



Vision Riders



Chapter 1038

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Local Chapter Happenings

This month has been a bad one for the health of some of our members. Jeff Parson returned to the hospital to have more surgery on his foot. He is now recovering at home. Also, Randall (Bear) Shofner was back, in our local hospital this time, due to an infection to one of the injuries he received when his bike blew a tire and he went skidding along the pavement down in Tennessee. As of this writing, he is recovering at home and was well enough to attend the last meeting.

In other news, your editor has been working on the chapter's Web page. It is now back online after a redesign by a professional Webmaster that was recommended by Tommy Watkins. This fellow, Jeff Bolins, did a great job and assisted me in getting started on adding content and helped me through a few rough points. My skill level is well below his level and the software is designed for people like me to make it easier. If you haven't seen it yet, go to www.visionriders.org and make sure you hit the refresh or reload button on your browser to get the latest updates. You should probably do this every time you go to the page because I will be updating it constantly with the latest information. At the top of the page you will see the heading: "Recent and Upcoming Events." Click on any headings to expand that section. In the top section, I will place temporary announcements, some with flyers, to remind you of what is happening in the near future. I will delete them after the event date passes. If you don't do a refresh or reload, you may get outdated information.

If you look under the *About Us* heading the text was taken from our pamphlet we have to give to those that may want to know what we are all about. Under the *Newsletter* heading, I have all the recent newsletters as well as all the old ones back to day one. Refresh your memory or, if you are new to the chapter, look at some of the older newsletters to see what went on before you joined.

Under the *Calendar* heading, you will find some interesting new features. Not only are the events listed on their dates, but also their location is shown on a Google map, for most events. I can't load any flyers on the calendar, so that's why I link them to the *Recent and Upcoming Events* listings. If you are aware of an event others in the chapter might be interested in also, please send me the information and a flyer if you have one. The flyer can be in most any format. I can change the format so it can be used on our page.

Please note if you have viewed the Calendar on our Web page recently, I have updated the work times for our chapter at Amazon. I had too many dates and now the postings are correct. Please double-check them.

The officer nominations at our October meeting were as follows:

President: Keith Morris, Mitch Collings

Vice President : Darrell Smith, Keith Morris, Mitch Collings, Randall Shofner

Road Captain: Phillip Benningfield, Keith Morris, Mitch Collings. Randall Shofner

Secretary: Harry Mack, Jamie Morris

Treasurer: Lisa Healy, Harry Mack, Jamie Morris

RFS Secretary: Jamie Morris, Randall Shofner

Chaplain: Herbie Goff, Mitch Collings

The Web page work has taken a lot of time but I don't mind because the Lord provided that time for me in my retirement where a lot of you that are still working wouldn't be able to do it, so He provided me. Please thank Him for that time, as I do.

Chaplain's Chat



Herbie Goff

By Acting Chaplain, Herbie Goff

I've seen many bikers on the road since our last meeting. The weather has been good and many of us have shared Christ with others. This is great.

We had our bike ride on the 22nd of September for my church. Some CMA members supported it – thanks! That meant a lot. We shared a good ride and a great fellowship with new faces after the ride was over. Some shared Jesus with others and the outcome was great. That's what it's all about, winning one soul to Jesus at a time. One person said to me: "It's good to see so many bikers that have a good Christian spirit."

Let's keep up the good work as CMA members. I believe our group is doing a good job and God will bless it.

Herbie Goff
Phil. 4:13

Birthdays and Anniversaries

| | <u>October</u> |
|--------------------------|----------------|
| Jeff Parson | 10/7 |
| Keith Morris | 10/22 |
| Jamie Morris | 10/31 |
| Mitch & Theresa Collings | 10/23 |
| Mike & Judy Fenwick | 10/27 |

| | <u>November</u> |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| Delores Mack | 11/13 |
| Zack Bowen | 11/16 |
| Harry Mack | 11/17 |
| Phillip Benningfield | 11/27 |
| Herbie Goff | 11/28 |
| Shane Moore | 11/28 |

The President's Corner



Dan Hayes

As you look at the officer nominations for 2013, you will notice that there will be some new faces in the officer positions. Recent events have led me to the decision that it is necessary for someone else to be in the role of president. A lot of prayer has gone into the decision and I am confident that God will guide that the right decisions will be made in the upcoming elections in November. It takes a lot of commitment and work to serve as a chapter officer. It would probably be a good thing if every member had the chance to experience being an officer and to understand firsthand the commitment of these people. We are fortunate that we have several members capable of handling positions on the officer team, as some other chapters that have trouble in filling the positions on the team.

As important as leadership is, the biggest factor in a chapter's strength is in its members. Support for the chapter is one of the most important things a member can do. As members, we should be supportive of the work that the chapter is called to do and follow the leadership of the officer team. You may not agree with everything the team brings before the chapter. You may not even be in favor of things the officers and the chapter votes for. We may not agree with each other on issues and we may not be as close to some as we are

others, but we are in this together. But you should remember **the goal of this chapter is to be God's chapter and to only do things that will glorify Him.**

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 usually fades. Don't blame the chapter if you decide to distance yourself from the chapter by not attending the various activities. Be a part of the ministry of the chapter. This is the reason that CMA was born and the reason for its existence. The ministry should be why you joined in the first place. We are **not** 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 gospel of Jesus Christ. We don't minister by forcing ourselves on people, we are to build relationships and **earn** the right to share Jesus and his saving grace. God commands us with leading people or at least planting and watering the seeds that will lead to someone's salvation. He will put ministry opportunities in front of us every day. 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 ministry of the chapter, then you should evaluate if you are in the chapter for the right reason.

When you put on the chapter patch and the CMA back patch, you are announcing to the world that you are a Christian. Like it or not, that can make you a target for some people. The world and especially the biking community aren't easily fooled. If our life doesn't show that we are different by having Christ as a part of our life, then not only our personal witness will suffer but it will damage the witness of anyone else wearing the same back patch. Can the world see Christ in our lifestyle, actions and character? Nobody is perfect, but with His help our life can be an example of His love and peace.

As we prepare to vote on the leadership of our chapter for the next year, I want to encourage everyone to search our hearts and commit to the changes in our lives that need to be made in order to be a part of a more effective chapter that goes forth to witness for our Lord and Savior!

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Handbook Highlights

State Leadership

State leadership is in place to help lead and coordinate the chapters and members in the individual states. They function on a volunteer basis and they are a vital part of the ministry of CMA. Due to the nature of their positions, State Coordinators and Area Representatives are not members of local chapters. This is an annual appointment.

The qualifications for anyone to be in a state leadership position are:

- ☑ Godliness
- ☑ Respected among peers
- ☑ A proven worker, an organizer and a promoter
- ☑ A regular financial supporter of CMA National (donates a portion of money to CMA National consistently)
- ☑ One who will be a positive influence both as a leader and a follower
- ☑ One who makes the ministry of CMA a high priority
- ☑ Active in the CMA vision of evangelism and Christian growth
- ☑ Involved in both secular and CMA events
- ☑ Able to encourage, correct and discipline from a scriptural basis
- ☑ Willing to step aside quietly and peacefully if working within the guidelines, responsibilities and expectations of CMA is not possible
- ☑ Does not consume alcoholic beverages or tobacco products

Leadership qualities include:

Believes in CMA
Teachable spirit
Positive influence
Full of faith
Full of wisdom
Good reputation
Strong desire to be led by the Spirit of God
Responsible
Leads by positive influence *These qualifications also apply to Goodie Reps, Youth Movement Reps, Fast Lane Reps, and Approved Speakers.



One View Of The Latest BTF Toy Ride



The CMA Patch Was One of Many Seen on the BTF Toy Ride



Some will say that the food at the end of the ride is the best part of the whole ride. :->

Blast From The Past

As I was working on the Web page and looking through old newsletters, I came across this poem I wrote a few years ago and thought you newer members would like to see it.

The Vision Riders

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They call themselves the Vision Riders for all to know and hear.
Bringing others to Christ is what, to their hearts, they hold dear.
Going forward on wheels, whether it be two or three,
The Vision Riders wear their colors for the world to see.
Bringing the Gospel to the unsaved so that they can hear it.
Because it's all made possible by God's Holy Spirit.
From a bigger family of riders called the C.M.A.,
The Word of God is spread to many, each and every day.
Now, no one will deny that riding a bike is lots of fun,
So, if you ride two wheels or three and want to know more,
Check out the Vision Riders as they let their engines roar.
They will tell you there are some things they have not seen.
It's explained in their favorite verse, Acts two, seventeen.
So, the word "biker" shouldn't always have the usual connotation.
Just look at the Vision Riders, part of God's holy nation.

Road Captain's Corner

By Darrell Smith



Winter Is Coming

Once again the Lord has blessed us with another good riding season. A lot of miles have been ridden and several states visited by our chapter members, not without some issues but still a good year over all. We had some members suffer accidents as well as members from other chapters that we interact with. While all of the injuries were painful, the riders were blessed with recoverable injuries. As a chapter, we stayed in constant contact and offered whatever support we could. That is much better than doing a funeral escort.

With the end of the riding season, we know winter is soon coming. Some of us will ride in the winter if the weather cooperates, while some will park their bikes until spring. Either way, some preparations will need to be done. For the ones that ride, an overall inspection is necessary. Belts, tires fluids, etc. need to be checked as well as your winter riding clothing needs to be checked for stressed seams, tears, zipper damage, etc. For those that park their bikes, there are some steps that will help the spring checks go smoother. For instance, putting your bike on a jack will prevent flat spots on your tires, a battery tender will keep your battery charged up without overcharging, a good coat of saddle soap or leather conditioner will keep your seat cover from cracking. These are just a few of things a person can do to maintain your bike during the off-season.

The most important thing to keep in mind is that, even though the riding season may be over, there is no break in the witnessing season. We must be prepared to be witnesses or ministers at all times. A lot of people see us wearing our CMA patches when we are riding, and they remember our faces when we are not. We cannot let our witness weaken when we are not riding. While we may not wear our patches, as much in the winter, we will still have opportunities to be witnesses to people that we have met during the riding season. Opportunities will come when we are shopping, eating out or at other functions and we need to be ready.

I pray that God will bless us all with opportunities this winter as much as He did in the summer.

Darrell Smith, Road Captain
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Mitch & Theresa take a break during the BTF toy ride

October Mileage Award



The winner is Dan Hayes with 415 miles.