



The Rider



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Being that this issue of "The Rider" comes out in September, we want to make you aware of the fact that nominations will be made by secret ballot at our October 2nd meeting of the Good News Riders. Election of officers will then take place at our November 6th meeting of the Good News Riders. The term of office is for one year from January to December. Office is not limited to one term. Before placing someone in nomination, be sure and ask them if they are willing to assume this office if elected.

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Special points of Interest:

- Upcoming nominations and their requirements
- Leavenworth Trip
- Items to start saving!
- Update of our Road Captain, Scott
- Calendar of upcoming events

Elected officers include: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Road Captain, and Chaplain. Members may only make one nomination per office per person.

Officers must realize that CMA is not a Christian riding group meant to separate believers from the influence of the world, but rather it is a phenomenal ministry that is designed to force us into the wonderful adventure of spreading the light of Jesus into dark, difficult, and different places!

Those nominated must be active chapter members for at least six months before they are eligible for nomination. Active meaning:

- **Having taken part in at least three chapter meetings in the previous six months.**
- **Having worn only the CMA back patch or logo for a period of six months prior to an election.**
- **The minimum age for nominating, voting, or holding a chapter office is defined as the age at which a member is old enough to hold a license to operate a motor vehicle in their state.**
- **All votes shall be cast by secret written ballot which will be provided. A simple majority vote shall be necessary to fill any office.**
- **Chapter officers should take the lead in setting the example for attendance at chapter meetings, as well as attendance at secular events, as well as CMA events (i.e. Seasons of Refreshing, Run For the Son, State Rally, and planning meetings).**

The qualities of a chapter officer would include: **Godliness, Respected among peers, Proven worker, One who makes the ministry of CMA a priority, Active in the CMA vision of evangelism and Christian growth, Involved in both secular and CMA events, Teachable spirit, Positive influence, Full of faith, Full of wisdom, Good reputation, Strong desire to be led by the Spirit of God, Responsible, Leads by positive influence and Does the best job possible.**

It is of utmost importance that officers protect the integrity of CMA and its members at all times. We are asking that you make it a matter of great prayer as our chapter prepares for nominations and elections.



“Did You Remember?”

Ok, I have to confess...I was going to put a picture of a cute little teddy bear here for this article, to remind you that you should be saving new teddy bears. These teddy bears are for the annual winter Teddy Bear Ride for the Auburn Hospital Children’s ward—but I thought this picture of a “teddy bear” might get your attention more!

Well now that I have your attention... there are several items that I want to **remind** you that we would really appreciate your help in collecting for upcoming events that CMA is assisting in. Please check out this list. Items on this list need to be new, collecting a few at a time can add up to a big pile **FAST!!!** —Thanks for all your help!

Teddy Bear Ride—need Teddy Bears, all sizes, shapes and colors.

Hombre Toy Run, Benefit Toy Run, RMC—Toys for all age groups, the toys do not need to be wrapped.

Operation Christmas Child—need empty shoe boxes to fill with the following:

School Supplies: pens, pencils, sharpeners, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pads, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, et.

Toys: small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, small Etch A Sketch, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky, etc.

Hygiene Items: toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag) comb, washcloth, etc.

Other: hard candy and lollipops, mints, gum (please place all candy in Ziploc bags) T-shirts, socks, ball caps, sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries).—Thank you, the Leaning Navigator



Need help finding a “Christian Business”?

“Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor...” (NAS) Romans 12:10

Don’t forget to have that ride of yours “tuned up” from an expert and a fellow CMA member! Stop by and talk to Ken at.....

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Please send in your favorite “Christian Business” to be featured in this column.

- September 2—Men’s Night Out, 1st Thursday of the month, Java Billiards, 34507 Pacific Hwy S, Federal Way, 6:30 p.m.
- September 4—Chapter Meeting and Breakfast, 1st Saturday of the month, Performance Grill, 1525 ‘A’ Street, Auburn, Starts at 7:30 a.m., Breakfast at 7:00 a.m.
- September 6—Ice Cream Run, 1st and 3rd Monday of the month, Stage @ Auburn P&R, 6:30 p.m.
- September 9—GNR Bible Study, 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month. Meet in the basement of the West Valley Church, 3212 S. 288th, Auburn, 7:00 p.m.
- September 10-12—Fall Family Campout in Wenatchee, WA.
- September 20—Ice Cream Run, 1st and 3rd Monday of the month, Stage @ Auburn P&R, 6:30 p.m.
- September 22—Business Meeting, 4th Wednesday of the month. Meet at Performance Grill, 1525 ‘A’ Street, Auburn, 6:30. Come early and have dinner.
- September 23—GNR Bible Study, 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month. Meet in the basement of the West Valley Church, 3212 S. 288th, Auburn, 7:00 p.m.
- September 23-26—CMA Fast Lane NW Rally in Kamiak, ID
- September 25—Hands Across the Border in BC
- September 26—Oyster Run to Anacortes
- **WATCH for further details on these rides and others by the HOT SHEET sent to you by our Road Captain.**

Schedule of Chapter Rides and Events
Important dates are marked!

September 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Opportunity to Serve....

Hello Everyone,

Daniel Snodgrass has been invited to speak—sharing his testimony at the High Point Village Retirement Facility in Enumclaw on September 26th, service at 9:00 a.m. If you would like to come for support, please let Daniel know, there is limited seating.



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“Leavenworth”, Here We Come!

“A man’s heart plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps.” Prov. 16:9



In February we made plans as a chapter to take a weekend trip in August and ride to Leavenworth staying all night and taking in the play “Sound of Music.” Scott made reservations for eleven to attend this performance. All of us were looking forward to the time together. Well, God had some different plans for a few of us as He always does. Only seven made it on the trip and to the play.

Friday morning three showed up to ride the ride: Art, Lee, and Karen. Of course all know by now that Scott’s accident kept both he and Betty close to home in order to recuperate. Daniel and Lynette met us in Leavenworth. Art had to make a detour and go home and get his truck as his bike was making funny noises in the front end. It turned out to be the speedometer cable when we all thought it might be the front wheel bearing. After picking up his truck, Art then met Lee, Karen, Chris & Shelly Butler (Lee & Karen’s son-in-law, and daughter Shelly) along with Daniel and Lynette.

Each of us had made our own sleeping arrangements and then met together for the play. **Art was able to make the play on a motorcycle via, Daniel and Lynette’s sidecar. What a picture! (Now this a picture for your scrap book!)** The evening was beautiful with a full moon and stars. We missed those who had made plans, however God had another direction for you.

All of us rode home separately as each had obligations on Sunday. Art had to play mechanic for Brenda’s car, Daniel and Lynette took their side car and gave rides to muscular dystrophy kids in a parade and to camp in Gig Harbor. Lee and Karen rode with 850 other motorcycles, many from the Patriot Guard, from North Bend to Silverdale escorting two beams that started in New York as a result of 9/11. These beams crossed into Washington at 6:00 a.m. on Sunday morning and arrived in Silverdale at 5:03, three minutes late from the posted arrival time. It probably was one of the most awesome things that we have ever participated in doing.

It is always such a joy and wonderful thing to watch the Lord orchestrate all of our lives when we are open to His guidance.

Thank-you, Lord

Trikerette (Karen)



Ladies, wondering what you are going to do this winter.....

The knitted motorcycle "cozy" was created by Washington DC artist [Theresa Honeywell](#) assume for long chilly night rides. Her artwork series is titled KNIT!, and Theresa uses the traditionally feminine mediums of knitting to embellish "macho" subjects such as a motorcycle and a jackhammer.

WOW!!! Now this is talent. Can't wait to start my "cozy", after all Christmas is coming, I wonder how it would look in ORANGE (yipes)?





Capture Those Feelings....

In light of our upcoming nominations and election of officers I am republishing an article from our CMA Heartbeat magazine, June 2010 Issue, written by Randal and Lisa. I found the article thought provoking and inspiring. I think their insights are valuable in all of our life's circumstances....

The other day I was speaking to one of our state leaders and he shared with me that he felt things weren't going as good as they could be. His concern was that things just didn't seem to be happening as quickly as he thought they should and he felt he hadn't been a good leader in his area. I offered him some encouraging words and passed along some ideas to think about and pray over as we ended our

It's a fact that many of us have feelings that can easily drag us down. If you aren't careful these feelings can easily lead to misguided thoughts that will cause you to head in a different direction than God intends you to go. It doesn't matter if you are a chapter member, a chapter officer, a state leader, an evangelist, a husband, or a wife, none of us are immune from thinking this way at times.

Let me share a secret with you, one that I have to remind myself about every so often. You can't believe or trust everything you feel or think. Do you think the devil would ever cause something to happen to make you feel that you are a failure? Has anyone ever said anything negative about you to someone else or directly to you that didn't feel so good? Suppose you take these negative feelings and start thinking about them. You now have an equation that may seem to make sense but in reality is simply emotionally driven. By the time you are finished adding it all up you can make poor decisions or take negative actions based on these feelings and misguided thoughts.

I am not saying you shouldn't think or have feelings and emotions, these are natural things. But, you have to be careful that you don't run your life based on how you feel or think. You need to have a good dose of spiritual truth to go along with those feelings and thoughts if you want to follow God's plan for your life. Most of the time you will have to get past those feelings or thoughts to really see and hear what God is speaking into or doing in your life. Sure, you may even have some facts that seem to point you in a certain direction, but are you hearing and believing the truth from God or merely your own thoughts or feelings?

Here are a couple of scenarios to help explain my point. **Maybe you felt that you should be elected to a certain officer position in your chapter, but the members didn't elect you, so now you feel that nobody likes you. You decide it is time to get away from those members who don't like or understand you, besides they didn't know anything about running a chapter and how you could have helped, so you quit the chapter. Just suppose that God was using this time to grow you to a higher level of team building, commitment and humility, guess what...you just failed that test.**

Maybe you felt that God was leading you to serve as a chapter officer and the chapter felt the same so they elected you to the position. It all seems to be going well then someone makes a negative comment about the job you are doing and it gets back to you. Now your feelings are a little hurt and then you begin to think maybe you don't belong in the position, so you decide to step down. Do you think God changed His mind about you being in this position? Maybe God wanted you there to grow you in the areas of leadership, confidence, and ability, guess what...You just let your thoughts and feelings push you out of God's will.

You need to decide to take actions based on what you know as the truth and not go on your feelings or thoughts alone. How can you do that? The only way is to stay plugged in to God's truth. You need to stay in God's Word, communicate with God through consistent prayer, understand you belong to God, and trust Him to lead you in the right direction. You can start today by looking for opportunities to grow and shine in every situation you are placed in by applying God's truths to those areas.

Don't allow the devil to stop you from moving forward in God's plan for your life. Put away those negative feelings or thoughts and listen to the truth of God, then give your all to Him. It will be a great ride! CMA



Calling All Cars, Sidecars that is!

This last week Lynette and I had the privilege of answering the call, being invited to the MDA retreat to help in supplying rides to the kids in our sidecar.

It was a very nice ride to get there and all the sidecar drivers were well received with many loud cheers when we rode in together. There were 6 of us, 3 from CMA and the rest from other groups. We definitely had our fans who wanted to ride only in our sidecar (could it be the color orange that draws them to us?). One little boy insisted on riding more than once, I could not refuse little Sam.

As some of you may know, Lynette has decided to use her sidecar ride time for prayer and memorizing scripture. To facilitate this, she keeps a verse of scripture prominently displayed in large letters on the dashboard of the sidecar. One of the boys who rode in the car took the longest time to lean forward and study the verse for about 2 minutes during the ride. The verse that he read was:

As for God, his way is perfect; the word of the LORD is flawless. He is a shield for all who take refuge in him. (Psa 18:30)

It was a blessing to see this boy's curiosity of the word. We also gave each rider one of our cards that have our sidecar picture on the front, and the gospel on the back. Lynette and I hope we had an impact in those lives and pray for each one who received our card.

Some riders were unable to get around on their own and required assistance because of how the muscular dystrophy has effected their bodies. Most accepted the help of their counselor, except one boy. It seemed almost heroic for him to make such an effort to get into the car and right himself without help. Here was a young child with almost no muscle strength at all, struggling as an athlete would struggle in an important competition. I was proud of that child. I believe God sees the heart, not the accomplishment and I believe that this struggle was important and seen as significant in God's eyes.

I don't understand most of the reasons that God does things, but I do believe that he gives us the weak, the sick, the infirmed so that we can serve them. By doing this we can show our love for Him. I felt it was a privilege to attend the MDA event.

Daniel Snodgrass

**“I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for Me.”
Matthew 25:40**

Update from our Road Captain, Scott...

I'm sitting here at home almost exactly 2 weeks after one of the best rides with the worst endings of my life. Most of you know that I was doing some steeple chasing in Eastern WA. I had spent the first night in Colfax and the second night in Omak. I had been hearing rumors of some possible thunder showers on Tuesday but Wednesday morning was beautiful. Clear, cool and perfect for the ride across the North Cascades Hwy. One Steeple in Marblemount and then head down Hwy 9 for the one in Carnation and I would have all 21.

The ride across the pass was fantastic! My recently purchased 09 Concours 14 went around corners like it was on rails. I was thoroughly enjoying the experience. The Steeple in Marblemount turned out to be one of those little Way Side Chapels. After my obligatory picture for the Steeple Chase, I decided to take a few more since it was such a nice setting. Little did I know these would be the last pictures of my bike in one piece.

A few miles past Marblemount I turned left on Hwy 530 towards Arlington. About 3 miles later as I'm cruising down a lovely straight stretch of two lane Hwy at 11:30 am I see a car coming towards me. I see him turn on his left turn signal to turn across my lane. There are no other vehicles behind me or in front of me and I'm just gliding along about 55mph. I'm watching him but he doesn't appear to be in a hurry to turn in front of me. He says he never saw me. The moment he started to turn I knew I was in trouble. It happened so fast. Barely a thought went through my head as I heard the sound of smashing fiberglass and metal. I sensed my body going through something very violent and then I was lying on the road near the shoulder with people asking how I was and telling me not to move.

As I lay there, fully aware of what had happened, I was kind of amazed that I was still alive. The ambulance showed up and transported me to Skagit Valley Hospital and Betty was notified. Surgery on my broken wrist happened about 5 days later and I am hobbling around on a boot that protects a fractured ankle.

I truly believe that God acted in a miraculous way that day. About 275 lbs went flying over 20 feet through the air landing on pavement and I was up and talking about it that evening. Recovery is no fun but it could've been so much worse. No road rash, no internal problems. My helmet took the brunt of the damage but it did it's job. I would recommend a Shoei Multitec to anybody.

I'm not sure how this has affected my feelings about riding. We all know this, or worse could happen any time. And yet we also know that God has a plan for each of us and is able to protect us. I'm trying to learn the lesson God has for me. I still have a bike in the garage and am sure that I will get on it and go for a ride as soon as I am able. Thanks for the emails and visits. I haven't given too much thought yet to replacing the Connie. Maybe, maybe not. We'll see....

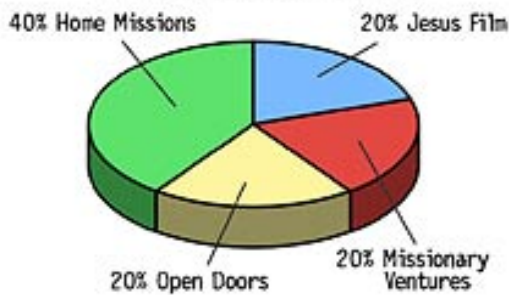
Scott Schleiffers
Road captain, GNR

"Sometimes life just demands your full attention!"

—Betty S.



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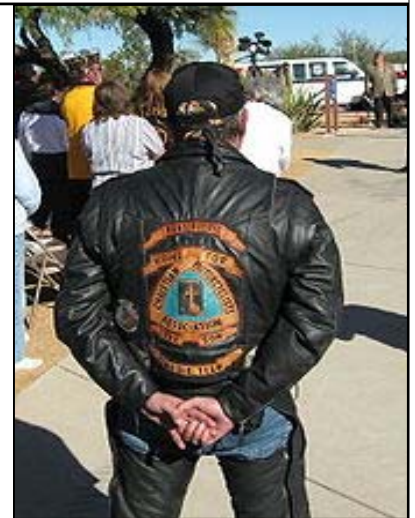
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Due to printing time constraints all articles must be submitted by the 4th Wednesday of the Month to appear in the next issue.

To:



Believers can throw their shoulders back and hold their heads high. Wherever they go the Creator of the universe goes with them.

“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

Joshua 1:9