



Vision Riders



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Local Chapter Happenings

The recent Seasons of Refreshing offered what was called Special Ops. The training was designed to help us spread the gospel to some of those we have neglected in the past, such as trail riders, 4 wheelers, speed bikers and anyone else that doesn't fit in with what many of us think of when it comes to motorcyclists. It was an interesting time for those of us that attended and I think we all learned something we didn't know before we came. Now, let's put that training to use.

At the time of this writing, it is still a little cool for riding but I think we are all looking forward to the upcoming bike nights beginning in April. Our study sessions will end with the last Tuesday night in March. If you never have been to one, try to make at least one before they end. Contact any of the officers for details.

Make sure you keep tabs on our Web page. There is a new category on the biker board that has newsletters from other chapters to read. As I get them, I will post them there so everyone can keep up on what other chapters are doing. Now, if I can only get our KY chapters to send me their newsletters, it would help. Also, check the calendar often. There have been a lot of new events posted lately. You don't want to miss any of them, do you?

In order to keep you readers from getting bored, there is going to be a new feature in the newsletter. I hope to spotlight one of our members each month, so we can all get to know each other better. I will be asking for volunteers to answer some questions and possibly submit to a quick interview, so I can get enough information to write something about them. This will not invade anyone's privacy or publish anything they don't want said about them. So, if you would like to be the first, please send me an e-mail. Hopefully, everyone can read about you in the next newsletter. To start things off, your VP will try to set an example and give you somewhat of a bio under the VP column. For the rest of you that will follow, I'll post a picture along with your bio.

The Run for the Son is coming up on us fast. May 7th is the big day. Are you ready and do you have your packets? If not, see Valerie to get one. Don't forget to seek donations from your friends and those at your church that are not bikers. See if your Sunday School class will give you a few minutes to make a pitch for the Run. Even better would be something put before your whole congregation or in your church bulletin or newsletter.

Looking way ahead on Labor Day weekend will be the Biker Games and Show. A flyer is on the Web page calendar, so you can print one off and give to other bikers when you invite them to come.

Coming up next month is our chapter's Passover service. The date has been changed from when it was originally planned and is now on Friday, 22 April at 7 pm Eastern at the Saloma Baptist Church basement. If you haven't been to one yet, you will find it interesting and probably learn something at the same time. Since it is on Good Friday, some folks have the day off and that should help attendance. Conducting the ceremony will be one of our own, Messianic Rabbi, Vann Lantz.

On April 30 will be our five county prayer ride. Make your plans for that now. Also, I would like to encourage those of you that don't participate that much in chapter activities to give it some thought. On 13 March, we assisted the Southern Cruisers with a funeral escort for one of their members. Not only do we help out but we also build relationships with other bikers in the community. It also provides a time of fellowship among our chapter members.

Youth Movement/Fast Lane



Be patient and be prepared it is important!

Well once again this month our newsletter editor had to remind me more than once to get him this article. I do have to give him credit though, he will stay on you until you get it done. Thanks Harry for being patient with me.

Patience is something we all need to be or should I say be more patient? One of two things being Youth Leader has taught me is to be more patient. The other thing is to be prepared. I'm one of those people that doesn't like to be late for anything at all. Most of the time I'll leave 30 minutes earlier than I need to so I'm not late. Sometimes it can't be helped and you will end up being late no matter how hard you have tried to be on time. When you're working with the youth you try to set an example of how important it is to be on time. That's where being patient and having things prepared early is very important and don't wait till the last minute to prepare or leave. If you do then you will find yourself driving too fast to get somewhere only to find out once you get there you have forgotten half of the stuff you should've brought with you. Then most of the time you have to go back and start over. Why? Because you weren't patient enough to be prepared and waited to late to leave.

I have a few questions for you. How patient are you? How prepared are you? How patient is God? Two last questions: Aren't you glad God is patient and that He is prepared for you? Amen.

"God Bless You"

Youth Movement Leader, Tommy Watkins

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From Our President



“One More Thing”

(Actually Two More Things)

The theme at our recent Seasons of Refreshing was “Special Ops.” The focus of Saturday’s session was to open up the minds of the chapters to other areas of ministry besides just the cruisers.

In addition to bringing up certain points about dealing with three piece clubs, National leadership also emphasized the importance of reaching out to other segments of the biking community. Groups like the sport bike riders, the Motocross riders, the dual sport and trials riders and the ATV/UTV groups. They wanted the chapters to realize what a large field of “bikers” there are in these groups and the ministry that is available to them. There was also a focus on the role of the ladies in our ministry and the importance of ministering to other ladies in the biking community.

Last year I had two goals I wanted our chapter to get more involved in. One was to develop and be active in the off-road community and the other was to start a ladies ministry. Thanks to you guys and God’s answer to prayer, we made a great start in both areas. We participated in and hosted several off road events last year. We also got a great start with our ladies ministry. The ladies began a new laundry ministry, hosted a ladies retreat, cookie swap events and started a prison correspondence ministry. Soon they will be adding a “Spring Fling” to their other events.

As I sat through the presentations on that Saturday, I thought how great it was that this chapter was already involved in and developing ministries in all the areas they emphasized. In my last newsletter article, I wrote about “knocking down the weeds” in regards to being proactive, so others may follow. I thank God that you guys are willing to step up and be there when a ministry need is available.

Last year I really didn’t bring to the chapter my two goals of developing the off road ministry or the ladies ministry. I just tried to encourage and guide those I felt would be good at being either a leader or participate to be active. Perhaps that was my way to keep from looking like a dummy if it fell flat and failed.

This year I am going to be up front about two more goals I would like to achieve as a chapter. The first is to develop and nurture a prison/jail ministry. I think we have the people and opportunity to make a real difference in those incarcerated in our area. I have spoken to our new jailer and he is totally supportive of our efforts. The second is to develop a children’s ministry. Most chapters seem to be made up of members whose children are grown and gone. Our chapter’s average age is probably less than most and we have several opportunities to develop a ministry to

those under the age of 12 within our own chapter. We also have several grandchildren in the chapter that a ministry can be provided to.

Please be in prayer and also please consider being a part of, or leading one of these two ministry opportunities. We have the people and we have the experience within our chapter. We just ask that God would lead someone to be a part of these outreach ministries.

Richard Durham
2010 Chapter President



Tim Cooper gets the mileage award for February from Assistant Road Captain, Keith Morris.
Photo by Lisa

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VP Thoughts



This is to be an example of what we are looking for to tell the chapter about you. This month, it's me. Next month, we hope to see one of our other members.

I started riding a bike shortly after I got out of the Army in 1968. It happened when I tried out a relative's bike and when I got to a sharp curve, I panicked and squeezed the front brake hard. That was the first time I went down and it was end over end for me. I must have liked it because after I paid to have the bike fixed, I bought it and a 150 cc Suzuki was my first ride. A short time after that, I wanted something bigger, so I bought a 650 cc Triumph with the pipes on the one side.

I had the Triumph when I met Delores and over 41 years ago, we went on our honeymoon on that bike. The trip was from Western PA to Canada and back down around through New England to get home. The trip was over 2000 miles. The Triumph didn't last that long because we traded it and one of our cars as a down payment on a mobile home in 1970. After that, I bought a used small bike to scratch the itch to ride something that we could afford with two children to raise.

My first job after the Army was in a factory where I wired and assembled electronic laboratory equipment. I worked there for 13 years before I took a job with the government. That's when the little bike went because we left Western PA after selling our mobile home to live in the D.C. area. Down there, if you live in a 3rd floor apartment, there is no place to store a bike, so it was the beginning of a long dry stretch of being without a bike. I couldn't have afforded it anyhow. I took a pay cut to get the job with the Agency (if you don't know which agency, ask me). It was worth it and it paid off in the end. Very few people have had a job as interesting as I did, with all the travel and the interesting people I worked with and for. Some of them were high level and I give all the credit to the Lord for those experiences. He took me from a blue collar boring job and sent me places I never expected to see or even knew were there. On top of that, there was job security. The factory where I started my first job closed, so the Lord's plan for me was for things I would have never thought of myself. There is a lot more but you will have to talk to me directly because I can't put it in writing or there isn't enough room in this newsletter.

After 26 years of government service and living in the D.C. area, Southern Florida and overseas, I was able to retire. We had a condo in the D.C. area and put our trust in the Lord to get it sold when we moved here to Campbellsville. It took several months to sell, but after that everything came together and I was able to get our current bike. It had been many years since I rode (26) and I noticed it wasn't the same as when I was younger. Since I was more mature, I decided to add the sidecar to make things more comfortable and safer for both of us.

Hobbies? I have a few. Ham radio is the oldest one. I have been licensed since 1973. I have a 2-way radio in my truck and on

my bike. It's the only bike in the chapter with one. I'll be glad to show it to you and give a demonstration; just ask. There are two other Hams in our chapter. Do you know who they are? Another hobby is computers. I am more of a hardware person. I have built several computers throughout the years. I built my first one around 1983 that used a cassette tape deck instead of a hard drive. I am also a writer, although it began as a hobby, I wrote professionally for many years doing a monthly technical column for a Northern Virginia newspaper. I have since retired from that. This newsletter keeps me busy enough.

Now that you have read about me, I hope to have something about another member for next month. You don't have to write it. I'll give you some questions to answer to make it easy and help you along.

Harry

Upcoming Events

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

Tuesday Evenings in March: Study Sessions @ the Hayes' residence. Fellowship meal @ 6 and study session begins @ 7 Eastern time.

March 25, 26, 27: Spring Harley Drags.

Tuesday Evenings beginning in April: Bike night @ Subway in Campbellsville on Broadway @ 6 pm Eastern.

Thursday Evenings beginning in April: Bike night @ Subway in Greensburg @ 6 pm Central

Sun., April 3: RFS presentation at Saloma Baptist Church

Sat., April 16: Ladies "Spring Fling."

Sun., May 1: RFS presentation at Pleasant Ridge Baptist

Sat., May 7: Run for the Son!

June 21 to 25: CMA Eastern National Rally. See Web site for details and registration form. Make your reservations now!

Sep. 3: Biker Games @ Veterans Park in Campbellsville.

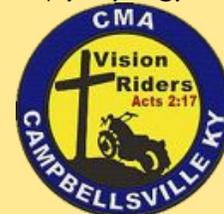
Sep. 9 to 11: CMA KY State Rally @ Camp Nikao in E-town.

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Our Chaplain's Guidance



Is A Little Enough?

Last week, I was informed by my wife that it was time to get a haircut. Well, if you know me, my hair is sort of long, okay maybe a little longer than sort of, I'd say it's long. Well anyway, as the day came when it was nearly time to go and I was being a big baby about it because I wasn't ready for it to be cut. I think a trip to the barber is second to the dentist. When it was completed, I was happy with it because only about 1/2 inch was removed and you couldn't tell but yet it was still a haircut.

There are people out there who say they are Christians but that is as far as it goes. It's like a name tag one wears to identify themselves to others. In our world (the biker's world), we need more than just a name tag, we need to be more than just a little bit of a Christian. In a letter to Timothy, Paul relates to him how a Christian must act or do. In 1 Timothy 5:12-15 (KJV), it states "Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity. Till I come, give attendance to reading, exhortation, to doctrine. neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery. Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all."

So according to this, we need to go beyond more than just a little bit. We need to be constantly looking out for others and using the talents that we all have (and yes, we all have talent, whether it be singing or just praying), because in our world we are constantly being observed. By conducting our lives in a Christian manner it will affect those around us. It does require a lot of effort but the reward is great. 1 Timothy 5:16 (KJV) says "Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee." 1 Peter 5:4 (KJV) also states: "And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not." Our job to rescue the lost requires a lot more than just a little bit, but saving someone's life is rewarding.

By the way, my wife wasn't too pleased with my haircut so I'll probably be going back for a redo.

With the love of Christ, your Chaplain, Mitch

Birthdays and Anniversaries

March

Michael Lantz	3/1
Michah Watkins	3/3
David Harper	3/6
Donna Smith	3/20
Lisa Healy	3/27
Tommy & Chris Cundiff	3/25/06
Darrell & Donna Smith	3/28/80

Next Month

Jon Nesbitt	4/1
Time & Jodie Cooper	4/3/82
Dan Hayes	4/3
Tommy Watkins	4/4
Angie Watkins	4/8
Anita Durham	4/10
Dan & Linda Hayes	4/11
Karen Goff	4/13
J.T. & Virginia Napier	4/17/93
Bobby Barker	4/23

**CMA Handbook Spotlight
Chapter Purpose**

Chapters have a three-fold purpose:

- † Encourage members to be active in testimony and Christian witnessing to all motorcyclists.
- † Provide an evangelistic association for motorcycling.
- † Provide a Christian fellowship-riding group.

Every chapter member should be involved in one or more of these four areas:

- † Praying: sincerely seeking/lifting up (Matt. 18:19; 21:22; Acts 1:14; 1 Tim. 2:8)
- † Encouraging: visiting and serving (1 Thes. 5:11-17; Hebrews 3:13)
- † Discipling: mentoring and growing people (Matt. 28:19; 2 Tim 2:2)
- † Evangelizing: going out (Matt. 28:19)



2010 Mileage Award

Jon Nesbitt rode over 14 K miles in 2010 and receives the award plaque from Assistant Road Captain, Keith Morris

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