



Vision Riders



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Local Chapter Happenings

Here it is, the beginning of a new year. It's time to review what you have planned to do this year. If it is to study your Bible more, let us help you by inviting you to our weekly Bible study at the home of Dan and Linda. They have moved a few months ago, so if you haven't been to their new place, ask someone that has or check our Web site and click on the Calendar to check the day and time of the study. When you bring up the event on the Web site calendar, you should get a map to when the event is located. This is true with most events when I can get an actual street address. Our Calendar is tied to and part of Google calendar and Google calendar is tied to Google maps. That tie in gives us the ability to show a map to a particular event's location. This should be a help for those that haven't been to a place before.

By now, you are probably wondering why this issue is late. Not only does the newsletter come late because the monthly meeting is held on the last Thursday day of the month but your editor has been a bit under the weather. On Monday, 25 Jan., I went to my doctor to have a biopsy done. All went well except things weren't too pleasant, which is usually the case when parts or your body are removed for testing. I was glad it was over. On Tuesday evening I went to the regularly scheduled Bible study but I had the shakes and was very cold. I managed to make it through that and slept with my electric blanket cranked up to keep warm. All day Wednesday, I didn't feel good and still had the shakes. Delores convinced me to call the doctor and I told him what was happening. He told me to go directly to the emergency room of TRH. After being there for a few hours, they said I was staying. It seems I had an infection in my blood, sometimes called blood poisoning.

After spending 3 nights in the hospital having antibiotics pumped into me via IV, the infection was finally beaten into submission. Most of you know that I am not one to give too much personal information and a lot was left out but I did want to illustrate to you folks what the Lord did for me. He gave me a wife that convinced me to call the doctor instead of riding it out. If I had tried to ride it out, I probably wouldn't be writing this now. I checked out what I had on the NIH Web page and it said the mortality factor was 50%! All I can say is praise the Lord for making things happen the way they did. It wasn't easy but I am almost up to full speed again.

For those of you not at the meeting, the results of our Polar Bear Run were distributed to four local food banks. One hundred thirty five dollars will be sent to help feed those that can't afford their food.

Hang in there. Winter weather will be over soon, according to the Punxsutawney Phil. We can all go riding again. Some members of our chapter ride all year around. Your editor is getting too old for that. When I was a young man in my 20's, if it was 40 degrees or more, I rode to work. That was in PA not far from where Punxy (local vernacular for Punxsutawney, just like E-town) Phil lives. On top of that, I worked the night shift, so it was always cooler coming home past midnight.

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Chaplin's Chat



Herbie Goff

Well folks we have a new year before us, and if you missed the Polar Bear Run, you missed a great fellowship. There were several bikers that fought the bad weather and came on their bikes. That takes determination! If we will keep that type of determination, we will surely have a great year.

As we start the new year, let's try to think of many ways that we can be effective for the Lord as we witness for Him in the biker community. We can discuss many ways we can be successful and this is good, but we must not stop there. Let's put our ideas into action for the Lord. There are many people looking for something better in life, and waiting many times for someone to point them in the right direction. We can tell them that Christian bikers have more fun and enjoyment than anyone, because they have Christ in their lives, and as their guide.

This could be an open door to introduce them to Jesus. Don't wait for someone else to do the job, but say: "Here I am Lord, send me to a biker who needs you in his or her life." You might be surprised at the results! The Lord will surely bless you for your effort.

Let's all pray for a great year in the Lord's work as C.M.A. members; pray for this chapter, and remember: "All things are possible with God's help."

Herbie Goff
Phil. 4:13

Birthdays and Anniversaries

January

Mitch Collings	1/1
Theresa Collings	1/5
Randall (Bear) Shofner	1/30
Gordon & Sue Judd	1/16

February

Linda Hayes	2/24
Barry & Jennifer Parker	2/19

The President's Corner



Hello Brothers and Sisters, I would like to bring out part of what our bible study has been about. We have been studying the book of James. James is talking to the twelve tribes scattered across the nations. In Chapter 1, he talks about trials and temptations. James tells us to hold to our faith and not give up. He says ask for wisdom from God and learn from experiences. Trials should make us stronger in our daily lives as we see Jesus take us through them.

James also says be quick to listen and slow to speak. Be slow to anger for man's anger is not bringing about the righteous life God desires for us. Do not just listen to the Word and deceive yourself. You must do what it says. Faith alone is no good; you must have faith and deeds, for faith without deeds is dead.

God Bless,
Keith Morris, President, Vision Riders

January Mileage Award

The award went to Randall "Bear" Shofner



Handbook Highlights

Fast Lane

The Christian Motorcyclists Association has been working to *change the world, one heart at a time* since 1974 and has gained an honorable reputation in the secular biking world. Since the 1980s, the motorcycling industry has been producing motorcycles focused on different styles of riding, which has created many subcultures of motorcycling. In 2003, the CMA Board of Directors felt a calling to reach into these subcultures of motorcycling, thus creating Fast Lane. Fast Lane is an extension of CMA into these motorcycling areas, which include, but are not limited to, super bikes, dual sports, and quads. These areas of motorcycling are growing rapidly, as is our need to reach into them with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

As always with the ministry of CMA, we look beyond the differences and love people as they are. It is the work of the Spirit of God to change people's lives. God has not called us to major on the differences; He has called us to look beyond the physical and see the heart condition.

For more information on how you can be involved in the CMA Fast Lane, visit us on our website at www.cmausa.org. Just click on the Fast Lane icon to see information about Fast Lane.

Editor's note: If you want to know about or help with our local Fast Lane activities, contact Tommy Watkins. Tommy is involved with our youth and also helps out with races at Ballance Moto X Race Park and could use your help. You can get in free and be right in the middle of things helping out. The first event there is in April, so you can make your plans well in advance.

From the Past

(A meditation pulled out of my old writings)

The Value of Convictions

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Read Proverbs 16:13

"Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth." (2 Tim 2:15 NIV)

When you speak to others, do you temper your words because you are afraid they will be offended by the truth? When you do your job, is it to the best of your ability? After you have said or done something that you knew was against God's law and your spiritual convictions, did you feel ashamed?

God has given us His Word to show us that we should be honest in our dealings with others. He has also given us a conscience to let us know when we step outside the bounds of the convictions given to us by His Holy Spirit.

Compromise may be good when negotiating the price of something, but with God's Word, there can be no compromise. We must follow His will if we wish to please Him. If we do otherwise, it is known as sin. Don't be tempted by the easy way out, do it God's way and your conscience will not bother you; you will also be known as a person of integrity.

PRAYER: Father, give me the strength that I need every day to do Your will and not mine. Amen

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: The Lord can provide the strength you need to do the right thing, His will.

PRAYER FOCUS: Those facing temptation

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Road Captain's Report



The annual Polar Bear Run went fairly well and over \$700 was raised for our food pantries. It wasn't nearly 70 degrees, but we had a good, safe ride with 20 bikes. Jamie was kind enough to allow me to ride her Yamaha and I appreciated it. This big old Bear's legs were a bit long for it, but it rode very comfortable. Thanks again, Jamie. After the ride, we had chili, soup, with desserts and the ones I tried was very good. No, I didn't count how many I tried. Riding on this day just made me want another bike that much more.

Speaking of getting another bike, it will not be long before the riding season gets here and one thing we should all remember is when we wear our vest or jacket with the CMA back patch, there will be people watching us very closely. They will be watching to see if we are doers of the Word or if we are just a lot of talk. We all need to be careful of what we do, because if people see one of us in the wrong, they will say that we are no better than anybody else.

Youth and Fast Lane



Simple little things can make a BIG Difference...

Sometimes we have the mistaken idea that to make a difference in the world, we must be important or famous or brilliant or successful. We must make some amazing discovery, cure a disease, or write a best-selling self-help book. But ask yourself—who has touched your life significantly? Most of us would name a teacher who took

special interest, a coach who spent extra time at practice . . . a neighbor who showed sympathy at the right time.

In our day-to-day worlds, we often make a difference just by putting one foot in front of the other— by showing up and touching the people before us. A word or smile, a helping hand, company for someone alone, an ear to listen . . . at the end of the day the people who love me in simple ways are the ones who most affect my life.

God doesn't ask us to be famous or important. He asks us to be faithful in small ways. And that makes the difference.

Jesus said: *"My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you."* (John 15:12)

Tommy Watkins

Your article could be here. If you are an aspiring writer, give it a shot. Your editor will make any minor adjustments and changes to make you look good. Writing is just like a lot of other things; the more you do it, the better you get.