



# Vision Riders



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## Local Chapter Happenings

The first ride for the season didn't turn out as well as it could have been. Rain and cold kept many away, including your editor, although I did take my cage there and made a donation to the cause. I managed to get a pin to add to my collection. BTF still held the ride even with the weather being as bad as it was. Several of our members were there and put up with the cold and rain to participate. Maybe that's why one of them keeps getting the chapter mileage award. He rides no matter what.

Beginning on May 1<sup>st</sup>, Kentucky will be adding 2 new aspects to the DMV test for a motorcycle license. The test will include: left turn/normal stop; cone weave/right turn from a stop; quick stop and obstacle swerve. These changes apply to both two-wheel and three-wheel motorcycles tests. If you still have a learner permit, make sure you can handle the 2 new parts of the test. Your editor recommends taking the motorcycle riders course offered at many colleges. If you pass the course, it will count as passing the KY motorcycle test and you can get your license endorsed.

Don't forget our upcoming chapter picnic on May 12<sup>th</sup>. We will be eating at 4 but fellowshiping long before that. The chapter is supplying the meat, bread and drinks. Linda will be circulating a survey to see what food everyone is bringing so as not to have too much of the same dish. Also, don't forget your lawn chairs and tables, if you can help out with those.

## Chaplain's Chat



By Tim "LightSeeker" Cooper

For those venturing outside of the urban setting, you may have noticed the fields being prepared for planting. Farming has certainly changed from how they used to do it; they no longer spend countless hours turning the soil with a plow, then returning with the disc to break the clumps into manageable soil ready for planting. Nowadays they simply spray the soil with weed killer, giving adequate time for the poison to kill the weeds and then allowing time for it to get deep into the root of the plant so that it won't return during the growing season.

I am not sure how it is that they think those poisons won't later affect us through the foods we eat, but never the less, the methods do work; less fuel cost is associated with the preparation, and less time and money spent spraying again once the plants begin growing. There is a point to this writing. We can learn from the modern farming methods in our own lives by understanding that when we accept Christ, we also must allow an application of the Spirit of God, killing all those things which prevent us from growing in Christ; perhaps it is our obsession for wealth or possessions, or maybe it's something deeper which

requires a deep penetration of God's grace and mercy to kill it and prevent it from coming back.

The good news is when we allow these things to happen, God then comes and plants a new spirit in us, and it grows and becomes fruitful and useful for others as well, much as the farmer plants one kernel of corn and it becomes a plant with numerous ears of corn which contain numerous kernels each. Just as the farmer must prepare the soil for planting, so too must we constantly allow the Holy Spirit to continually "test" our soil and root out anything not of God, so that we may produce a harvest.

I hope that gives you something to think about. Watch the cage and keep your eyes on the SON!

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## April Mileage Award



Randall "Bear" Shofner  
RFS Secretary

The Bear did it again. He rode over 2300 miles to get the April mileage award.

## Upcoming Events

Check out a new feature with the calendar at the end of the newsletter.

*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.*

**May 5:** Run for the Son!

All other events are on the calendar.

## The President's Corner



As the season for riding is upon us, we need to begin our preparation to use what God has given us in the ministry we are called to do. There will be multiple opportunities for each of us this season to share what Christ means to us and how He is in control of our lives.

To be aware of these opportunities is one of the challenges that we face. A lot of how we are perceived by the world will be because of the small choices we make each day. Do we choose to begin our days with a conversation with God? Do we spend time each day in prayer and studying scripture? If we choose not to prepare to make war with Satan then we may well be admitting defeat at the onset.

If you remember what we are about as a chapter is to do only that which will bring honor and glory to God. As a member of CMA we are to "Change the world one heart at a time." To do these things in our lives we must put on the armor of God as described in the scriptures. Paul tells us in Ephesians 6:10-18 that we need this armor to defend ourselves against the devil's tricks. He tells us that we are not fighting humans but forces and powers of the darkness in the spiritual world. That truth should be what we gird ourselves with to protect us, to have a desire to tell the good news of Jesus like shoes on our feet, that our faith should be like a shield to stop the darts thrown at us from the evil one. That the power of salvation should be like a helmet and that the word of God should be like a sword to cut the lies of Satan down and to always be praying for God's people.

If you recall earlier this year I challenged each of us to pick at least one area of service. These were fellowship, evangelism, discipleship and prayer. As the scripture said we are to always be praying for God's people, this year we are going to do something new. We are having prayer sheets for the days of our rides and

any event we are to participate in. We are challenging you to pray for at least 30 minutes at a specific time during these events. We will be doing this from 12 midnight of the day of the event to the end of the event, which will include travel time home from the event for our people. If we as God's people can't care enough to pray for those who are fighting the devil in service at these events then we have a problem that we need prayer about.

May God's grace and love be with you as we begin this new riding season and prepare to take the message of God to a lost and dying world.

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## For the single men in our chapter



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## Handbook Highlights Run For The Son

The Bible instructs Christians to go into the world and preach the Gospel. Since 1988, RFS has made a significant contribution to world evangelism, touching literally millions of lives. This is CMA's only fundraiser.

- 60% of the funds is given to three world-reaching ministries:
  - ➔ 20% Missionary Ventures
  - ➔ 20% Open Doors
  - ➔ 20% Jesus Film Project
- 40% of the funds is used to minister to bikers in the United States and all over the world.

Through your efforts in RFS:

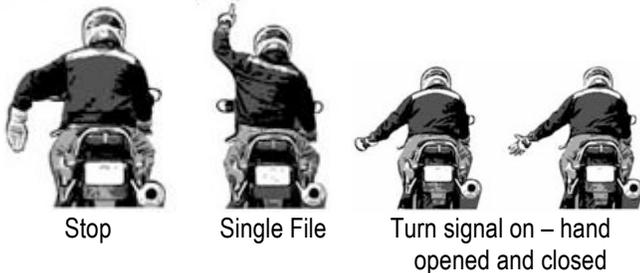
- Over 3,900 motorcycles have been given to native pastors (Missionary Ventures).
- Over 2,064,300 Bibles have been smuggled into closed countries and placed in the hands of those looking for answers (Open Doors).
- Over 226 countries have seen the Jesus Film (Jesus Film Project).
- Over 154,000 bikers/people ministered to within the USA annually (CMA).
- Through all four ministries, over 11.5 million people have come to Christ.

For more information on Run for the Son, we encourage you to contact your State Coordinator and/or purchase a Run for the Son promotional DVD.

### From Our Road Captain



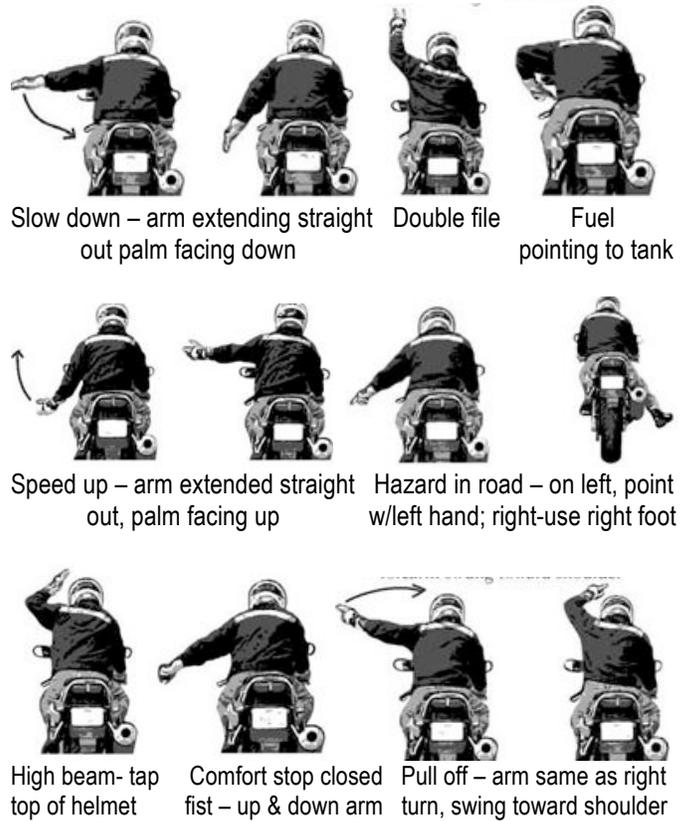
To make sure everyone knows the signals on a group ride, here are pictures of the standard hand signals I will be using. Explanations are under each drawing.



Stop

Single File

Turn signal on – hand opened and closed



Slow down – arm extending straight out palm facing down

Double file

Fuel pointing to tank



Speed up – arm extended straight out, palm facing up



Hazard in road – on left, point w/left hand; right-use right foot



High beam- tap top of helmet



Comfort stop closed fist – up & down arm



Pull off – arm same as right turn, swing toward shoulder

God Bless, Darrell

### Editorial

The Lord tells us in one of His basic commands: "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy." (Exodus 20:8) Many of us may ask, what does "keeping it holy" mean? I could fill up a page with what that means but what I think doesn't matter; it is what the Lord tells us in His Word. He expounds a bit in Isaiah 58 when He tell us not to break the Sabbath by not doing what we please but to honor it by not going your own way. Also, in Exodus 16, He tells us to rest on the Sabbath by preparing for it by making our meals the day before so we can rest on His holy day.

The reason I am mentioning the Sabbath is because of my observations in the past few months. I have noticed among my Christian brothers and sisters that many of them may not hold the Sabbath as holy as the Lord wants them to. As I talk to other Christians, both in our chapter and even in my church, I notice that many of them mention that they do things on Sunday (the Christian Sabbath) that the Lord tells them to abstain from, like mow the lawn or go shopping.

As someone as old as me remembers back when this country was less secular than it is now, I can see the changes among Christian and secular people. It used to be that stores were closed on Sunday and way back then, in my hometown, only one drugstore stayed open on Sunday to dispense any needed medicine. Each store in town rotated the Sunday they stayed open. We also used to be able to relax after the worship service by sitting on our porches and just enjoy the day the Lord has told us to rest. Now, that rest is disturbed by the sound of tractors and

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mowers roaring up and down the neighbor's yard. The Sunday drive used to be an activity that the family used to relax. Now, if you are out for a Sunday drive, someone racing to the department store to shop might cut you off. When you drive by the store, the parking lot is full!

I could mention a lot of other things I observe that, to me, seem to be breaking the Sabbath but, like I said earlier, it doesn't matter what I think. As I do some reflecting on what the Lord tells me in His Word about the Sabbath, I ask you to review His Word too and ask yourself if you are keeping the Sabbath.

### Fast Lane

By Tommy Watkins



Vision Riders was asked as far back as last October 2011 if we would be able to be at their event? Whose event? The Russell Creek Off Road Compounds.

The landowner told Richard and me last year that they didn't think they could even have a race if we weren't there to give prayer before each race.

I remember very well what Rich told him. He said: "brother don't you worry about that we'll be there like always." Little did Richard know at that time that he would be called home before this event came around? But he was there in spirit watching every lap from a whole lot more *gooder* angle than we were.

The event was Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. It was a beautiful day from start to finish. Once again not a race started without prayer and once again no one got hurt or injured bad enough that needed medical attention. Except, as usual, some got their pride hurt when they would run out of talent and find their limits. 😊

One of the coolest things about the day was just before the big professional races started; the promoter gave the riders their instructions, and then gave me the microphone to have prayer. I asked everyone to bow the heads and all those race helmets hit the handle bars just like soldiers in the service. It was awesome!

As I was praying I was wondering how many knew to Whom I was praying? Then I was praying that the ones that didn't know might ask someone.

I feel we sow seeds each and every time we go there, and I pray there will be a great harvest. You never know what will come from a simple prayer, a tract, bike blessing or just taking time to listen to someone. Why? Because we are there if needed.

We were needed a few times; Keith had to rescue one from way down in the creek and take some gas to a couple more. It was a challenge to get the one bike out because of the steep hills but we got it done, as you can see in the picture below.



Here, Keith provides a tow.

All in all we had a very good day and looks like we will be there again Labor Day weekend on Sunday.

I compare these MX events to the Harley Drags. Just like the H-Drags certain people look forward to seeing you there because you always have been there at the past events. That kind of dedication tells people they we are the real deal. A believer can see a phony a mile away. So if we are a accustomed to being at a certain event, we need to try our best to make sure someone has it covered. Because we just maybe that one hand shake, that one listening ear or that one prayer they have been waiting for. Our ministry is about going out and reaching out to the biking world rather they are on dirt or pavement.

The very same Sunday that we were at Russell Creek MX track, Blake Jessie, the pastor at our church, preached that we need go out beyond the church walls to reach out and share God's word to a lost world. When one of our church members let me know what the sermon was about it just gave me cold chills.

Whether we are working the fields or giving support from the home front. If we are at work for Jesus we are all in the same game. Are you in the game?



Don't forget the chapter picnic on May 12<sup>th</sup>!



# May Events and Happenings

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Happy Birthday Justin Smith! Bike night @ Subway on Broadway	2	3	4	5 Run for the Son!
6	7	8 Bike night @ Subway on Broadway	9	10	11	12 Chapter Picnic! Directions to location on our Web page calendar Happy Birthday J.T. Napier!
13 Happy Anniversary Karen & Herbie Goff!	14	15 Bike night @ Subway on Broadway	16 Happy Anniversary Tina & Jon Nesbitt!	17	18	19 Chapter Ladies Spring Fling! See Web page for details BTF poker run
20	21	22 Bike night @ Subway on Broadway	23	24 Officers meeting @ Dan's place, 7 Eastern	25	26
27	28	29 Bike night @ Subway on Broadway	30	31 Regular monthly chapter meeting		
			Place on your home refrigerator door or tack to your bulletin board.	Write in updates too late for newsletter or just posted to Web page calendar.		