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Count it all joy, my brethren, when you meet various trials, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. James 1: 2 & 3 (RSV)

Local Chapter Happenings

Here we are in the best of the riding weather. I hope everyone has taken advantage of it. Most of the content of this newsletter is up to you, the readers. If many contribute articles and pictures, we will have a bigger issue. If it is a tiny issue, vow to not let it happen again and contribute something next month.

We had a surprise on the August 23rd bike night at the Campbellsville Subway. Lisa Healy showed up with her husband, Bob. I guess she couldn't stay away any longer. She still keeps up with what goes on since she is still on the e-mail list. If you weren't there, you missed a nice visit.

There were several rides and other activities. You can read about one of them in the Road Captain's Corner. Keep in mind the upcoming visit to Grandview Rest Home on Sep. 14. We will be removing some of the boredom for the residents by showing them our bikes. That is something different than what they do day in and day out. On top of that, your editor will be offering rides around the parking lot in the sidecar for those that would like one and are able. Be there!

Road Captain's Corner



On Saturday the 23rd, Ron Mardis and I pulled out of Campbellsville with dark clouds looming overhead and we rode up to Lebanon to Woodlawn Baptist Church. They had a charity ride to benefit abused children. Just before we pulled out, the pastor asked if we could bless the bikes. For the first time in my CMA membership, Ron and I blessed 20 bikes and we did it all at once! We ran short of rag tracts and stickers,

but passed out all we had. I am going to deliver the rest of them to the pastor. That was an exciting thing to be a part of. We ran out because we had been blessing more bikes than we had thought and that's a good thing. We pulled out of the church and went towards Hodgenville to Ovesen Heights Baptist Church. Ron had noticed on the way over from Campbellsville that he had a noise in the rear end of his bike. When we got to Hodgenville it had gotten a little louder, so we decided to end the ride and head home and without incident. Ron made it home and we didn't get wet! Ron and the CMA 6 had enough rain to last awhile.

Tommy Cundiff

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Mileage Award for June

Jason Kelsay got the mileage award for July.

Sturgis Photos



Most of you probably remember "Gunny", Lee Embry, from his TV shows. Here he is with Theresa at Sturgis. Photo by Mitch.



Here's Mitch at Sturgis trying out his next ride. Photo by Theresa.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

August	Gordon Judd	August 9
	Joe Denny Roberts	August 13
	Tommy Cundiff	August 30
	Shane & Doris Moore	August 15
September	Doris Moore	Sept. 11
	Darrell Smith	Sept. 18
	Keith & Jamie Morris	Sept. 14

Editorial

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Trials

As editor, I get to pick some things that go into each issue of this newsletter. When I began using quotes from the Bible at the top of each issue, I tried to choose a verse that is relevant to all. Of course, all of God's Word is relevant but some of the verses hold a special meaning to most of us. Since this month's verse helped me understand my situation, I thought an editorial might help others understand their trials.

We all have our day-to-day trials that we don't think about too much but the big ones come along and sometimes throw us for a loop. After I had my first seizure, my doctor told me that Kentucky law said that I was not allowed to drive (or ride my bike) for 6 months. That was quite a shock to me, so I did some research and found out that my doctor was wrong and the time was only 3 months. That was quite a relief but was still disturbing to me and was a hardship on my wife, Delores. For the first time, I was not able to ride in Run for the Son. Those 3 months dragged along slowly but we managed to get through them with some help from other chapter members and I was glad to get back in the saddle again. I have been driving for 50 years and after 3 months, it was just like yesterday and there was no adjustment needed to begin again. I was glad that was over and wanted to get on with my life.

A few months later, I was groggy and confused but realized that I was being put on a stretcher and loaded into an ambulance. I had scared Delores by having another seizure. After my brain had oriented itself, I managed to leave the ER with a prescription in hand for something to keep another seizure from happening again. The Rx was good but the bad part is that I had to start another 3 months of no driving. Not only was the inconvenience there but also, I love to drive (and ride). If I hadn't had the career I did, I could have been a truck driver and would have probably enjoyed it. When this issue of the newsletter goes out, I will have 2 months to go before I can drive again.

With the above background, how would you feel if this happened to you? Some of us would probably wonder why the Lord put us through all that. Others, and I hope no believers, would be angry with the Lord. Some would wonder what they did to deserve this punishment. God does not necessarily cause things or allow things to happen for punishment, but He does for discipline. Look at Hebrews 12:4 through 11. Here we are told that we should endure hardships (or trials) as discipline. Discipline is entirely different than punishment. Discipline is for the well being of us, God's children. Just as an earthly parent disciplines his children, our Father disciplines us. In both situations, we may not understand or like it at the time, but it is for our benefit. He has His reason(s) and sometimes we will know them and other times we may never find out what they are. With the trials Delores and I have gone

through, some would have major difficulties going through similar ones. Others would have many different reactions. What is my reaction? Well, it is difficult for me, but knowing Who is in control gives me comfort. I praise the Lord because He is in control and has His reasons for my benefit.

Considering James 1: 2 & 3, I count it as joy because the Lord is testing my faith. Why He is testing my faith is unknown to me but I'm sure He has His reason(s) there too. Perhaps it is to cause me to write an editorial for others to read and it may help someone else that is going through a trial and is distraught about it. Maybe it is to prevent something that could have happened if I did not have to go through this trial, like a fatal car or bike crash if I had still been driving.

What about you? I'm sure you have had or are having your trials. The trials we have are not any worse or less than the trials others endure; they are just different and affect each of us differently. So, whether your bike threw a chain, you lost your job, you are having trouble with the kids, or something else, pray about it and ask the Lord to guide you through it. Look to His Word for guidance and begin with James 1, verses 2 and 3. If you still think things are tough, think about those that don't have our Savior. Look in Romans 6:23 (NIV) *For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*



If you have never been to Sturgis, here is a view that will give you a small idea of how many bikers are there. Photo by Mitch and Theresa.



Here is another view of bikers at Sturgis. This is just a very small gathering. Photo by Mitch and Theresa.

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