



# Community Christian Riders Newsletter

A ministry of Community Christian Church

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## Message from the Group Leader

Greetings Fellow Riders and Friends,

We are half way thru February, and I am counting the days to spring. Fortunately we have been blessed with a few good riding days this winter. Mostly on these cold winter days, the bikes stay parked in the garage. Instead of riding, I read the umpteen motorcycle magazines I get and try and get satisfaction out of someone else's ride. I have read countless articles about rides, ride routes and cool destinations all over our great country. Its 30 degrees outside and I am thinking about warmer weather. I am also trying to figure out how I can plan some of those trips I've read about, and who I can recruit to go with me.



As for ride partners, I am really blessed. When I think about road trip companions, at least 6 or 8 people come to mind right away. Most of you who receive this newsletter are equally blessed. We all have each other. Together we ride, and together we help each other grow in Christ.

Christ also taught us to share our faith with others so they would also know Him. Part of our walk down the path with Christ is to reach out to others, and not be inwardly focused with our faith.

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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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We have a unique opportunity as bikers to connect with other bikers. There are a lot of bikers out there who would love to hook up with good people and ride some country roads to some cool destinations. We have a number of those rides planned this spring. Let's get the word out and share our rides with others in our community. Rides can lead to friendships and friendships are the best platform to use for sharing our faith.

I look forward to riding with all of you soon.

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## February Meeting Notes... by Jimmy DePlasita

### Ride Coordinators Report (Jimmy DePlasita)

The next Meet and Eat will be February location to be determined. The ride will be the third Thursday of the month unless otherwise announced.

The first scheduled ride will be in March. Please Send Ride Suggestions to Jimmy DePlasita at [Crazyfroghd@bellsouth.net](mailto: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 will be distributed to local Motorcycle. Items to be put into Newsletter are due by February 13, 2007. We now have a Classified Section and a Recipe Section.

### Safety Report (Ken Wolf)

Next will be in indoor classroom training February



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17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am at CCC.  
Class is on Hazard Recognition.  
Check News Letter for safety tips and advice)

### 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 what was discussed in the planning meeting.  
We had a Great 2006 and we are looking forward to a better 2007.  
Angle Food Box to be purchased once a month and delivered to the needy.  
Group Ride to Momentum Church to serve on March 4<sup>th</sup>.

Possible Trivia Night at local establishments.  
Charity Rides as they come available.  
Recap of rides scheduled thru May.

### Next Ride:

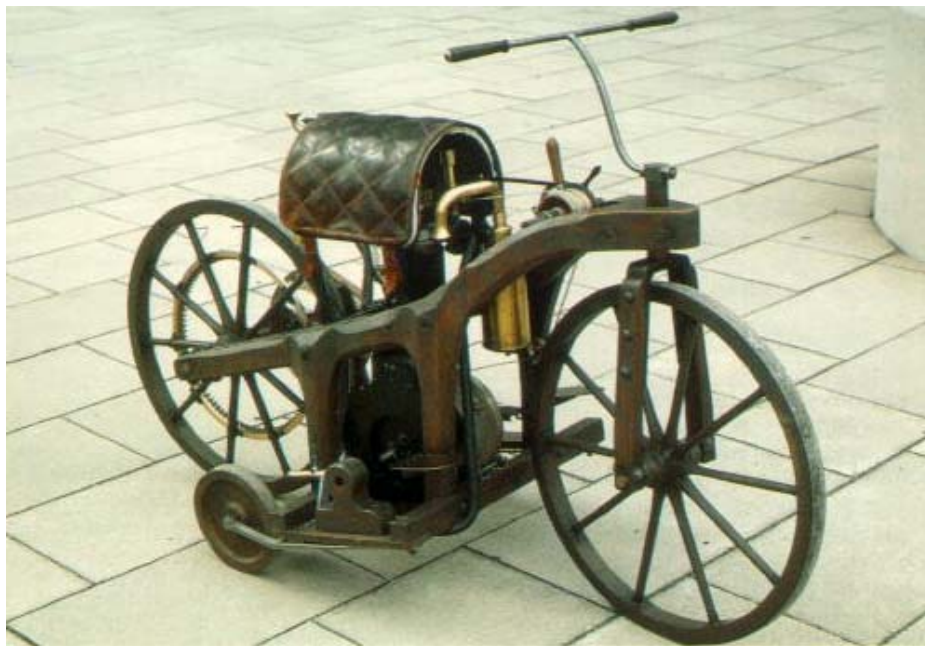
All rides thru February will probably be spur of the moment depending on the weather. Maybe some after church rides.  
First scheduled ride is March 17<sup>th</sup> to the Barber Museum near Birmingham Al.

### Next Meeting:

Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 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 8 for the answer.



## *Safety: Things To Think About...* by Ken Wolf

A curious thing happens when you're on a motorcycle. Ordinary things become interesting, and attract your attention. So you need to stay focused on the task at hand; riding safely and keeping out of danger. Think about what tasks you do every time you get on your bike. You must coordinate the actions of your hands, feet, eyes, ears, and body movements. At the same time, you must decide how to react to what you see, hear, and feel in relation to other vehicles and drivers, traffic signs and signals, conditions of the highway, and the performance of your bike.

These decisions are usually made close to other vehicles and must be converted quickly into action - brake, steer, accelerate, or a combination of all - to maintain or adjust your position in traffic. And these decisions must be made frequently. About 20 major decisions are needed for each mile ridden and riders frequently have less than one-half second to act to avoid a collision.

There are everyday, every ride things you need to practice. On typical rides, do you notice the location of sewer grates, manhole covers, pot-



holes, or even run-of-the-mill bumps? Do you find a "line" through even the straightest pieces of road; a line that will allow you the safest, smoothest route? Having this sense of awareness



will not only make you a better rider, but also keep your risk level at a minimum.

Do you know how many cars are ahead of you at all times? Behind you? Do you watch not only the car in front of you, but also the car in front of it? Do you take heed to the warning signs of danger like a driver up ahead checking his side-view mirrors? Or kids jumping around like maniacs in the back of a mini van? What about keeping your bike in gear at a stoplight, while keeping one eye on traffic in your mirrors? Do you adjust the position of your bike within your lane according to specific situations?

If the car you're following has its left turn signal on, do you move over to the right side of the lane? This allows the cars following you to see without obstruction the turn signal of the car ahead and warns them of stopped vehicles up in front. If the car you're tailing has its right turn signal on, do you move over to the left side of the lane? This again permits cars following to see more clearly. But just before you stop behind the car, do you move over to the right hand side of the lane? Being stopped behind the car on the right hand side offers an escape route if in fact the cars behind do not stop in time to avoid a collision.

Are you aware of the dangers of a vehicle pulling out into your path from a side road, or turning left in front of you? There may be some

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early warning signs that this is about to happen. Do you look the other driver in the eyes? This will help you determine if he is aware of your presence. But, don't assume that he will yield just because he (acts as though he) sees you. Do you watch the car's brake lights if you can see them? If they go off, it's a pretty good bet that he will pull out. Do you watch the vehicle's front wheels? This may give you an early warn-

ing that the driver is about to start rolling. What this strategy does is allow you to practice Time & Space Management.

Remember, recognizing hazards is not enough. You must be ready to take action in order to avoid incident. The best way to prepare yourself is to practice SEE: Scan, Evaluate, and Execute. So, if you don't remember ever doing any of the things mentioned above, pay attention next time. It could save your life.

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## ***Tire Tips When Storing Your Bike...*** by Ken Wolf

Recently, I saw a question posted on the GWRRA website asking if it is recommended that plywood be placed under your tires to prevent them from resting on concrete during long periods of storage. I had heard this question before, but never the answer. So I contacted Consumer Relations at Michelin and asked them the question. Here is what they said.

There are no negative effects from tires resting on concrete for extended periods, as long as the floor is clean. Tires can be damaged from contact with petroleum based products, so make sure there are no chemicals, grease or oil on the floor. However, using jack stands to lift the vehicle and take the load off the tires is recommended. The tires do not have to be completely off the floor. Raising the vehicle just enough to relieve the load from the tires will help prevent distortion and flat spots. You may also want to inflate the tires to the maximum pressure as indicated on the sidewall, but remember that tires typically loose approximately one pound of pressure per month.

Another threat is exposure to ultraviolet radiation and ozone. Tires have chemicals in the rubber to protect them but this only works when the tires are rolling. As the moving tires warm-up and flex, chemicals are released keeping them soft and subtle. Tires that are in storage for extended periods need to be protected from UV and ozone exposure. UV radiation comes from sunlight. If the vehicle is stored indoors, UV radiation should not be a problem. Ozone, which is a form of oxygen, comes from electric motors, so don't store your vehicle (or tires) near an electric motor. Also, do not weld near your tires as the electric arc generates ozone.





## *If I Had Stayed Home...* by Tracey Jenkins

*It was a cold foggy September morning as we rode up a winding mountain road. The adrenaline from the anticipation of our day ahead was plenty to make my heart race, not to mention the speed that we were traveling was much faster than my comfort level. I'll never forget Chris's announcement "I think we're here!" when we pulled into the driveway. It was unmistakable that we had arrived at our destination.*

*The fog was just starting to lift off the yard below and the dew on the razor wire made it glisten in the sun. We pulled down to the front of the facility where our group of 10 bikers joined hands for another prayer. After giving the guards our drivers' licenses, we pulled our bikes over to the first of three gates. We had to empty everything out of them. This was quite a task for some and resulted in many laughs. After everything was cleaned out, the guards opened the first gate and we pulled through. The first gate slammed shut behind us. I stood there and realized as I looked around that we were completely enclosed by 15-20ft fencing topped with razor wire. At this check point they used the mirrors on long rods to check the undercarriage of all the bikes to make sure that there was nothing being stowed that could be used in a harmful way. Once all had been cleared, the next gate opened and we pulled through. Again, the gate behind us slammed closed. There was now just one gate between us and .....*

*The emotions at that point were indescribable. Satan was yelling at me to "Run! It's not too late to get out of here. Besides, the*

*beast inside these fences doesn't deserve anything but to rot here. It's dangerous, Run!" But yet I had an unexplained calmness, a blessing no doubt, from the Holy Spirit. When that third gate slide open and we pulled through, I became overwhelmed with the feeling of God's presence. It was like nothing I have ever experienced before. I wish I could explain how it felt. I had this very strong thought that came to my mind (I believe it was from God). "You are not here by your will but mine." It was all I could do to not burst out in tears. It was an incredible two days. Not once did I feel scared, inadequate or out of place. Sam said that God would provide all that we needed. He was so right. How was it possible that I felt like I was the one that had been so blessed to have been able to be a part of that? It was supposed to be about these prisoners and what I could do for them. Only God knows their hearts. But I know mine and it was changed. I cannot begin to tell you all that I learned that weekend about love. Not love like we know it but love like God knows it. The coolest thing is how it strengthened and brought me closer in my relationship with Christ. And all I had to do was say Yes.*

*I have been blessed to pray with more than 30 people as they are praying and accepting Christ into their lives for the first time! That's right, over 30 people will spend eternity with our Heavenly Father because I said, "ok, I'll go". Are 30 souls for the Kingdom of God worth it? And maybe they would have accepted Him even if I wasn't there, only God knows that. But what if one*

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*would not have been led? Is one soul worth it? Is that one soul worth it to Him? Absolutely. If my obedience helps lead one soul that is worth everything. How many would I have led if I had stayed at home?*

*him as a husband? Yes. As a father? Yes. And he thought he was just going for the motorcycle ride through the mountains! Funny how God works!*

*How could it possibly change someone to be*



*For those of you that have known Mark for the last few years, you know he was (and somewhat still is) a man of few words. He never has been big on conversation, especially if it involved talking about his faith, even with me. Now imagine him standing with these prisoners telling them how God had changed his life and can change theirs too. How much God loves all of us including them. That weekend I saw him in a way that I had never seen him before. Did it change him? Ask him. Has it changed*

*a better wife, husband, Christian? Because it changes your heart in a way that nothing else will. Maybe it is a reward from God for stepping out in faith. I don't exactly know how or why but I do know I wouldn't change it back for anything. When I go through my Fully Devoted Profile I can see how my answers have changed drastically since I have been doing prison ministry. I wonder how long it would have taken me to grow that much without it.*

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*While riding home from North Carolina, I was sitting behind Mark praying and thanking God for letting me experience what I had just experienced. I had another very strong God thought come to my mind...."Now go build an Army."*

*So, once again, here I am like Uncle Sam.....GOD WANTS YOU!*

*Please contact me if you have any questions or if you would like to sign up for the Atlanta Weekend of Champions. The registration deadline is March 21st. The event date is April 13 and 14th. We will have a training session before so you will know what to expect. This will help with any concerns or questions that you may have. You can also talk to Jimmy D, Art and Susan Holbrook, Lynn and Chris Minick, Paula and Jamie French and/ or Rachel Miller.*

*A few things to remember....*

*There are many ways that you can serve, not all of them would require you to interact with inmates. All are very important.*

*This is not just for Bikers. If you know someone that wants to go that does not ride, we need them too.*

*We will be going into men, women and youth facility. You choose what you are comfortable with.*

*You will not be left alone. You can stay with a "Veteran" the whole time if you would like to.*

*I am looking forward to doing time with you!*

*Tracey Jenkins*

## *Mystery Bike* from Page 3.

Gottlieb Daimler (who later teamed up with Karl Benz to form the Daimler-Benz Corporation) is credited with building the first motorcycle in 1885, one wheel in the front and one in the back, although it had a smaller spring-loaded outrigger wheel on each side. It was constructed mostly of wood, with the wheels being of the iron-banded wooden-spoked wagon-type. It was powered by a single-cylinder Otto-cycle engine and utilized a leather belt to transfer power to the brass gears mounted to the rear wheel.

This 1885 Daimler Reitwagen (Riding car) was built as an experimental vehicle to test the new Daimler engine. This engine was to power the first motorized carriage the following year. Imagine that! The first motorcycle was built and ridden a whole year before the first automobile!

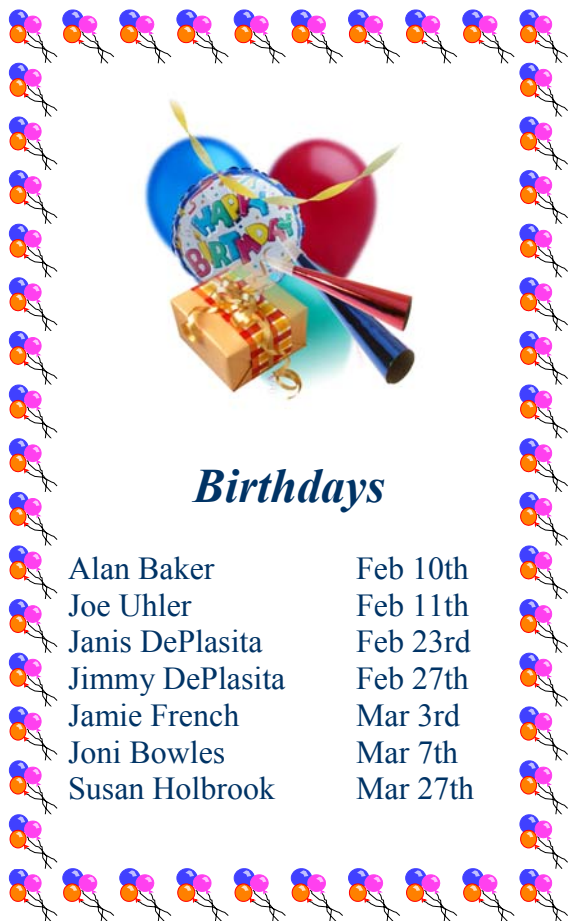
## *Did you know...*


Constantly scanning your entire environment while riding—from instruments to mirrors to the road ahead to blind spots to your left and right rear—keeps you aware and in touch with your situation, and therefore better able to react. Dwelling on one area too long—watching only behind or in front of you, for instance—is just begging for trouble.



***Putting your bike up  
for the winter?***

Check out the Resources page on the CCR website for an article on winterizing your bike.





### ***Birthdays***

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|-----------------|----------|
| Alan Baker      | Feb 10th |
| Joe Uhler       | Feb 11th |
| Janis DePlasita | Feb 23rd |
| Jimmy DePlasita | Feb 27th |
| Jamie French    | Mar 3rd  |
| Joni Bowles     | Mar 7th  |
| Susan Holbrook  | Mar 27th |





### ***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*

March 4th: Ride to Momentum Christian Church  
March 17th: Ride to Barber Motorcycle Museum, AL  
March 25th: Blues & BBQ Ride  
April 15th: Ride to Madison, GA  
April 29th: Lunch ride to Buckner's, Jackson, GA  
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](mailto:crazyfroghd@bellsouth.net)

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## ***CCR Safety Training: Hazard Recognition Saturday, February 17th, 10:00 a.m. Community Christian Church, Classroom A***

Most of us don't ride a lot during this time of year. However, it's a good idea to keep in riding shape mentally. Come join us for some enlightening discussion on recognizing and reacting to hazards on the road.



## 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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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**



## February 2007

| Sun | Mon | Tue                             | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat  |
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| 4   | 5   | 6<br>CCR<br>February<br>Meeting | 7   | 8   | 9   | 10   |
| 11  | 12  | 13                              | 14  | 15  | 16  | 17<br>CCR Safety<br>Training:<br>Hazard<br>Recognition |
| 18  | 19  | 20                              | 21  | 22  | 23  | 24   |
| 25  | 26  | 27                              | 28  |     |     |  |



## March 2007

| Sun                                  | Mon | Tue                          | Wed | Thu                      | Fri | Sat                                      |
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| 4<br>Momentum<br>Christian<br>Church | 5   | 6<br>CCR<br>March<br>Meeting | 7   | 8                        | 9   | 10                                       |
| 11                                   | 12  | 13                           | 14  | 15<br>CCR Dinner<br>Ride | 16  | 17<br>Barber<br>Motorcycle<br>Museum, AL |
| 18                                   | 19  | 20                           | 21  | 22                       | 23  | 24                                       |
| 25<br>Blues &<br>BBQ Ride            | 26  | 27                           | 28  | 29                       | 30  | 31                                       |