



## Summer, 2011



Love this - beautiful setting; I picture the moment - Doodles shares with the group, all intent on hearing from the Word of God. A picture of how we perhaps should be - ready to hear from God, prepared to listen to others, and be equipped to share as well.

How are you doing on that front? Do you listen to God

Do you have your ears open to godly people?

Do you have something to share with others?

If you can't say an unreserved yes to all 3 questions, do yourself a favour and have a chat with another CMA member.

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For those mornings when getting out of bed is as terrifying as walking on water, the answer is still Jesus. **|| Timothy 1:7; Psalms 23**

# Chairman's Chat

Well the year has flown past and it feels like someone stole about six of the months as I have only got half the things done I needed to. As I write this it is after 10:30pm and I have just finished a 14hr day at work so please excuse my ramblings if I tend to go off track. There is so much I wanted to see CMA achieve this year and some of it we have and some of it didn't even get started. For me the highlight of the year was seeing so many new faces at the AGM and this was made even better by the fact that there were about 50 of us there and that is one of the largest turnouts we have had for some time.

You may recall that in one of the earlier newsletters I bandied around the number 300 as being a target for membership - well I haven't confirmed it with our treasurer but I believe that we have made significant inroads and that we are probably over 100 individuals (yes I do count 2 individuals per family). I also spoke in one issue (or at a committee meeting) of getting alongside one another and it was very apparent at the AGM that this was what was happening as old members came alongside new and encouraged them, as people helped load bikes onto trailers, as people jumped into the kitchen to assist in getting the meals ready - thank you one and all for embracing this idea, which is fellowship in action.

At the National Run I had the pleasure of meeting Kerry Gibson from CMA USA, one of the key staff responsible for evangelism and mentoring of chaplains. Kerry mentioned in one of his chats the foundations required to establish a CMA Chapter and the key one of these was a solid prayer base, and this led me to realize that it is something we don't have. Sure there are individual members who pray for CMA but we don't have a team who diligently and regularly lift CMA in prayer or pray for members needs. As such I would hope to establish a prayer team / network within CMA that can focus on those areas.

Also at the National Run we saw a number of WA members wearing the CMA International logo on their back, and whether or not you endorse back patches, it was a great visual testimony of their belief. I am sure that the issue will come to the for again and again but here in NSW anyone who has completed the CMA International training (contact me for details) is entitled to wear, if they so choose, the CMA International logo on the front of their vest. We have chosen not to wear back patches at this point in time. A decision that was re-affirmed to me on Sunday when a new CMA member, totally unaware of all that has transpired, said that it was good we didn't have back patches as some folk in small churches might find it intimidating.

Well that is a little bit of a brain dump and I will try to follow it up with more & more throughout the coming months. And speaking of coming months it is only one away from Christmas day - the most joyful celebration we are privileged to be part of. What a gift was given to us, the chance for new life, a chance to put behind us all that we were and become new creations in Christ. Can you imagine if he had not come, this would be a world of despair, a place without hope - so make sure that you go out and joyfully proclaim the blessing that Christmas is. If you are tempted to be a Grinch just remember that the whole point of Christmas is the message of hope, joy and love that emanate from

Christ's birth - so if you go bah humbug you are not displaying Christian love, don't complain about the commercialism proclaim the fact that even shops embrace the message of hope that came from the birth of Christ, the retail giants live for Christmas - do you?

Bless you one and all and have a Merry Christmas and thank you for your support and encouragement throughout 2011.

Doddles

Psalm 45:4 - In your majesty, ride out to victory, defending truth, humility, and justice. Go forth to perform awe-inspiring deeds.

## 2011 AGM at Charlton Christian College

A big thank you to John Kroon for enabling us to have the AGM at Charlton Christian College Fassifern. As Doddles has said, it was very well attended, and we heard from the book of James through our guest speaker Greg Holmes.

Pam and her helpers kept everyone fed so well - just amazing job folks.

We also went along to Thrive Church at Rathmines where we received a very warm welcome, and Greg spoke further on James. A great day

And the rain - well it doesn't get any better than that!! Floaties for all! And a free bike and car wash on the way home - thanks Lord.

But we can be reminded in the rain, that God has poured out His Holy Spirit into our hearts, in abundance. He does not hold back, just like the rain didn't that weekend.

**Some AGM scenes.....**



Alert and attentive to the Word of God



Under the COLA; thanks Charlton Christian College

More scenes showing the diversity of bikes, and of activities pursued at the AGM.....



Talk about variety!!.....And something for everyone (during Doddles' talk -ha ha)

**And while we are on variety..... - check this out!! Kimbo's new mount.**



Thought we should pop this pic in, just in case there is someone out there who has not already checked it out on face book or in person

**Richard Kimball's new ride, a beautiful Kwaka VN2000 - trainer wheels taken off for the photo!!**

Very nice Richard - look forward to seeing you on the road.

**\*\*Ponder this – a great word from Lisa Clarke**

Delivered at the State Leaders' Meeting during the Queensland National Run 2011

Whatever else I have learned this year. I have learnt one thing:

It's not about me.

However wrapped up I get in my bike, my club, my ministry... it's not about me!

And it's not about you!

It's not even about us, as *CMA*.

**It's about Him.**

Hebrews 12:1 'Put off everything (every weight) that hinders.'

There are lots of things that hinder us, good and bad.

And those things can be different for all of us.

We should aim to put aside our

self-centeredness,

our perfectionism,

our materialism,

our criticisms and

our wrong motivations and

look at how we can serve others better,

in and through *CMA*

Love Him, and love others...

What is His love about? Forgiveness!

Jesus forgave me and I need to forgive: outside or inside the kingdom!

And inside is often harder, it seems.

I sometimes feel that Christians would rather live under the Old Covenant and dish out judgment and punishment for God.

But I remind myself: "there but for God's wonderful grace, go I"... and go you!

In your dealings with your fallen brother remember he needs grace and forgiveness as much as those not in the kingdom yet.

And how do **you** compare?

Is there no log in your own eye?

Are you fit to throw the first stone?

Jesus is the only one fit to throw any stones...

and he **doesn't**.

So I guess my encouragement for this year is to remember: '

.....**it's not about me**

# Long haul riders offered respite from the road

At the suggestion of Kevin & Glenys Kettlewell we decided to set up a "Rider Reviver" for the Moto GP over Wednesday, Thursday & Friday before the GP & then on Monday & Tuesday for their return. A local bike shop in Nowra, GSM, agreed to have us use their parking area & also became involved by supplying a BBQ plus snags etc.

Thursday & Tuesday were our busiest days, but as the message gets out for future years we could find ourselves serving many more riders. The free coffee plus sausages also attracted many locals, so many meaningful conversations were shared. The owner of the bike shop is keen for us to return next year, so this may come an annual event, so some of us hope it doesn't clash with the National at Tassie next year. Thanks to the people who assisted & gave donations to help with the costs.

Roy Breyley on behalf of CMA Shoalhaven.

The following article was published in South Coast Register BY JAMES SAYED 14 Oct, 2011



REST: Sharon Robinson, Clive Brooks, Glenys Kettlewell, Kevin Kettlewell and Colin Terlich.

A RIDER Reviver rest stop has been set up for motorcyclists making their way to and from Phillip Island for the annual Motorcycle Grand Prix.

Glenys Kettlewell from the Christian Motorcyclists Association has teamed up with Clive Brooks from Great Southern Motorcycles and a small team of volunteers to start the endeavour.

For many years Ms Kettlewell, a rider herself, has watched scores of riders make their way through Nowra.

She said establishing a rest stop for them was something she always wanted to do and with the support of her husband and help from Mr Brooks, has made it happen.

She said the Rider Reviver would encourage riders to stop and take a break, battling fatigue associated with long trips.

Clive Brooks, who owns Great Southern Motorcycles where the reviver station is being operated, said he was more than happy to lend his car park to the cause, saying the key message for the day was rider safety.

Riders who make the stop at the station this week will be greeted with free tea, coffee and hot chocolate from 8am. Today will also see a free sausage sizzle for all riders. Monday and Tuesday will see the station open again for returning riders from 11am offering free tea and coffee.

Editor's note: Well done team, may this venture bring much glory to God!!

# My first National Run

Well it's October 13, it has rolled around very quickly, seems like I only just booked to go to the national. Spent the weekend before servicing the beast for the trip - even put green slime in the tires as I have spoke wheels - just in case I got a flat in the middle of nowhere.

I left Sydney at 7.30 am on route to Beresfield to meet my ride co-ordinator Lisa Clarke; we met at 10am and had coffee. We headed up the New England Hwy as its very pleasurable ride, stopped at Scone for lunch and coffee and bum break, didn't see any bikes so far but Phillip Island was on.

We headed for Tamworth to meet up with Wayne Witchard at Maccas for coffee and bit of chit chat, it was good to see an old friend again; it started to rain so we milled around for a while 'til it eased then headed for Armidale for a warm bed to spend the night, stayed at the pub very reasonable prices and had pub meal and ended up at a disco..... oh what a night.

Next day, headed off to meet Wayne and Kimbo but had to sit around and wait to get bikes out of pub garage , cleaner 1.30 late to work ,anyway met up with the boys at Tenterfield and had coffee and chit chat then on to Casino to meet up with a guy who rode a MZ; had a pub lunch then off to Mount Tambourine.

Stopped on the way at this German guy's house and looked at a rare collection of MZ and rotary engine bikes - very cool! Finally got to the camp site about 6.30 pm - very nice spot. Got through all the registration and pleasantries then down to business - DINNER. Then settled into room and lights out - big day finished.

Next day went for a group ride on very nice roads, and views. I think Queensland is GOD'S COUNTRY- nice everything; while out on ride we had four seasons in 1 hr like a mini cyclone but you know bikers are tough we all huddled like mice under an awning; we weren't going to get wet!

The weekend was a marvelous time of getting to meet new brother and sisters, fellowship and those amazing motor cycle stories that always seem too good to be true. I think I've told a few myself over the years.

Anyway Monday rolled around and time to leave, I hooked up with Eric to ride down to Ballina then on to Sydney by myself - spent the night at Urunga in my swag; slept very well but I still reckon I could still hear Eric's voice - then home to Sydney.

I will definitely be going to Tassie next year they say Tassie was purposely made for riders and the scenery is spectacular and you get to meet new brothers again , I meet a bloke who wore chaps and he said they were all the rage - ill have to think about that one ? .

Simon Phillips

Editor's note - sounds great Simon, hope others will be inspired to join you, but as for the chaps.....



# Ride 2 end slavery

with Lisa Clarke

Arriving in Chiang Rai at 2130hrs, after a change of planes in Bangkok, Joy and I were feeling less than energetic (it was after midnight at home). We were met by a couple of familiar faces, to me, in Damien and Karla who I remembered from 11 years prior when I worked in Chiang Mai.

Piling our luggage and selves into the ute we hoped it would be a swift journey but alas I had forgotten the usual Thai hiccoughs. The ute broke down and after some hurried words by mobile 2 'bikes' arrived and we finished the journey. Had to do some quick sorting to take only essentials for our adventure, which was to begin at 0700 the next morning! All we were taking needed to be strapped to our mighty Yamaha Spark 135cc motorbikes, which were to bear us on our 1,500km ride from Thailand into Laos and up to Burma.

The day dawned with rain, which was an omen of the weather ahead. First stop was breakfast and thankfully a decent coffee in a local café. Here we met our fellow riders Cal, Carl and Damo, (from Oz originally but all working with **Destiny Rescue**, and Saggar and his wife Vida, and Wi (our mechanic). Also at breakfast were Tony and Jenny Kirwin, who started **Destiny Rescue** 10 years prior.

**Destiny Rescue** is an organization, which rescues girls out of the sex trade and provides them with a safe haven, whilst teaching them a trade so they have a means of survival outside of their former life of slavery. I had received an email from Tony last year telling of the idea to do a motorbike ride to raise money and awareness of the plight of these young girls. I replied without hesitation that I was in. After hearing about it from me Joy (CMA Tas) was really keen to come and so the 2 of us found ourselves finally in Chiang Rai.

Within a quick few of hours we were at Chiangkhong on the Mae Kong (river). Customs, of course, was not so quick.

Lunch overlooking the river was the order of the day. We had another Thai with us who sorted all the 'customs stuff'. In fact Joy and I were "along for the ride": meals, drinks, accommodation and petrol were all paid for. We had paid an upfront amount, which covered flights and the whole ride.

Crossing the border involved riding onto a barge and sharing it with trucks in close proximity. Said trucks got a wash from the workers on the barge as part of the deal of crossing the Mae Kong. We managed to keep out of range of the sloshing buckets of brown water that were used to 'clean' the trucks.

More Customs on the Laos side forced us into sampling beer Lao while we waited: the first of several on our 9day trip.

The days that followed saw us on variety of roads from smooth bitumen to roads that had more holes than road and took all our skills to not damage ourselves or the bikes. We made a point of mentioning to the guys that in their advertising **not** to say it was suitable for beginner riders.

Laos is far less developed than Thailand and, for me, a much more exciting experience, both in the riding, and the people we met and passed on the road. Villagers were excited and interested as we rode through or stopped for petrol (sold by the coke bottle) from little shanty stores. When it rained the kids were out on the road, with annoying wet clothes stripped off, enjoying a free wash and putting out their hands for a 'high 5' as we passed. Our nights' accommodation varied also, from dingy but clean, little rooms to palatial suites, where we were felt like millionaires.

We rode north to the border with China where a most bizarre town of hotels and casinos in bright pink and orange lies quiet and ghostly, as the gambling custom has gone elsewhere. We rode to the border where the guys struck up a friendly game of volleyball with the locals and border guards and I walked passed the "HALT" signs and up the road into China with no-one seemingly worried. I eventually decided that I'd better return, just in case the people I saw weren't really farmers and decided I shouldn't be there. We found ourselves rooms in the 'Pink Palace' and went off for some tucker in town, which was fresh and tasty.

A couple of days later we wended our way into Luang Prabang where we spent a few nights. Joy crossed one thing off her bucket list when we opted for an elephant ride tour. From the elephants we spotted a temple across the river, set in the side of the cliff face.

We took a longboat across to see it and then returned back to town via the 'whiskey village' where you can buy bottles of whiskey with snakes and scorpions or all manner of other creepies pickled inside the bottles. I imagined the connoisseur one of these bottles would give an Aussie customs' official.

Nightlife in Luang Prabang revolves around the night market with the main street literally taken over by colourful stores of handcrafts. Beautiful paper lanterns, hand-sewn linen and silver jewellery were some of the many temptations.

The highlight of Luang Prabang, though, is the most magnificent waterfall or set of waterfalls. The water, though cold, is that crystal clear aqua of the heated pools I've visited in places like Mataranka. And of course there is the rope swing or just straight diving off the top of some falls and swimming behind the curtain of water.

Another day or so and we were back at the Thai border. Once again crossing the Mae Kong: this time with the bikes perched on the sloping off ramp of the barge and held up only by chains we were glad to reach the other side.

After doing the Customs thing again we followed the river up to the Burmese border and left the bikes there at a **Destiny Rescue** 'Team House' and walked into Burma, or as it is officially called, Myanmar. They've grown wise since I used to cross this border every 3 months back in 1999-2000. Now they demand their "fee" in local currency (not US dollars), and you can only get 2 weeks visa as you re-enter Thailand.

But the shopping has improved: some amazing bargains on DVD's being my favourite. The paranoia of the Burmese is apparent: they took our passports at the border and gave us temporary "passports" and then the hotel took these for the night as well! Next day my early morning photo walk gave me some great shots of monks and people riding 4-up on their bikes.

One Burmese man taking his 3 kids to school wanted to chat and promptly dropped his kids back home and came back and got me as well to meet his wife. After exchanging addresses and sharing a cuppa I headed back for breakfast. After shopping we walked back over the river and had another great lunch: Joy and Carl both ordering one my old favourites that I had introduced them to.

We collected our bikes and were back in Chiang Rai a couple of hours later. The next day we were taken on a tour of the 'Safe House' where the girls who escape live and learn a trade. At present there are 3 options, with hair dressing recently being introduced. There is also sewing and jewellery making. Joy and I bought some lovely necklaces, and checked out the outfits: they have contracts with several dance companies in Australia.

After a couple of days staying in the Team house and experiencing Chiang Rai we took a bus to Chiang Mai (my old haunt) and on to the rest of our holiday.

[http://destinyrescue.org/aus/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=35&Itemid=44](http://destinyrescue.org/aus/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=35&Itemid=44) - I included this web address should you wish to investigate further - or of course, you can talk with Lisa.

Shades of the pits at Philip Island.....guy in raincoat astounded that you can repair a flat on the road?



Choose your poison?.....



Crankin' through the twisties.....



Classic high five.....



For more pics, please see Lisa - they are worth a look.

## Special Haiti news from Max and Cay

Max and Cay are heading to Haiti on practical mission :

2 possible dates in 2012 if enough interest:

1. End of March - end of April to help build perimeter wall for new home for kids at the Good Samaritan Children's Home North Haiti; encouragement for staff and children: make more wooden furniture and bless some local churches.
2. Mid October to mid November - to coincide with the CMA USA National Colors Rally - Expect thousands of CMA bikers. Do the rally and then head to Haiti on Mission.

To express your interest in these trips please email [max@maxncay.com](mailto:max@maxncay.com) from CMA Canberra.

Thank you.

Cay Merritt

Project Manager & Advocate

Good Samaritan Children's Home, North Haiti

"Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy." Proverbs 31:8-9

What would a note on Haiti be without a photo of Max and some of the children from the Good Samaritan Children's Home standing next to the new mighty 150cc Haojin.....



## Some upcoming events - here and there

- **National Run - Tasmania, 5-7 October 2012. For details:**  
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- **Australian Christian clubs conference 2012.**  
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Contact John Krause, [john@cyc.org.au](mailto:john@cyc.org.au) or 0414 450 224
- **NOTE - no local rides advised at this time** - please contact your local co-ordinator, or take the initiative and put forward a plan for a ride - good chance the co-ordinators will back you on it.

## Update on Riders for health

Following on from our feedback report sent in March 2011, I would like to provide you with a further update on Riders for Health, and our work mobilising outreach health workers in rural Kenya. I am happy to have the opportunity to give you a little more detail about our programme, and I hope that it provides you with a clearer picture of the work your support has helped us to achieve.

In other news, you might also be interested to know that Riders were recently shortlisted as finalists in the 'International Aid and Development' category of *The Charity Awards 2011*. Chosen from a record number of entries, the ceremony took place earlier this month and Riders were recognised as highly commended for the development of its Sample Transport programme - a model specifically designed to reduce the time-delay in diagnosing diseases such as HIV and tuberculosis.

**'One of the biggest problems with treating many diseases in Africa is simply getting the right diagnosis quickly. Without regular transport it is almost impossible to get samples from a clinic to a laboratory and many tests can't be carried out because the samples are spoiled during delivery.'** Ngwarati Mashonga, operations director, Riders UK

The Sample Transport programme is having a huge impact on health workers' ability to treat diseases, and it is a tribute to our staff in Africa that their work has been recognised. If you would like to read more about our work in this area, please refer to the riders website: [www.riders.org](http://www.riders.org), or you can watch an update video on our YouTube channel: <http://www.youtube.com/user/RidersForHealthTV>.

Finally, on behalf of everyone in our UK and Kenya office, I would like to thank you once again for your support. I will send you another update in a few months time, but if you require any more information, please feel free to contact me.



Health workers mobilised by Riders



Applying skills in preventative vehicle maintenance

A core part of his training, they learn how to keep a motorcycle in working order by going through a series of simple maintenance checks, known as **PLANS** - petrol, lubricants, adjustments, nuts and bolts and 'stop' (checking the brakes).

Not bad advice for all bike riders - sure we have all seen someone ??? out there running low tyre pressure, dry chain, out of fuel, etc.....

This update from **Jennifer Parsons**- Programme Funding Officer

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# Bowral Crossroads event

Well those Shoalhaven and Illawarra CMA bods get around - great work people!

Here is a report from Roy.

We made our annual visit to Bowral Crossroads, (an interdenominational Christian Fellowship for people with a disability) on October 8.

Here we displayed our bikes & did a photo shoot of the people sitting on the bikes. We then went inside to share the Gospel & finished the afternoon with a light lunch.

Here are some photos of some of the Crossroaders sitting on the bikes.

Roy Breyley.



## Favourite Bible passage

Hey - as I am the new editor or co-ordinator, thought I could give you the opportunity to make submissions that can possibly be included in the newsletter (rather than just hearing from me each time) - and what better to **share than your favourite (or one of them) Bible passages and why you like it, what it means to you.** No guarantee to publish everything, but will try.

So, being first I am going to throw in **Romans 5:8** 'But God demonstrates his own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us'

Why do I love this? God's love demonstrated - not just spoken about, not just written, not some ethereal concept, but demonstrated in a very real way.

It is the love of God, the creator of the universe, the one who is all knowing, everywhere and all powerful, showing His love for you, and for me. Wow wow wow!

And it is his love toward us - us, little human beings, sinful, good bike riders and bad, Harley, Yamaha, Suzuki, Honda, Kawasaki, KTM, even BMW riders (and others) - his love for all, amazing.

And when was it demonstrated? While we were still sinners - did God wait till we became good, till we got our act together, became morally perfect? No, a



thousand times no, because we can never be good enough to meet God's standards.

He did it when we still needed cleaning up.

We don't get cleaned up first before we qualify for the shower do we.

We get into the shower to get cleaned up.

Jesus died for us before we were cleaned up, and says 'come to me' - I will clean you up.

Never never never think that you have to be good first, or that Jesus will not accept you because of some horrible sin.... he died for us, demonstrating God's love for us, while we were sinners.

We all qualify - why not come to Jesus afresh today, perhaps for the first time, and thank God for his love for you, thank Jesus for dying for you, determine to follow Him, stop living your way, and start living his way

You will not be sorry.

If you do that today, tell someone - maybe another CMA person, what you have done.

God bless you, Mark Bevan.

# Odds, ends, ads

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**Suggest you may like to check this out>>>>**

From Ken Rich - I run a site called Biker Heaven - <http://bikerheaven.org>

Rey Perez is my friend, and I help him on the Internet. I help distribute his Biker Ministry media with sites like this one - <http://reyperez.me>

Also, I wrote this article before his last trip to Sturgis. Many links embedded to his sites, blogs, etc. - <http://indiegospel.org/profiles/blogs/prayer-request-for-a-biker>

If you search these sites, you will find interesting stuff, some of which is likely to make an appearance in future editions of this magazine - thanks Ken

**Anything for sale - provided it is at least remotely Bike related - let me know details, send a pic, and it will go here - FREE for a limited time only!!**



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### CMA Member Statement of Belief

1. I believe God to be the true creator of all things.
2. Jesus Christ is the only answer to everyone's spiritual needs.
3. Jesus Christ's death for our sins and his resurrection are the basis of all Christian Life.
4. The Holy Spirit is the source of power for Christian living.
5. The Father, Son and Holy Spirit are three persons, yet one God.
6. The Bible is the authoritative Word of God in all circumstances of life.
7. I have repented ( turned ) away from the sins of my past life, confessed them to God and asked Him to forgive me for them.
8. I have committed my life to Jesus Christ and now acknowledge Him as my Lord and Saviour.
9. I will endeavour to remain faithful to the gospel of Jesus Christ as revealed in the Bible and to the Aims of the Christian Motorcyclist's Association.

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