



# Vision Riders



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## Local Chapter Happenings

The big news for this month is not good news. Randall Shofner (Bear) took a dive off his bike in Knoxville after a tire blew out. After a few days in the hospital, he is home and recovering at a friend's place with many cracked ribs and a broken arm. Please pray for a quick recovery for Bear.

Our acting chaplain held a ride to raise funds for his church building. There were not that many chapter members there. Other activities such as bike night at Subway are seeing reduced attendance. Is the riding season coming to an end early or is everyone busy with other activities? Of course, your editor doesn't see or get to all the activities either. Shown below is one of them, the Burgin ride.



There are five different CMA chapters represented here.  
(Photo by Lisa)

## Chaplain's Chat



By Tim Cooper

A few months back I was given the task of writing a letter to our members encouraging them to start attending events, to become active again, or if that wasn't a desire then be willing to turn in their Vision Riders patch. It wasn't a threat from the Chapter officers; it was a concern due to the spiraling dismal attendance at events. I would like to say you would see that letter soon, however the truth is I failed to act.

So often in today's world, we spend so much time taking care of our own thing, be it family, church, friends etc., that we have little time left to take on other things, or those things just no longer hold the draw they once did; I know, because that is where I am. I have found that I would much rather get on my bike and go down the country roads with my wife on back than I would riding in a group of 25 or 30 bikes. Though I did enjoy the ride to Barren Lake Resort.

For some who prefer to ride in smaller groups, perhaps it is insecurity of their own riding abilities, for others it may be not wanting to be around those who lack those riding abilities for fear of being in a

major bike incident. Whatever the reason we all must reach a point where, we as members of this chapter, must decide to "Fish" or "Cut bait" or to be a bit more blunt, "Crap, or get off the Pot."

I wish it weren't necessary for me to make a decision here in this format, but I suppose you can "Follow" - or you can "Lead." So that being said, this will be my last article for the Vision Riders Newsletter as I am stepping down as your Chaplain. I have not been hurt, or angered by anyone in the chapter, and I don't have anything but the upmost respect for those appointed as Officers for this chapter, yet I feel my focus should be on the functions of my own church as my Pastor continues the slow recovery back to health.

Jodie and I will hopefully come out sometime for fellowship rides when we can, but our lack of attendance and participation do not warrant wearing the Vision Riders patch, or the CMA back patch either. I thank you all for your friendship over the years and ask for your continued prayers for my family, my Pastor and my church, as we will be praying for you. My prayer is that others will reassess their commitment to this organization and become active or remove yourself from the rolls to prevent low percentage involvement figures.

Thanks for the Memories, Remember "Watch the cage, and keep your eyes on the SON!"

Your Brother in Christ  
Tim "LightSeeker" Cooper

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

### September

Harley Fisher	9/8
Doris Moore	9/11
Darrell Smith	9/18
Tim Cooper	9/20
Keith & Jamie Morris	9/18

### October

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



Here is a collage of Herbie's ride. (Photos by Mary Ann)

## The President's Corner



### What Makes You Different?

1 Peter 2:9 tells us we are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that we may declare the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His wonderful light.

Does the world see that light in our lives? Sometimes people become dismayed when our daily walk doesn't show that the God we serve causes us to be different. We must choose a lifestyle that sets us apart from the world and tells them we have a relationship with our God. We are to actively pursue living holy lives. We are set apart by God for His purposes and everything we do reflects on Him. On a daily basis we need to let go of the things that distract us from the Lord.

Our lost brethren in the biker world often speak of freedom. To some of them this simply means the right to rebel against God. We need to show them the only real freedom that leads to peace comes from God. Show them that a life yielded to God results in the joy of having peace that can be found nowhere else. We can do this through the great power from God that shows we are alive in Jesus.

That means there are no "shortcuts" when it comes to living a set apart life. We **must** show that we are a person belonging to God. God tells us all to live differently from the world. It is not an option on how we respond to His calling. If we fail to follow what He commands of us in the above scripture, then the purpose of CMA, and Vision Riders are for nothing.

The time for this chapter to be a cohesive unit for God is **now**. This year is winding down. This has been a difficult year for our group. The events of life and riding have taken their toll on some of us and may have caused some to consider what we are about.

We are approaching a time next month to choose the leaders of this chapter for next year. Please be on your knees daily asking God to send the people to fill these offices so the praises to His name will be declared to those in the darkness as well as in the light.

Let's choose to live so that anyone can answer the opening question with the response that God lives in me.

## Handbook Highlights CMA Applications

CMA's membership is open to any born-again Christian who agrees with the doctrinal statement of CMA as stated on page I:1. When witnessing, pass out tracts, not applications. If a person professing to be a Christian asks about membership, explain that CMA is a ministry, not a club, and if possible provide them with a CMA Information Brochure. This brochure provides key information on several aspects of the ministry. If they are still interested, then give them an application. These are available through the ToolBox section of the *HeartBeat* or online at [shop.cmausa.org](http://shop.cmausa.org). Please do not reprint or duplicate the applications – only original versions of applications are accepted.

*Note that Vision Riders have our own info pamphlet. Please use that one if there are questions about our local chapter along with using any other tracts or information about the CMA in general.*

Who said you can't take mom along?



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### A Note From Another Chapter

Jimmy and I would like to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt thanks for all the thoughts of and prayers for us since his accident. We know that God protected Jimmy and kept him with us for a reason and feel that this experience will definitely be used for His praise. We also know that your prayers have helped to speed Jimmy's healing and given us the strength to deal with this.

We consider all of you as family and we are so thankful that God led us to the CMA.

Bear, we are praying for you.

Again, thank you all.

God Bless,

Jimmy and Lynn Gray

### State Rally



Photo by Lisa

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## Road Captain's Corner

By Darrell Smith



### Here If You Need Us

One of the main principals of CMA is in the motto, "Here if you need us." This past Saturday I was blessed to see this in a whole new perspective by the actions of a lot of church members. Several different churches were represented in a "House raising" for a couple ladies with limited means of support. Both are disabled and were living in a house that needed a lot of repairs. It was so much in need of repairs that it was easier and more cost effective to tear it down and build them a new one.

God laid it on the heart of one man to build the ladies a new house and he was obedient to do just that. This man made a public appeal to several churches that were represented at the Russell Creek Baptist Association's annual meeting and some other churches in the area and they responded.

At 5:30 am on Saturday morning a group of volunteers gathered around a concrete slab and had prayer and a short devotion. After the devotion a breakfast of ham biscuits and sausage biscuits was served and the work began. When I arrived at around 8:30, the roof trusses were hung, part of the exterior wall was behind wood and the electrical wiring was being run. I was there to help with lunch cooking and serving and it soon got busy. After everyone took time to grab a bite they all got busy getting as much done as they could before running out of daylight. At the end of the day, all that was left to do was hang a few sheets of drywall, mud them in and get the walls painted. The inspectors for the plumbing and electrical were there as part of the volunteers so everything got inspected and approved on the day it was done. "That had to be a God thing."

Some of the things I have heard about that came out of this effort include relationships being repaired, a renewed feeling about "Church people," different witnessing opportunities and seeing a lot of people from different walks of life coming together to support one man's obedience to what God called him to do. I have seen this in our chapter over the past few years and feel blessed to see it coming from local churches and neighbors. I would like to encourage each and person that reads this to look and listen for opportunities to be a part of something like this in your area. It does not have to be a CMA chapter event for us to live up to our motto.

As a chapter, we have a lot of history in meeting the needs of some less fortunate people, and I feel blessed to be associated with each and every one of you that have been there when you were needed. If you don't remember being a part of something when someone's needs were met, pray for the opportunity. Maybe God will choose you to be the vessel for His glory.

May God bless you all.

## Youth and Fast Lane

By Tommy Watkins

### At The State Rally

One should never give up or quit trying, when it comes to a lost soul, this is why.

In the last two months two young men that I have come to know over the last few years have found a new friend. They "found Jesus Christ!"

First it was Mr. Jacob Cundiff (TommyC's son), second was Mr. Briar McVay (Dan & Linda's grandson). Both of these young men I have grown very close to over the last few years as a friend and mentor.

Jacob, I met the first time about 3 years ago at Campbellsville Baptist; since then, Jacob has attended every KY CMA State Rally so far and is not even a CMA member! To me, that says something right there. Shoot! Let's face it, a lot of us CMA members aren't even that dedicated! This year on Sunday, August 12<sup>th</sup> while at a car/bike show in Greensburg, Tommy C's phone rung and we got the good news from Jacob that he had accepted Christ and was ready to be baptized. What an awesome way to end a car/bike show, as the news was announced over the load speaker just before Tommy C. rode off on Big Blue with a big ole smile on his face and some big ole tears in his eyes! "To God be the Glory!"



Briar

Now for Briar; Briar I have known since I joined CMA in 08. One of the first outings we went on together was at Balance Moto X in Bowling Green, KY. At that time Briar was very young and very *short*. I was scared to death that he was going to get too close to the track and get run over by a bike or ATV as walked around watching the races. Since then, we have traveled many different places over the state, even to Hatfield, Arkansas a few times to the Flame-On event. I have watched him play football; I was there when he went on his first MX trail ride as well as several more later on. Then when he moved up from a 125 to a bigger bike, I had the honor to bless Briar and his new bike when it was presented to him. I have watched this young man mature quickly over the last couple of years. I have seen him sad, I have seen him glad, I have seen him mad, I have seen him worried, I have seen him concerned, but most of all I see him looking for something. When you see that look all you can do then is pray and pray.

This look I'm speaking of, I saw in his eyes on Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> just before his very first ever MX race. He looked scared, worried and confused. I was thinking to myself how can I talk to him without upsetting him? Then only minutes later, Dan asked me if I would have a special prayer with Briar before his race? BINGO! That's how. God gave me the words and I gave them to Briar through prayer.

When it came time to line up for his hare scramble race, I looked at him and when he looked back at me I could see two things a little fear (a (Continued on next page)

good thing) and a lot of determination (a better thing) in his eyes. Before the race started several had said Briar would be lucky if he made one of the two 10-mile laps. Not only did he make one lap he made both and John Clark had to go run him down after he got the checkered flag! He was so focused he just kept going. I was standing in the last corner as he came out of the woods just before he took the checkered flag. When he came out of them woods and I saw that determined look in those eyes, I just lost it and started crying!



Coming Out Of The Woods

He had just done what the pros said he couldn't, he finished the race! The very next night is when he got his real trophy! He was at a revival and found "Jesus Christ!" I can't wait to see him so I can take a look at those eyes now. Never give up!

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For you owners of electric bikes, if you have a Zero brand and it is a 2012 model S or DS you might want to check with your dealer. These models are being recalled because of an electronic problem that can cause their electric motors to suddenly lose power – not a good thing. The NHSA is aware of this problem. The recall affects 315 bikes.

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**September Mileage Award**



The winner is Tommy Watkins, shown here putting on some of those 1080 miles at the State Rally.



Here is our Acting Chaplin, Herbie talking on the phone at his recent ride. Joe Denny is standing next to him.



Who is having more fun here?