



Community Christian Riders Newsletter

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Message from the Group Leader

Riders and friends,

I hope all of you are having a great spring 2007. Our temperatures lately have been all over the place. Several weeks ago we were in the high 80s and I was afraid we had bypassed spring and went straight to summer. This, the morning before Easter our low was somewhere around 27 degrees. I'll gladly bundle up and ride on these cool days, as I know hot will be here soon enough.



Global warming or not, this April seems to be right on par with the others I remember over my 46 years. As a child, Easter was characterized by maybe a new Sunday outfit to wear to Church, the Easter bunny and Easter egg hunts. As an adult, especially in the last number of years spring time brings a sense of rebirth and newness. This is an amazing time of year and season. The air is crisp and cool, the trees are budding and the flowers are blooming.

I am sure it's no accident that this is the time of year God chose to make the ultimate sacrifice for all of us. Jesus died so we might have ever lasting life. Through him if we believe, all our sins are forgiven. So like the trees and flowers, Easter

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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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represents a new season, a chance for a new beginning in each of our lives.

Let's pray that more people in our world will come to learn about Jesus, his life and his sacrifice. The world is such a big place. Political and cultural climates have become so complicated and hostile. How do we even begin? I think we do it one person at a time.

Please pray a specific prayer for CCR. Please ask for focus, guidance and clarity in our mission as we try to reach that big world of unconnected bikers.

God bless all of you.

April Meeting Notes... by Jimmy DePlasita

Ride Coordinators Report (Jimmy DePlasita)

The next Meet and Eat will be April 19th location to be decided by Susan and Art Holbrook.

The next scheduled ride will be April 15th to Madison Ga. It will be a 10:30am departure from Community Christian Church.

NOTICE OF RIDE CHANGE.

Please Note that our April 29th ride has been changed. We are now going to support an ABATE benefit ride for Children of Domestic Violence. This is a Newnan Welcome House Event. I will send details out the week before the ride.

Please Send Ride Suggestions to Jimmy DePlasita at Crazyfroghd@bellsouth.net

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

Lewis reported that we will serve in Church Next Sunday Second Service. We are planning to put in an order for shirts if anyone is interested contact Lewis so we can order one time. Elsie also announced the birthdays and anniversaries for the month past and present. Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary. 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 newsletter are due by April 10, 2007. We now have a Classified Section and a Recipe Section.

Safety Report (Ken Wolf)

Ken did a little of a review on the class that so many missed. Class was on Hazard Recognition. Check News Letter for safety tips and advice.



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Prison Ministry Report (Tracey Jenkins)

The Great Weekend in Atlanta is coming up April 13 and 14. Deadline to sign up is March 21. Come join us in spreading Gods Word.

General Business (Mark Jenkins)

Mark went over some of the up and coming rides.

Angle Food Box to be purchased once a month and delivered to the needy.

Many Charity Rides available, we will try to post the ones we can.

Recap of rides scheduled thru May.

Next Ride:

Next scheduled ride is April 15th to Madison Ga. After First Service. Depart at 10:30 from CCC.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, May 1st, 2007

An E-mail will be sent.

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 5 for the answer.





Safety: Pre-ride Inspection... by Ken Wolf

The Motorcycle Safety Foundation recommends a quick, overall inspection of your motorcycle before you ride. Motorcycles don't wear out overnight, but a daily check of your machine's general condition and fluid levels can make your ride a safer one. Just as a pilot performs a pre-flight inspection of his aircraft, you should do a pre-ride check of the critical components on your bike, easily remembered using the term T-CLOCS, which stands for Tires, Controls, Lights, Oil, Chassis and Sidestand.

These are simple, easy-to-access items that anyone who rides should be able to identify and check. And despite the length of the MSF's list, you can probably check everything in about five minutes. Depending on what you find, that could be the best five minutes you spend all day.

T - Tires and wheels

Check your tires for proper air pressure, tread depth, cracks, bulges or embedded objects. Check wheels for dents, cracks and roundness. Check spokes for proper tightness or missing spokes. Check bearings and seals for signs of failure.

C - Controls

Check all levers, making sure they are not broken, bent, cracked or loose. Apply the front brake and push the bike forward. The brake should feel firm, and the front wheel should not move. Check the rear brake in the same fashion. Check the condition and routing of control cables, making sure they move freely, are not frayed, have no sharp angles and are of sufficient length as to not interfere with steering. Check that all

hoses are in good condition and don't interfere with steering. Make sure your throttle moves freely, with no sticking and snaps closed when released.



L - Lights and electrical

Check your battery, making sure the terminals are clean, electrolyte fluid is sufficient, and that it is properly secured. Check your headlight, making sure it works, has no cracks and is aimed properly. Check all other lights and reflectors for operation, cracks and fastening. Check wiring, looking for frays, clean connections and proper routing.

O - Oil and fluids

Check oil and fluid levels, including brake and clutch fluid, coolant and of course gasoline. Check all fluid reservoirs, hoses and lines for leaks.

C - Chassis

Check condition of the frame, looking for cracks, dents or bends. Check forks and shocks, making sure they travel freely and are properly adjusted. Check steering for smoothness by turning the handlebars through the full operating range. Check chain or belt, for proper tension, lubrication and wear. Check all fasteners, bolts and cotter pins, making sure they are not missing, broken or loose.

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S – Sidestand (Kickstand)

Check the sidestand and centerstand. Make sure they are not cracked or bent, and that they spring into place and the tension is sufficient to hold them.

Although this sounds like a lot, the inspection can be performed quite quickly. While it won't guarantee against a failure of some sort, it increases your odds of finding problems before they become dangerous or fatal. How well you ride depends on how well your motorcycle performs. And that depends on the quality of care you provide.

*The T-CLOCS Inspection Checklist can be found on the
CCR Web Site*

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

Mystery Bike from Page 3.

Yamaha V-Max concept

The Yamaha V-max has been on the market with only minor modifications since its introduction in 1985, making it one of the best-selling Japanese motorcycles of all time. The V-Max is a 1200cc motorcycle known for its powerful V4 engine, shaft drive, and distinctive styling. While famed for its quick acceleration, it is often criticized for its poor cornering ability and soft suspension.

In 2005, at the 39th Tokyo Motor Show, Yamaha displayed this all-new V-Max concept bike. It featured a new chassis, upgraded components all around, and state-of-the-art braking components. It is believed that the bike may be close to production and at dealers by late 2008.



Blue Ridge Parkway

“American Motorcyclist’s ROAD TRIPS,” Presented by Kawasaki, American Motorcyclist, July 2000.

If you were designing the perfect motorcycle road, what would it include? How about 469 miles of smooth blacktop sweepers? That’d be a good start. And a course that follows the spine of a mountain chain, keeping you at cooler altitudes during the summer while maximizing views of the surrounding country? Oh yeah. But you’re the designer, here. Think big. Why not restrict commercial development right along your road, so you can enjoy the natural scenery, yet still find gas stations, restaurants and motels conveniently located near many exits? And could you come up with a meandering course through the mountains that somehow manages to eliminate every decreasing-radius turn? Oh, and if it’s not too much trouble, why not go ahead and remove every single stop the road’s entire length? Then top it off with an endless number of scenic viewpoints where you can stop and see forever. Sound impossible? It’s already been done-on the Blue Ridge Parkway.

This serpentine ribbon of asphalt rolls all the way from Great Smoky Mountains National Park near Cherokee, North Carolina, to Shenandoah National Park near Waynesboro, Virginia. Conceived as a public-works project during the Great Depression and built in sections over the next several decades, the road is a marvel of engineering and careful planning. And while the parkway may have been designed for 1930s and ‘40s-era vehicles, it’s about as perfect a road as you’ll find for motorcycles in the year 2000.

Consider the section beginning at the parkway’s southern end, in North Carolina. Starting on the doorstep of Great Smoky Mountains National Park, it takes you through Asheville, then north to the little resort town of Blowing Rock. In just over 175 mile, it includes some of the best the road has to offer. The parkway begins here for complex reasons that have more to do with political lines than ridge lines. And that’s obvious soon after you roll out of the town of Cherokee, cruising along at the 45-mph speed limit amid lush rhododendrons and split-rail fences.

For the rest of its length, the Blue Ridge Parkway runs from southwest to northeast. But for this stretch, it runs at right angles to that general course, taking you southeast. Why? When the Blue Ridge Parkway was just an idea in the early 1930s, backers touted it as a route connecting the two national parks and said it would run through Virginia, North Carolina and Tennessee. As the road came closer to reality, though, the rivalry between Tennessee and North Carolina was intense. Since Great Smoky Mountains National Park straddles the border separating the two, the road could have gone either way. But ultimately, North Carolina succeeded in getting all the miles south of Virginia, and Tennessee was left out in the cold.

The Volunteer State’s only consolation is that the southern end of the parkway dumps tourists at the entrance to the park, where U.S. Route 441 takes them to the Tennessee side.

But that political battle over the route is quickly forgotten in the face of the engineering feat that is the Blue Ridge Parkway. Cruising toward Asheville, you can see how much trouble the road’s designers took to blend the parkway in with its surroundings. However, they also planned ahead to make sure those surroundings wouldn’t change.

While purchasing land for the road, officials secured what they called “scenic easements,” which blocked owners from developing land within 1,000 feet of the parkway. Eventually, all the land along the parkway came under the management of the National Park Service.

As a result, the only signs along the road are those put up by the Park Service to designate overlooks and the occasional rest stop or gift shop. In fact, about the only thing you can see besides trees and mountains is the wide roadway curving through them.

Perhaps the most amazing part is that there is not a single decreasing radius turn along the entire

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road. That means its sweeping curves would be comfortable at considerably more than 45 mph, but then you'd miss the scenery. There are plenty of twisty side roads off the Blue Ridge Parkway if you want to scuff the sidewalls of your tires, but the tone of the Parkway itself is definitely relaxing.

That's reflected in the mountain grades, too. All are gradual enough to be pulled easily, even by cars towing trailers-an astounding engineering accomplishment.

You notice that as you pass Asheville and start climbing in earnest. Back in Cherokee, the road begins at about 2,200 feet above sea level. The high point north of Asheville is 5,700 feet, a rise of more than half a mile. But the slope is deceptively easy. It's not until you need to zip your jacket against the increasing chill that you realize how much you've climbed.

Along this stretch, you pass through the Asheville Watershed area, with its magnificent view of the Asheville Reservoir nestled in a mountain valley far below, then catch sight of majestic Mt. Mitchell. At 6,684 feet, this is the tallest peak east of the Mississippi River.

A well-paved spur road takes you to the peak. It's a winding ride, well worth the (free) price of admission. And once there, you can climb an observation tower that gives you a 360-degree view from the top of the world.

Continuing north, you drop through mountain valleys and high meadows, with plenty of additional pull-offs that allow frequent scenery stops. There are few things better than lying on your back in the grass, taking a break from riding while enjoying a million-dollar view.

Soon, you enter one of North Carolina's centers of mountain tourism. The town of Little Switzerland offers sleepy little hotels that seem far removed from the modern world, while nearby Grandfather Mountain (accessible off U.S. 221 south of the parkway at mile marker 305), is a particularly nice commercial venture. For a \$10 entry fee, you can get the feel of a 1950s tourist stop, walk across a mile-high suspended bridge, and enjoy the spectacular view from the top of the mountain.

Farther along, the towns of Blowing Rock and

Boone offer plenty of places to eat and shop, and they're high enough in the hills that they remain comfortably cool in summer, despite the Southern setting.

That first 175 miles of parkway offers an excellent taste of what's to come. If you continue, there's another 300 or so miles of views and curves to savor. Particularly noteworthy are places like majestic Cumberland Knob, near the Virginia/North Carolina border; the restored Mabry Mill, south of Floyd, Virginia, where meal is still ground under water power; and the Peaks of Otter Lodge north of Roanoke, Virginia, a full-service hotel on the parkway run by the Park Service.

The final leg winds up Whetstone Ridge and then over Humpback Rocks just south of Waynesboro, Virginia, where the Blue Ridge Parkway ends, but the great riding doesn't. If you're in the mood for more, Skyline Drive through Shenandoah National Park is happy to oblige, with 105 additional miles of the same type of riding, but with a 35-mph speed limit.

When should you ride the Blue Ridge Parkway? Anytime in the spring, summer or fall is good, but some times are better than others. From a motorcyclist's point of view, late April or early May-after good weather arrives, but before school lets out-is a good bet. June and July are warmer, but the altitude usually keeps the temperatures from becoming oppressive. Mid-September, after school is back in session, is another great time. And of course, midweek rides are always less congested than those on weekends, no matter what the season.

But if you want to see the Blue Ridge Parkway at its best, you can't beat a fall foliage ride in October. It's spectacular enough to take your mind off all the campers and tour buses sharing the road with you (for peak fall foliage information, visit www.visitnc.com).

No matter when you go, it's a good idea to call (828) 298-0398 or visit the parkway website at www.nps.gov/blri to check on conditions. And yeah, it pays to make motel reservations well ahead of time during peak summer months, and especially in the fall.

It may require a little bit of planning work on your part, but that's a small price to pay to ride a perfect motorcycle road.

Did you know...

During high temperatures, some motorcyclists tend to ride in short sleeves to keep cool. Actually, you will stay cooler in long sleeves because covering your skin slows evaporative water loss. If you must shed your jacket in hot weather, at least wear long sleeves. Even a denim shirt will provide a little protection from road rash, should you have a mishap and go down.



Birthdays

Chip Zamboni	Apr 2nd
Vaughn Smith	Apr 23rd
Heather Baker	Apr 25th
Brian Farrell	Apr 30th
Jackie Medico	May 23rd
Chad Arceneaux	May 26th



Anniversaries



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

April 15th: Ride to Madison, GA

April 29th: ABATE benefit ride for Children of Domestic Violence.

May 19th & 20th: Overnight/Day ride to Chattanooga/Little River Canyon

Please feel free to call an impromptu ride.

Prison Ministry

April 13th & 14th: Metro Atlanta Prisons

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

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



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



April 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 CCR April Meeting	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 Prison Ministry Metro Atlanta	14 Prison Ministry Metro Atlanta
15 Ride to Madison, GA	16	17	18	19 CCR Dinner Ride	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 Ride for Children of Domestic Violence	30					



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 CCR May Meeting	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 CCR Dinner Ride	17	18	19 Overnight Ride to Chat- tanooga/Little River Canyon
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		