



# Community Christian Riders Newsletter

A ministry of Community Christian Church

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## *Message from the Group Leader*

Fellow Rides and Friends,

As I start my message to you this month, the one thing that keeps going through my mind is, what a great ride that was yesterday. God really blessed us with one beautiful day, 12 biker friends, good food, great roads and no problems.



Experiences like that have a way of recharging my batteries and get me thinking about what lies ahead for our little group in 2007. We can all look back over the last several years and remember the great rides. We can also remember the new faces that came into our lives in 2005 and 2006. Each person has a unique story of how they were lead to Community Christian Church and our little CCR community. The journey and circumstances can only be characterized as a God thing. I think all of us who took that journey can say we are closer to God, and further down the path and our walk with Jesus.

There's no doubt that God is at work in our little group. Looking back over the last several years, I just can't help being excited about what this year will bring. I hope you share in my excitement and will be a part of our journey this year.

I look forward to new destinations, new faces and doing 2007 with all of you.

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



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

### Welcome (Mark Jenkins)

The meeting began with an introduction of a new members and guest to CCR  
Randy and Darlene  
Dusty and Laurie  
And welcome to current members and meal prayer.

### Ride Coordinators Report (Jimmy DePlasita)

The next Meet and Eat will be February. Host 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 Second Sunday Second Service every month if possible. 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 will be produced and distributed to local motorcycle shops

when we get a ride schedule. Items to be put into newsletter are due by January 16, 2007. We now have a Classified Section and a Recipe Section.



### Safety Report (Ken Wolf)

Next will be in indoor classroom training February 17<sup>th</sup>.

Hazard Recognition.

Check newsletter for safety tips and advice.

### General Business (Mark Jenkins)

Committee Review, Time to sign up for groups within CCR.  
Dinner Ride Sign Up Sheet.  
Planning Meeting Jan 20<sup>th</sup> with groups.  
Youth Poker Night Feb 4<sup>th</sup> needs volunteers to deal.

### Next Ride:

All Rides thru February will probably be spur of the moment depending on the weather. Maybe some after church rides.

### Next Meeting:

Tuesday, February 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.

## *Ten Little Motorcyclists...*

10 little motorcyclists, cruising down the line.  
One had a heavy hand, and then there were 9.  
**Speed limits are set for your safety.**

9 little motorcyclists, the hour was getting late.  
One dozed a moment, then there were 8.  
**A tired rider is a dangerous rider.**

8 little motorcyclists, and the evening seemed like  
heaven. One "showed his riding skills," and then  
there were 7.  
Ride sensibly and sanely at all times.  
**A motorcycle is no place for a clown.**

7 little motorcyclists, their lives were full of kicks.  
One brought a bottle, and then there were 6.  
Gasoline and alcohol are a deadly mix.  
**Never drink and ride.**

6 little motorcyclists, impatient to arrive.  
One jumped a traffic light, and then there were 5.  
**Don't gamble years of your life to save a second.**

5 little motorcyclists, touring near the shore.  
One viewed the scenery, and then there were 4.  
**Careful riding demands alertness at all times.**

4 little motorcyclists, happy as can be.  
One passed on a hill, and then there were 3.  
**Never pass another vehicle when your vision is  
obscured.**

3 little motorcyclists, were busy, it's true.  
One neglected bike repairs, and then there were 2.  
**For safety's sake, always keep your motorcycle  
in top condition.**

2 little motorcyclists, and the day was nearly done.  
One didn't dim his lights, and then there was 1.  
Slow down in dusk or darkness.  
**Adjust your riding to existing conditions.**

1 little motorcyclists is still alive today.  
By following the safety rules,  
He hopes to stay that way!

***Mystery Bike: Do you know what it is?  
No, it's not a Westinghouse.***

See Page 5 for the answer.





## *Safety: The Hurt Study...* by Ken Wolf

The Hurt study, published in 1981, was a ground-breaking report on the causes and effects of motorcycle accidents. Although more than 25 years old, the study still offers riders insight into the statistics regarding motorcycle accidents and tips on safer riding.

The Hurt Study found that lack of attention to the driving task was a common factor for the motorcyclist in an accident. Motorcycle riders in these accidents showed significant collision avoidance problems. Most riders would overbrake and skid the rear wheel, and underbrake the front wheel greatly reducing collision avoidance deceleration. The ability to countersteer and swerve was essentially absent. The typical motorcycle accident allows the motorcyclist just less than 2 seconds to complete all collision avoidance action. These findings underline the importance of developing proper riding skills and habits. The best way to do this is to periodically take a MSF riding course. The skills you learn may save your life.



The following article summarizes some of the findings of the Hurt study and deals mainly with accidents resulting from collisions with other vehicles. It does not specifically address single vehicle accidents which accounted for approximately one-fourth of the motorcycle accidents studied. Only a small percentage of these single vehicle accidents were due to vehicle failure (less than 3%), while rider error was present as the accident precipitating factor in about two-thirds of the cases.

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## How Was Harry Hurt?

*by Robert Vaughan*

Perhaps the most renowned study of motorcycle accident causes and countermeasures was done for the University of Southern California by researcher Harry Hurt. He investigated 900 motorcycle accidents and analyzed another 3,600 motorcycle traffic accident reports. The Motorcycle Safety Courses developed by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation are designed largely to build the skills that the Hurt Study found to be missing in the accident-involved rider. Looking at just a few of the Hurt findings allows us to see the essential things we can do to avoid an accident.

**Who hits us?** Most accidents involve a car violating our right-of-way. Most frequently, the car turns left in front of the motorcycle.

**Where do we get hit?** Intersections are the most likely place for the motorcycle accident, with the car not only violating our right-of-way, but often traffic controls as well. Most accidents are on short trips such as shopping, errands, visiting friends, entertainment or recreation. Most accidents happen close to the trip origin. More than three-fourths of the hazards are within 45° of straight ahead.

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**Why do we get hit?** The main reason is that the driver of the other vehicle does not see us in time to avoid the collision. Alcohol is involved in almost half of the fatal accidents. Most motorcyclists are smart enough to separate riding and drinking. Unfortunately, too many car drivers on the road are more mentally challenged.

**Why aren't we seen?** Conspicuity of the motorcycle is the most critical factor. Conspicuity is most critical from the front.

**How can we be seen?** Accident involvement is significantly reduced by the wearing of high visibility yellow, orange or bright red jackets. It looks as though we need to take extra care to make sure that we are seen. This means both the helmet (white or bright colors in the day and reflective material at night) and jacket should be highly visible. It also means positioning our motorcycles where we can be seen in traffic.

**How else can we avoid accidents?** Just paying attention to our driving improves our odds. We should use extra care on any motorcycle on which we have less than five months experience. Motorcycle rider courses reduce accidents and injuries in accidents. The courses teach the braking and swerving skills found to be lacking in many accident-involved riders. In many states, the Riding and Street Skill course also allows us to omit the on-street exam when we obtain our motorcycle license. Proper eye protection prevents the impaired vision which delays hazard detection.

**How can we prevent injuries in an accident?** Heavy boots, jackets, and gloves reduce or prevent road rash. Full coverage helmets increase protection and reduce face injuries.

**Knowledge is power.** Now we know where and why we get hit. We know how to make ourselves seen and how to avoid both accidents and injury. It's up to us to put this knowledge to use.

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## *Mystery Bike* from Page 3.

### **Moto Guzzi Norge 1200**

At an MSRP of \$14,990, the new Moto Guzzi has a 90 degree V-Twin engine with single sided shaft drive, on-board trip computer, heated grips and electronically adjusted windshield. Available as an accessory, the Tom Tom "Rider" GPS navigation system offers a Bluetooth wireless connection in addition to satellite navigation; calls are automatically relayed from the cellphone to the earpiece inside the helmet.

## *Did you know...*

Per mile traveled, the number of deaths on motorcycles is about 16 times greater than the number in passenger cars. The Hurt Study found the use of the safety helmet the single most critical factor in reducing head injuries. Helmets save lives.



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

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





### ***Birthdays***

Ken Wolf	Jan 6th
Svend Olsen	Jan 21st
Alan Baker	Feb 10th
Joe Uhler	Feb 11th
Janis DePlasita	Feb 23rd
Jimmy DePlasita	Feb 27th





### ***Anniversaries***

<i>Svend &amp; Dona Olsen</i>	<i>Jan 1st</i>
<i>Lewis &amp; Charlene Cramer</i>	<i>Jan 11th</i>
<i>Marlon Hinds</i>	<i>Jan 23rd</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*

No scheduled rides until March.  
Please feel free to call an impromptu ride.

### *Prison Ministry*

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](mailto:crazyfroghd@bellsouth.net)

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### *Non CCR Events*

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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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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**



## January 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 CCR January Meeting	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 CCR Planning Meeting
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			



## February 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		CCR February Meeting				
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
				CCR Dinner Ride		CCR Safety Training: Hazard Recognition
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28			