's not take up all the room we have by holding on to things we need to let go of.

Richard Durham  
VP

### The Vision Riders

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**They call themselves the Vision Riders for all to know and hear.  
Bringing others to Christ is what, to their hearts, they hold dear.**

**Going forward on wheels, whether it be two or three,**

**The Vision Riders wear their colors for the world to see.**

**Bringing the Gospel to the unsaved so that they can hear it.**

**Because it's all made possible by God's Holy Spirit.**

**From a bigger family of riders called the C.M.A.,**

**The Word of God is spread to many, each and every day.**

**Now, no one will deny that riding a bike is lots of fun,**

**But it's even more fulfilling when it's done for the Son!**

**So, if you ride two wheels or three and want to know more,**

**Check out the Vision Riders as they let their engines roar.**

**They will tell you there are some things they have not seen.**

**It's explained in their favorite verse, Acts two, seventeen.**

**So, the word "biker" shouldn't always have the usual connotation.**

**Just look at the Vision Riders, part of God's holy nation.**

### Spyders Web

Last month I started thinking about *fasting*. After reading my feeble attempts to learn about *fasting* did anyone else get to wondering about the who, what, when and where of fasting? I did some research and found a few motives for fasting; let's take a look at them:

1. When we are sad: in Matthew 9: 14-15, Jesus told His followers that they would mourn and *fast* when He was no longer with them. When we are experiencing sadness we need His presence to comfort us and by removing all worldly distractions we can hear and feel Him much more clearly. When we are suffering great sadness if we fast we are acknowledging our dependence on God.
2. When we have a need in our life, whether it's us or someone we love, our first reaction should be to get on our knees and pray. We should pray with the expectation that God is listening and will act according to His will not ours. Read (2 Sam, 12:15-20). In addition to prayer, David *fasted* when his child was gravely ill. During the process of *fasting*, he was able to remove the world around him and see the work of God more clearly.
3. When we *fast* for repentance and direction He will give us strength in ways we could never imagine. His word will be much clearer when we are focused on Him and not on ourselves.
4. In Acts: 2-3 and 14:23 the early church *fasted* as it sought God's will. We can do the same by *fasting* when we are seeking God's direction for things that are going on in our lives. When we are seeking God's best for our personal situations we would do well to remove all distractions, even food, so that we may hear His voice more clearly and receive a better understanding of what His will is for that particular time.

*Fasting* can take on many faces depending on the individual's situation. Time, food, liquid intake and focus can vary from person to person. The one constant, in my opinion, is the attitude of the heart. Here is a reason to *fast*: "Do it to filter your thoughts and your actions. The world today tries and can dictate what and how we should act and live our lives. When you are set upon by day to day events, turn to the Lord our God and He will supply your every need. And as He said to the Samaritan woman (John 4:13): "Whoever drinks from the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

Give me some feedback on this issue!

In His Grip,  
Spyder



### YOUTH MOVEMENT/FASTLANE

We had a less active month in February mainly due to the ice storm on Jan.27<sup>th</sup>



that kept most busy getting back to a normal routine. But we did have two young men to finish their youth ministry materials. Micah Watkins that has received his gold sticker and was presented his Vision Riders Chapter patch at our monthly meeting and Briar McVay that has finished his material and is waiting for his to come in the mail. All in all a slower month but a successful month in growth. We have two things planned for March being a game day Mar.21<sup>st</sup> and hopefully on Mar.28<sup>th</sup> we may set up a hospitality tent at Bowling Green, Ky. @ Ballance Motocross Track . Hopefully this is maybe an opportunity to allow the Youth Movement & Fastlane to show other people and other groups our ministry. Thank everyone for all you do!! No matter how big or how small everyone has their own part in this chapter but when put together they = ONE thing and that one thing is VISION RIDERS # 1038

Tommy Watkins

Vision Riders Youth Movement

### Chapter News:

Our chapter continues to be blessed. We were honored to present chapter patches to Micah Watkins and Harry Mack. Our two newest members who have completed their ministry team material. Micah is involved in our Youth Movement and Harry adds to our Mechanical Team Ministry. We also look forward to seeing the completion of the ministry team material by more of our group soon.

We also wrap up our winter study sessions this month. It has been very good to see how our group has continued to get together each week for fellowship and to learn more about witnessing and discipleship.

We were able to make a presentation about CMA and RFS to the Green County Ministerial Association. We also have more presentations coming up in the next month or two.

Several in our chapter also had the chance to visit El Shaddai for their March meeting. We look forward to visiting with other CMA chapters this riding season.

As the riding season begins, one of our first challenges is working at the Harley Drags with the Vette City Disciples the last weekend of March. Please keep those ministering at the Drags in your prayers.

The local bike nights in Campbellsville, Greensburg and Lebanon will be starting and this will open opportunities for our ministry. The riding season hasn't really started yet and the event calendar already seems to be filling up. We look forward to another riding season of ministry in 2009.



# Vision Riders

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### From the President:

The story goes that a person was visiting a cemetery looking up dates for a family history. After noticing how the information was recorded, a question appeared in the person's mind. What happened during the dash time of their life?

The dash time is the time on the tombstone only represented by a -. This is the time between birth and death. How do we want to be remembered that we spent our dash time? Hopefully it will be to bring honor and glory to God. If this is our wish then we need to prepare on a daily basis to bring it to being. We need to spend time daily in prayer to the one and only God, to read and study His word, and to tell someone of his love and life changing ways. If we try our best to be men and women of God on a daily basis then our dash time will have meaning!

In doing this we will bring honor and glory to God our creator. We were created in His image. Think about it, this means we have value above even the angels.

In Hebrews it states that the angels are sent out to minister to us. When some of the angels, led by Lucifer, rebelled against God they were thrown out of heaven. God never made any plans to redeem them back to Himself; instead He created Hell especially for them. But for us, created in His image, when we sinned He loved us enough that Jesus was sent to die for our sins so we could live in Heaven for eternity. Yeah, being created in His image means we are more valuable than even the angels.

So how are we going to give God glory by using our dash time?

Dan Hayes  
President

### Witnessing

*If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater; for this is the witness of God, which he has testified of his Son. He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness of himself. (1 John 5: 9-10)*

What does it mean to witness? According to the dictionary witness is defined as a personal testimony or experience, which kind of helps to explain the above verses. If we believe in what man has to say then should we not believe in what God has to say, for He is more powerful and wiser than any man. And if you believe in God then you will have the ability to witness.

So then, the next question is how do we witness? Foremost we begin with prayer, because with God's guidance anything can be overcome. We must witness to our fellow brothers and sisters with love, compassion, and respect. We must not be judgmental, for who are we to judge; only God can judge. WE must listen with concern and caring, to be able to embrace them in brotherly love along with acts of kindness such as a cup of water or coffee, or even a band-aid, and above all else our actions and attitudes. By having a Christian way about us can impress even the most hardened person, to soften the heart and plant the seed, for the harvest is great but the laborers are few, but with Jesus Christ, one man or woman can do the work of many.

God bless you all and in my prayers,  
Mitch Collings  
Chaplain

### Spring Fever

It is finally here. The beginning of another riding season for many riders. Some of us ride in the winter, but not all.

As we begin to ride this season we need to take time to be safe. Check out your bike and watch the other bikes around you for anything that could be abnormal. Take time to check your tire pressure and look at the other person's tires as you ride. If someone has a tire that looks low, SPEAK UP. It is better to speak up than say, "I thought their tire looked low" after an accident. And this not only goes for tires, but any part of someone's bike that does not look right. If you are able, offer to help them get it corrected.

As with any activity that you have taken a break from, ease back into it. Start out with a day ride close to home. This gives you an opportunity to get used to your bike again and notice anything that might not be right. Sometimes you can feel something you can't see.

So get your bike out, look it over, go for a short ride and get ready for another fun summer.

May God keep you safe as we enjoy this pleasure that He blesses us with.  
Darrell Smith  
Road Captain

May 2, 2009 is fast approaching. As you know that is when we as members of the Christian Motorcyclists Association will be having our annual Run For the Son fundraising ride. Hopefully by now you have spoken to your friends, family, churches and business about contributing to this effort. Run For the Son funds go to mission outreach programs both here in the United States as well as throughout the world. 40% of all funds raised go to mission outreach efforts at all the major biking events here in the United States. The remaining 60% is split among three international mission partners. Missionary Ventures provides transportation to ministers in third world countries. Open doors provides Bibles and other material in countries where it may even be forbidden. The Jesus Film Project translates the story of Jesus into languages that can be understood by those who watch the film. All of these efforts are working to help spread the word of God. Please help in any way you can.





### Birthdays:

Lisa Healy 3/27  
 Tommy Watkins-4/4  
 Angie Watkins-4/8  
 Jon Nesbitt-4/1  
 Dan Hayes-4/3  
 Anita Durham-4/10

### Anniversaries:

Darrell and Donna Smith 3/28  
 Dan and Linda-4/11



### Prayer Requests:

Jewell, Nicole, and Sandra  
 Mitch's father was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease

Keith's brother, Steve's, church.  
 They have a lot of turmoil going on there.

Big Un who is ill and Rhonda's grandbabies

Lisa-The Campbell family in WV  
 Gordon-He goes to the spine dr. the 27<sup>th</sup>

Briar's mother, Stephany

Herbie with his lung problem

LouAnn with Breast cancer

Gary Cox was in the ATV accident

Our Team going to the Harley Drags

The family of Forrest Kelly, he has went to be with the Lord.

All our local, state and national CMA leaders in the 2009-riding season.

### Ministry Opportunities:

March 22 11:00 a.m. RFS Presentation to Saloma Baptist Church

March 26 6:30 p.m. Prayer/Commissioning Service at Elkhorn Baptist Church

March 27-29 Harley Drags Ministry in Bowling Green, KY.

April 3-4 Seasons of Refreshing at Franklin Crossroads Church in Cecelia, KY.

April 5 RFS Presentation to South Greensburg Baptist Church in morning services.

April 18 1:00 p.m. Benefit Ride sponsored by South Greensburg Baptist Church.

April 25 9:00 a.m. Central Bike/Car Show by Vette City Disciples

May 2, 7:30 a.m. RFS Presentation to Men's Breakfast Group at Campbellville Baptist Church

**May 2 Run For the Son.**

May 16 Relay For Life Benefit Run at Cox Interior, Inc.

May 22-25 Chapter Retreat in Smoky Mountains.

May 30-31 Peacemaker Rally in Waco, KY.

May 31 Blessing of the Bikes service at Campbellville Baptist Church.

June 26-28 Harley Drags Ministry in Bowling Green, KY.

July 21-25 National East CMA Rally in Lewisburg, WV.

August 1 Wings of Pink Benefit Run for cancer research.

Sept 11-13 KY CMA State Rally at Camp Loucon in Lietchfield, KY.

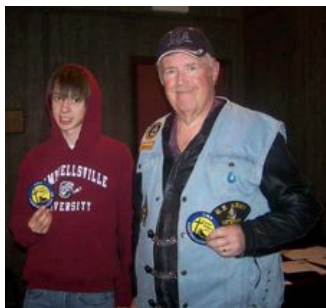
Sept 25-27 Harley Drags Ministry in Bowling Green, KY.

Oct 21-25 Changing of the Colors in Hatfield, AR.

November 5-8 Carving the Ouchitas Rally in Hatfield. AR.

### March Mileage Award:

Our winner of the mileage award this month was Linda Hayes. The first time we have had one of our lady riders to win the award. Congrats to Linda . Guys you better watch out.



**Micah Watkins and Harry Mack- Our newest members.**

### From The Handbook:

#### Run For The Son

The Bible instructs Christians to go into the world and preach the Gospel. Since 1988, RFS has made a significant contribution to world evangelism, touching literally millions of lives. This is CMA's only fundraiser. 100 % of all funds raised go to the various ministries supported by CMA.

60% of the funds is given to three world-reaching ministries:

- 20% Missionary Ventures**
- 20% Open Doors**
- 20% Jesus Film Project**

40% of the funds is used to minister to bikers in the United States and all over the world.

Through your efforts in RFS:

- Over 2,200 motorcycles have been given to native pastors (Missionary Ventures).
- Over 1,024,300 Bibles have been smuggled into closed countries and placed in the hands of those looking for answers (Open Doors).
- Over 236 countries have seen the Jesus Film (Jesus Film Project).
- Through these three ministries, over 5.8 million people have come to Christ.

For more information on Run for the Son, we encourage you to contact your State Coordinator and/or purchase a Run for the Son promotional DVD.