



Vision Riders



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Local Chapter Happenings

Our November meeting was quite busy and took longer than usual. The main business was our elections. Yours truly got elected as Vice President. Those that know me, know that I am not a "people person." I am not ignoring anyone, I just am not the type to mix it up in a crowd. If you want to know me better, approach me and I'll be glad to talk to anyone. I don't bite; I just look like I do.

Our other officers for 2011 are Richard Durham, serving another term as President. Jamie Morris continues on as secretary as well as Angie Watkins as treasurer. Our new Road Captain will be David Harper and Mitch Collings will remain our Chaplain. Finally, our RFS Secretary for 2011 will be Valerie Lantz.

Mark your calendars for December 21st as the date for our Christmas party. It will be at Saloma Baptist Church in the basement. Also keep in mind the Polar Bear Run for New Year's Day. Contact Angie or Jamie if you want to preorder a T-shirt for the event.

Youth Movement/Fast Lane



Our chapter's youth activities have been slower this last month. It's just that time of the year that a lot of school things are going on and also the days have grown shorter.

We are getting things in order to go to Flame On in Hatfield at the end of the year. It looks like we are going to have about 8 or 9 boys going this time which is about three more than last year. Everyone is really looking forward to the trip. It's a long one but after last year it's worth every mile we travel. It is a youth revival that is very exciting.

This will be the second annual revival and if it is the Lord's will we will be there every year from now on. I know this is short; you got lucky.

Youth Movement Leader, Tommy Watkins



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From Our President



For the last few months, I have been reviewing what our chapter has been doing. I have also been focusing on the qualities that are needed for a strong and growing chapter. In the past few articles I have encouraged each of you to love and support each and every other member. I have also encouraged all members to love and support the officer team that is called to lead the chapter.

This month I want to encourage each of you to support, encourage and love yourself. A lot of the time it is difficult for us to make a fair assessment of ourselves. At the end of the day, it is always easy to look back and see where we could have done better or where we could have done more. Each and every one of us will see that we haven't lived up to doing everything we possibly can.

But you know what? In my opinion there is only one person who has ever lived that can say that He did all He could. That was our Lord Jesus Christ. He had a bit of an advantage in being God in human form. We are called to be Christ like. But we will never reach the same level as Christ in this world. We will always have sins that keep us from being righteous and perfect. But Jesus took care of that by taking on our sins as it is written in 2 Corinthians 5:21 **"God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."** (NIV). We must first realize that we aren't perfect. We have sinned and will continue to do so.

The next thing to realize is that you are special. You are chosen to be different from the world. Peter reminds of that in 1 Peter 2:9 **"But you are a chosen people, a royal priest hood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."** (NIV).

God doesn't expect perfection. He already knows that we are going to fall short. But He does expect us to continue to do better and to finish the work. I think Paul had this in mind in Philippians 3:12-14 **"Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. ¹³Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."** (NIV). Paul didn't claim to have done all he could. He knew that more was expected of him in the future. He also knew that what was in the past was gone and he needed to keep his eyes on the future and what could be done in the rest of the race.

Everyone in the chapter has professed a desire to be a part of this ministry. Each and every one of you wants to help spread the love and salvation of our Lord and Savior. That should be the reason you became part of the chapter.

Each person is at a different place in his or her spiritual walk. All of us have things that will hinder or interfere with doing all we can do. But the goal is to not be ashamed of ourselves if we are making an effort to improve. We have the assurance that God is not ashamed of us in Hebrews 2:11 **"For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren."**(NIV)

I ask all of you to take stock at the end of the day at your accomplishments. They will fall short of perfection but be strengthened that God still loves you and will never forsake you. **"For I am persuaded beyond doubt (am sure) that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities, nor things impending and threatening nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8: 38-39"** (NIV)

Start each day with a new promise to God to continue to grow and don't let discouragement rob you of the joy that comes from knowing that God has you in His hand and will not let you down. Nor will He be ashamed of you. We just have to keep trying to be better and to mature as Christians.

Richard Durham
2010 Chapter President

Upcoming Events

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

Tuesday Evenings: Bible study @ the Hayes' residence.

Fellowship meal @ 6 and study session begins @ 7 Eastern time.

Saturday, 20 November: Grim Reapers MC toy run.

Saturday, Dec. 4: FastLane ATV/ORV event in Monticello.

Saturday, Dec. 11: Gift wrapping fund raiser @ Amazon.

Thursday, Dec. 16: Cookie swap @ Linda's home, 6:30 Eastern.

Saturday, Dec. 18: Gift wrapping fund raiser @ Amazon.

Tuesday, Dec. 21: Chapter Christmas party @ Saloma Baptist.

Dec. 30 – Jan. 1: Flame On youth event in Hatfield.

Saturday, 1 January 2011: Polar Bear Run.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Joe Jolly: 11/8

Delores Mack: 11/13

Zack Bowen: 11/16

Harry Mack: 11/17

Herbie Goff: 11/28

Shane Moore: 11/28

Coming Up In December:

Hershal Fisher 12/19/94

Vann & Valarie Lantz 12/12/87

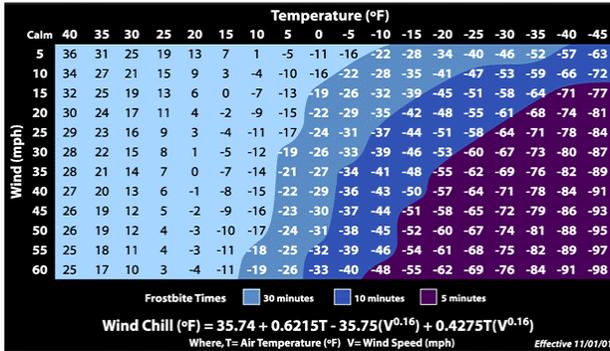
Tommy & Angie Watkins 12/31/83

Words From Our Road Captain



Winter Riding

NWS Windchill Chart



As the temperature drops and the snow starts to fly, most people park their bikes for the winter and don't look at them until spring. There are some that ride all year round. Riding in the winter months is a little different than riding in the summer. The rider and the bike must be prepared for it.

First the bike. Tire pressure: Cold temps make the air in the tires decrease. Just like in the summer months low tires can be a disaster. When it is cold check the air pressure more often. A cold road and cold rubber means less traction from the bike to the road. You will notice it more in a curve. Check the oil: Oil will thicken in colder temperatures. For those who have a liquid cooled bike check the coolant. Most people think about the anti-freeze in their cars but don't think about it in their bikes. Check the battery: A weak battery takes a beating in the winter. Even if you keep a tender on your battery, it can still have a bad cell and lose the cold cranking amps. If the battery is older than two years then you may need to have it tested.

Now, lets talk about the rider. Before you take off for a ride be aware of weather conditions. Is there rain or snow in the area? The temperature? Wind chill? (See chart above.) What are the road conditions? How much salt has been put on the roads? Hitting salt in a curve is as bad as hitting loose gravel or sand. Dress in layers according to the temperatures. I sometimes wear a full face helmet and something on my neck in the winter. A good pair of gloves and chaps are a plus. Remember if you wear too many clothes it may restrict your movement and your ability to control your motorcycle safely. Instead of taking off on a long ride, take a short ride first to see how the cold air affects you and how you handle the bike. There are a lot of things on the market for the winter rider such as heated gloves, heated vest and jackets and heated pants. You can also get heated grips for your bike. Do you still have an excuse to leave your bike parked all winter? If so,

make sure your bike is winterized. Use a battery tender on the battery and add fuel stabilizer, etc. If not, I'll see you out there. Enjoy the ride.

God Bless you all, Jon

Our Chaplain's Thoughts



Thanksgiving

It's that time of year when we celebrate Thanksgiving and reflect on all the things for we are grateful. We are thankful for our health, jobs, friends and families. We are also grateful we made it through another riding season without any major mishaps. I am also grateful for God's handiwork in the healing business for our own members, Mike, Tina, Jodie, Theresa, Daryl, Valerie, David Harper's niece, Tommy, Gordon—well, just everybody. I found a scripture in Psalms that I think goes beyond just our physical or financial needs. It states in Psalms 40:1-5, "I waited patiently for the Lord; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry. He brought me up out of an horrible pit, out of miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings. And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God; many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the Lord. Blessed is the man that maketh the Lord his trust, and respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside lies. Many, O Lord my God, are thy wonderful works which thou hast done, and thy thoughts which are to us-ward: they cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee: if I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered."

Thus we need to be thankful for God having mercy on our souls and delivering us from the fires of Hell, and placing us under His wings for safekeeping and for putting us on solid ground. By praising and thanking God for His wonders, and living in a Christ-like manner, our lives will be a witness unto others. We could pray all day and night, thanking him but would never be able to thank Him enough. Thus, one way of thanking God is to show His love not only to others, but also to our fellow brothers and sisters. So have a wonderful Turkey day and thank God for being there for you, as I also thank Him for just being able to call you my family.

Your brother in Christ, Mitch.



Darrell stirs the chili at the recent cook-off.

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Ladies Ministry



As Thanksgiving approaches I want to take a moment to reflect on blessings of this year. Health, family, job, friends, home; I could go on and on. I have received a multitude of blessings from the people we have served and by the ladies that have served with me. Throughout the year as we share the Lord, I hope we were mindful that sometimes we are the ones who need blessing as well as the ones we are ministering to. To be used by God goes without saying, is a blessing by itself. I want the Vision Rider ladies to know how much I love and appreciate each of you. You are all unique in your approach to ministering and you have a lot of gifts to share. It is truly a blessing to be allowed to serve with you. God had put us together for a reason that only He knows and as long as we are willing to be used by Him we will continue to bless those we encounter. My prayer for you is to continue to seek ministering opportunities that we can share and to recognize the blessings we receive from these activities, both as individuals and as sisters. May your Holidays be surrounded by a multitude of blessings!

Linda Hayes



Since our meeting was on Veterans Day, there was a special table set up for the veterans of our chapter.



Shane cuts on a limb while being lifted by Joe Denny at our chapter's effort to help with construction of New Life Christian Church. The pastor is Vision Rider member Herbie.



Mitch won the mileage award for this month but couldn't make the meeting so he sent his granddaughter Haley to accept it.

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