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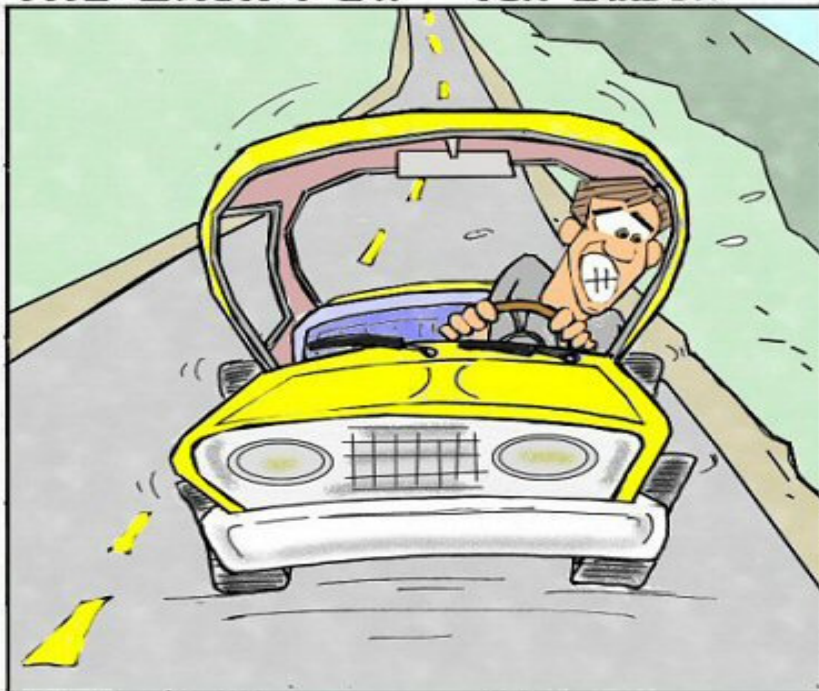
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Age is no barrier to having fun and going for a ride

Caleb is recorded in Joshua as being 85 'yet as strong this day as I was in the day that Moses sent me: as my strength was then, even so is my strength now, for war, both to go out, and to come in'. Let us not see age in itself as a barrier to what we can do in life. The Lord is able to use older folks, as well as the young. We may not all be like Caleb and as strong at 85 as we were at 40, but God still has a purpose for us, and ways in which we can minister the gospel of Jesus Christ, and that can include hitting the road ...on whatever means of transport will work for you. Bless ya, Mark

THE BACK PEW - JEFF LARSON



In life or behind the wheel keep focused on the ROAD, and not the ditch or the rearview mirror. **Ps 16:11, Pr 4:18**

In addition to focussing on the ROAD and not the ditch or the rear view mirror, I would add the wisdom of Psalm 119:105 'Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path' - be guided by the Word of God lest we follow the wrong road, for the way to life is indeed narrow.

Chairman's Chat

Mat 5:13-16 'You are the salt of the earth, but if the salt becomes tasteless, with what shall it be salted? For it has strength for nothing any more but to be thrown out and to be trampled under by men. You are the light of the world. A city situated on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under the grain measure, but on the lampstand; and it shines for all those in the house. So let your light shine before men, so that they may see your good works, and may glorify your Father in Heaven.'

Well winter is over and Spring has sprung - a season synonymous with birth, blossoms and growth. A season where bikes are dusted off, leathers re-oiled and batteries recharged for new adventures. And this spring we have new focus, new meaning and new momentum in CMA. At our AGM we heard teachings on The Great Commission and Living Godly in an Ungodly World, and then we put our heads together to see how we could apply this to CMA.

At the AGM I spoke on Matt 5:13-16 - Salt & Light and how we are called to make a difference. Have you ever gone without salt - do you crave it after a while, salt enhances the flavours, it can be the difference between something ordinary and something that sets your tastebuds alive. We are meant to be like that - salt to set the senses of others alive. But are we making a difference? What would happen if CMA ceased to be - who would notice the difference? So to ensure we are making a difference we set up five goals and those that were there took ownership of those areas to see how CMA can be more purposeful, more impacting, more salty.

We identified the following issues and if you feel passionate about these then I encourage you to contact me and I will put you in touch with the relevant groups.

1. Fellowship Weekends
2. Local Areas
3. Visibility
4. Participation in Rallies / Events
5. Pastoral Care

At the AGM we also saw the changing of the guard as far as committee members, Aaron & Sonya Little stepped down from the roles of Treasurer and Secretary and I want to thank them for having taken on those tasks and the contribution they made to CMA through this, whilst also having a young family to tend! Kimbo has moved from Vice Chair to Treasurer and we welcome Wayne Witchard to the role of Vice Chair and Karen Nieuwendyk to the role of Secretary. Also joining us on the committee are Roy Breyley, Lisa Clarke & Marty Charlton as Ordinary Members - they are your voice so make use of them ;).

So, where to from here? For each of you I pray that you are able to get out and about, to get alongside folks wherever you pull up, to make acquaintances, to form connections and through those connections be able to tell them of the difference in your life because of Christ, to tell them what it is like to be salty. Do not hide your lamp under the bushel - let it shine forth in dazzling brilliance.

Keep the rubber side down and be blessed as you ride,

Doddles

Chairman CMA NSW

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Courtesy Counts...

Being nice to people makes you feel good. Well, for most people it does. I suppose if you're an "outlaw"-type biker who likes nothing better than cruising along beside cars and kicking their doors in, then you probably won't agree! But if that's you, then you probably won't be reading this anyway! But, at least for most people, if you are nice to someone, you do your "good deed for the day", it does make you feel a bit better about yourself. And if they acknowledge your good deed, then it makes it an even more pleasant experience. A pleasant interaction with another person - even if you never actually meet them - makes for good feelings all round. And of course if you are the recipient of someone doing their "good deed for the day", you appreciate that, and again, it makes you feel good about people! When this happens while you're on the road, it adds to the enjoyment of the trip.

The opposite of this is road-rage. And I've never known anyone who actually enjoys road-rage! I've known people who have been on the receiving end as well as on the giving end and it is isn't a pleasant experience for either! So if you avoid road-rage, and exercise a bit of courteous behaviour towards other road users, you'll make the trip more enjoyable.

Now, I'm not pretending to be some sort of saint here! Like everyone I suppose, I get frustrated with people sometimes. My pet hate is people who drive about 20km under the speed limit, and when they come to a corner, slow down to about half the advisory sign's speed. Sometimes I will verbalise my frustration; usually with something like, "Come on, drive it or park it, one or the other!" I say it, but it's more a case of verbalising my frustration - mostly to myself, or if I'm driving, to everyone else in the car! But I don't lean out the window waving my fist and shouting; and if I'm on the bike I say it more under-my-breath, (talking too loudly only fogs up the visor!).

Think about the physics of bikes and cars and you'll realise there is potentially great danger with road-rage if it is against, or from, a car. Taken to it's extreme, they can end up with a dented door or a scratched mudguard, but you can end up with a wrecked bike and a trip to hospital! So it's a situation best to avoid.

As Christians, we have a greater responsibility here - because we are ambassadors for Christ; especially if we wear a patch identifying ourselves as Christians (such as the CMA patch). In that case other road users will judge us both as motorcyclists and as Christians. Jesus said, "Let your light shine before men that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven." (Mat 5:16). Or, to paraphrase and apply it to this situation, "Let your riding shine before other road-users, that they may see your good riding and praise your Father in Heaven."

But let's get back to being courteous, which is what this is all about. Being courteous not only makes the trip more pleasant, it also aids the flow of traffic. Think of the "zip" principle of merging traffic, for example. That's where each vehicle lets one other vehicle merge in front of them. That makes for a smooth flow of both lanes as they merge. The pity of this is that they had to make a law to enforce it! It makes good sense, and really is the most efficient way of handling the situation.

I'll give you a couple of examples of courtesy. There is a particular small town that I often ride through. The main street is actually a major highway, but it's a tourist-type place and so there is always a lot of people and cars around. The main street has a 50kph speed limit and this tends to further compress the traffic. There are several side-streets but no traffic lights. So you often get cars lined up in the side-streets wanting to join the main highway but having to wait until there is a break, or rely on someone being courteous and letting them in. If the traffic is heavy, and if no-one is considerate, they could be stuck there for hours! I often let people in along there. Mostly I don't even have to brake; it's just a matter of rolling off the throttle and giving them a wave to come out. It really doesn't make much difference to my progress, but it sure helps out the person stuck in the side-street! Okay, so there is always the possibility that the car you let in will turn out to be one of those "drive 20kph under the speed-limit" types I mentioned earlier, but this is a major highway so the chances are you'll get stuck behind one of these anyway, whether it is someone you've let in or not.

As I mentioned above, being courteous like this raises the image of motorcyclists, and I would like to think, of Christian motorcyclists in particular. Many people still have a bad image of anyone who rides a bike, and being courteous towards them makes them realise that we aren't such a bad lot after all! And that has to be a good thing for the motorcycle community in general! Then if they give you an appreciative wave in return, well, there is that "pleasant interaction with another person" thing!

I've been talking about being courteous and considerate to others, but there are times when you can be on the receiving end; when people are courteous and considerate to you. I suppose it's a case of "what goes around comes around"; you can't really expect others to be courteous to you if you aren't courteous to others! Being on the receiving end of courtesy still allows you an opportunity to "let your light shine" by being suitably appreciative of the courtesy you have been shown. I'll give you a couple of examples of people being courteous to me.

I often ride up a mountain pass that is narrow and winding; a good (and popular!) biker's road. Getting stuck behind a car can spoil the fun a bit though, especially as there aren't a lot of safe (or legal) over-taking opportunities. A couple of times I've been approaching the start of the pass following a car and the car has pulled over and let me past just before we got onto the mountain itself. It could be that they've been scared of having a "mad biker" behind them (bikers have a bit of a reputation on this road!), but I have taken it as being considerate; and given an appreciative wave accordingly.

On one occasion I was going down a winding mountain pass (different one) in a line of traffic that was following a car towing a trailer with some farm machinery on it. Naturally, he was going pretty slowly and there was a fair cue of cars behind. When he came to a clear area on the side of the road he pulled off and actually stopped, allowing the traffic to pass before pulling back onto the road and continuing his journey. That was considerate; he didn't have to do that, especially as it meant actually coming to a stop and waiting till the traffic went by. Sadly though, from what I could see of the cars in front and behind me, I was the only one who gave him a wave of thanks. But I like to think that giving him that wave made

him think a little better of motorcyclists in general, and, if he saw the CMA patch, of Christians also.

The appreciative wave is a good thing to do. I'll give you an example of how this can change the attitude of people on the receiving end. One day I was in the car in a line of crawling traffic. A bike came up the left of the line of cars and pulled in fairly close in front of me. No danger, and only what you'd expect a bike to do, except it was a very definite "I'm cutting in here in front of you" type move. As I said, it was no more than I would have expected a bike to do, but - and this despite being a motorcyclist myself! - something inside me thought, "Cheeky bugger!" But as soon as he pulled in he gave me a "Thanks for letting me in" wave. And that something inside me suddenly changed to "Nice guy!"

So you see, being courteous works both ways. And it's a very practical thing we can do to promote a positive image of motorcyclists and Christian motorcyclists in particular. It really doesn't cost you any significant time, it improves the flow of traffic, and generally makes for a more enjoyable time on your bike. And anything that makes the ride more enjoyable has to be a good thing!

Elwyn Jordan.

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Blasting Buckets and Thunderbolts?

Mid North Coast meanderings.....

Saturday 28th July saw the third local area ride of 2012 for the Mid North Coast branch. 5 riders from the Taree area gathered around 9am on a cool, but sunny morning. All were keen to get going as The Lord had blessed us with perfect riding conditions.

After a short time of prayer, we departed the Tourist Information Centre carpark, to join the Pacific Highway headed south.

The first leg of our ride was an easy 1 hour duration, to take us to the picturesq town of Gloucester. We turned off the highway at Nabic, where we picked up 2 more riders. We then headed across to Krumbach where we joined the Bucketts Way. This is a popular tourist route through some lovely undulating countryside, providing plenty of sweeping curves. Our plan was to stop at Roadie's Café in Gloucester for a coffee break. I recommend this café as it especially caters for motorcycle riders. It has good coffee and food, and has been featured in Australian Road Rider magazine.

When we arrived at Gloucester, we discovered that the town's annual " Winter Chill " festival was on. The festival added to the trip, as we still got our coffee break, but we had the bonus

of wandering around the closed off main street, admiring the many classic and done up cars of the show and shine, and the numerous stalls and attractions.

After spending longer than intended in Gloucester (but well worthwhile) we headed off for the very popular motorcycle ride road of the Thunderbolts Way. This road ultimately takes you to Walcha and the New England Highway, but our destination was the popular lookout / rest area at the top of the mountains. This road provides heaps of curves and a reasonable road condition. When you arrive at the lookout, God's creation is very evident, in all it's splendour, as you take in the view presented to you. (see photos attached).

After a 20 min viewing and chat together, we headed back down the mountain to Gloucester, topped up our tanks on the bikes, and headed back to Taree via the full length of the Bucketts Way (avoiding the highway). The total ride distance was approx. 300 km. All the riders enjoyed the day, with another ride planned for mid October this year.

Interest in the CMA on the Mid North Coast is growing, due to word of mouth and local area promotion. There are currently 16 riders listed on the co-ordinators data base, who are contacted for local rides and CMA events. Please pray that as these riders attend more planned events, they will become challenged to join the CMA. I am working on them all!

God bless you all as you continue to serve our Lord under the banner of the CMA.

Graeme Bingham - Mid North Coast Co-ordinator





A lap for the little ones

This is the name of a book written by Michael Wilkins. He participated in the 2010 Around Australia Ride in support of the Steven Walter Foundation's. At the age of 19 Steven Walter died in the year 2000 after an 8 year fight against cancer. In Steven's final days he wrote a powerful letter asking family and friends to raise money for childhood cancer research, "so that one day no other kid would have to go through what I've been through."

I'm half way through reading this book. It involved 75,000 kilometres in 33 days. Yes, 33 days. In 2013 my husband, Michael, and I will do this ride on his Moto Guzzi Norge.

Why? Because we know what Steven was talking about. In 2009 our eldest child, Adam was diagnosed with PSC. (Primary Sclerosing Cholangitis) It is a disease where the walls of the bile ducts become inflamed, scarring occurs and the ducts narrow. Fluid from the liver can't drain so the liver cells are damaged. His body became a breeding ground for cancer, cholangiocarcinoma cancer. Just as ugly, and nasty as this name looks, well that is exactly how wicked this cancer is. It ravaged Adam's healthy body so viciously and quickly that he died in March 2010.

Since 2008 Michael has been going to the Steven Walter Snowy Ride. When he found out about the Around Australia Ride he felt very compelled to go. Recently, I've also signed up to go, but as a pillion. We've met Sue Walter, Steven's mum and we figure that if this woman can work tirelessly for the last 12 years to raise funds for cancer research, then we can at least put the effort into the next 6 to 9 months. Already we had a stall at St. Luke's Car and Bike Show. At present we are selling chocolates and are accepting donations either personally or through the facebook site under Michael Nieuwendyk. The Foundation has supplied us with a receipt book for any donations over \$2. If you would like to donate or have any ideas we would be happy to hear from you.

Karen Nieuwendyk

St Luke's Bike and Car Show

8th September - Apart from my family fund raising for the Steven Walter Foundation, we also entered my 1983 moto guzzi V50 monza. At the show, the 2 bikes that I was parked between, a 1964 Russian Ural and a 1958 matchless both won awards. At the end of the day I congratulated them, but I also whined about not getting a trophy. Then an 'Ambassador' walked past calling out, "Who owns 42?" The monza had won 'Best European'. (We bet they fumbled and just couldn't say our surname.) Anyway, the trophy is very nice, a credit to the restoration work that Michael has done on the monza.

Also at the show Stu from Ambassadors interviewed me. He asked questions about my family, the bikes we've had and how our relationship with Jesus has helped us through the difficult times. This was in reference to our son's death. I pray that the words God gave me touched the non-Christians in the crowd and that they'll make a commitment to Jesus. For as I said, Adam knew that he would eventually die, just everyone of us will die, but he had a relationship with Jesus and that is the most important decision anyone can make.

Karen Nieuwendyk



Our children
and friends
helping us at
St Luke's Car
and Bike show

Great job
folks!!!



Brotherhood Remembrance Ride

Sunday 9th September..... This ride started at Frasers Concord, Parramatta Rd. in afternoon. Simon, Michael and I rode there, meeting up with Brotherhood, Ambassadors, Lazarus from the Egyptian Coptic club and Greg and Diane from Righteous. There were others, but less in numbers than last year. It was a beautiful sunny afternoon, and apart from the typical Sydney traffic, it was a good ride. In honor of Animal from King's Cross Bikers, (who got lost last year with us around Mt Druit), we rode the opposite way. It was an attempt to escape riding into the sun. Well, we still rode into the sun. I personally didn't like riding in close formation, but at least Brotherhood didn't lose anyone, well, most of us. Michael was one that came in late. His rego plate fell off. Simon saw it, but had great difficulty getting Michael's attention.

Anyway, after drinks and BBQ we headed into the church for the service. Honestly, for me it had been an exhausting weekend, with St Lukes on Saturday, going out that night with the family to celebrate Michael's 55th birthday, morning church with a visiting speaker talking about his son having cancer, I really wasn't up to the service. Everyone there had in some way experienced the death of someone. The message centered around the time of Lazarus's death and how Jesus showed his grief by weeping. There was a unity of our experience, and I eventually saw the names of our son and our friends scroll onto the screen. We hung around chatting, making acquaintances until a group from Ambassadors invited us to ride home with them. It was a scary night and the route they chose followed the Georges River. So all in all a good time.

Karen Nieuwendyk

CMA AGM - amazing adventure

The AGM and Teaching weekend was on September 7-9 and was just a great time. We did a lot of eating, talking, praying, riding, gazing, resting, sleeping, and more eating, and drinking coffee.

Sensational - thanks to all who did the organising, and thanks to the Ridgecrest staff for looking after us, and the COC Wellington for making us so welcome there on Sunday.

Following are notes on talks and other bits and pieces from the weekend.....**enjoy!!!**

We were treated to a couple of great talks from Richard Kimball and Wayne Witchard, challenging us on the gospel and how we as CMA may respond to the Lord Jesus.

Summary points on the Great Commission and key Scriptures from Wayne included:

1. What did Jesus say we had to do?
2. What did we see His disciples do?
3. What do we need to do?
4. Are we doing it?

CMA- what should/could we do, and how do we do it better? Look at CMA International.

John 3: 16- 18. Believe in Him!

Matthew 28: 18- 20. The Great Commission.

Mark 16: 15-20. The great commission +.

Romans 10: 11- 15. For everyone who calls...; beautiful feet.

1 Corinthians 9: 19- 23. All things to all men.

John 13: 34- 35. All men.....my disciples.

1 Peter 2: 24- 25. Sheep gone astray.

Luke 15: 3- 7. Party in Heaven.

James 5: 19- 20. Turn back a sinner.

Mark 1: 14- 18. I will make you fishers of men.

Isaiah 6: 8. Whom shall I send? Here I am. Send me.

Richard talked of Jesus saying the world would be as in Noah's time (Matthew 24:37) and how do we respond - he gave us a number of options, and after keeping the fifth (and probably best) option hidden while we discussed which was the best of the other 4, then revealed number 5 which was 'Christ is the transformer of culture. We should influence and seek to convert culture, being a model of what the world could be - be Christ to the world.

He added that Daniel was a man who did not defile himself with the culture, he was God's man, a man of NO COMPROMISE, but persuaded those in the culture toward God.....see Daniel 4:34-35. Daniel stood for the truth and trusted God to change people. See also 1 Corinthians 9:19-23 and we see the efforts Paul went to, to connect with people and share the gospel. A couple of key verses toward the end of Kimbo's talk - check them out.....John 16:33 'These things I have spoken unto you, that in me you might have peace. In the world you shall have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.' And 2 Timothy 3:12 'If we suffer, we shall also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us.'

Great job lads!!! (NOTE - if you want a full 'transcript' of Wayne's talk let me (Mark Bevan) know - I can email it to you. - it is worth a read, but I was running out of space in this newsletter.

Focus Areas for 2013

To help CMA move forward and make a difference we identified 5 areas to focus on over the next year, the groups that discussed these will provide suggestions back in to the committee so we can push forward. These groups and the issues they are looking at are:

- **Fellowship Weekends - Roy Breyley**
 - How often
 - Spreading them across the state
 - What to do on these weekends
- **Local Areas - John Kroon**
 - Encouraging new riders
 - Planning rides to meet with adjacent areas
 - Church raids
 - Prayer nights
- **Visibility - Richard Kimball**
 - Promotional Material / Tracts / Brochures
 - Merchandise
 - Use of CMA International Back Logo
 - Banners

- **Participation in Rallies / Events - Braam Meyer**
 - Which events to attend
 - CMA tent / coffee hut
 - Ulysses AGM
- **Pastoral Care - Wayne Witchard**
 - Prayer Network
 - Phone contacts

If you have ideas, want to be involved etc just contact the relevant group and lend a hand.

CMA COFFEE HUB FOR RALLIES AND RUNS

This group consisted of Braam & Magda Meyer, Lisa Clarke and Peter Embrey looked at CMA involvement in runs & rallies and decided the keys to this were;

1. To identify 3 Motorcycle Rally's and day events in NSW, spread throughout the year that we would like to make arrangements to attend as CMA and set up a coffee tent for the day/weekend.
2. Target rides that CMA can join in on.

The coffee tent will make and provide coffee to all people at the event free of charge and will take donations if people would like to give anything, it should have tracts, information on CMA outreach support areas, New Testament Bibles, Info on what CMA is and what we do etc. as handouts to any interesting parties. Further we will just be there to support, help and witness and pray with people if the opportunity arise.

We will need to have as many members as possible to help with preparations for the events, be available to help setup the tent and most important to man it for the entire weekend / day.

The tent will provide a assembly point for all CMA members who are at the rally site to get together and pray at set times, and also a place that people can come to for prayer and counseling if connections are made. In time to come, rally goers will get used to CMA being there and more doors and opportunities may arise.

We will set a meeting date at our place and keep you posted, we are open to more suggestions, help and if there are any connections that any member have to get this of the ground it will be appreciated. Please contact us to be part of this or to help in any way

Keep riding for the Son

Braam & Magda ... **Mobile 0411513833....** Braam.meyer@hotmail.com

LOCAL AREA GROUP

Local area group, headed up by John Kroon, with Glen Hartley, Cheryl Hartley, Ross Clark, Rhys Gannell, Kevin Kettlewell, Greg Rees, Mark Bevan

Sensational ideas put forward in a 'powerful brainstorming session'....Ideas included:

- It's all about Jesus
- Local area Networks have to connect with committee and the locals - well planned communication to and from different levels
- Connect with Christians and non Christians for rides
- Core of people fully committed to God who draw in others who are
- Need committed coordinator, but need 2 or 3 supporters to work with them

- Ensure feedback encouraged from people who go on rides or events
- Need to ensure it is not all left up to the coordinator - needs to be a team effort - ref 1 Corinthians 12 for example
- Need visibility of the group calendar
- Some concern over effectiveness of email advice - phone is more effective (but also consider time factor, etc)
- Local groups need to be purposeful in what they do
- Meet together at various times and places, not just for rides all the time
- Pray - separate times, before rides, and even at other times could meet specifically for prayer
- Transport the 'communion on the cliff' concept to other settings
- Rides - day, weekend
- Advise what is happening to website and newsletter and even email between coordinators - do whatever it takes to make people aware
- Riding skill weekend (Note: Kevin K mentioned 'Twist of the Wrist: The Motorcycle Roadracers Handbook' Keith Code (Author) (Available from Amazon)
- Care and maintenance workshops (Kevin K is mechanic and trainer)
- Show and shine concept
- Nursing Home visits in your local area
- Plan ahead so people can schedule stuff in advance to ensure availability
- Functions at location - get key speaker on topic of interest re bikes - perhaps annually?

CMA VISIBILITY FOCUS GROUP

This group consisting of Kimbo, Azza & Wayne Marscham looked at how we could increase the visibility of CMA.

The ideas we chose for focus were;

- Adverts to Magazines
- Adverts to church flyers
- Tear Drop Banners
- Back Patch - Single Identity
- Pamphlet/ Fliers
- Head Dress -Beanie/ bandanna/ cap

If you can help us make these a reality please get in touch with one of us -thanks!

Please take note of these 2 key items.....

CHANGE IN FINANCIAL YEAR

At the AGM it was moved and agreed that the CMA financial year now be from the 1st January to 31st December. This will mean keeping track of membership is easier and that we can have the AGM in the first few months of the new year (maybe a nice warm coastal location). This does mean that the current committee will remain in place until we have our AGM in 2014.

National Run 2014 - is in NSW

This will be here before we know it! The site is booked, the date is set - can you help us to prepare? We need ride planners, welcomers, people to make things happen - contact Doodles to lend a hand.



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Beautiful setting, great company, great sessions together, and top movie 'Courageous' that we watched together.

Thanks to the Ridgcrest team and of course the CMA team.



We were so blessed and made so welcome at Christian Outreach Centre Wellington, by Pastor Colin Russell and the team.

Thanks so much for a great time of worship together and for putting on lunch for us.

And a big thank you to the riders who came over from Peak Hill and Narromine to join us too.





Look Ma,
no
hands..... or
is it 'Praise
the Lord,
please
keep me
safe
Jesus'?

I think an
inspection
of the seat
in the
'chair' may
be in order
later



Aha!!!
But where
is that
'hands
free'
passenger
and the
dare devil
pilot?
Or did
that outfit
morph into
a yellow
Ural?



Doddles shared from the heart as he led us in communion at COC Wellington.

And using my editorial rights, I must say he did a great job leading the entire AGM weekend, of course ably assisted by a great team.

It was the first of these events I have attended, and I loved it (apart from a little mishap.....)



Lisa Clark and Roy Breyley with Wellington COC Pastor Colin Russell who himself is a keen bike rider, and no doubt will be looking at getting along to some rides in the future

Some upcoming events - here and there

- **Communion on the cliff**, third Sunday of each month, Bald Hill Lookout at Stanwell Tops, 1.30pm. Contact Doddles for more details.
 - **21 October**
 - **18 November**
 - **16 December**
 - **20 January**
 - **17 February**
- **MotoGP rider revival at Great Southern Motorcycles South Nowra**
 - Wednesday to Friday 24-26 October, and Tuesday 30th
(Great initiative south coast CMA people - well done)
- **Ride and Biker church service**
 - **When** Sat, 10 November, 09:00 - 20:00
 - **Where** New England, Tamworth NSW ([map](#))
 - **Description** Leave Powerhouse Motorcycle Museum at 0930, travel via Ogunbil and Port Stephens Cutting to Walcha then Armidale for lunch at Railway Hotel, Rusden Street Armidale (195kms). Leave at 1430, return to Tamworth via Invergowrie and Uralla (126kms). At 1630, there will be a short service at the Impact Church on Armidale Road (next to driver revival) with some music, then the message- "who is the man Jesus, and is He relevant in today's world?" The barbecue will be fired up at 1800, for tea, and for those who want to stay around, a video may be on later

NOTE - For other local rides, contact your local area co-ordinator, check the net, or take the initiative and put forward a plan for a ride - good chance the co-ordinators will back you on it.

Favourite Bible Passages

HEY - I will ask again this time.....are you reading this? Great! Let me know. AND....I would love it if you would consider contributing something for this section - I will do my best to publish what you submit - email me at mkbevan@bigpond.com

The idea is to **share your favourite (or one of them) Bible passages and why you like it, what it means to you**. No guarantee to publish everything, but I will try.

Actually this time, **I have cheated** - I found this article at <http://www.churchleaders.com/outreach-missions> (this one from David Fitch) - hope you find it interesting.

Here are six bad reasons to "go to church."

1. Out of Duty/Obligation

Spiritual disciplines are good if they are openings for God to work and shape our lives into His life and Mission. Too often, however, disciplines become duties, devoid of the life to which they were

meant to connect us. Don't go to church out of duty or obligation. It should be a regular spiritual discipline that shapes us into His life and Mission.

2. If This is What It Means to be a Christian

If you think being a Christian is what happens in this hour-and-a-half, stop going to church and ask what it means to follow Christ when you don't go. This is where we gather to encounter the living God corporately, respond to Him, be shaped by His vision and His work, and then be sent out to continue this life into the world.

3. To Get Your Needs Met

If you think some problem in your life will be solved or some need met by "going to church," don't go! Because more than likely you'll be disappointed. Sometimes needs, physical and otherwise, get met at the cross (or around the prayer bench) in instantaneous fashion, but most often there's some suffering that needs to be walked through in the death and resurrection of Christ. Most of our needs are ministered to over time as we submit them regularly to Christ and what He is doing.

4. To Feel Good, Get Inspired

I recognize a lot of times I come away feeling inspired and good after the gathering.

But I try to check myself on this. For if I get addicted to a certain "feeling good" worship experience or some inspiration from the sermon, my relationship with God starts to look like an addiction to a feeling that has become narcissistic. It stunts the growth of my character into God and what He is doing. Maybe I'm too uptight on this?

5. To Perform

Occasionally I will notice I'm going off to the gathering to perform. I'm going to go preach, or teach, or guide the children's ministry.

I feel like other people can get into this rut too. I'm going to sing, play guitar, be cool, whatever. We're getting a buzz from performing. Something subtle occurs and it's about my self-accolades. I feel better about myself after doing something for God.

I suggest, if this is happening, don't go to the gathering. Shrink back. All our service in the gifts and to the world should be out of our life with God. It should be an offering unto Him out of the gifts He keeps giving.

Of course, we need affirmation in order to recognize what God is doing and calling us to. But that's a different dynamic. After I preach a sermon, I discipline myself to leave that sermon in God's hands. I offered it to Him. If and when I receive feedback, it is for the furtherance of His work in my life and the community.

6. To Get Something from the Expert

If we go to church to get something on the Christian life from the expert in a sermon or something, I think we miss the point. The so-called expert is most likely gifted to proclaim. He/she has been recognized for God's work in this regard in his/her life.

But the real formation happens in the response and the working out of that proclamation among a people. The expert, on his own, often disappoints or worse starts acting like he/she is the only one who knows Scripture which breeds distrust of any authority in the community. The thought process of getting something from an expert defeats God's work in community and should be discouraged. Don't "go to church" if this is the way you think it works.

Over against these reasons *not* to "go to church," I still believe the church gathering is just a part—albeit an important part—of the rhythm of Mission.

For it is at the gathering, we come as broken people in order to submit ourselves to what He is doing to be shaped for Mission. Here we are led into His presence, the reading of Scripture, the liturgies of submission, affirmation of truth and confession, the proclamation of the Gospel and the feasting on His forgiveness and new life at the meal, in praise and thanksgiving and finally into the sending out into Mission.

If you have any comments or questions on this, just email me (Mark Bevan) at mkbevan@bigpond.com or call me on 0410 629 850 - love to hear from you.

Odds, ends, ads

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



"WHAT flock of birds, Henry?"

Hey there newsletter readers.....

Turned out I had a little space left and went looking for a filler and came up with this classic pic...

Reminds me of when I was quite young and riding Royal National Park south of Sydney, trying to impress my 'wife to be' on my Honda CB250 (flat bars of course) and cruising along behind her and her friend in a car, and 'SPLAT' right in my face, a bird drops one! YUK, open face helmet - immediately, very uncool, pull over to side of road and wipe off bird poo.

So, that gets me thinking.....why don't YOU (reader) provide some bike related stories to go in the magazine from time to time (or often)??? This could be stories (tall tales but true?) about your motorcycling life, talking about your bike, why you ride, and stuff like that..... I promise to read all submissions and to publish as much as possible (perhaps using editorial rights of course). Email me something interesting at mkbevan@bigpond.comPLEASE!!!



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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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