



Vision Riders



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Local Chapter Happenings

Our winter month's activities have been made more pleasant by warmer weather. Many of us had our bikes out on a day or two that we didn't expect to ride. Your new officers have been meeting to build a better chapter and learn their new positions. We attended the statewide officers meeting earlier this month. We were brought up to speed on all the new information and rules and updates from our national headquarters. It also gave us a time to fellowship as we rode there in a car pool due to the cold weather.

Don't forget the Seasons of Refreshing coming up on the 24th and 25th of this month. If you have never been to one, I encourage you to do so. If you can't make it on the evening of the 24th, come during the day on the 25th. This is a Saturday, so most of you should be able to make it. It is held in a church in Cecilia, KY. This is on the other side of E-town and a bit South. Ask for directions if you don't know how to get there. Info and signup sheets have been e-mailed to all on the list. If you didn't get one, send a note to Harry at the address in the info box elsewhere in this issue.

The Web page is still in transition. We think we have found someone more competent than your editor and hope to get things fixed and updated soon.

Chaplain's Chat



By Tim "LightSeeker" Cooper

For those who are part of the weekly video teaching series, Fan or Follower, on Tuesday nights, this is going to be just more of what has already been covered; to the rest of you I hope you will consider joining us for this series.

Have you ever had something jolt you back to a different time, maybe a song from the past which reminds you of your first love, or your first set of wheels; maybe it's a sound that reminds you of the baseball cards you placed in your bicycle spokes as a youngin', or that special song from your first date.

Whatever it is that takes you back to earlier times, it can be refreshing or disappointing, depending on the event in your life. And so it has been for me during this video series. It has been taking me back to memories of when I could hear God's voice clearly and I responded to it. A time in which I sought out my God's direction before leaping, and a time when I was still with my "First Love," Jesus Christ.

In Revelation 2, Jesus spoke to John the revelator and told him to write to the Church in Ephesus, and He spoke of the things

which they have done correctly, yet in verse 4, He cuts to the bone when he says "Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken your first Love...." I too have done just that, this video series is a reminder that we can be committed to Christ or just marking off the church going back each week. We can be committed to glorifying Christ's name through our actions, or praising like a child of God on Sunday and living like an orphan the rest of the week.

Our commitment is dictated by our actions, in and out of church. How about you? Do you love Jesus as much now as you did the day you knelt down and asked Christ to cleanse your sins, to be your savior, and to accept His awesome presence in your life? Do you? Or have you also left your first Love? Well, enough for now; there is much to think about but worth the thought! Are you a fan or follower? You decide.

Be Blessed, Watch the Cage, and Keep your eyes on the SON!

Tim "LightSeeker" Cooper



Here, "Bear" receives the mileage award for January from Gordon. He totaled over 478 miles for the month.



For February, Shane gets the mileage award from Randall for 335 miles.

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Birthdays and Anniversaries

February

Steven Bowles	2/12
Tina Nesbitt	2/14
Briar McVey	2/17
Linda Hayes	2/24
Barry & Jennifer Parker	2/19

March

Michael Lantz	3/1
Micah Watkins	3/3
David Harper	3/6
Donna Smith	3/20
Lisa Healy	3/27
Tommy & Chis Cundiff	3/25
Darrell & Donna Smith	3/28

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: Bible study @Keith and Jamie's home @ 6:30 pm Eastern. No pre-session meals this year.

Feb 24 & 25: Seasons of Refreshing @ Cecilia, KY

Mar 27: RFS presentation @ Elkhorn Baptist @ 6:30 Eastern.

The President's Corner



This year is in full swing now as we just finished our statewide officers training last weekend. It was good to visit with old friends and also meet new ones. This year our state leadership wants us to follow up on last year's ideas of chapters coming together to accomplish ministry.

We are again looking to hook up with other chapters for our RFS ride, we will be co-hosting the state rally in September with the Riders of the Word from E-town. As this date draws closer we will be working out the details. Before we even have weather where a lot of people are willing to ride it looks like there will be plenty of ministry opportunities this riding season.

One of the things that drew my attention was a video shown discussing the four elements of a healthy chapter. This will probably be seen during the year at one of our meetings. In this, John Ogden, Sr. discusses how the areas of prayer, evangelism, fellowship and discipleship are essential to the health a chapter. We will be using this format to determine where **each** of our members best fits in to the ministry of Vision Riders.

Last month I shared some of what we are not but what we are is a ministry and the purpose of this chapter is to bring glory to God and to try to change the hearts of those who do not know Him. After watching the video I mentioned earlier it was laid on my heart that we **all** have to pick one area to be our main emphasis. In evangelism we go face to face with the lost and share the story of Jesus with them. In discipleship we can be mentors and helpers to those that come to know Him and need to learn how to serve Him. In fellowship we have the need to plan events, meals, etc., where coming together we enjoy not only His company but that of others as well. I left prayer until last, as I believe this is the foundation of any ministry. When we have an event going on we need God's people covering that event with prayer. You may not be comfortable going to a secular event but you can get before God for a period of time to pray for those that are there. This year we are going to have prayer charts covering the time for the events we work this year and I **expect** them to be covered completely.

As has been stated before, if you can't find a place of ministry in one of these four areas, then maybe this ministry ain't for you. I hope and pray each member will take this before God and choose to be a vessel for Him this year as we go forth to do battle in His name.

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Handbook Highlights Chapter Purpose

Chapters have a three-fold purpose:

- Encourage members to be active in testimony and Christian witnessing to all motorcyclists.
- Provide an evangelistic association for motorcycling.
- Provide a Christian fellowship-riding group.

Every chapter member should be involved in one or more of these four areas:

- Praying: sincerely seeking/lifting up (Matt. 18:19; 21:22; Acts 1:14; 1 Tim. 2:8)
- Encouraging: visiting and serving (1 Thes. 5:11-17; Hebrews 3:13)
- Discipling: mentoring and growing people (Matt. 28:19; 2 Tim 2:2)
- Evangelizing: going out (Matt. 28:19)

Ladies Corner



By Laura Thompson

Spring may not quite be in the air yet, but it is time to start thinking spring - as in Spring Fling. Ladies it's time to dust off your party planning books and throw around some ideas for our 2nd annual Ladies Spring Fling. As you know the Spring Fling gives us a chance to fellowship and to get to know the other lady bikers in our community. Some things to keep in mind will be a date & time, location for the event, what kind of party snacks we would like to have, and what type of activities to offer (last year the corn hole tournament was a sight to see). Call or shoot us an email with your thoughts to: Linda: linda224@windstream.net or 270-403-4381 or Laura: lauralaruethompson@gmail.com or 270-849-4915.

Laura



Here, your editor presents funds from the Polar Bear Run to the folks at the Campbellsville Food Bank.

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New member Mary Ann Ohsol receives her chapter patch from Vice President, Mitch Collings.