



Community Christian Riders Newsletter

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Message from the Group Leader

Greetings fellow riders and friends,

It's hard to believe we are already in the last quarter of 2007. Its been a good year for my family and one of growth for CCR. I also look forward to the months ahead. We still have some riding to do, new people to meet and of course the holidays.



That being said, I do have some concerns about some of the things going on in our world right now. Locally we are in a 100 year drought. I just traveled down the east coast thru the Shenandoah Valley and its all crispy brown there too. As you know the Indians would do a rain dance. It was a ritual and probably a form of worship to their god. I have chosen to pray to our God about it although I am sure He would not mind a dance. Dance if you will but, you may just want to keep it to yourself.

In Biblical times peoples knowledge of events and happenings did not extend much beyond their community or region they lived in. Today we hear real time world news on a daily basis. From what I read in the Bible people haven't changed much. Maybe some parts of the world are not as barbaric, but there are still wars, child molesters, murders and the like, just like back in the days the Bible was written. Man and his ways have not changed, but today we get to hear about it all.

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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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As I mentioned starting off, life is good for me and my family, we have truly been blessed. I think sometimes we need to look around and realize it's not just about us. As Christ followers we should have some concern about our world and our fellow man/woman. I feel very fortunate to be a part of our motorcycle ministry. It's the best way I know how to reach out to others who are unconnected to Christ. Connecting people to Christ is our calling as Christians and is sure to make our communities and world a better place

to live.

We have done a pretty good job this year picking up bikers along our way as we ride. Let's stay the course and keep our focus on Him. We have many more miles to ride and new people to meet along the way.

Also, keep praying for rain, and dance if you need to.

God Bless

October Meeting Notes... by Jimmy DePlasita

Welcome (Mark Jenkins)

The meeting began with a Welcome to current members, and Guest. Mark Reviewed all of the up and coming rides and Charity events.

Ride Coordinators Report (Jimmy DePlasita)

The next Meet and Eat will be October 18th location to be decided by Jamie and Paula French.

Next Ride it Saturday October 13th to Savannah, Ga This is an overnight ride and we will leave about 9:00 am from CCC.

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

Public Relations & Apparel Committee (Lewis & Elsie Wolf)

We are planning to put in an order for shirts if anyone is interested contact Lewis so we can order one time.

Please contact Lewis for details or fill out one of the new order forms for shirts.

Prison Ministry Report (Tracey Jenkins)

The next event is Pensacola Fl. In November

Safety Report (Ken Wolf)

Ken went over some Group Riding Safety Tips that we have been neglecting and reminded us of some important details.



We need your support for an Angel Food Box given from CCR. Angel Food Box to be purchased once a month if possible and delivered to the needy or donated to the Church to give out.

Many Charity Rides available, We will try to post the ones we can. New rides for the rest of the year have been published.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, November 6th, 2007

An E-mail will be sent.

7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Partners II Pizza, Summer Grove – Newnan, GA.

Safety: Target Fixation

(Motorcycle Goes Where You're Looking)... by James R. Davis

Sometimes we riders tend to minimize the risks we hear about. Take, for example, what every student of the Motorcycle Safety Foundation has heard about - 'target fixation'. 'Fixating' on something means not being able to take your attention (your eyes, for example) away from it. In the case of riding motorcycles, this leads to the phenomena wherein our motorcycles tend to go in the direction we are looking and is usually described with an example familiar to all -- that if you see a pothole in the street ahead of you and don't take your eyes off it you are likely to hit it. While that is true, it is too trivial an example to get our attention appropriately. We are left with the opinion that 'target fixation' is of trivial concern because we all know that we can, if we try, avoid that pothole.

It is insufficient to simply post the advise that you should avoid target fixation. Saying "don't fixate" is all very well, but once it starts, you need a positive technique to get yourself out in one piece. So once you are in trouble, use target fixation to save your skin.

Don't look at the oncoming truck/tree/pothole; figure out where you would rather be and fixate on that instead. In fact, those of you that have taken the MSF classes know that "target fixation" is an excellent way to control skids - fixate on a point dead ahead on the horizon, and you'll be well on the way towards automatically correcting most skids.

Target Fixation demonstrates pretty convincingly that your motorcycle goes where you're looking. But why? Your eyes, after all, are not holding your handlebars and you frequently scan directions other than the one you're traveling in without your bike wandering all over the road. Is



it magic? Or perhaps an undiscovered law of physics?

The idea that your motorcycle will go where you're looking is merely a shorthand way of thinking about a phenomenon that virtually all drivers (of any kind of vehicle) have experienced before: that if you turn your head you tend to STEER in the direction you're looking. In fact, it might be clearer to simply acknowledge that it is HARD to steer in any direction other than the one you are looking at. ALL of your prior experience has taught you how to steer your vehicle where you want it to go. So, if you look where you want to go, you kick in all that prior experience and AUTOMATICALLY steer in that direction.

There is no magic here nor is there a hidden law of physics involved. Your bike (or automobile) TENDS to go in the direction you are looking because, via experience, you have taught yourself to steer, more or less subconsciously.

To take advantage of that phenomenon you

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merely need to actively look in the direction you want to go - away from danger. The rest is virtually subconscious reaction. Of course it takes more than a turn of your eyes or even your head. You still need to steer away from danger. Since it is **HARD** to steer away from what you're looking at, and easy (almost automatic) to steer in the direction you are looking, surely it makes sense to look where you want to go.

But, you say, there are many times when you look in directions other than the one you want to go. After all, one of the most important safety practices you engage in is to actively scan all around you looking out for hazards. Why is it that your motorcycle does not wander all over the road while you are scanning if it's true that it tends to go where you're looking? (More often than not, it does!)

The answer to that question is that when you are scanning or looking in a direction other than the one you want to go in you tell yourself to keep going in the direction you want - you turn OFF

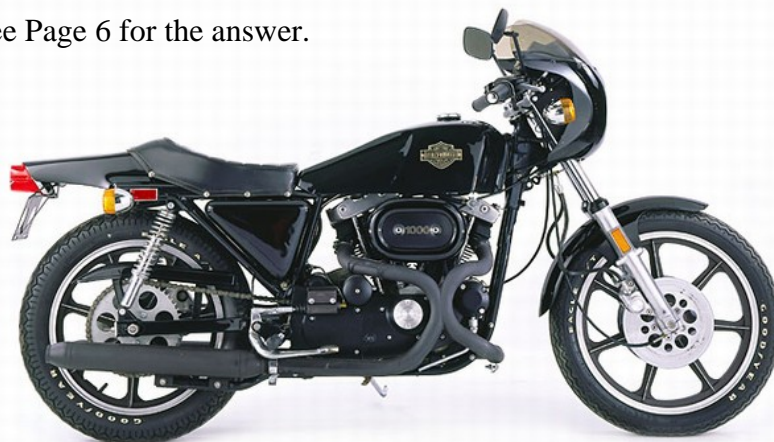
your 'autopilot'. If you don't believe me, next time you're out on the road and it is safe to do so, point your bike in the direction you want to go and look in any other direction. Notice how a part of your mind is **CONSTANTLY VERIFYING** that you are still on course. You do not normally have to do that - that's what your autopilot does for you.

But we have also been well advised to keep our head and eyes 'up' and pointed at the horizon. Surely looking down will not cause a motorcycle to go down, or will it?

Well, not directly. If you are in a skid, however, and look down the odds are overwhelming that you will go down. That, because you will have failed to actively steer the bike in such a way as to try to keep it upright. But that's only one reason why you should keep your head up and eyes looking at the horizon. The other is that only by doing so can you actively scan for hazards or know, for sure, if your bike is vertical. But that's another story.

Mystery Bike: Do you know what it is?

See Page 6 for the answer.





Observed Trials- a low speed motorcycle competition where the object is to ride over natural and man made obstacles without putting your foot down. For world-class riders, the obstacles can get to be pretty sizeable, The sport is very popular in Europe, it is challenging to do, and is fun to watch. Trials riders are sometimes referred to as the gymnasts of motocycling or as Bruce Brown from the movie "On Any Sunday" calls trials riders "the Magicians of the motorcycle world". The bikes are light and agile - the emphasis is on technique.



Eight Tips For Safer Cycling

Motorcycling is fun, exciting, and a practical way get around. But, like any other activity, it has risks. The reality is that you are exposed and vulnerable; it is up to you to avoid accidents and injury. Risk - and how you treat it - is what safe cycling is all about. To help reduce and manage risks, use the following tips as a guide.

Know your skills. Take a beginning or Experienced Rider Course from a Motorcycle Safety Foundation recognized training center. Call 1-800-447-4700 for the Rider Course nearest you. The more you know, the better rider you become.

Know the rules of the road and respect other road users. Don't forget, riding is a privilege. Get yourself and your motorcycle properly licensed; get insurance if required. Know the limits of your skills, your motorcycle, and the road conditions, so you don't ride over your head.

Ride with the right gear. A helmet, eye protection, sturdy jacket, pants, boots, and gloves, are your best defense against injury. It can happen to you!

Ride aware. A car turning left across your path is the most frequent accident. Three-fourths of motorcycle accidents involve collisions with other vehicles, the majority caused by the other driver. Intersections can be bad spots, so slow down and be prepared to react. We repeat: it can happen to you!

Ride to survive. Be seen and not hit. You aren't as big as a Mack truck, but you can attract attention. Wear bright clothing, use your headlight, select a lane and a position within a lane to be seen, avoid rapid lane changes, and keep looking around - you don't need surprises!

Ride straight. Alcohol and other drugs do not let you think clearly or make sound judgments. Up to 45% of all fatal motorcycle accidents involve alcohol.

Keep a safe bike. Know your owner's manual, follow recommended service schedules, and have repairs made by an authorized dealer. Always check your bike's tires, suspension and controls, before riding.

Share a safe ride. Company is nice. Some company weighs 100 pounds; other company weighs more. All weight affects handling. Having someone on the back is a big responsibility. Instruct them on proper riding technique and protective gear.

Now, take responsibility for your riding, learn more and enjoy yourself!

Source: Motorcycle Safety Foundation

Mystery Bike from Page 4.

1977 Harley Davidson XLCR 1000 "Cafe Racer"

In 1977, the XLCR — whose design came from the pen and back-shop labors of Willie G. Davidson himself — was hailed as a beautiful design and an instant collector bike, but hardly anyone bought one. The XLCR was built only in 1977 and '78, and only 3123 copies were made.



Birthdays

<i>Art Holbrook</i>	<i>Oct 8th</i>
<i>Marlon Hinds</i>	<i>Oct 17th</i>
<i>Randy Rakestraw</i>	<i>Oct 23rd</i>



Anniversaries

<i>Scott & Moreen Hartz</i>	<i>Oct 5th</i>
<i>Cem & Hollie Drake</i>	<i>Oct 6th</i>

Did you know...

Don't forget to check the expiration date on your helmet! The manufacturer is required to place a sticker, usually found under the liner, that shows the date the helmet was made. A helmet should be replaced at least every 5 years.

From the Snell Memorial Foundation, Inc.....

Helmets are constructed so that the energy of a blow is managed by the helmet, causing its partial destruction. The damage may not be readily apparent and the Foundation strongly recommends that a helmet involved in an accident be returned to the manufacturer for complete inspection. If it is not possible to do so, the helmet should always be destroyed and replaced.

Finally, the protective capability may diminish over time. Some helmets are made of materials which deteriorate with age and therefore have a limited life span. At the present time, the Foundation recommends that motorcycle helmets be replaced after five (5) years, or less if the manufacturer so recommends. WWW.smf.org



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

- October 7th: Lunch ride after church to LaGrange, GA
- October 13th & 14th: Over Night Ride to Savannah, GA
- October 27th: All Day Ride to Providence State Park, South GA
- November 10th: All Day Ride to Andersonville, GA. Lunch at Yoder's
- November 18th: Lunch ride after church to Jackson, GA. Lunch at Buckner,s

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.

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



1997 Chrysler Town & Country LXI



137,000 miles.
Good condition.
\$4,350

Call: Ken Wolf
770-251-3177



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 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 CCR October Meeting	3	4	5	6
7 Lunch Ride to LaGrange, GA	8	9	10	11	12	13 Over Night Ride to Savan- nah, GA
14	15	16	17	18 CCR Dinner Ride	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Day Ride to Providence State Park, South GA
28	29	30	31			



November 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6 CCR November Meeting	7	8	9	10 Day Ride to Andersonville, GA. Lunch at Yoder's
11	12	13	14	15 CCR Dinner Ride	16	17
18 Lunch Ride to Jackson, GA	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

Come Ride With Us!



Fall Ride Schedule:

- August 19th-**Lunch Ride to Butlers Mill Graham AL**, Depart Community Christian Church 10:45am Return 3:00pm
- September 15th-**All Day Ride to Cave Springs GA**. Lunch Creek Side Café, Depart QuikTrip 9:00am, Return by 4:00 pm
- September 23rd-**Backroads Ride to Warm Springs** for Lunch, Depart Community Christian Church 10:45am Return 3:00pm
- October 7th-**Backroads Ride to LaGrange for Lunch**, Depart Community Christian Church 10:45am Return 3:00pm
- October 13th-**Overnight Ride to Savannah**, Contact Mark Jenkins
- October 27th-**Providence Canyon**, Depart QuikTrip 8:30am, Return 4:00pm
- November 10th-**Andersonville-POW Museum, Lunch at Yoder's**, Depart QuikTrip 8:30, Return 5:00pm
- November 18th **Lunch at Buckner's Jackson Ga**. Depart Community Christian Church 10:45am Return 2:00pm

CCR Monthly Meetings:

When: 1st Tuesday of every month

Time: 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Location: Partners II Pizza SummerGrove Newnan, GA

Contact: Mark Jenkins, mark@jenkinsfg.com, 770-304-0256

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Community Christian Riders invites *all motorcycle enthusiasts* to join us for local and overnight group rides. Membership at Community Christian Church is not required to participate in CCR rides, meetings or events. For more information, check out our website: www.communitychristianriders.net



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