



Vision Riders Newsletter

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What's Happening?

While last month was a busy one, this one seems to be going slower, especially when it comes to items for the newsletter. We have had some activity on "Bike Night." After trying out the grill on the CU campus, we have switched to the old standby, Subway on Broadway. We meet at 6 Eastern on Tuesdays and get chips and a free drink with our sub, if we ride our bike there.

There are lots of pictures in this issue, so if you missed one of the rides, you can get a glimpse of what went on and who was there. Our official ride on 30 May was sparsely attended, so may missed a good one. We went out of state to see the Sgt. York home and mill in Tennessee. It was one nice sunny day, as you will see in some of the photos.

Mileage award

Randall (Bear) Shofner got the award for the month of April. He probably racked up a few more miles with his trip to the DC area. Ask him about his ride in Rolling Thunder.

Chaplin's Corner

Jesus Has A Need

In Matthew 21:3 and Mark 11:3 the Word tells us about Jesus needing the donkey to ride into Jerusalem. The donkey he chose was one that had never been ridden by a man before.

Most of us know that you just can not sit on an animal that has never been ridden before, but this animal was immediately tamed by Jesus. This example shown to us here lets us know that Jesus can tame any turmoil that may come upon you just as completely and quickly. Our Lord has a job for all of us to do, so He will not leave you alone; He will be with you all the way.

All we need to do is pray for the jobs, whatever they may be and be willing to go in Jesus' name. Jesus needs you to spread His Word and His love.

Your Chaplin, Gordon Judd



No, this is not a Harley gearbox. It is part of a mill we saw on our Sgt. York ride.

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It looks like our President is in a lot of trouble here. Maybe he will explain it to us. (Photo by Theresa)



Who is this?



Can you name this person? Does this kid look like he will grow up to be a biker? We will see at the meeting how many people guessed right.



That is a lot of bikes! Mitch must have put wings on his bike to get this view.



Here are a few that made the E-town ride.
(Photo by Theresa)



Here we are just inside of the home of Sgt. York, listening to the ranger explaining the history to us. (Photo by Tommy Watkins)

The other big ride of the month was the one in Elizabethtown. Some of our members went on that one and said that the attendance was quite large, as it always is.



This is right at the KY-TN border, gassing up and putting on helmets to comply with TN law (Photo by Ron Mardis)



Top 10 F.A.Q.

As most of you know, your editor has a new ride. It is a lot of fun but I have discovered that there is a lot of interest in it, not from just bikers, but from the general public. If you are a narcissist, get one and you will be happy. After a while, all the attention starts getting old. Driving down the street or at a red light, I get the thumbs up and the cool comments from other drivers. People whip out their cell phones and take pictures hanging out their windows. If I park at a store, it is like a magnet. People are drawn to it and start asking questions. Most of the questions are the same ones over and over again, which, now-a-days, is called: F.A.Q. (frequently asked questions). I made up a sheet with the top 10 questions and printed a bunch out, so I don't have to keep repeating the same answers; I just hand them a copy. Here they are for your amusement:

1. "What is that thar thang"? It is a Polaris Slingshot. It is legally a motorcycle and requires a motorcycle license to drive/ride it. All laws that apply to motorcycles apply to this vehicle.

2. How fast will it go? I have been told 130 mph but don't intend to find out.

3. How much does it cost? The list price for the base model starts at \$1999.00. What I paid for this one is none of your business.

4. Where do they sell them? At most Polaris dealers. There is one in Bardstown and Lexington. Polaris also makes snowmobiles, 4 wheel off-road vehicles, Victory and Indian motorcycles.

5. How does it ride? It is comfortable and the ride is good but not like a luxury car. It can hold corners very well.

6. Does it steer with the front or back wheel(s)? It steers with the front wheels just like a car with rack and pinion steering and an anti-sway bar.

7. Is it OK to take pictures? Sure, take as many as you want. Many don't ask and have taken pics from other cars in traffic.

8. How is it powered? It has a 2.4 liter GM Ecotech® engine, under the hood, that is fuel injected, connected to a 5 speed manual

transmission. This is connected to a transfer box, then to the belt drive which powers the rear wheel.

9. Is it fun to drive? Yes! It has traction control and, with it on, I can make the rear tire squeal in the first 3 gears. I have read many comments from other owners and I am not alone.

10. Where can I find out more about it? Do a Web search on *Polaris Slingshot*. You will find plenty of pics, forums, videos and all you want to know.

Some comments heard:

I want one!

From an older man walking down the sidewalk as I drove by: "Now, I have seen everything!" Cool, man!

Models

Grey: base model

Red: the SL model, one step up from base

Orange: the LE model - top of the line

Finally: At red lights, some of the younger crowd with souped-up cars and trucks want to race. I act like it and rev the engine but let them go roaring off down the street as I travel at normal speed. I am too old for those type of activities and hope they feel better by "winning."



Does it make us look any younger?