



# Vision Riders



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## Local Chapter Happenings

Anyone that has been riding recently, especially in the evenings, has felt the cold air areas we ride through that those isolated in their cars miss. That cold air tells us that winter is on its way and we need to prepare. For those that keep on riding, we need to get out our cold weather riding gear and prepare to meet the challenge. For those wimps – er – riders that park their bikes for the winter, all those things need to be done to make sure the bike is in good shape when it is brought out next spring.

For those that missed the meeting or have been out of touch, I have to bring you the bad news about the loss of 2 chapter members, Vann and Valerie Lantz. Vann has found a position that can use his skills as an IT manager out of state. Their move date is still uncertain but when it happens they will be missed.

For those of you that were not at the last meeting, we had nominations for our 2012 officers. Here is the slate for the upcoming election. Be at the next meeting to vote for your favorite.

### President

Dan Hayes  
Tommy Watkins  
Mitch Collings  
Tim Cooper  
Harry Mack

### Vice President

Dan Hayes  
Tommy Watkins  
Mitch Collings  
Tim Cooper  
Harry Mack

### Chaplain

Tim Cooper  
Mitch Collings  
Herbie Goff  
Tommy Watkins

### Road Captain

Darrell Smith  
Mitch Collings  
Tommy Watkins

### Secretary

Harry Mack

### Treasurer

Lisa Healy  
Tommy Watkins  
Laura Thompson  
Tommy Cundiff

### R.F.S. Secretary

Laura Thompson  
Randall Shofner

The date for our Christmas party is early this year because of the dates for our Amazon fund raising activities. December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6 p.m. Eastern Time will be the start time at the same place as last year, Saloma Baptist Church basement.

For you ladies that are interested in a cookie swap and fellowship time, please contact Linda Hayes. Someone suggested that you don't eat any of the cookies but bring them all home for the men in the chapter to eat.

Don't forget to make plans for our December workdays at Amazon. This has been our sole fund raising activity for the chapter and we can use all the help we can get. If you haven't done it before, ask those of us that have about it. I think you will find it interesting.

## From Our Chaplain



### Family

Within the last year and a half I have lost 2 of my family members, my brother and my mom. My heart was deeply saddened over the losses but yet my loss was heaven's gain.

The loss has made me think about what just is a family. Throughout the generations the family has always consisted of parents and their children, and grandchildren, cousins, aunts and uncles, etc. and etc. Sometimes some of the members drift apart and other times they never leave (I mean that in a good way), but yet we all depend on each other for support when something tragic or some unhappy event occurs. They are also there to share the joy of good news and happy events.

In the Christian world, there is also a family. With God as our Father, we are all of His children and all of us are brothers and sisters. We feel for those in need, those who are sick, and those who need guidance and for those who need to get closer to our Father in heaven. It's our faith and love that keeps the family together. While there may be differences of opinions among our family, it is never enough to cast someone out. We pray for guidance and seek others in this family to try to understand the problems, and then we try to work them out. For Jesus said that if we have something against our brother, then we must first reconcile with them. In Psalms 33, it is written that God is looking down on us, the ones He created with the same heart. He is sad with the ones who stray away from Him, but provides mercy and repentance to those who remain. This like a true father, God takes care of those who believe in Him and is constantly looking for the strays in order to welcome them back into the fold.

In conclusion, I regard my CMA'er brothers and sisters, especially my chapter, as my family. They differ in their own ways, they, each and every one, have their own opinions and ways of doing things, but the strongest attribute is their love for their fellow brother and sisters when times are tough or good, or if someone just needs to talk or maybe even a little prayer. It's this love and faithfulness that keeps us tight. I just want to say thanks for allowing me to be in your family and the support and honor you have given to my family and me. I know that I will never feel alone or unwanted even in my darkest hour. God is great!

Your Chaplain, Mitch

## CMA Handbook Spotlight

### CMA Logo



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### Definition of CMA Logo:

*Triangle Shape* = Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*Praying Hands* = The way God would have CMA grow.

*Cross* = The message and statement of faith (I Corinthians 2:2).

*Bible* = God's direction for CMA.

*Blue Color* = The way of the cross leads home (to Heaven).

*Yellow Color* = The crowns and rewards that will be for the faithful Christian.

*Red Outline* = The blood that makes everything it encloses effective.



Lining up for the Greensburg parade

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

### October

Jeff Parson	10/7
Keith Morris	10/22
Jamie Morris	10/31
Mitch & Theresa Collings	10/23
Mike & Judy Fenwick	10/27

### Next Month

Joe Jolly	11/8
Delores Mack	11/13
Zack Brown	11/16
Harry Mack	11/17
Phillip Benningfield	11/27
Herbie Goff	11/28
Shane Moore	11/28

## Mileage Award



Randall "Bear" Shofner won it for the most miles rode last month. Here, he accepts the award from David, our Road Captain.

(Photo by Lisa)

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From Our President



As early as 500 BC, a quote from philosopher Heraclitus can be translated to “the only constant is change”. Plato expanded on the writings a bit more by saying that not only is change inevitable, but that we must embrace it because there is nothing we can do about it.

As you look at the nominees for the chapter officers for 2012, you will notice that there will be some new faces in the officer positions. There will be a new President, Road Captain, Secretary, Treasurer and RFS Secretary next year.

I have been a part of the officer team since the beginning. It has been an honor to be able to serve as an officer in this ministry. It hasn't always been easy and there have been things that I would have done differently. But this chapter and its members have been among the top things I care about in this world other than my church and my family.

But recent events in my personal life and chapter life have directed me to the decision that it is time for a new face at the leadership level. A lot of prayer has gone into the decision and I am confident that the Holy Spirit will guide chapter members to the right decisions in the upcoming elections in November.

It takes a level of commitment and work to serve as a chapter officer. It would probably be a good thing if every chapter member had the chance to experience being a chapter officer. By serving as an officer, you will gain a level of appreciation for their efforts that you would not know about if you have not served.

This chapter is fortunate in that there are a large number of members capable of handling positions on the officer team. There are chapters that have trouble just filling the seats required on the team. There are also several chapter members that could also be an asset as officers as well as chapter members if they would commit to the ministry.

As important as leadership is, the biggest factor in a chapter's strength is in its members. Chapter members should be supportive of the officers and also to the work that this chapter is called to do.

Support for the officer team is important. You may not agree with everything the team brings before the chapter. You may not be of the same opinion on things the team and the chapter votes for. But you should be supportive and prayerful about the results of the actions and outcome of chapter decisions. Bring your concerns to the officer team and let them handle it and let the Lord guide them for a solution. Show respect to the officer team by following the proper chain of command procedures.

Support for the chapter is also crucial. Showing support for the chapter is one of the most important things a member can do.

It is important to take part in as many chapter functions as possible. Each chapter member should take part in as many rides and other ministry opportunities as possible. There is a bond that naturally develops when a group gets together. If you don't participate often, that sense of unity can diminish. That is not the fault of the group that is diligent about participating. It is the fault of the one who decides to not be a part of the activities. Don't blame the chapter if you decide to distance yourself from the chapter by not attending the various activities.

Support the ministry!!! This is the main reason that CMA exists. This is also why you should have joined in the first place. This is not just a riding or social club. When you asked to be a part of CMA, you committed to being a part of the ministry. That ministry is to share with others the Good News of Jesus Christ. We don't go around beating people on the head with Bibles, but when the opportunity arises, God then charges us with leading people or at least planting and watering the seeds that will lead to someone's salvation. God puts ministry opportunities in front of us every day. It is up to you to commit to this ministry by obeying God and using those opportunities.

Support your personal witness. When you put on the chapter patch and the CMA back patch, you are a representative of both groups. You are then announcing to the world that you are a Christian. Like it or not, that can make you a target for some people. It has been said lately that the biggest hindrance to Christianity is Christians. The world and especially the biking community aren't easily fooled. If your life doesn't show that you are different from the world and that Christ is a part of your life, then your personal witness will suffer. Can the world see Christ in your lifestyle, actions and demeanor? Do you attend and support your church regularly. The world will quickly judge your witness if you don't have a church home. There are plenty of churches in the area and there is one you can at least work with. We have a couple in our chapter who have worked and supported a church for years that did not meet all of their doctrinal beliefs, but later they found a church that did and joined. There is no excuse for not finding a church you can be a part of. God expects you to support His body and Christians are expected to be a part of a church family and it is important to your Christian witness. Do your actions and speech tell the world that you are Christian? It is easy to let the world intrude or to let old habits take over. But as Christians we are made new and we should always try to improve and grow. Nobody is perfect, but if we don't try to change the things that hinder us from being known as Christian, then we aren't trying hard enough. Can others see the joy of salvation in you? Nobody likes a sourpuss Christian. If all you show others are pessimism and negativity, then who in the world would want to be a Christian like you? We also need to support each other with love, compassion and patience. We may not agree completely with each other on many issues and we may not be as close to some as we are others. But we are all in this ministry together and each and every one of us will be in need of support at some time. Knowing that you have brothers and sisters that will be there for you is very important in our ministry. Nobody is perfect and we will all slip and fall sometime. But as Christians, we need to be there to support and not to “shoot our wounded.” (continued on next page)

(President's column continued)

As I close what will be one of my last submissions as this term as President, I want to thank everyone for their support. I have learned a lot over the last two years and some of it late in the game. I want everyone to know that change in the officer team is not nearly as important as changing the true heart of the chapter members. Life for the officer team can be made so much easier if each and every member would commit to the basic ideas I have mentioned.

Let's embrace the changes that are coming in the officer team. But at the same time let us evaluate our own position in the chapter. Face up to what changes need to be made in our own lives in order to be more effective in this chapter and it's ministry. It is not too late to make changes in our own lives in order to bring more glory to God.

This is a voluntary ministry and each and every person has the freedom to be a part of it or not. People come and go for various reasons. If you can't be supportive of the officer team, the chapter itself, the ministry of the chapter or your own personal witness, then you should evaluate if you are in the chapter for the right reason.

I have seen how much this group can accomplish with 10 or 12 members and I have also seen how little can be done with 50 members. It is not necessarily the officer team that will determine the success of the chapter's ministry as much as it is the dedication and commitment of each and every chapter member that will make the biggest difference. As I close my term on the officer team, I encourage every chapter member to search their hearts and commit to the changes in their lives that need to be made in order to be a more effective witness for our Lord.

Richard Durham  
2011 Chapter President

### Upcoming Events

*Please review and make your plans in advance to avoid last minute inconveniences and expenses. For events and rides sponsored by other organizations, check our Web page. Most, if not all events are listed there.*

**Tuesday Evenings:** Beginning on 8 Nov @ Keith and Jamie's home @ 7 pm Eastern. No pre-session meals this year.

**Oct. 19 – 23:** CMA changing of the colors in Hatfield, AR.

**Nov. 5:** Green River Southern Cruisers ride – we support this one.

**Nov. 6:** Fellowship ride. Meets @ Carol's @ 1:30 Eastern.

**Nov. 12:** Family ride sponsored by E-town chapter. Register @ 11 Eastern. Check our Web page calendar for details.

**Dec. 3:** Chapter Christmas party @ 6 p.m. @ Saloma Baptist Church. Bring a gift for exchange.

**Dec. 4:** Fellowship ride. Meets @ Carol's @ 1:30 Eastern (weather permitting).

**Dec. 9, 10:** Amazon gift wrapping to raise funds. Check Web page for times and details.

**Dec. 16, 17:** Amazon gift wrapping to raise funds. Check Web page for times and details.

### Words From Our Road Captain



Hello All! This past Saturday was the annual Toys 4 Tots run with Bridge to Faith. The weather was pretty descent and had a pretty good turnout. We took a 45-mile ride through Columbia and on to the back way to Greensburg, then back to Campbellsville. Our first stop was in Greensburg, Preacher had told us that while him and Red were eating breakfast Saturday morning a lady had came up to them and started talking and shared that their 4 month old grandson had past away and was wondering if there was anything they could do.

When we stopped at the Five-Star station across from the funeral home, we all joined in a circle, held hands, and prayed for all of the family. The family joined us all in prayer. After prayer was finished some of us talked with the family. As we mounted up preacher told us all to rev up for the baby. We all revved up the bikes for the family and baby. It was very touching; it wasn't much but what we think isn't much means that much more to someone else. The next day the father that had lost baby had talked to our nephew and told him that it was so unbelievable that we had done that for him and his family. He came by our house and wanted us to tell everyone thank you so much for what we did.

I just want to say 'Cherish the moments that you have with loved ones' cause tomorrow is never promised. Sometimes we take things for granted and we just don't realize it until its too late. My wife lives by this saying: Laugh often, live life, and love hard.

I also want to say thank you for allowing me to be your Road Captain. I was very honored to do so. This coming year, we will have a new Road Captain and I pray that you will give them the same kindness that you have given me. We are looking forward to our upcoming Bible studies this year. May God Bless each and every one of you.

Your R.C.  
Redneck

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