



# Community Christian Riders Newsletter

A ministry of Community Christian Church

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## Message from the Group Leader

Greetings Fellow Riders and Friends,

Summer 2006, it's here with 95 degree heat and no rain. Some of us just recently rode to historic Andersonville to visit the Civil War prison site and the POW museum. Heat and all, it was great ride. Thanks to Jimmy we found an incredible Mennonite restaurant for lunch. Unlike some of our rides, this one was not only about the ride and food but also the destination. I came away from the POW museum feeling very blessed and fortunate to be living in our times and not having to endure the awful unthinkable treatment that our POW's experienced. It was a sobering reminder of the price that has been, and is still being paid for our freedom.



With summer here and kids out of school, a number of families plan their vacations. As a result CCR only has 1 special event planned for the summer, the July 4<sup>th</sup> Newnan parade. This will be a great opportunity for CCR to gain additional exposure in our community. We need as many bikers as possible to ride in the parade. Please come join us and invite your biker friends to ride in the parade and enjoy the fireworks afterwards. Call or send me an e-mail if you think you can ride with us in the parade.

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**CCR meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month at  
Partners II Pizza in Summer Grove at 7pm.**



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Looking ahead this fall we have 2 special events planned, the CEC Parking Lot Party and the CCR 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Chili Cook Off.

The CEC event will be a joint effort with our Church and sister ministry Blur to make connections and build relationships with the families and children in the neighborhoods around the CEC.

Our Chili Cook Off is an opportunity for us to invite other bikers from our community to a “non church” event where we can get to know each other and hopefully plant a seeds for future relationships.

I would like to take advantage of our summer with no small group meetings or planned CCR events and start the planning process for these 2 fall events. I will be coordinating our first meeting with our members in the days ahead.

Both of these events have one common goal in mind, “To Reach Those Unconnected to Christ and Together Grow to Full Devotion To Him”, a worthy cause, we need all of you to help make these events all they can be. Someone’s eternal life may depend on it.

Mark R. Jenkins

## *May Meeting Notes...* by Jimmy DePlasita

### General Business (Mark Jenkins)

Mark Announced:

That we have our own parking area at the Church but we need a sign and some lines for parking. We also need to start working on budget. Budget proposal due in August.

### Ride Coordinators Report (Jimmy DePlasita)

The May 6<sup>th</sup> ride to Warm Springs, then to Pine Mountain was a success. We had a couple of guest on the ride. Meet and Eat Rides at 3 Dollar Café was good food but poor service. It was still fun. The next Meet and Eat will be the Jenkins selection. The ride will be the third Thursday of the month.

Future CCR Rides were announced.

June 10<sup>th</sup> to Andersonville, Ga.

June 24<sup>th</sup> to Helen, Ga. Our first overnight ride this year. (Interstate Riding)

July 14,15,16 to Ashville, Brevard, Hendersonville North Carolina. 2 night and 3 day ride with definite interstate riding.



### Prison Ministry Report (Tracey Jenkins)

Tracey reported that the next prison visits would be to Limestone County Alabama and the deadline for sign up was June 7. (1 Day Event) The next was Savannah on July 29<sup>th</sup> with sign up deadline of July 7<sup>th</sup>. (1 Day Event) The next Prison Ministry ride will be August 12<sup>th</sup> to Nashville.

Highlights from the Newnan Hospital Nursing and Rehab Center Luau and Cookout on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

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Volunteers were greatly appreciated. It was a very good turn out and Mr John was accepted as the oldest member of CCR and got to go for his ride.

### Public Relations & Apparel Committee (Lewis Cramer)

Lewis reported that the Static Cling Decals will be ordered and if you pre-ordered you could get 4 for \$10.00 after that they are \$3.00 each. The Henley shirts \$20 will be ordered soon. The committee also discussed the need to copyright the logo and will cost approximately \$35. Please contact Lewis for details.

### Newsletter Editor Report (Ken Wolf)

Ken reported that Committee Chairs should forward scheduled rides, events to him to be placed in the newsletter on the calendar page. The newsletter should be available at the Church through Grand Central. New Flyers will be produced to be distributed to local Motorcycle Shops. Items to be put into Newsletter are due no later than one week after the monthly meeting.

### Safety Report (Ken Wolf)

A Safety Class has been requested. It will be July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### Special Events (Susan Holbrook)

Susan not present, but the July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade in Newnan is still on. The CEC BBQ in the parking lot this summer is still on. This would be an effort to introduce our Church to individuals in the community. The Special Events committee is meeting with BLUR and the teen band to discuss their interest and support of this event. Other benefit rides were discussed and will be posted on the web site.

### New Business

Mark Announced:

Suggestions for another Chili Cook off to be on Nov 4<sup>th</sup>.

Annual July 4<sup>th</sup> Pool Party at the DePlasita pool. It will be held on July 1<sup>st</sup> this year so no one has to work the next day. Details to be announced.

### Next Meeting:

Tuesday, July 11, 2006

7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Partners II Pizza, Summer Grove – Newnan, GA.

## *Did you know...*

Helmets expire! The Styrofoam-type material that helmets are made of deteriorates with time. After 5 years the material become brittle and crumbles. Look under the inside liner of your helmet for "manufacture date". If it is close to or over 5 years it is time for a new one. AND keep this in mind when shopping for a new helmet. Many stores will mark the price way down because they are well into the 5 year period.



## *Safety: Smooth Starts, Stops and Cornering...* by Ken Wolf

Have you ever seen someone wobble when they take off on their motorcycle? Have you ever seen anyone lose their balance when they stop? Have you ever seen someone quickly put both feet down before they stop and wonder how they could stop without keeping their foot on the rear brake? Have you ever experienced these things yourself? What prevents some riders from making smooth controlled starts and stops?

Lack of balance is the single most probable cause for wobbly starts and shaky stops. Riding a motorcycle requires balance, and balance requires that you maintain a perspective on the horizon. If you don't believe that, try walking around looking straight up and see how far you go before you feel like you're going to fall over.

### **Starting Out**

If you look down when you take off, you lose your perspective on the horizon and tend to lose your balance. The result is you veer off your intended path when you start and have to steer back to where you want to go. By keeping your eyes up and looking where you want to go, you maintain that perspective and are then able to maintain your balance. This results in a smooth take off with no wobble.

### **Stopping**

If you look down when you stop, you also lose your perspective on the horizon and your balance. Because you are pressing on the right side of the motorcycle (brake), you fall to the right. You have to quickly put your right foot down to catch yourself. By keeping your eyes up and looking well ahead, you maintain your balance and can come to a smooth, controlled stop. Your right foot will stay on the rear brake and your left foot can be brought down easily.

Remember, you go where you look and visual control is the key to smooth riding. For smooth starts and stops, keep your eyes up and look well ahead.



### **Cornering**

When a motorcyclist runs off the road in a curve, the official police accident report usually lists "excessive speed" as the cause. But actual speed entering a corner is only part of the equation. How or when you roll on, or off, the throttle has a lot to do with whether you make it around the corner safely or not. The technique is to smoothly roll on a little throttle as you lean the bike over, and to continue to ease on the gas all the way through the corner.

Rolling on the gas as the bike is leaned over accomplishes several things.

#### **1. It smoothes out the wobbles at mid-turn.**

One reason for a wobble is in the transition from brakes to throttle. When the bike is leaned over, the tires are riding on the sidewalls and the contact rings are smaller in diameter. A smaller-diameter tire will need to turn faster to maintain the same bike speed. The point is, if you try to lean the bike over with a steady throttle, the bike will actually decelerate to match engine revs. Rolling on the throttle slightly while leaning over keeps the engine pulling, even if bike speed doesn't increase.

#### **2. It keeps the bike up on the suspension and the weight better shared between the wheels.**

With most motorcycles, rolling on some throttle lifts the bike up on the suspension. It's most obvious with shaft-drive bikes. Lift-

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ing the bike up higher on the suspension not only improves leanover clearance, but also helps absorb bumps because you have more suspension travel. The message to remember for cornering is that rolling ON the throttle transfers weight rearward and rolling OFF the throttle transfers weight forward.

### 3. **It helps conserve traction.**

It's easy to forget that the engine provides braking as well as forward thrust. We realize the bike is slowing as we roll off the throttle, but we may not appreciate that decelerating on a trailing throttle applies engine braking through the rear wheel only. As it happens, rolling on a bit of throttle while leaned over not only helps keep the bike up on the suspension, but also provides more traction back at the rear wheel to keep it from stepping out.

So, rolling on a bit of throttle as the bike is leaned over helps stabilize the suspension, lifts the bike up to increase leanover clearance, distributes weight rear/front to maximize traction, and smoothes out the mid-turn wobbles. Put it all together, and it helps achieve a smoother, more predictable cornering line.

### **Slow, Look, Press, Roll**

Start the turn from the outside, the left side of your lane approaching a right-hander, or the right side of your lane approaching a left-hander. Roll off the gas and brake as necessary to slow the bike to entry speed, and then get off the brakes. Entry speed is a speed, which will allow you to accelerate slightly through the corner. Do your slowing (braking) while the bike is upright before you enter the turn.

Lift your head and eyes up, looking as far through the corner as you can. Swivel your nose around to point exactly at your intended line. Remember, you go where you look. Based on research done by the Code group, it has been determined that 90+% of the riders look and lean simultaneously. Think about this. How can you know where you want to go, or the required lean angle, if you don't look before you enter the corner? If you don't look before you lean, most of the time you will have to make a mid course correction.

At the turn-in point, push the bike over with one smooth push on the "low" grip, and simultaneously ease on the throttle. Your goal is to be able to keep easing on a little more throttle all the way through the turn. As you lean the bike, tilt your head to keep your eyes level with the horizon. At the apex, roll on more throttle to lift the bike up, and plan ahead for the next turn.

Also, one steering input per curve is the ideal. Yes, you can make small adjustments to your line while turning, but every steering input eats up traction, which can become a precious commodity if you suddenly encounter a hazard midway around the corner. Ideally, push the bike over toward your intended line with one precise push and then stabilize it with the throttle.

Portions of this article were taken from "Ride Smart! Ride Safe!" by Chuck Miles, and from *Motorcycle Consumer News*, May 2000, "Mastering the Throttle" by David L. Hough

*Parking Lot Practice on July 22nd.  
Plan to participate and sharpen your riding skills.*



## *Blur Ministry & CCR Cookout at Newnan Rehab Center...*

*submitted by Lewis Cramer*

On May the 20th, Blur Ministries along with help from a few CCR members, provided a cookout for the residents of the Newnan Rehab Center. This was an event that was in the planning since the Ice Cream Social several weeks earlier. Jennifer Cappell did a marvelous job of recruiting help from various stores and vendors to get all the necessary food and supplies for this event. She also had radio personality Michael Stewart, from 93.3, the local Christian radio station there to act as the emcee for the event, a deputy from the Coweta County Sheriff's office and Miss Wheelchair of Georgia. Also in attendance were family and friends of the residents and most of the staff of the facility. Hamburgers, hotdogs, chips, and everything that goes along with a cookout was on hand and served up by members of Blur and CCR.



After everyone had their fill of burgers, dogs and desserts, a short ride was planned by the members of CCR, with the purpose of giving one of the residents, Mr. John Finley, 82 years young, his first-ever ride on a motorcycle. Prior to the ride, and after we had him suited up in a pink do-rag, leather riding vest, and helmet, we presented Mr. John with a CCR patch and made him an honorary member of CCR. Mr. John, as he is known around

the center, was then fitted with a helmet with intercom and paired up with CCR's own, Jamie French, for a short ride around Newnan. We then helped him aboard Jamie's Goldwing and made sure he was comfortable and five of CCR's finest members took off for a 10 minute ride around Newnan.

Everyone had a wonderful time, and I am looking forward to a return trip to the Rehab Center to visit with Mr. John and many of the other wonderful residents that reside there. I invite each and everyone of you to join me in helping to make the folks there feel loved and cared about. I will be planning a visit in the near future and hope you will join me.

I also received an email from Mr. Finley's son-in-law thanking us for our kindness to Mr. Finley. I thought everyone might enjoy reading it.

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Mr Cramer

Thank you again for all that you and your group did for Mr John. He still talks about his ride and wishes he was about 20 years younger so he could attempt to operate one of those bikes himself. It is indeed a blessed thing that he has been able to live as long as he has if for no other reason than to have had the chance to "ride to live and live to ride".

I appreciate your sending a link to your website. I have forwarded it to his grandson and granddaughter for their enjoyment.

Thank you again for all that you do.  
BE SAFE.

Ed Pilszak  
770-304-1483



## *July Meeting Date*

**Due to the 4th of July holiday, our next meeting will be held on the second Tuesday of the month, July 11th.**

## *Monthly Dinner Rides*

CCR will have a dinner ride on the 3rd Thursday of every month. Each month, a CCR member will be responsible for choosing a restaurant, making appropriate reservations, and notifying other CCR members of the details via e-mail. These are social events to be held at local restaurants. We will ride our bikes when weather permits, but it is okay to come by car. The monthly dinner ride is intended to give us some additional social time together during the month and to provide us the opportunity to invite others to see what CCR is all about. So invite some of your motorcycling friends to come along with you and remember to wear your CCR shirts.

**Interested in a MSF Rider Training Course?** Use the following link to find course locations and telephone numbers throughout Georgia.

<http://nm.msf-usa.org/msf/ridercourses.aspx?state=GA>



## *Upcoming Events*

### *Rides and Other Activities*

June 24 & 25 Helen, Ga (Overnight Ride with some interstate riding.)  
July 1 Annual July 4<sup>th</sup> Pool Party at the DePlasita pool. Details to be announced.  
July 14, 15 & 16 Ashville, Brevard, and Hendersonville, North Carolina  
(2 night 3 day ride with interstate riding.)  
July 20 Monthly Dinner Ride. Details to be announced.  
July 22 Parking Lot Practice. Details to be announced.  
Nov 4 Second Annual Chili Cook Off

### *Prison Ministry*

Savannah, GA July 29th- 1 day event registration deadline 7-05-06  
Nashville, TN August 26th- 1 day event deadline 8-02-06

New website for Champions for Life <http://billglasscfl.org>

Anyone that is interested in joining the Prison Committee...please contact Tracey.

### *Other Ride Suggestions We Are Looking At*

Madison Ga. Historic and shopping ride. (Day Ride)  
Macon Ga. Music Hall of fame other historic sites. (Day Ride)  
Cartersville to visit the Budweiser Plant. (Day Ride)  
Milledgeville Ga. (Day Ride)  
Lynchburg TN. Jack Daniels Distillery (Overnight Ride)  
Deal's Gap Robbinsville, NC. **Tail of the Dragon** Overnight.

We need ride suggestions from all, Day Rides, Overnight Rides, Meet and Eat Rides, or just a spur of the moment rides.

Ride Questions and Comments sent to [Jimmy.DePlasita@Worldspan.com](mailto:Jimmy.DePlasita@Worldspan.com)

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### *Non CCR Events*

July 4, Newnan Parade, Newnan Square 6:00 pm  
Call or e-mail Mark Jenkins if you would like to ride in the parade.



*Congratulations to Tracey Jenkins and Nora Maloy for completing the 15-hour BasicRiders Course at Harley-Davidson of Atlanta.*

### *Birthdays*

<i>Nora Maloy</i>	<i>Jun 6th</i>
<i>Mike Maurer</i>	<i>Jun 21st</i>
<i>Mike Maloy</i>	<i>Jul 7th</i>
<i>Charlene Cramer</i>	<i>Jul 28th</i>

### *Anniversaries*

<i>Sam Conner</i>	<i>Jun 5th</i>
<i>Buddy &amp; Patti Powers</i>	<i>Jun 10th</i>
<i>Vaughn &amp; Bridgette Smith</i>	<i>Jun 21st</i>
<i>Steve &amp; LaWanda Tallman</i>	<i>Jul 8th</i>
<i>Art &amp; Susan Holbrook</i>	<i>Jul 28th</i>
<i>Ken &amp; Elsie Wolf</i>	<i>Jul 29th</i>

### *We Need Your Input*

In order for this newsletter to remain interesting and informative, we need your contribution. If you have an article that you think would be of interest to other members, send it to me. Always wanted to be a writer? Try your hand at writing about your next ride or someplace you have visited. Share a favorite recipe or post an item for sale. Send a prayer request . Tell us what God is doing in your life. Or perhaps you would just like to share a humorous story. Remember, this is YOUR newsletter and it will only be as good as you make it.

Send your literary contributions to:  
Ken Wolf  
Newsletter Editor



**Our mission:**

***To reach those unconnected to Christ through a common interest in riding motorcycles, and together grow to full devotion to Him.***

**CCR welcomes all riders. You do not have to be a member of Community Christian Church or Community Christian Riders to participate. Come join us for fellowship and great riding.**

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A Non-Denominational Community of Christians

If you're looking for a church where you're expected to get all dressed up in your 'Sunday Best', listen to 500 year-old organ music, have some preacher yell at you, and have everyone act holier than you, then you need to find another church!

**Sunday Celebration Services**



## June 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 CCR June Meeting	3 Ride To Read Whitesburg Elementary School
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Ride to Andersonville, GA
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 CCR Dinner Ride	23	24 Overnight ride to Helen, GA
25	26	27	28	29	30	



## July 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Ride in Newnan Parade	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 CCR July Meeting	11	12	13	14 Three day ride to Ashville, Hendersonville, NC	15
16	17	18	19	20 CCR Dinner Ride	21	22 Parking Lot Practice
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 Prison Ministry, Savannah, GA
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## Community Christian Riders Merchandise Order Form

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**Short sleeve T-shirts, all sizes.....\$10.00**  
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**CCR Patches.....\$3.00 ea. or 2 @ \$5.00**

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