



Vision Riders



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Local Chapter Happenings

I hope everyone had a good time at the event we held in coordination with Woodlawn Christian Church for our brother Randall. The food was great and plentiful and the fellowship was warm and cheerful. Those of you that missed it need to make it a point to attend the next event we have outside of our regular meetings.

As the weather gets colder and riding slows down (for some of us), our attention turns to inside events. What better event can we come up with than raising money for our treasury? For anyone new, we raise our funds by working for them instead of bake sales and other fundraising activities like other nonprofit organizations. We wrap packages as gifts at the Amazon facility in Campbellsville. We get paid for each one we wrap. Our dates and times are on our Web page calendar and the first one is on the 14th of December. All times are evenings or Saturdays, so most everyone can make it to help out. This method of fund raising provides an opportunity for everyone to contribute to the chapter no matter what their financial situation is. The only physical demand is the requirement to stand on your feet for four hours. Wrapping gifts doesn't take a lot of skill and training is provided. So, take a look at the chapter calendar for December and make your plans now, so we can earn enough to carry us through the next year.

For those of you that didn't make the November meeting, our officers for 2013 were elected. Here they are:

- President: Keith Morris
- Vice President: Mitch Collings
- Secretary: Harry Mack
- Treasurer: Jamie Morris
- Road Captain: Randall (Bear) Shofner
- RFS Secretary: Anita Durham

Some of you may not know the activities of our members outside of CMA. One of them is Mary Ann Ohsol. Mary Ann is a volunteer for the Red Cross and has been helping out in the New York area with the victims of the hurricane. She is on her second tour as a shelter manager there. She served her time that was estimated and the need was greater, so she got called back again.

December 3rd was a great day for a ride. The temperature was around 70 degrees and the sun was shining. You editor got the bike out and Delores settled into the sidecar. We went shopping at the Wal-Mart in Columbia instead of Campbellsville just for the ride down there. On the way back, we took Rt. 61 and went home through Greensburg. I will probably take the bike out, even if it is cold, for a short run to keep things from going bad as they do when it sits for a long time. The gas in the tank is one of them. You never know when a nice day pops up, so one should be ready.

Here is Mary Ann during her first tour in a shelter.



Here is a look at what the hurricane victims have for sleeping.



Our Christmas party is on December 7th at 7 pm Eastern. It will be at the Campbellsville Baptist Church (the big B). The room we will be using has a side entrance from the parking lot. Look for the banner. Don't forget to bring a gift of around a \$10 value for exchange in a game planned for the party. For all chapter events, go to our Web page calendar for details and, in most cases, a map to the event.

As mentioned earlier, we will be working at Amazon. We had signup sheets at the meeting but if you were not there and can help your chapter raise funds by working a 4 hour shift for one or more of the days scheduled, check our Web site calendar for the days and time and let Harry or Dan know which one(s) you can help out with. Even if it is a maybe, let us know, so we can get a general idea of how many might show up.

Our Road Captain for 2013 is looking much better than he did. After his crash, Bear was laid up for a while but has improved enough that he is getting around without too much trouble. His doctor even allows him to return to work for partial shifts. By the time the next riding season comes around, he should be in top shape. Let's hope he can get another bike after leaving the one he had as a heap of twisted metal in Tennessee.

Chaplain's Chat



Herbie Goff

In Acts, chapter 27, it tells that Paul was on his way to Rome. The story tells us in verse 2 that they launched, meaning they started their journey. They would have not arrived in Rome if they had not launched.

Many dreams, desires and visions have their place, but what we need today is to have faith enough to make a start.

Some people never accomplish anything because they never start. Others are afraid they may make a mistake, so they never do anything. I would rather try to do good and if I make a mistake along the way, it's better than doing nothing at all. We can learn from our mistakes. The next time we can do better.

Sometimes, we as CMA members may desire to help promote our ministry, but never accomplish what we planned to do because we never made a start. Good intentions are not enough. As we rapidly approach a new year, let's get started and share our ministry with as many as we can. You might be amazed at the results because you gave it a try. I thank God for each of our CMA members and for what has been accomplished through the work of this chapter. Let's set our goals for even greater results for the new year.

Herbie Goff
Phil. 4:13

Youth

By Tommy Watkins

What memories will you leave?



This years Greensburg Christmas Parade was a reminder to me of how quick life can change in only a blink of an eye!

As I was getting things ready for the parade; getting the banners, golf cart ready, lights on the trailer and hooking up the power source to run the lights, Richard just kept crossing my mind for many different reasons. Mainly, because it only seemed like a few days ago he was doing the same thing.

As time was getting closer to meet we had decided to put the trailer in Tommy C's truck and just haul it. It worked out perfect. The golf cart was driven by the Durham girls! Jacob Cundiff hauled the trailer. Then nine bikes and Gordon in the rescue truck with the flashing light followed. We were spread out through town pretty good.

As we approached the center of town, Joel Bennett was the MC and was calling out the different group names. I had told Anita and Melissa to stop when they approached Joel. As he was telling who we were, prior to this I had ask everyone on the bikes to do something when we were given the command from Joel Bennett; I also had asked Melissa to start blowing the horn on the golf cart. She and Anita didn't have any idea what was getting ready to happen! Prior to the parade I had filled out a form stating who we were, on this form I explained to Joel last years parade was Richard's last ride and asked if he would give us the command to "Rev them up in memory of Richard!" It was awesome, loud and emotional as we shook the little town of Greensburg with a tribute to Richard Durham with the sound he loved: "Musical bike Pipes."

I have said this before and will say again Richard's light will always shine bright!! And he left it on for us!

And he called unto him the twelve, and began to send them forth by two and two (Mark 6:7)



Leave The Light On

Long ago streets were lit, not by electric lights, but by gas lamps. There was a man whose job it was to light those lamps every evening. One evening a man was sitting on a hill overlooking a village at the time the lamplighter began his work. He said the man himself could not be seen, but one could tell where he left the lamps burning!

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The twelve apostles whom Jesus sent were like that.

Even after they had gone on to another place, one could tell where they had been. We can be like that, too. Whether we go across the street or across the sea, Christ wants to send each one of us out to light a lamp for someone who lives in darkness.

Often the light will still be burning even after the life of the lamplighter has ended. It is wonderful to know there are things that will outlive us, and one of them is our influence. Our mission may not be identical to that of the twelve in today's text, but the motive is the same. Often we say to a family member "Leave the light on!" Jesus, the Light of the world, ask us who reflect Him to leave the light on!

I have sent this out before to different ones but Richard Durham was a "Lamp Lighter." He left us almost a year ago but left behind so many great memories! He left great memories everywhere he went.

When my time comes to meet my maker, I pray that people will remember me as I remember Richard.

So I'll ask again; what memories will you leave?

Tommy Watkins

Birthdays and Anniversaries

November

Delores Mack	11/13
Zack Bowen	11/16
Harry Mack	11/17
Phillip Benningfield	11/27
Herbie Goff	11/28
Shane Moore	11/28

December

Tommy & Angie Watkins	12/31
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The President's Corner



Dan Hayes

I know some of you will notice that this is basically a repeat of the article I wrote a few years ago. I thought about what to say and I cannot think of anything better to say that what I penned in 2009 so for the older ones here is a repeat.

We are in what I believe is the greatest time of the year. This season brings "joy to the world"; there seems to be hope in the eyes of almost everyone, as we try to show our love to each other in gift giving. We as Christians KNOW where this comes from. It is from the greatest gift that was ever given: the gift of Jesus to a dying world. This means not only sharing Jesus but also showing the world His love by being radical in sharing our love to others. This will be just a sample of the radical love of God given to us.

As I write this, my last article as president of our chapter, I think about the future of our chapter. Our chapter will be different next year as we have new leadership as our officer team. With all my heart I pray that our new officer team will be given the support and help I was given this year. I pledge my support to them by openly agreeing to pray for them and be willing to do what is asked of me as they lead us into a new era.

I have my last wish list for our chapter:

1. That next year we will show in a more radical way the love of God to those we minister to.
2. That we will continue to be led by God, only do what we leads us to do, to do nothing unless it bring glory to God, and to love each other as the first church did.
3. That we keep a single-minded purpose for our chapter.
4. That we always remember we are at war with Satan and don't let our guard down to allow him or his demons to enter into our group.
5. Remember that as long as we love God with all our hearts, minds, and bodies AND love our neighbors as ourselves we are doing God's will and are showing the world who we really are.

One more thing:

Thanks to all of you for your prayers the past year and for giving me the privilege to be a part of what I believe is a group of people who love God, love sharing God with the world and who truly want to "change the world one heart at a time."



A whole "lotta" bike. Send the editor a pic of your bike if you wish to show it off here.

New Members

Dave and Robin Gerhardt got their patches at the November meeting. Welcome!



Photo by Jamie

Handbook Highlights Area Representative

Area Representative: Assistant to the State Coordinator.

The Area Representative is appointed by the National Evangelist after approval by CMA National and agreement from the State Coordinator.

Responsibilities of the Area Representative to the chapters and state include:

1. Encouraging chapter leadership.
2. Sharing state and national information from the State Coordinator with chapters.
3. Visiting chapters. Responsibilities of the Area Representative to the State Coordinator include:

- ❖ Assisting the State Coordinator.
- ❖ Notifying the State Coordinator of chapter issues.
- ❖ Traveling with the State Coordinator to chapter events/meetings.
- ❖ Submitting quarterly reports to the National Evangelist and State Coordinator (available from the National Evangelist).

November Mileage Award

Your editor got the November mileage award for 82 miles. I didn't get the award for the most miles ridden as it should be, but I got it because no one else recorded any miles on the sheet. Don't forget to record your miles before the next meeting so you can get them on the sheet.

On a personal note, you may have noticed that I look a little thinner these days. I am not sick and am in good health. As a matter of fact, I am in better health. My doctor has taken me off of some of the medications I have been taking. What's the secret, my neighbor asked? Well, there is no secret drug or method. I just don't eat as much. It's that simple!

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