



Vision Riders



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Local Chapter News

With the weather getting nicer every day, I hope you have your bike prepared for all the rides that are scheduled this season. It looks like it will be a busy one. Bike nights at sponsoring restaurants is just beginning to firm up with the Subway on Campbellville's Broadway announcing they will continue as they did last season. It's still up in the air for the Lebanon area with the Sonic restaurant appearing to be closed but it is possible for a different restaurant to take its place—stay tuned. Keep in mind that bike nights are sponsored by the restaurant and is for all bikers, not just us. This provides opportunities for witnessing to other bikers.



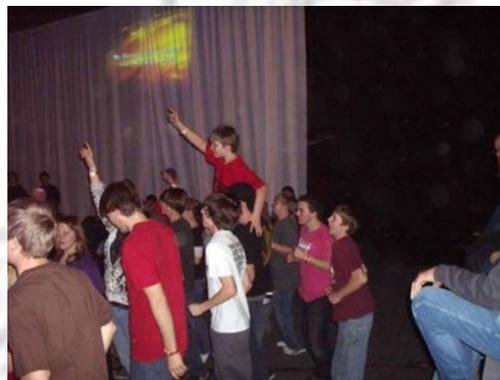
A portion of the funds raised from the Polar Bear Run are presented to Ms Moyers of the Taylor County food bank.

Motions passed at our recent meeting: Lonnie will be working on a FastLane route for our Run for the Son (RFS) event, our medically trained members will be making up a list of items needed for a trauma first aid kit for our rides, our chapter will sponsor a church service at the lake park campground, chapter members will be assisting in Lonnie's "Draggin the Alpine" event and, the chapter will purchase the chicken for our Passover meal. Three members received their chapter patch, Hershel and Harley Fisher and Danny Wilson.

The Seasons of Refreshing was just that, refreshing. Evangelist Rick Steffy and his wife Eileen did a great job on pumping us up about evangelism and nurturing relationships to bring others to Christ, whether it is to plant a seed to sprout years later or see the results of the Holy Spirit's work come to fruition in front of us.

RFS will sneak up on us and our busy schedules before we know it. Please keep CMA's main fund raising event in the forefront of your mind. In the past 22 years, CMA has raised \$34 million to spread the gospel. May 1st is the big day, rain or shine. The CMA Web site has a nice poster you can download and other links with more information about RFS. You can also read more details from this month's portion of the C.M.A. Handbook that is featured elsewhere in this issue.

Youth Movement



It's hard to believe another month has passed by already as our editor reminds us. Thanks HM for keeping this bunch inline.

Since last month Harley & Hershel Fisher have received their gold stickers and their Vision Riders patch was presented to them by our president. Also, we had our Seasons of Refreshing last weekend. I myself was asked to help with the CMA kids this year. If you remember from my report last month when I was talking about getting the Kids Video and watching it, just to learn more about the CMA kids. I was then asked to help with them a few weeks later. Now, that's how our mighty God works. Working with them was pretty cool; the little ones are pretty sharp. At the same time, our youth were doing their own thing with the State YM leaders. I got an e-mail from them after the meeting saying how nice the boys were: "We were touched very much by the sharing they did in our quiet time. It is very evident that you and other mentors in your chapter are doing a super job at being there for the boys." So, when you see any of the youth, give them a pat on the back.

Until next time, thanks for all the support I get from everyone in the chapter. There is no way I could do it without your support. We have several things planned in the upcoming months. Again Thanks.

Tommy Watkins,
Youth Leader



Our ladies at a recent retreat.

From the C.M.A. 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.

† 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.

From Our President



At Seasons of Refreshing this year the Saturday session focused on evangelism. How we as individuals should always be working toward the goal of leading others to Christ. We saw videos of examples of the right way and wrong way to use the CMA materials. We also heard of several examples of the evangelism experiences of others.

I didn't have much information about the details of this year's Season before we got there, but what struck me was that it was focused on evangelism. Last month at our Officer's training session they spoke about how a growing chapter would be strong in fellowship, prayer, discipleship and evangelism. After reviewing our strengths and weaknesses as a chapter, I felt we could use a greater growth in evangelism. I got to thinking about how big a "coincidence" that was.

Then I began to think back over the last few months about things that have happened. One of the first to come to mind was

our decision to ask Delores to take over the job of sending flowers, cards and etc to those who need to know that we care. I admit that is not something that I was very well qualified for. As it turns out, she asked me how I had been feeling, and the next thing I know, I had become her first customer, so to speak. She sent me a very nice card. At our next study session we were talking and I found out that she had belonged to a card making group some time ago. Delores told me that when she was in the group, she wondered how she could use it in ministry. Now she does. Just a "coincidence" I guess.

At a recent gathering at Salem Baptist Church to watch the Super Bowl, our Youth leader Tommy Watkins had the opportunity to speak with some young children. These were kids the church had kind of taken under their wing and were reaching out to them and to their families. Tommy as well as the rest of us there realized we hadn't given much thought to the younger kids ministry. The following week Tommy signed up to help start and get familiar with the CMA Kids ministry. At Seasons Tommy was called upon to help out with Scott from the Northern KY Circuit Riders. He is starting a CMA Kids program and Tommy was there to help him out during seasons. Again, another "coincidence"?

During the Christmas break, Tommy Cundiff attended a mission trip with a group of college students to Nicaragua. He felt led spiritually to go on the trip but even a day or two before he had to leave, he was still wondering if this was the thing to do. After seeing the poverty and the conditions of the children and people living in the area, Tommy came back and just can't stop telling people about his experiences and what we can do to minister to those less fortunate. He made a comment one study session night about how he didn't see much evidence of the efforts of his employer in the area. This month Tommy was called upon to serve on a committee his employer has that will be responsible for determining what areas of benevolence they contribute to. We are talking about one of the largest companies in the world and the only person on this committee from Kentucky is Tommy. What a strange "coincidence"!

I guess I am just hard headed, but it always amazes me how things work out. How we can start with something and God will take it and turn it into something we never expected.

The main point though is that we have to step out. We have to get out and try. There are so many blessings that are missed because God's people aren't open to all the ways, gifts and opportunities we have to show others the love of Christ. I am so glad that so many of our members are willing to go that extra step.

Richard Durham
2010 Chapter President



New member Danny Wilson

Upcoming Events

Please review and make your plans in advance to avoid last minute inconveniences and expenses. Mark your calendar!

Monday Evenings: Beginning in April, bike night @ the Dairy Freeze in Lebanon.

Tuesday Evenings: Beginning in April, bike night @ the Subway on Broadway in Campbellsville.

Tuesdays @ 6 pm ET: Bible study at the Hayes' home. The meal begins at 6 and the study starts at 7. The last study for the season will be on 30 March.

Saturday, 20 March: Bridge to Faith dance for St. Judes.

Sunday, 21 March: Church visitation, Glen's Fork – meet @ Carol's @ 11:15 Eastern

Thursday, 25 March: Commissioning service @ Elkhorn Baptist Church for the Harley Drags.

Friday, 26 to 28 March: Harley Drags @ Bowling Green, KY.

Saturday, 3 April: Chapter Passover service @ Saloma Baptist Church @ 6 pm Eastern.

Sunday, 18 April: Biker Sunday @ Glad Tidings Christian Center in Brandenburg, KY. Registration from 9 to 10:30 am & service begins @ 10:45 – bike show and ride follows - for more info, call Gary Chapman: 270-668-2646 or Cy Moorman: 270-547-1798

Sunday, 25 April: Chapter visitation at Saloma Baptist Church for RFS presentation @ morning service.

Saturday, 1 May: Run for the Son. Registration begins at 11:30 am Eastern @ Green River Plaza in Campbellsville. Kickstands up around 1 pm.

Sunday, 2 May: Visitation day at Herbie's church.

Saturday, 15 May: 2nd Chance outreach charity ride. Registration begins @ 10 am Central @ the old Walmart parking lot in Columbia, kickstands up @ noon Central.

Sunday, 23 May: Blessing of the bikes @ Campbellsville Baptist Church

May 28 – 31: Chapter retreat – make reservations ASAP

June 15 – 19: CMA National Rally @ Hatfield, AR.*

Saturday, 19 June: Katelynn Stinnett ride.

Saturday, 26 June: Ladies retreat

Saturday, 31 July: Wings of Pink ride.

Labor Day Weekend: Bike games/Christian Biker Weekend.

September: State rally.

* Keith and Jamie will be leading a ride to the National Rally along a scenic route, leaving a few days early. Contact Keith or Jamie for details.

From Our Chaplain



The Little Tree

Its amazing how well our family and friends can inspire us without even knowing they do so. I was out on my deck drinking a cup of coffee and admiring the scenery when I noticed the little

pine tree in our yard. Upon looking at it, you would only think of it as another pine tree. Its little and kind of scrawny, provides no shade or home, its just there. But you know what, that is a very special little tree to my wife. It was given to her by our granddaughter Hannah, so we planted it in our yard. It looked really good and was growing until.... yep that's right, a couple of puppies used it for their chew toy. They tore off all everything green, chewed up the bark and broke off some of the limbs. It resembled a dead stick stuck straight in the ground and nothing more. My wife was terribly upset and wanted dog stew for supper but we overcame that stressful thought and just looked sadly upon that poor little tree. It remained bare for the rest of the year and my wife asked me to cut it down. I thought of just replacing it and maybe fooling Hannah that it was the same tree, but then that wouldn't be right, so we (or rather I, lazily) just left it reminding us that it was dead. Yet it was still kind of special because it was given to my wife from Hannah with love. Several months later I noticed something peculiar about that dead stick, it had began to grow and show signs of life, turning green and sprouting new limbs. It WAS ALIVE! In Luke 13:6-9, Jesus tells us a parable about another tree, a fig tree. A man had planted a fig tree in his vineyard, and he constantly went and checked on that tree for fruit but found none. The owner then went to his dresser and told him that he had checked on that tree for three years but it bore no fruit; we need to cut it down and do away with it, for it is useless. The faithful dresser told the owner to wait and let him tend to it, digging around it and fertilizing it and if it bore fruit, great but if not, then cut it down. The parable never states whether the fig tree survived or not, but I like to think that it did. As people, we could all be the trees in God's vineyard. If we allow Jesus Christ to enter into our lives, he will fertilize us and help us to prosper and in return for his grace and mercy we will, hopefully, bear fruit and be a blessing to others, for without Him our lives will wither and die, bearing no fruit and being no good to others. When we are blessed by the Holy Spirit, not only will we grow, but we are willing to share Jesus with everyone even if it is just a little bit of shade from evil and torment. I would like to become a good gardener or dresser and who would be a better teacher than Jesus Christ, the ultimate Gardener. I can just see Jesus taking care of that poor little pine tree, nurturing it and caring for it, watering it with the rains from Heaven, and smiling as it begins to grow and return to life. Jesus can do this for us no matter what our lives are like. Why you may ask? *Because we are special to Him and He loves us unconditionally!*

May God be a blessing unto all of you. You are all in our prayers, your Chaplain, Mitch



New member Harley Fisher

Observations From Our Road Captain



Safe Riding

With the "riding season" approaching us very quickly, we may need to look at how we ride and do we ride safe. It don't matter if you have been riding one day or for fifty years. Any of us can go down at any time for many reasons. I don't want to scare anyone or keep anyone from enjoying a ride on his or her motorcycle. I want you to think about some things. Ask yourself some questions. Do I ride safe? Do I have any bad riding habits? Am I considerate of others? Am I aware of the surroundings? Ok, ask yourself again and be honest. You may be surprised.

As Road Captain I have looked at myself and I do have some bad riding habits. I like to ride the yellow line. I have been trying to break that riding habit by moving over a few feet. I sometimes ride to close to the car in front of me. I tend to ride fast but if I am leading a group I need to slow down a little and keep an eye in my mirror. We may ride one way when we are alone but when we are with a group we must ride a little different. A little safer. Not just because of yourself, but because of others.

When riding in a group, respect the bike in front of you. Don't put your front wheel on their back wheel. Don't speed up then back off, speed up, back off. I have been on poker runs when people have done this to me. Not only does it make you mad but also if they back off too far it leaves "holes" in the group for cars to drive into. Listen to the bike in front of you. You can hear when they speed up or slow down. Ride in a staggered pattern. Ride in "your" lane. Some times you may have to move out of "your" lane because of road conditions. Then you fall back into "your" lane. Thus riding staggered. It gives you room to move if you have to. At slow speeds you may chose to ride side by side. Two bikes a breast is illegal in some states. On the open road there are only a few people that I will ride side by side with.

Respect the bike behind you. Use your turn signals and make sure you turn them off. Warn the bike behind you of road conditions like a pot hole, a dead animal, freshly mowed grass or any other hazards in the road.

If you are new to riding or you are unsure about the handling of your bike, ride in the back of the group. Don't try to road guard or jump in the middle of the group. This will only cause a safety issue. If you go down you will take others with you. Be smart and don't lie to yourself about your riding abilities. Trust me, other riders will notice.

As Road Captain it is my responsibility to make sure we are safe. If you do something unsafe I must tell you. It is not to be mean to you or to try to embarrass anyone. It is to keep you and the group safe. I don't want any of us to become a statistic.

I care about all my brothers and sisters in the Vision Riders. So please be safe, smart and be respectful of your fellow bikers. God bless you all.

Jon, Vision Riders Road Captain

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