



Vision Riders



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Local Chapter Happenings

If you didn't go to the bike games we held on Sep. 3rd, you missed a good time. Although it was hot, no one complained. We had a good turnout and lots of participants for the games. The bike show was somewhat limited because yours truly and David won their category prize by default. Let's hope we can get some competition next year. Our thanks go out to the Subway on Broadway for sponsoring the event.

Our state rally was poorly attended by our chapter. Those of us that attended had a good time even though it did rain a few times. Some of us rode on 2 wheels and others on 4 with a trailer hauling their 2 wheels. If you haven't been to a state rally, plan on it now for next year. This gives you an opportunity to meet other chapters from Kentucky that you might miss in local area rides and functions.

Keep in mind some upcoming rides that are officially supported by our chapter per a vote at the last meeting. Those are the Bluegrass Believers annual Bug Run on 1 October and the Green River Southern Cruisers are having a ride on 5 November. A lot of them support us on the Run for the Son, so let's show them that we can support them on their fund raising efforts.

From Our Chaplain



Riding Blind

I recently took a trip to the east coast to visit my brother and I had a really nice ride. The weather was just great all the way up there and most of the way back. When I stopped in Huntington, WV, for gas I noticed clouds forming and lightning streaking across the sky and I just knew that rain was coming. So I promptly put on my rain suit, goggles and rain hat (my helmet) and took off for home. About the time I hit the border, it poured down the water but luckily, I got under an overpass and waited it out. I once again took off and in about 15 minutes or so I hit the storm again. It was raining so hard I couldn't see in front of me and this time there was no underpass to duck under, therefore I continued to ride slowing down to what felt like 30 mph. I mean, I was just creeping along. I also noticed that several vehicles had pulled over in the emergency lane to wait it out and I thought about it but thought I would look kind of stupid standing in the rain with no cover so I continued to putter onward. After another 10 or 15 minutes or so I noticed that some brave drivers were passing me up. I knew I was going slowly but the visibility was just not there. I continued on and

more and more vehicles were passing me by and I was thinking that these people were nuts. After a few more minutes of cars and trucks passing me by, I lowered my goggles and noticed that it was not raining. I felt really nuts, my goggles had filled with water and had fogged up which was the reason why I thought that it was still raining.

This made me think that sometimes we are so intent on a single purpose that we don't notice the things going on around us. We need to remove the goggles once in awhile and notice the people that are hurting or lost and maybe, just maybe, we might be able to help them to have a closer relationship with Jesus. Through Jesus, our lives will be blessed and much happier no matter how much rain falls into our lives, because He is always there to pick us up, give us a hug, heal our wounds and dry us off.

So be safe and alert but also pay attention to those around you looking for help, and remember you are never alone because God is there with you.

With everyone in my prayers your Chaplain -----Mitch

CMA Handbook Spotlight Ministering to Minors

CMA ministers to motorcyclists of all ages, and Youth and Children's Ministry is a growing sector of the ministry of CMA. Jesus welcomed the children on numerous occasions and cautioned those who would hurt them (Matthew 18:6). In order to protect children and the integrity of CMA and its members, it is required that all CMA members who are involved in ministry to minors complete the CMA Ministry Team for Children or Youth. A notarized National Criminal background check is required for completion of these ministry teams.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

September

Harley Fisher	9/8
Doris Moore	9/11
Darrell Smith	9/18
Tim Cooper	9/20
Keith & Jamie Morris	9/14
Garrett & Laura Thompson	9/16

Next Month

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

Youth Movement/Fast Lane



Well it's been few months since I have written anything in the newsletter. I skipped it for two reasons. The main reason was the Lord didn't give me anything to write about; the other was to see if anyone even noticed. Only three even mentioned to me that they didn't see anything from me in the newsletter. So it makes me wonder if very many are even taking the time to read the newsletter. If you're not, you're missing some good stuff from different people. I, for one, enjoy reading the different articles and I'm not much on reading anything but I do enjoy the newsletters.

These articles are real and not fiction. They are about things we should do, things we have done and people we have ministered to. That's what we are about, reaching out to a lost world with the aid of mainly, motorcycles. But we also use atv's, utv's, dirt bikes, rescue trucks and even bicycles. There is another tool we have it's our back patch and is also a BIG aid, even if you have it on or have it off and it plainly says riding for the Son. As Christians we should always represent CMA and ourselves in a Godly way no matter if we have the vest on or off. The reason I say that is because a non-believer will notice the difference and it shouldn't be any difference. But I'll tell one thing a non-believer can pick out a phony a mile away especially in the biker world and if they have the CMA patch on their back it makes it look bad on all that wear one. You're either in or out you can't be a fence jumper or as I just said you can't be a phony.

When you join CMA and put that vest on you become a part of huge group of people that support their local Church and share the gospel and minister to a lost world. Also when you take it off nothing should change.

It's not only the non-believer but a believer can see it as well and that is very confusing especially if they are a new Christian that is just starting their walk with the Lord. Even worse, what if it involves a child or young adult that is following the foot steps that's being put down? We lead by example! Is the example you lead headed down the right road or is it just a phony road show?

It's not easy being a Christian, there is junk thrown at you everyday and it's hard to overcome some of it. But you just have to keep climbing just like Jesus did as He carried the cross up the hill. When He fell He would then get right back up and keep on going, knowing all the time where He was headed and what was going to happen when He got there.

Just as we should know where we are headed, there are only 2 places: Heaven or hell and the choice is yours. This may sound bad but you can go to hell anyway you wish but you can ONLY go to heaven through Jesus Christ. So the bottom line is: you will either walk the streets of gold or burn in the flames of hell—there is no in between and a phony won't be in Heaven.

I guess I have been preaching with words but it was what the Lord gave me. If I have offended anyone with this I'm not sorry because that's what I was given to write about and that's just what I did. Once again, a Christian will go to Heaven and walk the streets of gold; a phony will go to a fiery hell and burn.

If you would remember this, 'Straight talk is easy understood.'

Youth Movement Leader,
Tommy Watkins



Here, Micah Watkins and his mom, Angie performs a song at the recent State Rally.



Part of our chapter waits as we line up for the Cow Days parade in Greensburg.

From Our President



We are into September now and we can see the end of the traditional riding season coming. The days will continue to be shorter and the temps and weather will chase inside a lot of bikes soon.

That doesn't mean that our work and our ministry are put on the shelf till spring. While we may not be able to attend as many motorcycling events, we can still use the time for ministry, discipleship, fellowship and preparation.

We can always continue to minister. We do not have to be on a bike in order to share what God has done for us. The same principles and methods that CMA recommends to use with dealing with bikers will work with anyone. Show them you care, help them when they need help and let them see that Christ is in your life. Then they will tend to be more open to a ministry and witnessing opportunity when it comes up.

We are a busy chapter even in the off-season. We will continue our Winter Study sessions this year on Tuesday evenings. This is a great opportunity to grow in our discipleship as we learn more about what God wants us to understand. It is also a great time of bonding and fellowship among our chapter members and I encourage everyone to try to attend.

Next month also begins a time of preparation also. In our October chapter meeting we will be nominating people in preparation for the election of our chapter officers for 2012. This nomination and election is the first stage of preparing for the off season, which in turn will prepare us for all the activities and opportunities in the 2012 riding season. This chapter has a lot of people who are well capable to handle the officer positions. I encourage everyone to be in prayer and allow the Holy Spirit to guide you in your decisions on who to nominate and your decision to accept that nomination if you are chosen.

I ask that each one of you to commit to being a part of the chapter's activities in the off-season. That you will commit to continuing the ministry of our Lord wherever you are. That you study and continue to grow in your knowledge and wisdom of what God would have you to do.

I am pretty sure Satan is not going to be taking the winter season off, so we shouldn't be either.

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: Bike night @ Subway in Campbellsville on Broadway @ 6 pm Eastern.

Thursday Evenings: Bike night @ Subway in Greensburg @ 6 pm Central.

Sep. 24: Yard sale to support Tommy C's mission trip.

Sep. 30: Gburg IGA cookout to support Tommy C's mission trip.

Sat., Oct 1: Gallilean Home Bug Run, sponsored by the Bluegrass Believers chapter.

Sun., Oct 9: Fellowship ride @ 1:30 Eastern – meet @ Carols.

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

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

Words From Our Road Captain



Hello all! A couple of weeks ago we attended Todd Lanham's visitation and funeral. At the visitation we only stayed a few minutes because Tuff was getting a little uneasy at the funeral home. We talked with Todd Lanham's wife and her son. When we got outside, some of the Patriots Guards were standing there. We talked with Fred, who has ridden on some our rides. He thanked us for coming to support the family. He also gave Tuff a teddy bear that had ridden on many rides with him. The next day we were thinking about riding the bike to Lebanon to the funeral home. It was raining, cold, and the wind was blowing pretty hard. We just decided to take the car. When we got there the Patriot Guards were standing outside in the rain and cold to open doors to all that had came. While Chris and I were standing out there with them all, Joe Hare had asked us if we wanted to stand in the flag line with them. What a blessing it was, just to be asked. We both said yes and told them that we were honored to do so. As we formed the flag line, I realized that these men will stand in 100 degree weather, cold, rain, sleet and snow; it doesn't matter what it is doing outside. Their heart is to bring men and women home and to give respect to the families. The family was very touched by the display of support given to them. Todd Lanham's wife did thank all of the CMA who did come out to support her family in their time of need.

When we went on our recent fellowship ride, we took the back roads to Lebanon, stopped and ate at Kentucky Fried Chicken (thanks to Joe Denny) who suggested chicken. As we fellowshiped and ate, we could hear the rain come down. We sat there for a little while until the rain had stopped. I had planned on taking a longer ride but had to cut it short due to more possible rain. I am looking forward to when we can ride all together on a good day that will not be raining. I hope and pray that everyone has a wonderful week.

Your R.C.
Redneck

A Biker Wife's Story

By Christie Cundiff

I'm the farthest thing from a 'biker chick' you could imagine, so I'm probably the last person who should be writing this article. I still dig my nails into my husband's side if I feel he's going a little too fast. As a child, I would 'hit the floor' to hide, when a long line of bikers would pass by our family car, because I was certain we were going to be killed; but in my defense, I have come a long way.

I can now say without any hesitation that bikers are good people. Sure, there are some that are....tainted, but most bikers are really good people. I have to fight the automatic urge now when I'm driving to hang my arm 'down' out of my driver's side window to 'wave' at a fellow biker when one passes by. I love to look at bikes. Every bike. New, old, shiny, rusty, painted green, painted blue, etc. Every bike has a story. Every biker is proud of their bike. So here is what I'm having trouble understanding: why do bikers make fun of each other's bikes?

Every winter, you park your bikes, waiting for the first halfway decent day that you can pull your bike out and ride. You don't care that you'll come home with frost on your beard; you just want to be able to ride on a clear road. You ride because you: a) own a bike, and b) love to ride. For some people, that bike is a major sacrifice, and it's the best they can do. They love their bike every bit as much as you love yours, and I assure you, they love to ride just like you. Their bike also, has a story.

Maybe it's just me (again, I'm not a biker chick), but if someone is savvy enough to slap a lawn mower motor on a Schwinn so they can feel the country air blowing on their face, kudos to them. If that's all they can afford, I say welcome them in. I realize I may be stretching it a bit, but you get the point. Why does it matter if it's a Honda, or a Harley, or a Yamaha, etc. Aren't you all part of the same group? And if it has a spot of rust, or a scratch, or a drip of oil, is that really worth focusing on?

Matthew 6: 19-21 states, "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

Fellowship with one another, and enjoy your bikes. Be welcoming and encouraging to each other rather than bringing them down. A bike, the brand, and the shape it's in, won't matter in the afterlife; it's Who's branded on your heart that will count.

Editor's note: As the previous article shows, you do not have to be an officer to get published in the newsletter. If you have something to offer, please send it to me. Don't worry about spelling and grammar. I can make them readable. I used to process articles done by people with a PhD in the past (some of them can't write as well as our folks), so just get it to me and let everyone know what you have to say.

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Last month's mileage award was won by Mitch with well over two thousand miles.