



# Vision Riders



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## Local Chapter News

The riders you see in the picture below will probably tell you that this particular ride was one of the best they have been on. It was a long one because we had to go to Brandenburg to start it, but it was worth it. Because of the day and time, many of our members could not participate but we still had a good turn out. I'm sure some of our officers will have further comments.

For a little bit of local news, the CKNJ reports that Danson Trikes is going to locate a facility here in Campbellville. Who wants a locally made trike? Check them out on the Web at [dansontrikes.com](http://dansontrikes.com).



This is the crew that went on the most fulfilling ride of the season. Details and a picture of our reason for the ride elsewhere in this issue

## Youth Movement/Fast Lane



Well here lately the youth have been more into the Fastlane ministry. As I reported last month about the motocross track, we again returned the next week only to be welcomed again with open arms. They knew we were coming and reserved us a spot to set up. In my opinion it couldn't have been more *gooder* a spot.

The prior week was dirt bikes, the next week was ATV's. The riders age ranged from 6 yrs old to adults and might I say in that age spread was a lot of talent. These guys and gals were very impressive in how they handled their quads. This was a 2 day event any we did sat up for both days. On the first day we were, I guess, the new guys, so things were slow at first. As the day went

on, things changed. When we went to the Sunday morning church service, that's when things opened up. We blessed several quads and had quality time with the riders. One in particular was a young man named Cody Shelton and his father Mitchell from Tenn. I knew there was something special about him when he almost bumped me out of his way when he pulled up to the church service in his golf cart, then he said "excuse me sir." After that, is when his father and I had several long talks about Cody's condition. "Condition," I asked? "What's wrong with him? Looks normal to me except he had broke his leg in a ATV wreck." As I then found out, this kid had cerebral palsy from his waist down and could barely walk. But he could race an ATV with the best. I could go on for a while about that weekend but I won't. It's just amazing to see how God works through a young man with a condition like CP and that young man uses his disability to show others his ability when you have faith in our Savior Jesus Christ. By the way his nickname is *The Determinator*.

More Fast Lane stuff coming next month as we continue in this ministry.

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## Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries

- Justin Smith: 5/1
- Herbie & Karen Goff: 5/13
- Jon & Tina Nesbitt: 5/16
- J.T. & Virginia Napier: 5/17

## Coming Up In June:

- Rhonda Brown: 6/18
- Harry & Delores Mack: 6/21/1969
- Joe & Dana Jolly: 6/22/1984

**From the CMA Handbook:  
CMA Vest Guidelines**

When putting the CMA back patch on a vest, we ask that you do not have any territorial rockers (city, state, chapter, etc.) for safety. When someone looks at the back of a member's vest, it should be easily distinguishable that the person is a CMA member. Below is an example of the preferred style for the back of a CMA vest. We ask that you commit to one back patch while serving as a member of CMA. Please note that the following rockers are acceptable: name, CMA nationally appointed position, Ministry Team, and Ministry Team year.



Patches or pins that take you out of a neutral ministering position may not be worn on a vest with the CMA back patch or logo. When displaying an American flag on your vest, place it on the left side of the vest with the star field closest to your heart, with no other patches or pins above it.

Anyone who practices by word or deed anything that would discredit the testimony of Jesus Christ or the ministry of CMA will be asked and expected to remove his or her CMA back patch. If a member is asked to remove or return their back patch, no reimbursement should be expected, nor given by CMA or its affiliates.

**From Our President**



**Breaking New Ground**

With the riding season barely under way I got to reflecting on our past events as well as the upcoming schedule.

We have started the usual type of activities that our chapter, as well as many other chapters, are involved in. The weekly ride of some sort that we attend in order to be there to minister to the biking community, the bike nights that are in our area are also another typical way to be a presence also. Of course we have our chapter meetings and the usual stuff that is common.

What I found interesting was the new areas and experiences we have had just this riding season so far.

Since the season began we have now have a returning engagement to the Ballance Moto X track in Bowling Green. Not only with just our youth but with the support and participation of our traditional members.

We have also had our first ever Passover Service. Everyone who attended and was a part of it was touched and gained so much insight into our spiritual heritage.

We continued to enter new areas as we held our first venture into sponsoring and planning an ATV ride in Monticello. Several of our crew rose to the challenge and headed what was a very successful day of riding the trails with other riders in the ATV community. It was a great step in involvement in the off road element of the Fast Lane program.

Another first was our ride for hospice patient Eric up in Brandenburg. We had a great turnout of you guys willing to take a day and help a fellow rider get out in the wind for one last time. Again it was a new area of ministry that I think has gone overlooked in the biking community.

Every one of you is a essential part of this chapter and it's ministry. You may not be able to be at every event. You may not have any experience at some of the things we try. But your support in prayer as well as support in other ways is very important to the success of anything that we do.

Thanks to each of you for all that you do. Don't hesitate to come up with new ideas and things we can do in our ministry.

Let's continue to "break new ground" and find new ways to reach out in this work we are called to do.

Richard Durham  
2010 Chapter President

**Editorial**

Some of us have been around a bit and others have spent their whole life right here in Taylor County. We have our differences, even if you are not aware of them. If you have worshiped with many different groups as I have, you might be aware of those differences. For those of you that may not know how differently Christians are within ourselves, I thought I would make you aware of a few.

Some of us worship quietly and with reverence; others worship with enthusiasm and joy. Some pray silently with head bowed, while others look toward Heaven and speak to the Lord with an audible voice. Musical instruments are used by many but some do not use them to praise the Lord in song. Worship leaders (preachers or pastors) must be seminary educated to be ordained by some churches, while others are not that demanding and have other requirements. Baptism is done by immersion to believers after they accept Christ, while others baptize their infants by sprinkling the water on them. I don't think we have any in this area, but the Greek Orthodox Church immerses their infants as part of an elaborate baptism ceremony.

These are just a few differences we have, but the reason I mention them here is not to argue whether one way or the other is the correct one. I just wanted to make you aware of a few and comment that, in our group, we don't let those differences divide us like they do with some groups. We respect those that may be a bit different but join them in the one thing that unites us all: Jesus Christ! The next time you pray or worship and notice that the person beside you is doing it a bit different, praise the Lord for bringing us all together.

Harry

## Upcoming Events

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

**Monday Evenings:** Bike night @ the Dairy Freeze in Lebanon. (This location might change, so check with someone before going.)

**Tuesday Evenings:** Bike night @ the Subway on Broadway in Campbellsville.

**Thursday Evenings:** Bike night @ the Greensburg Subway, 7 pm Eastern time.

**Saturday, 22 May:** Southern Cruisers ride for St. Jude – registration begins @ 10 am EDT in the Greensburg IGA lot.

**Saturday, 22 May:** 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 in Smokies.

**June 4 – 6:** KBA event in Edmenton.

**June 4 – 6:** Draggin' the Alpine in Burkesville, KY. Starts @ 8 am CDT and goes all day.

**June 5:** Crusade for Children night ride leaving from The Pines liquor store near Bradfordsville @ 7 pm EDT.

**June 6:** First fellowship ride of the season – meet at Carol's.

**Thursday, 10 June:** Regular chapter meeting @ bowling alley.

**June 10 – 12:** HOG event.

**June 12 – 13:** CMA chapter in Clarksville, IN benefit ride for Rock the Cradle Rally.

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

**Saturday, 19 June:** Drury Brothers ride in Lebanon, KY.

**Saturday, 19 June:** Nationwide Katelynn Stinnett ride.

**26 – 27 June:** Ladies retreat

**26 June:** Ride to Survive ride in Mt. Washington. Leaves Value Market @ noon.

**25, 26, & 27 June:** Summer Harley drags in Bowling Green.

**30 June – 4 July:** American Freedoms rally in Corbin, KY.

**1 – 4 July:** Some Gave All ride across KY.

**4 July:** Sunday service @ 9 am EDT @ Green River Lake dock – chapter will assist with service.

**16 & 17 July:** Little Sturgis activities.

**Saturday, 31 July:** Wings of Pink ride.

**Saturday, 7 August:** BTF poker run – details pending.

**Labor Day Weekend:** Bike games/Christian Biker Weekend.

**September 10, 11, 12:** CMA State rally.

**Saturday, 2 October:** Grim Reapers MC toy run.

**Saturday, 9 October:** BTF Toys for Kids poker run.

**Saturday, 23 October:** BTF toy run.

**Saturday, 6 November:** Southern Cruisers toys for kids ride.

\* 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



### Faith

A week or so ago I called President Richard at home to ask him a question regarding the Run for the Son Ride. It was the night before and I was debating on whether to clean the bike or wait. I asked Richard, was it *faith* that if I cleaned the bike that it would be sunny and dry the next day or was it by *faith* that if I did clean the bike it would definitely rain. Well it was an amusing question, one that I didn't really expect an answer, so I cleaned and polished the bike and hoped (lack of *faith*?) that it would be sunny, but it turned out to be really, really wet.

In the dictionary, *faith* is defined as an unquestionable belief specifically in God. Although it didn't say anything about the weather, *faith* in God means allowing yourself to be totally in God's hands and allowing Him to help you in your daily life. It is believing without a doubt the power that God has and that He is there for us. Jesus spoke to his disciples in Matthew 17:20, "If ye have faith as a grain of a mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you." Now it is my understanding that a mustard seed is very, very small and a grain of a mustard seed is even smaller but yet it contains enough *faith* to move a mountain. So if just putting a little bit of *faith* in God can do such a thing, then just imagine what placing all your undoubting *faith* in God can do.

Another good example of *faith* is found in Luke 7:36-50. This story tells us that Jesus went to a Pharisee's house for dinner, and a woman came with her alabaster jar of ointment (very expensive stuff), began to cry and wash Jesus' feet with her tears and hair then kissed his feet and anointed them with the ointment upon which Jesus told the woman that her sins were forgiven and that her *faith* had saved her and to go in peace. Now that was *faith*! In the verses it states that the woman was a sinner, so therefore she was seeking Jesus for help and humbled herself before Him. Secondly, by *faith*, it was a wonder that she had gotten into the house at all with the Pharisee knowing her reputation. And thirdly, she knew of and had heard of Jesus' compassion and kindness and that if anyone could help her, Jesus could. A total stranger did unto Christ what the dinner host did not.

So just a little bit of *faith* can resolve a lot of problems. So when you go to Jesus whether it be in prayer or just chatting with Him, give Him the *faith* He deserves and let Him take care of your problems or concerns, no matter what it is, health, financial, jobs or whatever, nothing is too great or too small because Jesus loves us as a Father and a Friend.

By the way, on the next ride we were on, most of the people brought rain gear and it was sunny and hot—go figure; God does have a sense of humor.

Your Brother in Christ, Mitch Collings, Chaplain

**Observations From Our Road Captain**



**On The Road**

Recently Tina and I rode to Crossville, TN for her daughters graduation from TTU (Tennessee Tech) in Cookville, TN. I asked Richard to e-mail the Crossville CMA chapter and let them know that I was going to be in town. I was hoping to ride and fellowship with some fellow CMAer's but we didn't get a chance to hook up.

I started to think about the love and support that we have within our chapter. We seem to have the ability to be "here when you need us." Not just for our fellow CMA'ers but to everyone we can minister to. We showed that when 10 of our bikes rode up to Brandenburg, KY to meet a total stranger with terminal cancer and take him for a ride. If you missed that ride you missed a real blessing.

I'm not bragging on the Vision Riders, (well maybe a little,) but giving credit to the chapter. There is a lot of love here and it shows.

We had to cancel our Run For the Son ride. I know a lot of you would have rode in the rain but didn't really want to. I don't like riding in the rain even though some of you think I do. LOL. It wasn't canceled just because of the rain, it was a safety issue. We did not know what was being washed into the road. It is harder to see. Leaning into a curve and braking all changes on a wet road. If one bike goes down it could take other bikes down with it.

It is always better to be safe than sorry. I feel that we made the right choice.

Remember, May is Motorcycle Safety Month. Keep the shiny side up.

God Bless you all.  
Jon Nesbitt



Eric enjoyed his ride and we were glad to make it possible.

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This was the destination of Eric's ride.



This is what it looks like from riding in a sidecar.