



Community Christian Riders Newsletter

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Message from the Group Leader

Greetings Fellow Riders and Friends,

As I mark off the days here in October, it's amazing how time fly's by. I have decided that October and March are my two favorite months. You can really feel the season start to change. Perhaps the change in season can spark a change or some new beginnings for some of us.



And what a great month this is shaping up to be. As a church we are in the middle of an eye opening series on prayer "thanks Ed and Jason". We have also been given a unique opportunity to serve and make a difference in the lives of a needy family in our community on October 28.

Many of us CCR riders will be riding to Little River Canyon on the 21st. This is a great destination and will be a rider's ride with country roads, curves and a small version of the Grand Canyon to see. It's the perfect opportunity to extend invitations to any biker you know and a good time to get to know some of the newer riders in our group.

A reminder, our Second Annual Chili Cook Off is November 4th. This is not a party we are throwing for ourselves. It's not

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CCR meets the 1st Tuesday of every month at Partners II Pizza in Summer Grove at 7pm.



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about us. It's about how many guests we can get to come and enjoy the evening with us. With that in mind, please take a chance and enter your chili in the contest. To date we have only had a few entries. Oh yeah, INVITE PEOPLE YOU KNOW!!!

We have some unique opportunities right now, this month, for personal growth, serving and out-

reach. Let's seize the moment, get involved, take action and make it a time of accomplishment for Him.

I look forward to riding through different zip codes and crossing state lines with all of you very soon.

God Bless

Mark Jenkins

October Meeting Notes... by Jimmy DePlasita

Secretary/Treasurer Reports (Jimmy DePlasita)

Special thanks to Elsie Wolf donating \$5.00 from last meetings 50/50.

Special thanks to Tracey Jenkins Donating \$26.00 for sales of Helmet Decals.

Special thanks to Mark Bowles for donating Parking lot sign poles and installing the new Motorcycle parking signs at Church.

Ride Coordinators Report (Jimmy DePlasita)

The next Meet and Eat will be the Cramers's selection. The ride will be the third Thursday of the month unless otherwise announced.

The September 16th Cheaha State Park Alabama Ride was Beautiful.

The September 21st Dinner Ride. The Holbrooks was very filling. Sorry I missed.

Future CCR Rides have been announced.

October 21st Little River Canyon Alabama

November 12th After Church Ride Destination Social Circle, Ga. Blue Willow Inn.

Please Send Ride Suggestions to Jimmy DePlasita

sita at Crazy-froghd@bellsouth.net

Prison Ministry Report (Tracey Jenkins)

The next Prison Ministry ride will be Columbus Ga. Oct 20th. Sign up deadline is October 4th

Dothan Al. Oct 21st

Montgomery Al. Nov 10th-11th.

Pelham City Al. December 9th



Public Relations & Apparel Committee (Lewis Cramer & Elsie Wolf)

Lewis reported that we will serve in Church the day of the Oct 22nd.

The Henley shirts are in if you ordered. The new ladies shirts are also in.

Elsie also announced the birthdays and anniversaries for the month past and present. Happy

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birthday. You know who you are. Please contact Lewis for details or fill out one of the new order forms for shirts.

Newsletter Editor Report (Ken Wolf)

Ken reported that Committee Chairs should forward scheduled rides and events to Ken to be placed in the newsletter or on the calendar page. The newsletter should be available at the Church through Grand Central. New Flyers have been produced and distributed to local Motorcycle Shops. Items to be put into News Letter are due by October 10th, 2006. We now have a Classified Section and a Recipe Section.

Safety Report (Ken Wolf)

The next Parking Lot Safety Practice will be held on October 15th in the Parking Lot at the Fairgrounds. Everyone is welcome even if not a member of CCR.

Tracey Announced CPR Class to be held at Church on October 7th with ride to Whitesburg for lunch following.

Special Events Susan Holbrook

Susan reported November 4th is the Second Annual Chili Cook Off. Location is Woodstream Club House at 4:00pm.

CMA Report Sam Connor

Angel Tree Sign up needs to be in by October 17th. Gifts for children who's parents are in prison. The cost is approximately \$35.00 for 2 presents. The Delivery will be the third Saturday in December. October 12th is Crossroads Church Meet and Eat Ride. Destination unknown, but meet at Crossroads Church at 6:15pm.

General Business (Mark Jenkins)

Mark reminded all that:

The Great Weekend of Serving is October 28th. Please sing up.

Second Annual Chili Cook Off is November 4th volunteers for Set-Up and Clean-Up are still needed as well as Cooks to enter the competition.

CPR Class is October 7th and only \$12.00 per person.

Next Ride:

October 21st to Little River Canyon in Alabama

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, November 7th, 2006

7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Partners II Pizza, Summer Grove – Newnan, GA.



***Mystery Bike
Do you know what it is?***

See Page 6 for the answer.



Safety: Road Hazards... by Ken Wolf

There are many road hazards out there, just waiting to ensnare the unaware rider. Last month we discussed evasive maneuvers when a hazard suddenly appears in our path. But there are a number of other hazards encountered in everyday riding that we seldom hear about. Although most of these do not present problems for 4-wheelers, they can be very dangerous for the motorcyclist.

Crosswalks and other painted lines - These can be extremely slick when wet. Even when dry, painted lines often provide less traction than normal asphalt.

Railway tracks - These can catch your front wheel and dump your bike. Pay attention to the angle tracks cross the road. Use as much of the road as necessary to get a safe attack angle. Some crossings have metal or wood instead of asphalt between the two tracks which can be very slick when wet.

Grated Steel Bridges - Most of these steel bridges were constructed back in the 1940's and were new technology at the time. The decking is made up of vertical steel bars that are spaced an inch apart and vehicle tires tend to follow the grooves between the bars. These grooves will cause the bike to track with an uncomfortable weave. This isn't a problem but if the rider over reacts it can become one. So relax and let the bike track the grooves. Also note that the tops of the steel bars become polished slippery smooth from traffic and traction becomes marginal, especially when wet.

Manhole Covers - Another common trap for the motorcyclist, but one that is much easier to avoid. Most manhole covers are made of steel, which can get worn smooth by traffic and become very slippery. Worse still, if the manhole

cover is higher or lower than the surface of the road, it can cause you to lose control of your bike.



Tar Snakes - The standard repair method for pavement cracks is to fill them with tar as a sealer. As the temperature rises in the summer, the road expands and squeezes the tar back out of the cracks making a gooey mess. Part of the problem is that the tar is slippery when hit by a bike tire, particularly where a repair crew has been extra liberal with the amount of repair material. If you hit one of these snakes, your bike tires will become coated with the tar and will have a reduced coefficient of friction for several miles past the site.

Sealer Coatings - One of the standard "fixes" for old roads that are breaking-up, is to seal the top with a coating of road tar and spread loose gravel over the top. Sometimes we see these repairs in one lane or it may be for an entire stretch of road. The loose gravel over the top of the soft tar can be dangerous for any vehicle. So if you find one of these areas, approach it with caution.

Oils, Lubricants and Other Chemicals - There are a lot of automotive fluids that get dribbled over the road surface, including motor oils, transmission fluid, anti-freeze, diesel fuel, gasoline and several others. You can spot these surface hazards by knowing where to look. Intersections and tollbooths collect layers of residue from idling vehicles. On- and off-ramps have more than their share of fluids, including diesel fuel from overfilled trucks. Diesel fuel has a dis-

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tinct odor, which can warn you about its presence. You can also look for clues, such as the rainbow sheen or beading water on the road surface. If you must cross these hazards, slow down before the hazard, then ease off the brakes and keep your wheels perpendicular to the ground.

Rain after a long dry spell - Contaminants that saturate a road surface during dry weather make a pretty good lubricant during or following a light rain. Be especially smooth when braking, turning or accelerating during this time, or better yet, sit out the beginning of a storm. It takes about one-half hour of hard rain to wash the surface clean.

Standing water - If you need to go through standing water, slow down. There may be a pot hole under the surface which could cause you to lose control or you may begin to hydroplane if your tires cannot displace the water fast enough. Hydroplaning will make the bike feel like it's on ice. If you are unlucky enough to experience this make no steering inputs and ride straight on through.

Gravel on pavement - This can be deadly. Gravel is more common as the road becomes twistier. It seems cars have a hard time staying on the pavement when there are corners. Gravel problems tend to be worse in spring due to winter rains. A little bit of gravel should be avoidable (or you are riding too fast). Unavoidable gravel covering the entire corner can be taken in stride if there is plenty of asphalt showing and you are prepared to let the bike slide around a bit. The key is to relax, don't over-react and keep steering towards the exit line. Bikes are surprisingly stable and will usually ride it out.

Sand Traps - Sand tends to gather towards the

side of the road, especially on curves, where we as cyclists are most vulnerable. Heavy rains tend to wash away the sand in the spring, but it also can wash dirt and clay into the roadway, which can create some interesting problems. Sand doesn't change its character much when it is wet, but dirt and clay can create an outstanding lubricant when combined with water and set upon by a rubber tire.

Rubber Octopuses - These are big, jagged pieces of tread rubber that have come off of truck and trailer tires and lay along the highway. If you run over one, it can "grab" your tire and attempt to go along for the ride. The problem is that it usually gets jammed between the front tire and front fender and brings the front wheel to a quick and sudden stop, causing the bike to crash. So, don't even think about bouncing over a piece of loose rubber in the road. Even a small chunk can grab your front tire.

Wheel or Edge Traps - An edge trap is any raised pavement edge or groove running parallel to the lane direction. For instance, when a lane is repaved, the edge of the new paving is raised several inches higher than the old paving. That raised edge can be out in the traffic lane. If you allow your front tire to ease up to a raised edge, it's very likely you will lose control and go down. It is called an "edge trap" because it tends to capture your front tire and trap you into a fall. Once your tire is trapped by the raised edge, it's almost impossible to avoid a spill. Crossing an edge trap can be tricky. If the surface is only 1" high you can ride over it without much concern so long as you approach it at an angle of at least 20 degrees. Anything higher than about 1" and you must put as great an angle of attack to it as possible. Ideally you want to cross over it with a 90 degree (perpendicular) angle.

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These are some of the many hazards out there in the roadway just waiting for your arrival. Learn to recognize them and to take the appropriate action to insure your safety. There are too many statistics already in the record books on motorcycles and we do not want to become one of them. Ride safe!

Portions of this article were taken from *Proficient Motorcycling* by David L. Hough, Road Hazards at Motorvike.com, Rain Dance by Ken Cordon from *Motorcycle Consumer News*, Pitfalls of Riding by Victor Montgomery and Motorcycle Tips and Techniques by James Davis.

Note from Nora Maloy

I just found out that my motorcycle safety coach Laura Sinning got killed in a motorcycle accident this past Wednesday. I remember taking the class this past August - she was only 40 - she said her job required her to teach us to wear a helmet, but that she did not wear one. She said it was her personal choice. And it was a low-speed hit the curb accident without a helmet. Makes me feel very vulnerable. I wear a helmet, but even so.....

Mystery Bike from Page 3.

1957 Harley-Davidson Model 165

All lightweight 2 cycle bikes produced by Harley-Davidson from 1948 through 1966 are loosely referred to as Harley Hummers. The Model 125 was produced from 1948 through 1952. It was replaced in 1953 by the Model 165. The true "Harley Hummer" was only produced from 1955 until 1959, and it was a very basic, stripped down, no frills, 125cc motorcycle. Several other 165 and 175cc models followed from 1960 through 1966.

VentureRider 2nd Annual "Tail of the Dragon" Venture In by Lewis Cramer



VentureRider.org just concluded its Annual Venture In, at Vogel State Park in Blairsville, Ga. This event started on Wed., August 9 and ran through Sunday, August 13, 2006.

This years event was 2 days longer than last years which enabled us to do several different rides. . Wednesday started with check in and a cookout at the park enabling eveyone to meet and socialize. On Thursday everyone met for a breakfast ride into Blairsville, Ga, before departing on our first ride into N.C. to ride some twisty roads in the mountians and see some beautiful waterfalls. We stopped in Highland, N.C., had lunch and took in some of the shops in this beautiful little mounitian town. Friday brought some rain our way, but it did not dampen the spirits of the 35 bikers and their passengers. This ride took us to Dillard, Ga., where we had a fantastic lunch at the Dillard House. After a couple hours of fine dining, and fellowship we departed Dillard and made our way to Helen, Ga where we took in the sights and shops. Saturday did not turn out to be a great day for riding, due to inclimate weahter, as we were planning on riding the Cherahola Skyway and the Tail of the Dragon. We ended up canceling the organized ride due to saftey, but a few brave souls had come this far to ride it and they were not to be denied, so 12 bikes departed Blairsville for the Dragon. About 10 miles out of Blairsville, the weather cleared and they had a successful ride on the Dragon. The rest of us returned to the park to prepare for the cookout planned for the afternoon.

At this years event we had a 50/50 raffle, a silent auction, and some live auctions to raise money for our chosen charity, St. Jude Childrens Hospital in Memphis, Tn. This year we were able to raise \$500.00 for that cause. It seems as though everyone walked away from this event with fond memories. The final numbers for this event was 52 bikes some with co-riders, representing 17 states and Canada, making this a truly international event. We are already looking forward to next years event, which will be posted in the calendar of events in Full Throttle. You can also check out our website at www.venturerider.org.



50 Ways To Save Your Life (21 through 30)

The August 2006 issue of "Motorcyclist" magazine had an article titled "50 Ways To Save Your Life". Most, if not all, of the ideas presented are of value and worth some thought, but I found that when reading all 50, I had a tendency to gloss over them. Therefore, we will present 10 of those ideas each month for (5) months. Take time to read them and then spend some time thinking about what they really mean and how you can incorporate them into your riding strategy.

21. Keep you eyes moving

Traffic is always shifting, so keep scanning for potential trouble. Don't lock your eyes to any one thing for too long unless you're actually dealing with trouble.

22. Think before you act

Careful whipping around that Camry going 7 mph in 25 mph zone or you could end up with your head in the driver's side door when he turns into the driveway right in front of you.

23. Raise your gaze

It's too late to do anything about the 20 feet immediately in front of your fender, so scan the road far enough ahead to see trouble and change trajectory.

24. Get your mind right in the driveway

Most accidents happen during the first 15 minutes of a ride, below 40 mph, near an intersection or driveway. Yes, that could be your driveway.

25. Come to a full stop at the next stop sign

Put a foot down. Look again. Anything less forces a snap decision with no time to spot potential trouble.

26. Never dive into a gap in stalled traffic

Cars may have stopped for a reason, and you may not be able to see why until it's too late to do anything about it.

27. Don't saddle up more than you can handle

If you weigh 95 pounds, avoid that 795 pound cruiser. If you're 5 foot 5, forget those towering adventure-tourers.

28. Watch for car door opening in traffic

And smacking a car that's swerving around a goofball's open door is just as painful.

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29. Don't get in an intersection rut

Watch for a two-way stop after a string of four-way intersections. If you expect cross-traffic to stop, there could be a painful surprise when it doesn't.

30. Stay in your comfort zone when you're with a group

Riding over your head is a good way to end up in the ditch. Any bunch worth riding with will have a rendezvous point where you'll be able to link up again.




Birthdays

<i>Art Holbrook</i>	<i>Oct 8th</i>
<i>Alicia Miller</i>	<i>Oct 10th</i>
<i>Marlon Hinds</i>	<i>Oct 17th</i>
<i>Randy Rakestraw</i>	<i>Oct 23rd</i>
<i>Paula French</i>	<i>Nov 9th</i>
<i>Dona Olsen</i>	<i>Nov 18th</i>
<i>Moreen Hartz</i>	<i>Nov 28th</i>




Anniversaries

<i>Scott & Moreen Hartz</i>	<i>Oct 5th</i>
<i>Mike & Nora Maloy</i>	<i>Nov 4th</i>
<i>Jamie & Paula French</i>	<i>Nov 30th</i>



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>

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:
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Upcoming Events

Rides and Other Activities

- Oct 15 Parking Lot Practice. 11:45 a.m. Meet in CCC parking lot.
- Oct 19 Dinner Ride. (Cramer)
- Oct 21 Little River Canyon, AL.
- Nov 4 Second Annual Chili Cook Off
- Nov 12 Social Circle, Ga. Blue Willow Inn

Prison Ministry

- Columbus, GA October 20th
- Dothan, AL October 21st
- Montgomery, AL November 10 & 11
- Valdosta, GA December 8th
- Pelham, GA December 9th

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)

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 crazyfroghd@bellsouth.net

Non CCR Events

See the CMA article on Page 12.

Did you know...

If it's shiny or black, ride a different track. Just because you are in staggered formation does NOT mean that you have to stay in your track. There is a whole lane at your disposal without encroaching on the traffic rights of other motorists. You ride staggered to give you maneuvering room in case you need it. Rather than ride over a patch of shiny or unusually black surface, assume you need it.



CMA Notes submitted by Sam Connor

How does CMA minister and serve at biker rallies and events?

What's Happening With CMA in the Newnan Area?

Christian Motorcyclists Association



CMA's roots began in the 1970's when Herb Shreve went to biker rallies with his son, and observed there were many bikers far from God, and the church at that time stayed far away from bikers and their events. Since its formation, CMA has committed to attend and serve bikers, where they are, showing them the love of Christ in a practical way. CMA may help rally organizers with registration, parking, or cleanup, or may just offer free water or coffee to people attending, and offering them a tract, Bible, or prayer, or just a friendly ear.

At most large rallies, CMA offers to conduct a Sunday worship service, and is allowed to at most of the events where CMA serves. At many events, CMA is asked to judge the bike shows, At the Trail of Tears, CMA members started at 3:30 a.m. preparing coffee and breakfast sandwiches to serve to over 10,000 bikers. CMA will go where bikers are, just to tell bikers that

Jesus loves them, and attempt to show that love in a meaningful, non-threatening and non-condemning fashion.

Isn't there some wild partying going on at some of these events? There may be some areas where the crowds can get rowdy/rude/boisterous, but there are always areas away from those activities. The rally promoters usually find a camping area away from the bandstand and rowdy areas, and that's where they let CMA camp and setup our hospitality tent. Our ministry tents are usually in the vendor areas, far away from most of the rowdiness.

The Newnan "Blessed Riders" meet on the 4th Thursday of each month, at SonRise Wellness Center, 6:30 pm for snacks, and 7:00 pm for the meeting. Any person, rider or not, is welcome to attend any CMA function, ride, meeting, or event.

CMA Newnan Calendar of Events: (More info: <http://cmaser6.org/GA/BlessedRiders/>)

Date	Event	Meet at location/time
10/13-15	Iron Angels Rally – Unadilla, GA	Shell Hwy 154 8 am
10/18-22	CMA Changing of the Colors – Hatfield, AR	See Barry Walker for details
10/20/06	Prison Ride to Columbus, GA	QT on Hwy 34 5:30 am
10/21/06	Prison Ride to LaGrange, GA	QT on Hwy 34 5:30 am
10/26/06	Chapter Meeting at SonRise Wellness Center	6:30 snacks, 7 pm meeting
10/28/06	Surprise Ride & Cookout – to Lance's house	Madras Middle School 1:45 pm
11/04/06	Lisa's Ride (benefit ride) – Fairburn, GA	QT at 9 am, BlackJacks 9:30
11/9-11	Prison Weekend – Montgomery, AL	Register by Oct. 19



Our mission:

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

Community Christian Riders Web Site

<http://www.communitychristianriders.net/>

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



October 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 CCR October Meeting	4	5	6	7 CPR Course and Ride
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 Parking Lot Practice	16	17	18	19 CCR Dinner Ride	20	21 Little River Canyon, AL
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 Chili Cook Off
5	6	7 CCR November Meeting	8	9	10	11
12 Social Circle, Ga. Blue Willow Inn	13	14	15	16 CCR Dinner Ride	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		