



Vision Riders



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Local Chapter Happenings

The recent cold weather is really putting the damper on our riding – at least for some of us. There are always the ones that ride in almost any weather and then some of us are wimps that can't handle it. Then again, are we wimps or are we just not dumb enough to freeze our butts off? You decide.

We held our commissioning service at Elkhorn Baptist Church on the 26th. I didn't see any bikes there but that may have been because of the snow. As we had experienced in the past, it was a good service and message for all of us. We had a good turnout but if you didn't make it, plan to do it next year and you will be blessed.

For those that are not aware of a resource we have, I would like to make you aware of a weekly devotional from CMA via e-mail. Go to the CMA Web page (www.cmausa.org) and look near the top of the page. You will see CMA ENEWSLETTERS. Click on this and it will take you to a page to choose which newsletter to subscribe. The devotional is one of the choices. There are also other newsletters that you can designate to subscribe and have sent to you via e-mail. For those of you that used to get the monthly magazine HeartBeat via postal mail but don't anymore, can subscribe to an electronic copy so you won't miss out on any CMA news and happenings.

Don't forget to keep a check on our local Web page and click on the calendar to get the latest on what is happening in the area. Sometimes some information on an event will get to us only a day or two ahead of it. This may be an announcement of an event or a change to the date or time. For those of you that don't have Internet access, keep in mind the upcoming Prayer Ride on April 13th. We will meet at the usual place, Carol's service station at noon ET.

At our recent meeting there were several motions passed to purchase items like coffee pot and dispenser and other items used in our ministry for outreach to the biker population at the events we cover. Some of these events are lacking the needed people to cover them, especially the youth events. If you are looking to serve in an area where you are really needed, contact Tommy Watkins. He will be happy to hear from you.

Chaplin's Chat



Herbie Goff

Time is getting closer for us to see more bikes on the road. This should remind us that we need to be prepared to spread the gospel through this C.M.A. ministry. A question we need to ask ourselves is: How much time do I have? I have many things to do; many plans. But, what if you knew you had only one day left to live, what would you do? Take careful notice to this poem:

One Day To Live (Source unknown)

If I had one day to live,
My life, my all, to Christ I'd give.
I'd try to scatter my sunny smiles,
And brighter make life's miles.
I'd try to cheer the lone and sad,
Do more to make them happy and glad

I'd try my best to understand,
To always lend a helping hand,
That day I'd do some kindly deed,
And give my life to those in need.

I'd have a sweet talk with God that day,
For to Him I'd have a lot to say.
My life, my all to Christ I'd give,
If I just had one day to live.

James 4:14 tells us that life is but a vapor, that appears for a little time, and then vanishes away. Verse 17 of that same chapter says: Therefore to him that knows to do good, and does not, to him it is sin.

With that thought in mind, let's work this ministry as though this may be our last chance to do so. If we do this, I believe we will see a lot of progress.

Herbie Goff
Phil. 4:13

Handbook Highlights

Services At Non-CMA Events

The ability to hold services at non-CMA events is a privilege. Some guidelines to remember are:

- ❖ Remember, we are guests and servants of the organization.
- ❖ Ask the organization to announce the date, time and location of services to be “conducted by CMA and all are welcome.”
- ❖ Walk around the campground and rally site to personally invite people to attend.
- ❖ Make sure the worship area is clean and presentable.
- ❖ Prepare music and sound systems before the service.
- ❖ Hold services no longer than 30 minutes, including music.
- ❖ Minister with a Christ-centered message.
- ❖ Inform attendees that CMA’ers will be available for prayer after the service if needed.
- ❖ Close the service with an invitation to know Jesus Christ.
- ❖ Do not take up a “love offering.” However, if someone insists on giving, accept the offering for Run for the Son or CMA National.

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From Our President



Brothers and Sisters:

March has passed so quickly. We had some work to be done and we got that done. We didn't quite finish our Bible Study on Romans. Our Commissioning Service was outstanding! I pray that you are ready because the time has come to really get busy. We have a lot of activities coming up, so please, do what the Lord asks of you.

If you know of any rides or events upcoming, other than what is already on our calendar, please let me or Randall (Bear) know about them. I hope to see you at the next meeting or upcoming events that we will work.

God Bless,
Keith

Birthdays and Anniversaries

March: Micah Watkins	March 3
Donna Smith	March 20
Lisa Healy	March 27
Tommy & Chris Cundiff	March 25
Darrell & Donna Smith	March 28

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

Road Captain's Report



Our riding season begins in a couple of weeks, so I thought I'd write about riding safety this time. Since there are too many people in cages that pay no attention to bikes, even when we are riding in groups, please ride defensively. On our rides this year, I've made the decision that I will lead the group on the right side instead of the left. The reason for this is for a little more safety. With me being on the right, there will always be a safe path for the road guards to get by me more safely when they are needed.

As we begin a ride, I would like for everyone to ride staggered as usual and to get into position as soon you can. If a spot opens up in front of you, instead of switching sides of the lane, please motion the rider behind you to cautiously move forward into that open spot. It might not happen, but switching sides while on the move could lead to someone's tire being clipped and we don't want an accident. Trust me; the road hurts if you hit it at a high rate of speed.

Now, let's get back to the road guards. When I need road guards, I will signal two different things. The first one will be the number of road guards needed and the second item will be the direction we will be taking at the upcoming intersection. That will help the people going ahead to road guard to know the correct spots to take.

I will come up with some more suggestions later. But, I just ask you to "bear" with me as I gain experience of being the road captain for you this year. My main concern will to make each and every ride as safe as possible for each and every rider.

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Here is one of our graduates, Justin, receiving the Chapter's gift from Tommy to help him with college expenses.



Photo by Jamie.

As cold as it was in March, Phillip managed to put on over 500 miles to easily get the mileage award for the month. Presenting is last month's winner, Randall.



Photo by Jamie.

Here is our other graduate, Micah, as Tommy presents his gift check from the Chapter; he is looking forward to college.



Photo by Jamie.