



# Vision Riders



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## Local Chapter Happenings

For those of us that attended the Seasons of Refreshing, we benefited from the material presented. For those that have never been to one, I suggest you give it a try next year and see what you have been missing. We get a combination of hearing the Word, getting updated on the latest in CMA, and having an opportunity to shop in the goodie store on site.

For those of you that haven't been to a meeting in a while, please take note that our regular meeting dates have changed and we now meet on the last Thursday of the month, same time and place.

We had a commissioning service at Elkhorn Baptist Church and a large number of our membership was there. For those of you that missed it, you got a few e-mails giving accounts of the service. Since our membership comes from many different churches, it is good to attend services in other churches to see how others worship. You may find it interesting or at least it can help you understand others and the way they worship.

Our second meeting of the month on our new meeting date, the last Thursday of the month, went a little faster since we had covered some things in the earlier meeting.

We are still working on getting a new Webmaster and are having an upcoming meeting to resolve that issue. Meantime, your editor is still keeping the Web page calendar up to date, so please check there for upcoming events. I have posted flyers there too, when they are available, so you will have all the information you need.

## Chaplain's Chat



By Tim "LightSeeker" Cooper

For those not attending the video series Fan or Follower, you missed out on some of the comments that were made after the meetings. One, which we discussed, is that being a follower comes with a cost. Some may argue that the price was paid on Calvary and I would totally agree that the price for salvation has been paid in full through Christ's Blood, yet my argument is that to truly follow Christ, there will be costs.

I use as my example King David in 2 Samuel 24, who after sinning against God by numbering the people of Israel, was convicted of his sin in verse 10 and repented to the Lord. God used a prophet to tell David to go and build an altar (verse 18) to the Lord. When David went to the location in which he was to go, he was offered all that he would need for the altar and burnt offering for free, yet the King refused.

Verse 24 shows David purchasing the required items; he refuses to offer burnt offerings to God that cost him nothing.

What about us, are we truly serving God when it costs us nothing? Was Cain's offering acceptable (Gen. 4:5)? We know it wasn't for several reasons, first being the knowledge he had from when Adam and Eve were forced from the Garden of Eden, knowing that blood had to be shed to be acceptable as an offering to God. The second point, was there any cost for Cain's offering, when God provided the fruits of the field and the rain to grow it? No! There was no cost; thus it wasn't accepted.

And You? What is your cost to follow Christ? That gives you something to think about. Remember "Watch the Cage and Keep Your Eyes on the SON!"

Tim "LightSeeker" Cooper

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This picture of one of our newest member, Mary Ann Ohsol, appeared in Women on Wheels magazine. You never know where a Vision Rider will appear, so look your best.

**Birthdays and Anniversaries**

**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

**April**

Jon Nesbitt	4/1
Dan Hayes	4/3
Tommy Watkins	4/4
Karen Goff	4/13
Bobby Barker	4/23
Tim & Jodie Cooper	4/2
Dan & Linda Hayes	4/11
J.T. & Virginia Napier	4/17

**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.*

- Apr 21:** BTF's St. Jude ride.
- Apr 22:** RFS presentation @ Saloma Baptist.
- Apr 22:** Green River MX
- Apr 28:** Richard Durham Memorial Multi-County Prayer ride
- Apr 29:** RFS presentation @ Pleasant Ridge
- May 5:** Run for the Son!

**The President's Corner**



In the past month we had our annual "Seasons of Refreshing" and was led by our national evangelist Rick Steffy. Emphasis this year was on how to have a "healthy" chapter. A few of the items covered caught my attention and I want to share them with you.

The first item that grabbed me was the statement that effective ministry to bikers in our area hinged on our chapter. Then he touched on how strife and dissention are capable of bringing down a chapter through the breakdown of unity.

Do we have chapter unity? Do we all know the purpose of the Vision Riders chapter? Are we all working together to accomplish this? If not, we need to work on increasing chapter

unity. I believe this unity will come if we are gospel driven with the vision of Jesus as the head of our chapter. If we can envision that Jesus is the head of the chapter and we are to follow His leadership together then we will be pulling together, which is chapter unity. When we are doing these things, pulling together, being a follower of Christ, etc. there will be no tendencies toward strife and dissention. These can only appear when we are doing our thing—not the Jesus thing.

If we are to effectively minister to the biking community then we have to **be** a healthy chapter. We discussed last month the four main elements of a healthy chapter, which are: evangelism, discipline, fellowship and prayer. After spending time in prayer on this **I am challenging each of our members to commit to service in one of these areas this year.** Our chapter members should have passion for the ministry of CMA and do what it takes to see that the biking community is shared the gospel of Jesus. I sincerely believe that if we can't develop passion in one of these areas then we need to rethink why we are a member of CMA and Vision Riders. I pray that those dedicated to serving God in these areas of ministry take seriously the wearing of the back patch of CMA. There is no shame in saying that I don't feel called to minister to the biking world as it is done in CMA. All are welcome to ride with us, come to any meeting or event and even help in certain areas, without feeling the call to put on the back patch. **Know this:** we are watched always regarding what we stand for and how we behave even if we are not wearing the back patch. The secular world knows who we are and what we are supposed to believe in and live accordingly.

I certainly believe that for us to grow this year each member must actively participate in at least one of these elements. If you are going to wear the CMA back patch and the Vision Rider patch, then serve, if not, then prayerfully reconsider if this is where you belong. It is not for me to decide who wears or doesn't wear the patches, **you** must decide if you are going to be a fan or a follower of Jesus! Remember this chapter is dedicated to only do that which brings glory to God and share His gospel primarily with the biking community.

My continued prayer is that Vision Riders will continue to share the gospel of Jesus to the lost and unloved, first to the biking world and then to others. That in unity we will bring honor and glory to God and show the true love of a heavenly father to His children that he came to earth and gave His life for. In His love, Dan



Remember our ride on Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>? Here, Tim Cooper and June Humphrey present some of the funds raised to the Assembly of God Church for their food bank.

## Handbook Highlights Seasons of Refreshing

*Seasons of Refreshing: A CMA hosted conference held to equip, enable, and encourage the membership of CMA for ministry in the upcoming year.*

Held yearly in each state, the Seasons of Refreshing conference sets the stage for ministry in the upcoming year. It provides great opportunities for you and your chapter to meet with your National Evangelist, connect with other CMA'ers and be challenged and refreshed in ministry. In the enriching training sessions, you will learn how to work toward accomplishing the vision of *changing the world, one heart at a time*. We strongly encourage you to pray about adding this event as well as the state rally to your schedule.

Dates for the upcoming conferences are generally posted beginning in the January *HeartBeat* and on the website. State Coordinators also send out fliers with detailed information in January to all active chapters and forming chapters. Some locations have childcare and pre-registration available. Please contact your State Coordinator for more information. His contact information can be found in the *HeartBeat* and at [www.cmausa.org](http://www.cmausa.org). As this is a statewide conference, the State Coordinator may utilize chapters in the state to help in various areas. Registration is \$10 per adult, \$15 per couple, and \$5 for children ages 4-17. See section State Rally – Registration for information regarding required paperwork and post event reporting for those who are responsible for registration at the Seasons of Refreshing.

### Ladies Corner



By Laura Thompson

To all of those who were unable to attend the CMA State Ladies Retreat, you unfortunately missed out on blessing. Jewell Argueta did a fantastic job in leading us in praise and worship. The Joyful Hearts music and dance team did an awesome job as well. It is hard for me to describe this event as anything other than intense. The Holy Spirit was raining down on us. Hearts and spirits both were being healed and "loosed" all around. What a blessing to be a part of it all. This was my first State Ladies

Retreat and I can't wait to be a part of it next year. I don't think there was one woman there that was not touched by the Holy Spirit.

On another note, we have a time and date for our chapter's Spring Fling event. Mark your calendars for May 19<sup>th</sup> and make plans to join us from 1 to 4 Eastern for fun, food and fellowship. Jamie and Keith have graciously offered up their home for this event. Linda and I will be passing out flyers for this event. If you would like some just let us know and we will get them to you. Remember this is a great opportunity to get to know other biker ladies and love on them.

Laura

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Here, the winner of the early March mileage award, Randall Shofner, passes the cross on to the winner of the late March mileage award, Tim Cooper. Tim rode 1100 miles since the first meeting this month.

From Our Road Captain



Awareness

As I was driving through Lebanon, I had a sport bike pull out and preceded the same direction that I was going. When we stopped at a traffic light, I noticed the rider was not wearing a helmet or any type of protective wear such as leather or Kevlar. When the light changed and he took off, I noticed his shoe lace dangling and flopping near the chain. At the next light I pulled up beside and got his attention, he was wearing earphones as well, to tell him about his shoe being untied. He looked down and tucked it in his shoe and thanked me for telling him before we took off again.

I was thinking about how many potential injuries were prevented by that simple act. If his shoelace had become tangled in his chain, it could have been catastrophic if not fatal. If I had not acted on what I had seen and he wrecked because of it, would God hold me accountable? Think about that this year as you are out riding or driving.

A couple miles down the road the Lord started convicting me of other things I see and don't act on. As simple as it was to tell the rider about the potential danger of an untied shoe, why is it so hard to tell people about the danger of eternity in hell without Christ as Lord and Savior? Will God hold us accountable for that as well? Our bodies have a date with the grave and our souls have a date with eternity. Where the souls go for eternity depends on a relationship with Jesus Christ and those relationships can depend on someone's witness or testimony. We need to think about that also, especially when we are wearing our back patch that says we are part of a ministry.

God Bless  
Darrell



Here is a picture from the 2012 CMA KY Ladies Conference.



Here, Lisa, Laura and Joe Denny donate some of the donations from the New Year's Day ride to the Central KY Community Action folks.



Here is the flyer for our ladies Spring Fling. Make your plans early.



# April Events and Happenings

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Happy Birthday Jon Nesbitt!	2 Happy Anniversary, Tim & Jodie Cooper!	3 Happy Birthday, Dan Hayes!	4 Happy Birthday, Tommy Watkins!	5 Happy Anniversary, Dan & Linda Hayes!	6 Happy Birthday, Karen Goff!	7
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15	16	17 Happy Anniversary, J.T. & Virginia Napier	18	19 Officers meeting @ Dan's place 7 Eastern	20	21 BTF St. Jude Ride
22 1. RFS presentation @ Saloma Baptist Church: 11 am Eastern 2. Green River MX @ Hickerson Farm	23 Happy Birthday, Bobby Barker!	24	25	26 Regular monthly meeting date for Vision Riders	27	28 Richard Durham Memorial Multi-County Prayer Ride: meet @ noon Eastern in Green River Plaza
29 RFS presentation @ Pleasant Ridge Church	30					
			Place on your refrigerator door or tack to your bulletin board.	Write in updates too late for newsletter or just posted to Web page calendar.		Coming up next month on May 5 <sup>th</sup> is our Run for the Son.