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Local Chapter Happenings

Here it is September already. The riding season is winding down. Our fellowship ride on the 5th went quite well, thanks to our Road Captain. We got a good look at the dam on Cumberland Lake and enjoyed a good meal at the nearby state park lodge. If you missed it, try again when the next one comes up. There is something different each ride.

With the State Rally behind us, (pictures on the last page) we move on to other things. The number of poker runs is decreasing but there are still a few activities for many of us to attend. Be sure to check the calendar on the Web site for up to date information.

Don't forget to mark your calendar for the ride to benefit a fellow member's church. Let's all show up and give Herbie and his congregation a financial boost to get their building going so they can have their own place to worship the Lord. It is on the 18th of this month. Check the chapter Web page for the flyer with details.

Youth Movement/Fast Lane



Again we have had another great month! On August 21st it was the youth fun day. We went to Danville, KY to CiCi's Pizza then to Finley's Fun Center for a day of food, fellowship and fun. Everyone had a super time just hanging out together and playing games. Skating was also available and several did, even a few adults tried it, but as you would expect they didn't last long at it. The next weekend we combined our ministries at a Moto X race where we set up an information tent. This was a first-time event and it went over well; we have been asked to come back next May to do it again. At this event the promoter would not let any race start before having prayer and yes, we were honored to take care of that.

Then the next weekend we had our forth annual biker field day. This year the youth and I had bike games on bicycles and it went over great with a lot of participation.

I would like to commend the youth for their efforts in helping and hanging with me for three weekends in a row. That just shows me the interest that you have to be involved in the youth movement ministry. Keep it up kids, you are the future and I hope you all will be great leaders as you grow. It looks like it's going to be 4 weeks in a row as we will be going to the State Rally next. See you all next month.

Youth Movement Leader, Tommy Watkins

From the CMA Handbook: 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 of the handbook. 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. Please do not reprint or duplicate the applications – only original versions of applications are accepted.



Here, Mitch receives the monthly mileage award from Jon.
Photo by Lisa.

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From Our President



The Strength Of A Chapter

In July's article I spoke about the geographic extent of our chapter's ministry. In August, I reviewed some of our accomplishments. This month, I want to touch on what I consider to be the most important part of keeping the chapter and the ministry strong.

Just as in any organization, the success of a chapter is dependant primarily on the people who make up the group. Presidents and chapter officers will come and go and while their leadership is important and can help define a direction, it is ultimately the chapter members who play the most critical roles in a chapter's success.

Success though is not measured by numbers. We have tried that early in our chapter's development. We started seeing our chapter grow and become stronger in the ministry after we placed the worries about numbers in God's hands.

It is what goes on within a chapter among its members that defines a chapter and the ministry's success. The love, care and compassion that members show to each other, will be reflected to the rest of the world.

Keeping that feeling for each other in the chapter is the key to a strong chapter. So many times it's the interpersonal relationships within a group that can cause problems. The key thing is to be mindful of our relationships with each and every other member of our group. We are not all the same. We come from different backgrounds, doctrines and lifestyles. We may have different goals in life and different standards of living. We may have been involved in a ministry for a lot of years and some may just be getting their feet wet. Some will devote a lot of time to our work and some will not be as active. Some will have different ideas on our direction and different ways to get there.

It is easy to let these differences cause tensions or disappointments between us. I know that I have dropped the ball at times. I know that I may have let you guys down at times. There are times when participation and the distribution of work is less than what I may have expected. But thank the Lord; someone has been there to cover for most of my failures. Someone always steps up to help shoulder the workload. Someone is always there to forgive me when I do something that irritates him or her.

That is the main thing I think everyone should keep in mind. We all have our differences. But these differences are also what allow us to be so broad in our ministry. We are all in this work together. The strong are called to help strengthen the weak. The faithful are called to welcome the less involved. And the spiritually mature should always help those who are spiritually young to grow.

We are reminded of this in Romans 15:1-2: "1 We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please

ourselves. 2 Each of us should please his neighbor for his (the neighbor's) good, to build him up." (NIV). Keep the focus on what God has called us to do and not on what we may want to do.

If we will do our best to keep the building up of others spiritually, and tempering our irritations with love, we will continue to keep our chapter's relationships strong against the temptations of Satan.

This is the most important thing I think we can do as individuals to keep our chapter strong in it's ministry work.

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!

Monday Evenings: Bike night @ Happy Days in downtown Campbellsville.

Monday Evenings: Bike night @ Pa Pa's Casual Café on US 68 as you enter Lebanon from the South in the old Huddle House building, 6 pm Eastern.

Tuesday Evenings: Bike night @ the Subway on Broadway in Campbellsville.

Thursday Evenings: Bike night @ the Greensburg Subway, 7 pm Eastern time.

September 10, 11, 12: CMA State rally.

Saturday, 11 September: Red Knights Chapter 1 Fun Run. Leaves Danville @ 11 am ET. Details on Web site.

Saturday, 18 September: Herbie's Church benefit ride at noon in Lebanon. See flyer on Web page for details.

Sunday, 19 September: Chapter participation in Green Hill worship service at 11 am.

September 23 – 26: Harley Drags in Bowling Green.

Saturday, 2 October: Grim Reapers MC toy run.

Saturday, 9 October: BTF Toys for Kids poker run.

Saturday, 23 October: BTF toy run.

Saturday, 6 November: Southern Cruisers toys for kids ride.

Saturday, 1 January 2011: Polar Bear Run. No details yet, it is time to start thinking about it.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Bob Parrish: 9/6
Harley Fisher: 9/8
Doris Moore: 9/11
Darrell Smith: 9/14
Tim Cooper: 9/20
Keith & Jamie Morris: 9/14

Coming Up In October:

Jeff Parsons: 10/7
Keith Morris: 10/22
Jamie Morris: 10/31
Mitch & Theresa Collings: 10/23/99
Mike & Judy Fenwick: 10/27/79

Observations From Our Road Captain



Colors Are Earned

Over the past few months I have heard several CMA'ers, not only in our chapter but also members in other chapters, calling their vest "colors." Your CMA vest is not your colors. You bought your CMA back patch. Colors are earned.

When you decided to join CMA you filled out an application. Your CMA card was mailed to you. You watched a few DVDs and answered all the questions. You got a gold sticker to put on your membership card. You are now qualified to buy a CMA back patch. There is not a chapter vote to accept or reject you. There is no prospect period. You don't even have to ride a motorcycle. Some of you may say: "I'm a Christian, Jesus hung on the cross for me and that makes it alright." I won't argue with you but in the MC biker world a patch on a vest is not your "colors."

In the MC world, colors are earned over a period of time. With some clubs it may be six months while other clubs may take years to earn the right to put that patch on your back. You start as an associate or a hang-around. This is so the club can get to know you, to see if you can ride, to see if you can be trusted, to make sure you fit in with the club. Then, you may be asked to prospect for the club. With most three piece patch clubs this means you get to wear a vest with a bottom rocker. When you are a prospect you are on call for the club. I will not go into details and some people don't make it. If you do make it and prove yourself to the club you can go to the next step and earn your top rocker with the club name on it. When the club thinks you can be trusted and you have proven yourself, then a vote is taken to accept you as a full member. Now you will be rewarded your center patch. When you join a club, you join for life. It is not to be taken lightly.

When I sat down to write this article, I hoped and prayed that I would not offend or disrespect anyone. I wrote this to inform because some people really don't know. As members of the CMA, we are a ministry. We need to be careful not to offend others. As a ministry we need to be aware of patches that we put on our CMA vest. Just because it is a "biker" patch does not mean it should be sewn on your CMA vest. You can not be a witness if a patch on your vest offends someone. You also can not be a witness if something on your bike offends someone. As members of the CMA, we must remain neutral in disputes. We are "here if you need us." We are not a club. We are not a riding group. We are members of the Christian Motorcyclists Association.

God Bless you all.
Jon.

Chaplain's Corner



Full Tank

I was getting gas the other day, both in Theresa's car and my bike. After I filled both tanks I went in to pay when the young man stated that he couldn't figure out where I had put all that gas. I told him that the saddle bags were extra fuel cells, he just kind of looked at me funny. Anyway, it got me thinking about our own personal tanks, our tanks of love. Some bikes can hold several gallons while mine only holds a little over 3 gallons and, just like bikes, people also have different sizes and while some may be smaller, they may get more mileage out of a few gallons. If we pace our bikes and run them smoothly and evenly, (fat chance of that happening) our mileage would be a lot greater. But no matter the size of the tank or the mileage we get, we eventually have to refuel to continue on our journey or, in case of people, we need to refuel or refresh our love tanks every so often or they will go dry and we are stuck on the highway. In life there are many obstacles that can hinder or reduce the mileage that we obtain from our personal tanks. Just the normal every day life can drain it quickly and if there any speed bumps or loose gravel, winding roads or bad weather, then the mileage will go down considerably. Sometimes we can open the owner's manual (the Bible) and read how to overcome these obstacles and sometimes we have to talk to the ace mechanic (Jesus Christ) to learn of ways to improve our mileage and, most importantly, we have to pray a lot to keep our tanks full. In short, we have to work hard to keep ourselves in working order for us to spread the love of God to others, but the one person we can always count on is Jesus Christ. In Romans 8:31b, it states: "If God be for us, who can be against us?" (KJV) and Romans 8:37-39 states: "Nay, in all things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." (KJV) Thus, unlike us who continually run slow on fuel (Love), Jesus is the perpetual tank, never empty, never half full, but constantly full and He is always there with us to fill us up, to pick us up, and to keep us going no matter what the circumstances, Jesus will overcome them because He Loves us.

Your brother in Christ,
Mitch.

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Inside the ladies bunk house at the State Rally



Some of the ladies at the State Rally.



Outside one of the bunk houses at the State Rally



Someone's idea of fun makes for work for others.



Our chapter's hospitality table was well received.