



Vision Riders



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Local Chapter Happenings

Spring has sprung or, at least it has supposed to do that by now. As this is being typed, frost was observed on roofs, so it is not entirely spring weather yet. Let's hope this is the last of the cold stuff so we can get down to some serious riding weather.

One sign of spring is Bike Night at local restaurants. Right now, the only one your editor is aware of is the Subway that is located on Broadway on the North end of town. It is on Tuesday at 6 pm Eastern. If you ride there on your bike, you get a discount on your order. Note that this is not an official chapter function and is open to all bikers. This provides us with a way to fellowship and also reach out to any other bikers there.

Recently, Tommy and Angie Watkins had a birthday and celebrated them with a party that was attended by many in our chapter. I won't give away the age of either but will show a picture of the event below:



Photo from Theresa Collings



This Saturday, May 4th. Register @ 11am ET.

Chaplin's Chat



Herbie Goff

As we venture out on the roads, we notice that there are many bikers doing the same thing. Riding weather is starting to look more and more promising. Our opportunities are becoming greater for us to minister to as many as we can. I'm reminded what it says in the scriptures: Amos 8:11 – *Behold the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord:*

Many people know very little about God's word. What a great opportunity for us to share with as many people as we can, the Word of the Lord. Let's take advantage of it and let as many know as we can that C.M.A. members care about other bikers too.

Let's all keep up the good work for the Lord and remember that God loves each one of us.

Yours in Christian love
Herbie Goff
Phil. 4:13

Here is Herbie's verse from the NIV:

"I can do all this through Him who gives me strength."



Handbook Highlights

Run For The Son

Run for the Son (RFS) takes place the first Saturday of May each year and is CMA's only fundraiser. Through working with our ministry partners CMA has been able to extend our outreach to millions of people throughout the world. In addition, RFS has enabled CMA to equip motorcyclists the United States and all over the world to reach the lost with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Those participating in this event raise money by seeking individuals to sponsor them on a ride the day of the event. The chapter or individual then collects the money and sends it to CMA National. From there all of the monies are tallied and the final total is revealed at the June National Rally where it is distributed in the following method:

⊕ 60% is given to three world-reaching ministries:

20% Missionary Ventures – places motorcycles/transportation in the hands of native pastors around the world.

20% Open Doors -equips/trains persecuted Christians around the world with the Word of God.

20% JESUS Film Project – takes the message of the Gospel of Luke, translates it into native tongues, and shows the *JESUS* Film to key people groups worldwide.

⊕ 40% CMA – provides ministry materials/training for bikers in the United States and around the world. Some of this money also goes back to each state for use in local ministry efforts. Through your efforts in RFS:

*Over 4,000 motorcycles have been given to native pastors (Missionary Ventures).

*Over 2,200,000 Bibles have been smuggled into closed countries and placed in the hands of those looking for answers (Open Doors).

*Over 220 countries have seen the Jesus Film (Jesus Film Project).

*Over 170,000 bikers/people ministered to within the USA annually (CMA).

Through all four ministries, over 13 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 website at <https://shop.cmausa.org>.

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Youth/Fast Lane



Briar at Hickerson's

Wow! It was three weekends in a row with dirt bikes and ATV's. Well it started off Sunday, April 14th at Russell Creek Compound (Hickerson's Farm) in Green Co. We once again were asked to do the devotional at mid-day just after the riders meeting. Dan Hayes brought a great short message about choices that we make every day. We had a good crowd that stayed for the devotional even though they were free to go after their riders meeting.

Two other things that were great about this race was a bike blessing that we had. I was out on the track when the bike was blessed and didn't get to hear it. The special thing about the bike blessing was not just the rider and the bike but the one that did the prayer. It was Briar's first time at blessing a bike and from what I heard the young man did a great job and man us all feel blessed. The other thing was something that happened to me out in the middle of the woods while watching the race. As I was standing there watching the bikes buzz by, all the sudden one of the bikes came sliding to a stop, flipped up his goggles and said: "I would like to thank you guys for being here but I gotta go," then speeds off! Doing this during his race is very humbling to say the least. Also once again, Briar competed in the race and bettered his finish X 2 from the last race. I'm proud of you kid!

The next weekend, April 19th was with Victory Sports Racing's three-day event at Ballance Moto X in Oakland, KY. It was the Loretta Lynn MX Area Qualifier. This is a big event and we were asked again to help out. I had gotten an email several weeks ago from VSR needing to know if we could help them on the track. This is the 3rd year we have done so and the 5th year we have attended. The first two years we only did a hospitality tent, that was before we were asked by Mr. Sam Gammons (VSR owner) about helping on the track. We really didn't know what to expect when we started this, but it has turned into an awesome blessing. I never dreamed you could feel as good as you do while working these events and trust me it is hands on work!

At the LLQ race the temps were somewhat cool and breezy. Shane Moore went down on Friday with the

ATV's and worked the track along with someone from Vette City and in his words: "I didn't bring enough dang clothes," so it must have been cool. Later in the day, Noble, Barb, Dan and Linda got there with the RV's and Cory and I came after work. It was almost dark when we got there and the practice was over and done. So we got our toy hauler unloaded and set up for the weekend.

Saturday morning after breakfast prepared by Linda and Barb and, might I say it was very good! Philip, Lonnie, Cory and I did the towing with the ATV's. Dan and Jimmy Gray helped with flagging. It was cool, dusty, windy and dry both Saturday and Sunday. As Saturday came to a close, Philip, Lonnie, Jimmy, Lynn and I went to Bowling Green and got something eat while the rest stayed at camp and had something in the RV's. Sunday, again we were fed a big breakfast by Linda and Barb. We had a bigger crew Sunday as Shane, Dave and Tommy Wise came to help out. Sunday seemed to go by quickly to me. Before I knew it we were done. There were a few serious injuries and before we left, we did have prayer for them. We may have not known the names but God does and that's all that matters.

Weekend number three also with Victory Sports at Ballance was the ATV national. This is a huge event, the number one ATV racers in the country were there and once again we were on TV, this time on Friday. Keith, Shane and Dan were there for track support. Me, Cory and Matt Collings (Mitch's son) got there just before dark and got things set up. Then we all hooked up with Keith, Jamie and Mitch in Bowling Green and had Mexican food, a Harley Drag tradition.

Saturday morning Barb and I did the cooking for breakfast then things got busy for all of us! Dry did not last long; yep it rained all day long but the racing never stopped. When the main race of the day started the track had water standing in it everywhere.

The number one ATV rider in the country proved to everyone why he is # 1 That cat raced like it was dry! Oh yeah he won. After things were over we cleaned up, dried off, changed and grilled out for supper. Jamie, Keith and Mitch came over from the drags and ate with us. I grilled some tenderloin and Barb did the rest, then Philip rolled in with cheesecake. Yep we all got full.

Then the rains really came! That night it stormed and dropped some water, the wind mangled our pop-up and blew open the door on Dan's trailer before he could get it closed. Everything got soaked. I got up around 1:30 am and took down what was left of the pop-up, which was not much. We all had our boots under the pop-up so they were water logged.

After another big breakfast we all took our places in the mud. I ask Sam on the radio: "Are we starting on time?" "YESSIR!" We only had a few takers for practice and then it was racing. Sam doesn't mess around and doesn't waste time. (Continued on next page.)

The track dried rather quickly and we had an easier day compared to Saturday. When the day was finished we broke everything down and headed home.

Now I have talked a lot about the races and the things we did, but nothing about ministry. The ministry was there in so many different ways, through so many different people. Noble and Barb were parking people when they arrived and had one guy get pretty rude with him. Noble just remained calm and told him the guy what he needed to do. Just a little later that guy came back to Noble and said sir I was out of line earlier and I'm sorry. Dan and I both had several different people come up to us and thanked us, not just for what we were doing but the way we handled ourselves and comforted the ones that had wrecked. I myself had a rider to take a hard lick and stove up his leg. He wanted a ride out on my ATV. He and I had a good talk on the way to his pit. Even a little later I stopped back by his pit and checked on him a couple of times. The second time when I stopped they were watching a video of his wreck and asked if I wanted to see it. Sure why not it only took a minute. I told him that he wrecked good! We laughed and then he just looked at me and just said: "thanks dude!" I said: "I didn't do anything," "yea you did, you took the time." Sometimes it's just the little things that make a big difference to someone. Several times over the two weekends we had parents that were just plain "STUPID" is about the best way to size them up. Dave G. told me he had one parent that said something pretty bad to him when he was trying to help his son that had just took a bad spill. He also told me that when this happened that he overcame a hurdle. It was the first time in his life that he did not meet anger with anger. He said I wanted to, but I didn't, then he said God is good! You never know the good that will come from the bad if you just stick with God.

I know this has been long but it covers a lot of ground and could have been much longer. ;>) I would like to thank each and everyone of you for all that you do, for all the support that you give to these events. Remember it's the little things can make a huge difference in someone's life.

Tommy Watkins

Birthdays and Anniversaries

April:	Dan Hayes	April 3
	Tommy Watkins	April 4
	Angie Watkins	April 8
	Anita Durham	April 10
	Karen Goff	April 13
	Bobby Barker	April 23
	Tim & Jody Cooper	April 2
	Dan & Linda Hayes	April 11

May:	Justin Smith	May 1
	Herbie & Karen Goff	May 13

Road Captain's Report



Our annual prayer ride took place on April 20th and turned out to be a really good ride, even if it was fairly cold and I still had to borrow a bike (thank you again Jaime). We had 16 people with 11 bikes and the rescue truck. Not a bad turn out for the temperature that we had. The trip took us through the counties that we have members in plus Casey County. I appreciate the churches that welcomed us to their grounds. The pastors of two of the churches were out of town, but they had arranged for church members to be present to greet us.

We went to Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church the next day for a Run for the Son service. Keith made the presentation and did an excellent job. Our chapter was represented by a number of 6.

Our two rides went smoothly and, most importantly, safely. But, we must continue to ride while concentrating on safety and the lumbering cages on the road. This needs to be done whether we're riding in large groups, small groups, or individually. Riding is great, but only if we return home healthy and uninjured.

Remember the Harley Drags in Bowling Green and the motocross races at Balance on April 26—28. If you can't attend, please be in prayer for the ones who do go. Also, we will be having a Run for the Son service at Saloma Baptist Church on April 28. You can also check the calendar of events on our website: visionriders.org.

Don't forget!



May 4 @ 11 am ET @ Green River Plaza in Campbellsville.