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Chairman's Chat

Winter is upon us!

I ask for your forgiveness for not putting fingers to a keyboard till now but I am still prying them from bike grips from all the riding that we have done this year.

So who is this Chairman who never chats? Well born in Mildura, the son of a NSW copper and mum a nurse, I have lived in many parts of NSW but first recollections are Grafton, Kirra, Cudgen, Condong, Bilambil, Tweed Heads, Murwillumbah. Raised in a Christian family I have much to be grateful for. I had the privilege of attending a Sunday school and youth groups which certainly made knowing about God a little easier.

I was still very much a young bloke looking for adventure however and got my fare share of the belt when it got me in to trouble. I gave my life to the Lord at the age of 12 at a Billy Graham Crusade, and was baptised 4 weeks later.

I joined the surf club with a mate at the age of 13 & although this would seem like a good thing, I didn't actually ask my parents permission first, still after the waters calmed I had 8 years of surfing, carnivals & beach patrols.

Just as I started high school my father took his long service leave and our family travelled around our great Nation anti-clockwise, so many stories I could tell about this trip. Shortly after he retired from the force to take over my Grand parents funeral business.

At 14yrs I joined the Navy cadets and learnt much about sailing, marching, knots and comradery probably what influenced my future career path. I think I was into everything that moved back then even the girls much to the detriment of my HSC.

After High School, I went fruit picking near the place of my origin (Mildura), and worked with my Uncle as a carpenter renovator for 6 months while I waited for my Navy interview. That seems so long ago now, 27 June 1990! I managed to keep my high school sweetheart through all the years of long distance and we were married in the church where both our parents were many years before at Murwillumbah Church of Christ. We have been many places ourselves since this union many together and some apart, such as Nowra, Melbourne for Aerospace Engineering studies, Christmas Island, Persian Gulf twice on operations, designed and built a house at Murwillumbah while I was away. God has blessed my life so much and some of the sacrifice and hardship, truly makes you appreciate how lucky we are in Australia.

My CMA beginnings were about 3 years after joining the Navy, this funny grey bearded old bloke called Roy who was a member of our church at that time encouraged me to come along on a couple of rides, and boy he could ride! I learnt a lot from him in the art of bikerness and all

things bikie, but because of my career and changing of addresses it took a while before I became a member.

Hugh O'Dempsey sealed the deal and I attended many rides before he handed over the job of area coordinator to me a few years back.

I had much excitement when Ian Dodd rang me while I was on my way home for Christmas leave two years ago offering for me to take a shot at web authoring, although Ok for a while I quickly realized that just because it works on my computer doest mean it will work on the rest. Being such a time consuming task, Ian now manages the web and treasurer duties.

I may have dobbed myself in with my last bike change and adorning numberplate (CMA-01), but was truly humbled when I was nominated and elected as chairman. I have big shoes to fill and pray that God will guide my feet in this role.

Cheers
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The joy of sponsored children: Haiti & the Dominican Republic

A message from members Cay & Max

Max and I are certainly missing our independence of jumping on a bike and enjoying some time out – mind you I know my old Honda Revere Tourer would not cope with some of the derelict roads that we have experienced on this trip. I think the nimble Beema would do much better. Anyway – just thought we would let you know about some kids that we visited.



Here is a photo of us and Woodlene (in red dress), her mum (in white behind)

Haiti: Ile de la Tortue is a small island in the north of Haiti. This is where one of our sponsored children lives. Woodlene lives with her mum, dad and 2 brothers. She has been our sponsored child for the past 7 yrs and it has been a joy to receive her letters. Max and I made the scary trip up north in a little twin turbo prop 19 seater plane. In true islander style we all clapped when we touched down safely.

It was a delight to meet Woodlene and her mum. We spent the day with them and played Frisbee, lunched and shared our lives through the aid of a translator. Later in the day we visited one of the schools where Compassion has established a variety of projects. It was interesting to talk to the Compassion staff and find out a little about the different projects and life skills that they offer the children

We are now in Malawi training people in computers. The roads are quite good here and we have been lustfully checking out the chook chasers that pass us each day – maybe we will get to borrow one... Until next time.

Blessings Max and Cay www.maxncay.com

Treasurer's Tidings

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How do you measure the success of an organization – is it purely fiscal or is it by its merits, is it by its size or the way the people are? All of these are factors and as the Treasurer I am able to report on a couple of these aspects objectively and the others, well I will have to be subjective.

The last couple of months has seen CMA impacting lives through contributions to causes. Each of you has contributed to this through membership fees, merchandise sales and attendance at the National last year. We have donated;

- \$500 to the Blue Ribbon Motorcycle Ride for Prostate Cancer Research
- \$500 to Mobile Mission Maintenance to help them recover from equipment lost through the Victorian Bushfires
- \$1000 to Chaplaincy Australia to support the placement of a chaplain in a fire affected town in Victoria for 18 months
- \$1500 to TEAR Australia to fund the installation of a well to enable a village to have fresh water.

With the first three donations these directly impact some of our members as these are organizations that they work with or have been impacted by, the well is seen as symbolic as we are now providing living water to a entire community.

Numbers wise we have 45 financial memberships (over 65 people) and nine of those have joined this year. There are another 36 who have IOU's on this years fees so they will be doubly blessing me in the months to come ;)

But above and beyond all of this is the human factor – do you pine when you haven't been out with your fellow CMA'ers, does sharing in an outreach lift your heart, did you shed a tear when you heard of another's struggles – for most of you I know the answer to these is yes and therein lies our strength. We may moan about the tyranny of distance or that there are some of you who do not ride Suzuki's, we all go to different churches and have different livelihoods – but we come together as one body, our diversification brings unification – brothers and sisters without any sibling rivalry (which in itself is a form of heaven). I am reminded of Ecc 4:12 where it talks of a single man can be easily overcome, two can withstand but a braided cord cannot easily be broken – you & I intertwined with Christ will not be overcome! In this lies the strength of CMA.

Be blessed as you go forth in His name and please keep the rubber side down!

Doddles

Ride Calendar 2009

June

6th Local Ride (BBQ) at Mick's Home Ph Mick for details

7th June Church Raid Tambar Springs—contact kimbo

13th Local Ride – New England Ph Wayne W for details

21st Communion on the Cliff Ph Doddles for details

July

4th Local Ride – Sydney Ph Mick for details

11th Local ride – New England Ph Wayne W for details

19th Communion on the Cliff Ph Doddles for details

August

1st Local Ride – Sydney Ph Mick for details

8th Local Ride – New England Ph Wayne W for details

15th—16th - Singleton Fellowship Weekend—30th Birthday Bash for CMA

30th Church Service – Sydney Ph Mick for details

September

11th-13th NSW AGM and teaching weekend (State Event) Ph Mick or Doddles for details

20th Communion on the Cliff Ph Doddles for details

October

9th-12th National Run (WA) State event Ph Mick for details

18th Communion on the Cliff Ph Doddles for details



New England Ride Report

May 16th was a good day for a ride- but then, aren't they all? 4 bikes and 1 4x4 set off from the Powerhouse Motorcycle Museum in Tamworth at 0900 (3 Suzuki C50, one with an extra wheel, and an ex-Police BMW 1150RT, with an ex-Policeman on board!). A leisurely ride brought us to the Armidale Airport, where we met up with 3 more bikes and 4 people. After introductions all round, we adjourned to the Cafe at the airport terminal for M/t, or breakfast as required.

My old mate Tony suggested that it was a little early to have lunch at Guyra (the original plan) as it was only about a half-hour away, so he agreed to lead us by a back way (or was that astray?)

We turned off the highway at Black Mountain, and had a scenic and relaxing trip, coming in at the back of Guyra. But he wasn't finished!! We then headed North on the old NE Highway to Deepwater, to then turn left towards Ben Lomond. What a fantastic run- very pretty, good roads (narrow, but good). We came out onto the Highway again almost on the highest point on the range, to then head South to Guyra.

Lunch was at a place called "Rafters". The service was great, and the food also, and quite inexpensive. On coming out it was pointed out that my back tyre was a little flat on the bottom. A call to the local NRMA, and he was there in around 10 minutes. Unfortunately, all he had was an air tank for inflation. However, the tyre seemed to hold air, so hoping it was only the valve, I rode to the roadhouse for more free air. All seemed well- at Black Mountain, at Armidale, and at Uralla.

Would you believe- almost half-way to Bendemeer, I had that sinking feeling again. Oh well, back on the phone and order a tilt-tray from NRMA. For a small fee, I was able to have the outfit taken all the way home. On inspection on Monday, it was found that the rim tape had moved when I had a new tyre put on the previous Thursday, allowing the tube to be ruptured. Not to worry- all fixed now!

Many thanks to all who came, and made it such a great day of fellowship and fun (mostly, anyway!)

The next ride will be on 13th June, going to Singleton via Jerry's Plains.

A sight you don't get to see very often these days.... Thankfully... Bike with a flat tyre !!



Winter is here ! Are you feeling Cold ?

Feeling alone ?

Sometimes we just love to get out alone and chew up some bitumen. Cruising along with the breeze or hammering around the tight bends, it's great to get away and feel free ! King of the road !

Other times we can be alone, very alone. Alone and cold. Ever get that feeling ? You're standing around at a party or riding along with a group, but you are just so alone.

Sometimes you can be so alone, even in a crowd, that you can hear your own heart beat.

Why is this ?

It's because you are empty. You are hollow, you have no substance, no purpose. You have no idea where you are going.

We've all been on these rides, sometimes they only last a day, sometimes they last for years.

Is there anything we can do to lose that feeling of being alone ?

Yes

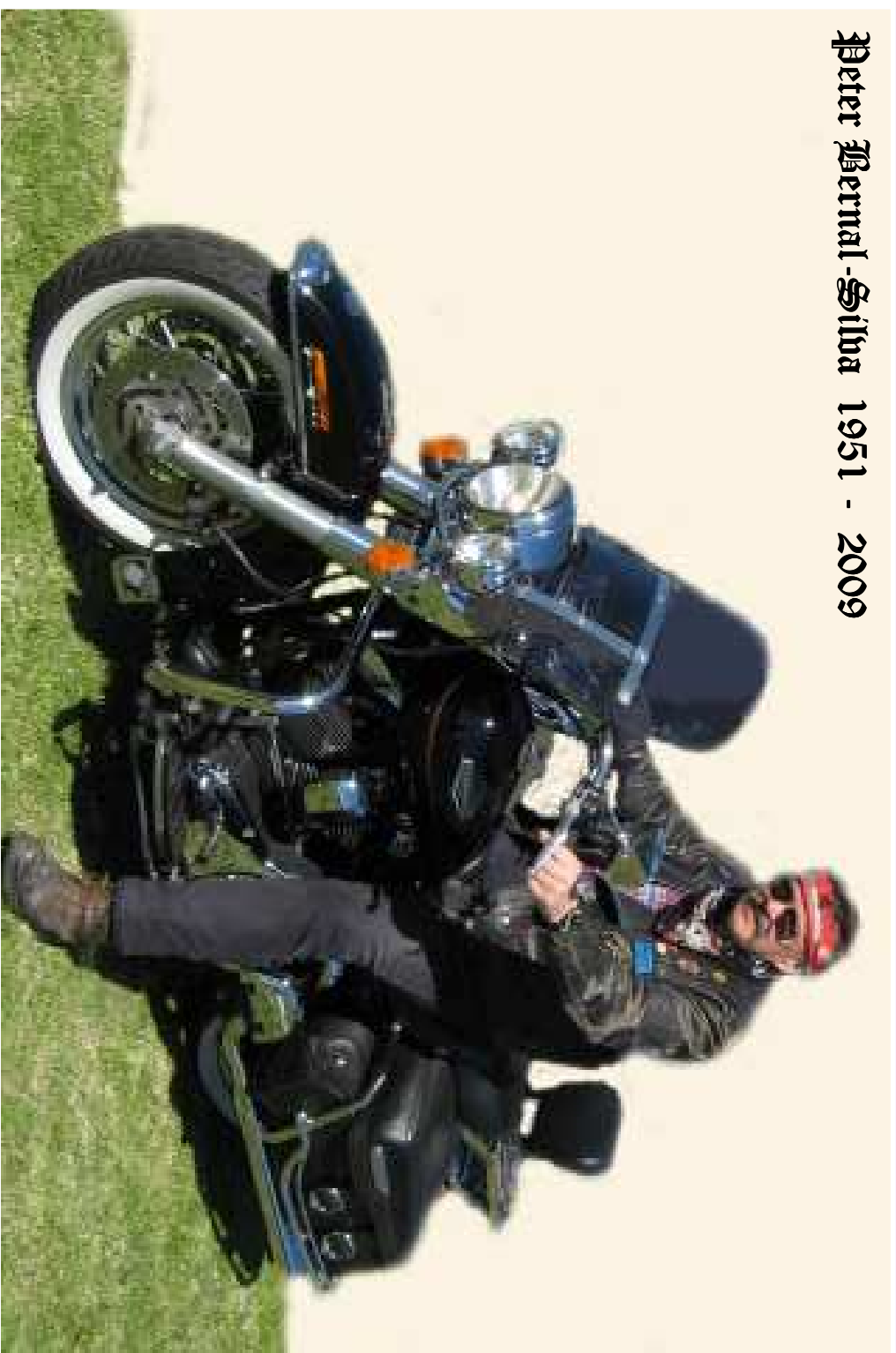
Talk to Jesus
Invite Him into your life.

He promises, you will NEVER be alone again.

Heb 13:5 *Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."*

Heb 13:6 *So we say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?"*

Peter Bernal-Silva 1951 - 2009





Peter Silva's Eulogy

Greetings and salutations to you all, I think that is the way that he would say it, the last monthly ride that the CMA had was out to Oberon for lunch, when both Peter, I and the others walked into the local pie shop to get a pie, he didn't walk up to the young really cute girl behind the counter as the rest of us did but instead he saw a older lady behind the counter that all of us had missed because of the younger cute one so Pete went up to this lady and said greetings and salutations young lady, I am interested in some of the delights that you have here could you tell me which of these absolute treats that you favour, well the smile that came upon her face Peter had just made her day, and all he was doing was being friendly, he was being a true gentleman and that is who we have come to honour today a gentleman named Peter Frank Bernal-Silva, a husband, father, friend, and a mate

Peter was born in Shang Hi China on 21/3/1951 to parents Francesco Benal-Silva and Ludmila Petrovna Rosena Benal-Silva his father was Portuguese and his mother was Russian, he has two half sisters Valerie and Sheila.

I do not know much about his child hood and the main reason for that, is that in being such a gentleman he preferred to talk about you rather than himself, but we do know that he came to Australia in 1970 this was a move that I believe he did not want to make at the time

In 2000 he married Hermonie and became like a father to her two children Rosie and Matthew.

Peter joined the CMA with Marlow about 12mths ago after asking me about the CMA for the past three years or even longer, the passion that Peter had for his God and his bike were hard to rival whenever we had a ride or event he would be there and if it was a event that needed a volunteer he was able and capable to help out, at first I was a bit hesitant as most of the people that join the CMA like to find their legs as it were but not Peter, he wanted to be challenged, and spread the good news, like the outreach at Singleton and Peter wanted to and had to preach. I shared a motel room with him and two others and I must admit that is where I really bonded with Peter, sitting in that room as a group and debating the scriptures, then to hear him a little later that night at the local Anglican church up the front giving it his all you could really tell that it was more than just words to him.

Mick Davie

Faith Like Potatoes !

I am a new member as of about 6 weeks ago & I came to join as a result of a man named Angus Buchan. Who is Angus Buchan you say, well he is a South African Farmer & is the subject of a movie called "Faith Like Potatoes" which I watched last November having been told about the book of the same name, not being the greatest reader in the world I noticed the DVD at Koorong (Penrith Bookshop) & bought it.

It consists of the movie which tells the story of how he was bought back to Jesus & what he has done since then, powerful stuff & a second disc that has a doco on the real man & what a man he is too, he is just soooo committed to Jesus it's breathtaking to see what Jesus is doing through him, a humble farmer, he's called God's Farmer in South Africa.

In early Jan I read that Angus was coming to Australia for what he calls a Mighty Men's Conference (he had been the year before but I didn't know of him then & 600 men had gone to hear him) so I looked for the Sydney dates but alas he was only going to Western Australia, Perth. I mentioned it to Lyn my wonderful wife but let the idea of going slip. A couple of weeks later I just felt strongly that I just had to go & Lyn said go so I booked the plane & accommodation & ended up talking 2 of my Church friends into going as well.

The three of us were absolutely enriched by the experience. 2000 men turned up this year, Angus is on fire for Jesus, I still get goose bumps thinking of the weekend, which started on Friday & went through to Sunday when the ladies attended for the 5th talk which was on the subject of Priorities (the ladies lifted the numbers to about 2700ish).In between the talks, in the mornings, at lunch, in the evenings everyone had the opportunity to mingle with each other.

It was in one of these time frames that I had a conversation with 2 members of the WACMA, Greg & Chris, Greg was wearing his CMA t-shirt proudly, as we all should,& it just hit me that I could do this too, use my love of bikes to talk to people about Jesus if they noticed the badges & wanted to ask questions, so when I returned home I looked you guys up & shortly after joined up & I am very happy to be part of what I think (& you know already) has fantastic potential to minister to people.

I have only been on a couple of rides so far one of which was the Communion at Stanwell Tops in the rain & driving winds but it was still a great day for me because I was with people who love Jesus & want to tell others about him.

Jesus uses some people (like Angus) to minister to hundreds of thousands of people (just a couple of weeks ago at his farm in South Africa he preached to between 100,000 & 200,000 men!!!!) & others (like us) to take His message to a few people & if that is His plan for us well that's good enough for me, after all it is the same life saving message & we shouldn't be keeping it to ourselves.

I purchased the DVD's of all Angus's talks so if someone would like to organise an afternoon somewhere that has a tv/dvd player I would be more than happy to show them, they run for approx 1 hour each so you wouldn't see them all but maybe 2 - 3 would do, the first topic was on Mediocre Christianity, second is Men of Faith, third is The Lion & The Bear & the fourth is Faith in the Workplace, so you could watch what you want. I have watched them all a few times & find that they are tools that strengthen me as does good Christian music along with reading the Bible & Prayer as I walk toward the coming Kingdom in this world gone mad.

YBIC Mark.

"Crossroads"

You may ask, "What is Crossroads and what has it to do with CMA??"

Shoalhaven Crossroads is an incorporated branch of Crossroads Christian Fellowship NSW Inc. It is an interdenominational Christian Fellowship for people with a disability, encouraging intergration into the Christian Church and wider community.

For some years now, Jenny & I have supported Shoalhaven Crossroads with their monthly meetings and as CMA, with a group of bikes and riders, we have taken part in one of the monthly meetings by having the bikes on display, taking photos of their members sitting on our bikes, leading the TAG (Talking About God) time with a bible message and generally spending time talking and being involved in activities with the Crossroads members. This has been very popular and they look forward to our month when the bikes come. To see the pleasure some of them have to have their photo taken on a motor bike and be able to take a copy home with them has been a great blessing to us and I am sure to the Crossroaders.

This is an annual event which has also expanded to Bowral Crossroads over the last two years. We will be going to Bowral on Friday September 25 at about 7-00pm. and if anyone would like to join us there, you will be most welcome. Last year we had some CMA members from the Wollongong area join us and a great night was had by all. It is held in the Church of Christ hall at Bowral and you can contact me or Aaron if you would like to join us in this ministry. Roy - 44212454 Aaron - 0410 649 384.

Thanks, Roy Breyley.

This is what happens when you garage a BMW with a Honda. Trev's Aggy has had a pup ! A baby Yamaha ! But I think there was something in the water !



The latest fishing gear from Italy, just attach a lure! Or is it the Polar Bear patrol?



Sydney Ride report

Well it has been a slower first half of the year than we might have wanted but never the less it has been an eventful 6 months though.

We have continued with the monthly rides as planned but they have been down in numbers, I do not think that that has been any one particular reason that has caused this though, for myself I made a commitment that this year I was going to spend more time with my kids as I believe that you only get one chance with them and the age that they are they need me, so on one ride I took the Quadracycle also know as a car, and I think that a lot of others are in the same vote.

The first event for the year that we attended was the "Silverwater Bike" show this is put on by the Brotherhood CMC. This event made headlines this year for all the wrong reasons as an outlaw was shot by an opposing outlaw group. This is going to affect the long term life of this event as they now face public safety issues so please hold the brotherhood and this event in your prayers.

The only other event that we have partaken in is the "Blue Ribbon Ride" this was a event that saw a couple of hundred bike riders get together and as you would of already read the reports for this event I do not have to go into it at this point.

We have continued also with the "Church Raid" idea which is to just turn up at a church and just participate in the service, the first church that we attended was the Vision Church which Ian Dodd attends we had quite a few bikes roll up for this one, can't remember exactly how many but it was in the double figures which was good to see, the second church we went to was Macarthur Baptist, this is the church that our late friend Peter Silva attended. Unfortunately it was mother's day and so our numbers were down quite a bit in fact only two attended, which was a bit sad but knowing that it was mother's day it was understandable.

Which brings me to the biggy as it were the loss of my very good friend Peter Bernal-Silva, this has really rocked us here in Sydney, and for those of you that are trying to put a face to him he was the one that gave a sermon at St Luke's in Singleton last year.

For me the year to date has been full of up's and down's and I feel that the CMA here in Sydney needs a new face as it were, as I have been in the role for too long, I see that the CMA has a real big opportunity here in Sydney, and with some really good management we are able to achieve some really great things here, so I would like to ask for some prayer that the right person steps forward before the AGM

Mick Davie

My Bike won't go !

Got a brand new bike the other day.

Big, Black and Chrome all along the way.

Wanted to take it home straight away

But the bike shop man said it had to stay.

You have a little problem, but we'll fix it straight away

Just a tiny detail , and we'll be needing you to pay !

Have to pay ?! It's brand new, under warranty ! No Way !

Under warranty it may be, but we broke it just today.

And I hate to do this to you, but here it will have to stay,

Until you agree to pay !

I do not understand old mate, for the repairs I'll have to pay ?

Is this what I hear you say ?

Oh no Sir !, we really have our signals mixed !

The damage sir, I have to say, we've already fixed

It's just that, well sir, I really must insist

For the new bike, the one you like, you will just have to pay!

Oh, silly me, now I see.

But I have to say, I can't do that until I get my weekly pay !

So my new bike and I, will now be on our way.

You sir, can be on your way, but I'm afraid, the new bike, with you,
will not go !

THE OLD BLOKE'S CHARITY RIDE

Extract from "The Old Bloke" webpage by Elwyn Jordan, aka The Old Bloke.

The day is warm and sunny; perfect weather for riding! A group of bikes gather at a local bike shop for the start of a charity-ride.

The route will take us up a favourite mountain pass, and through some beautiful country with great flowing roads. The start of a perfect day!

Just after this photo was taken we all headed off on the ride - *and some riders were never seen again!*

Choosing a charity was easy. The **victorian bushfires** had caused such tragic loss of life and property that it touched the hearts of everyone. And although most people would've donated already, the need was on-going; it was a very worthy cause. But I also felt sorry for victims of the **queensland floods**. There may not have been the same loss of life, but damage to property and livelihood made this a most needy cause too. So I chose both; with donations to be split between the two.

Now for the actual ride. If you read my article on [Riding In A Group](#), you'll see that I don't particularly like the "processional" type arrangement of having a lead rider, a tail-end rider, and everyone riding in procession in-between. Now, that is the best way to keep everyone together, but it's often not practical; for the reasons I outlined in that article. So I decided to give everyone detailed directions of where we'd be going well before the ride. I'd also hand out printed directions on the day. That way everyone would know where they were going and could ride there at their own pace. *Sounds good in theory perhaps, but ...*

After a bit of general meet-and-greet, I handed out a raffle-ticket to each rider as they made their donation. Then one of the staff drew the winning ticket. The **\$100 gift-certificate** went to one of the last people to arrive. (*"The lucky last?"*). Then it was time to leave. *And that's when it all went wrong!*

WRAP-UP

Anyway, **everyone enjoyed the day**. Even the guys who got lost still had a good day, and thanked me for organising it. It was also a success financially; with **over \$500 being raised for our two charities**.

If you would like to read the full story, and it's worth it ! go to ; <http://theoldbloke.homestead.com/charity-ride.html>

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Amazon Hearts & CMA across the oceans!

Wendy Peek is a member of the Devon & Cornwall branch of the Christian Motorcyclists Association in the UK who has been participating in the Amazon Heart Thunder Ride Downunder. This ride is for survivors of Breast Cancer and is all about raising funds and awareness. It began in 2004 when twenty young breast cancer survivors challenged themselves to a 1,000 mile ride on Harley-Davidson motorcycles from San Diego to San Francisco, California. Along the way they formed life long friendships, gained support and strength in dealing with their breast cancer experience, and raised vital funds for and awareness of breast cancer issues. From this initial idea there are now two rides, one in the US and the other along the East Coast of Australia as well as expeditions in New Zealand and orphanage building in India.

This is Wendy's first ride down under having taken part in the US ride last year where she handed out Bikers Bibles to each rider - being as there were going to be over 40 participants in the Australian ride she contacted CMA Qld who met up with her and stocked her up with Riding For Purpose. Over the journey Wendy passed these on and when I met her at Sydney one of the other ladies came up and told me that she would be joining CMA Qld on her return home thanks to Wendy - another lady was also impacted by Wendy and will be looking to join CMA WA. It was a fantastic opportunity to be there at the end of her odyssey and present her with a CMA NSW t-shirt - well done Wendy and if you're back next year we will cheer you on again!



You can read more here <http://www.cornwall.myzen.co.uk/AHT.html>

Ian Dodd <>

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 Savior.
9. I will endeavor to remain faithful to the gospel of Jesus Christ as revealed in the Bible and to the Aims of the Christian Motorcyclist's Association.
- 10.

I am interested in learning more about CMA, please send me more information:

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Phone

Email

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