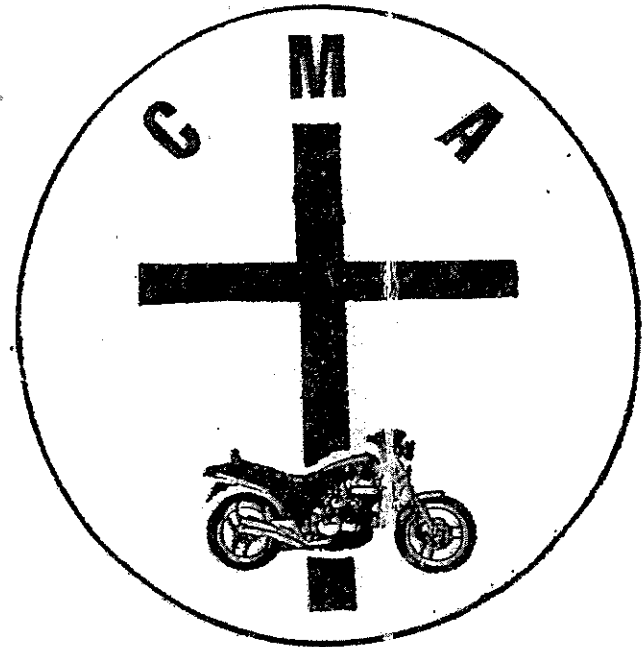


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Due to insufficient lone rider members at the Annual General Meeting, the lone rider rep. elections were not able to be finalised. As a result we will be holding a postal election to finalise this. Please cut out and return the coupon below and return it to:

The Chairman,
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Four nominations were received for only three positions. Mark three boxes (✓ or X) only to vote for the three reps. you would like to see on C.M.A. Committee.

- Adrian Bonham ()
- Proposed: Greg White
- Seconded: Colleen Hirst

- Steve (Starch) Marchant ()
- Proposed: Tony Marsh
- Seconded: Rosemary Pendlebury

- Tony Marsh ()
- Proposed: Starch Marchant
- Seconded: Lesa Marchant

- Dave Sharpe ()
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CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER

This 10th Anniversary year has been similar in some respects to all other years of C.M.A's existence - it has been difficult. I personally have found it difficult - it being my first year holding the position of Chairman.

We should not be surprised to come across difficulty in this type of ministry. The aim of C.M.A. "To encourage Christian Motorcyclists and Motorcycle Clubs in their God given ministry" is an aim the enemy would not like to see fulfilled. Christian bikers have the ability to reach a large section of our community that is usually untouched by traditional churches. (e.g. other bikers, street people and kids). For this reason, the ministry of motorcyclists I think is fairly crucial. It must be encouraged in every way.

Of course, it is one thing to identify difficulty and opposition, but the challenge always is to overcome it.

This year C.M.A. was governed by the largest committee ever, 9 members. This was comprised of 4 lone rider reps, 1 Disciples, 1 Ambassadors, 1 Canberra and 2 Brotherhood. It was good to have such a variety of backgrounds, experience and opinion. However, getting so many busy people together for

EIGHTH NATIONAL RUN
C.M.A. invites you to
attend this event in
TUMUT
at the
RIVERGLADE VAN VILLAGE
on the
SNOWY MOUNTAINS HIGHWAY
to be held on
12th & 13th NOVEMBER, 1989
As this is held in a public
camping ground you will need to
bring your own tent, food and what
ever else you might want. An onsite
shop does sell most items you
might want. See ya there!

meetings was difficult. Also, as many people were sharing the work, there were some difficulties in co-ordinating. This was particularly true of the production of the Associations Newsletter that was delayed unacceptably in the early part of the year. Thankfully, this problem has been corrected, due to the extra efforts of the newsletter editor, Peter O'Donnell. The newsletter is now on time and of a high standard.

The committee's responsibilities started with the 7th Annual National Run, held again at Tumut. This again was a great time of catching up with people not seen over the year and a chance to hear how God has been working in various ministries. The National Run is a particularly valuable event providing opportunity for informal sharing and relaxing together. Changes introduced this year were some silly bike games on Saturday and a less formal sharing time on Saturday night.

The club teaching weekend held at Cootamundra was another valuable time. Geoff Taylor spoke on conflict and Adrian Irwin (Canberra C.M.C.) shared some thoughts on God's guidance. The interchange of ideas and theologies was a valuable aspect of this weekend.

As the only Lone Rider Chairman in C.M.A.'s ten year history, I firmly believe that the future of C.M.A. is in the hands of Lone Riders. In the past C.M.A. has been strongly supported by its member clubs, Disciples and Brotherhood, and more recently, Ambassadors and Canberra C.M.C.'s. However the representatives of these clubs also have a full programme of club commitments as well as C.M.A. commitments. C.M.A. must gain its drive and initiative from lone riders, therefore lone riders must become more involved in C.M.A.

I also believe that it is not just the Committees job to look for new members, but primarily that of the membership. So over the next ten years C.M.A. must look to the following:

- gain new and younger members;
- ensure that lone rider members play a larger role in C.M.A.; and
- individual C.M.A. members become more active in terms of input.

At our 20th Anniversary, let's see a vibrant, growing organisation.

Peter O'Donnell.

when the policemen are getting younger. Now as a good law abiding citizen (if anyone laughs I'll break ya kneecaps!) I don't see enough policemen to know if they are getting younger. But I do know that C.M.A. members aren't - at least the ones that come along to activities aren't - they're still about my age. This indicates to me that C.M.A. is not replacing us "older" blokes with younger ones. Are there no "young" blokes out there who are Christians and bike riders. I think there are. So why aren't they in C.M.A.? Do they know about C.M.A.? All us "older" blokes should be making it a priority to tell others of what C.M.A. is, and what its trying to do. As older Christian bikers I think we have something we can pass onto younger Christian bikers in terms of living out our faith in the bike scene, and perhaps they can pass on some of their freshness and enthusiasm to us.

Also, C.M.A., though initially started by Christian Clubs, is really there for the benefit of Lone Riders. It is ment to be an organisation to facilitate the getting together of Christian bikers - particularly those that have limited opportunities elsewhere, such as lone riders. This doesn't mean that there won't be any benefits to clubs, but C.M.A. is not set up for that end alone.

The traditional second teaching weekend was changed to this 10th Anniversary Party weekend.

The monthly Sydney day run was dropped in 1989. (In 1988 these runs often became extra committee meetings). In their place we attempted to find activities organised by the wider motorcycling community that we could join as C.M.A., as well as organising the occassional C.M.A. ride. Unfortunately this was not highly successful. The exception was the progressive dinner. (It seems anything involving food motivates people). A challenge for the incoming committee is to plan activities that will capture the imagination of members.

A great highlight of the year is the formation of C.M.A. in Qld in early 1989, and of C.M.A. Vic. that has formed in the last month. For many years we have had members resident in these states, but it has only been this year that there has been sufficient interest and expertise to form independent Associations. Both have been in close contact with the N.S.W. Committee and are formed with almost identical constitution and set up. They are independant bodies and not answerable to C.M.A. N.S.W. but it is hoped that a National Committee will be formed early in 1990 with reps from each state, to oversee all C.M.A.'s. This has been a goal since

C.M.A. was formed, and it is fitting that it has largely been achieved in this tenth anniversary year.

C.M.A. would not have been able to survive this year without the consistent support of the member clubs (Ambassadors C.M.C., Canberra C.M.C. Disciples C.M.C. and Brotherhood C.M.C.). The Association is indebted to them for organising their time and club commitments to work in with C.M.A. activities. These clubs often give far more support than they receive and I am personally very grateful to them. In particular, Ambassadors C.M.C. are to be thanked for organising the teaching afternoon held last month and for providing the music for our Thanksgiving Service.

What of the future? The current committee has planned events for the rest of the year which have been detailed in the newsletter. (Bike work day, Canberra run, National Run and Christmas Party).

The new committee faces a number of challenges:

1. Organising activities that motivate and interest members. They must determine what needs the members have, particularly lone riders, and act on them.
2. Find new members and keep existing ones to maintain the financial viability of C.M.A.

TEN YEARS OF C.M.A. - WHAT NOW?

On the weekend of the 9-10th September, we celebrated the 10th birthday of C.M.A. Those assembled for the tenth birthday party saw the child as it was. It had grown and become healthy. It now had two new sisters interstate - C.M.A. Qld and C.M.A. Vic.

For a while it seemed that C.M.A. N.S.W. would be an only child. In its infancy C.M.A. N.S.W.'s survival seemed doubtful. It had its fair share of childhood sicknesses and teething problems, but none-the-less the child grew and prospered in the end. Today the child seems to be very healthy. Over a hundred members spread across N.S.W. Slowly people are becoming aware of C.M.A., and it is gaining respect as an organisation striving to represent Christian truths in an area where it is not always easy to do this. Like any ten year old, it stuffs up from time to time, but it is learning on the way.

Having been one of the parent figures for C.M.A. (5 years as Chairman, 1 year as Secretary and 1 year as Newsletter Editor) I feel that I have a few thoughts to offer about where C.M.A. has been and where it should be going.

They say that you know that you are getting old

UP AND COMING

- o 7-8th October - Weekend Run to Canberra
- see ad. this issue
- o 12-13th November - National Run at Tumut.
- see ad. this issue.
- o Saturday 16th December - Christmas Party.
- details to come.

I have noticed that C.M.A. members are getting older, and there are relatively few younger members. Whether this is a reflection of the aging motorcycle community in general or not I am not sure. However, younger members with fewer family and work responsibilities would be an asset.

3. Remember always that C.M.A. exists to meet the encouragement needs of Christian bikers. If these needs disappear, so should C.M.A.! The Association must not exist for its own sake. It must be helping the spread of the gospel. All activities need to have this as their fundamental goal. Building up numbers, or deepening people's commitment to the Association is pointless unless the members are being encouraged in their God given ministries.

Whilst this year has been difficult, whilst participation in activities has at times been disappointing, I believe that C.M.A. has been useful, and has encouraged at least some of the members. I believe C.M.A., particularly on a National scale, has a bright future, and I look forward to being a part of it.

WEEKEND RUN
TO
CANBERRA
7-8TH OCTOBER

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Financial Statement: October 1988 - SEPTEMBER 1989

Transaction	CREDIT	DEBIT	CREDIT
Membership(59)	636.00		+636.00
Cloth Badges (22)	110.00		+110.00
10th Anniv. Badge(17)	102.00		
New(100)		310.00	-208.00
Annual Run 15/16th			
Oct. 86 (2)	452.00		
Food, videos, etc		268.60	
Camping Fees		200.00	-16.60
B.B.Q. Nat. Run.			
Nov. '88	7.50		+7.50
Progressive			
Dinner July 89	13.00		+13.00
Donation (C.M.S.			
Society		20.00	-20.00
Song Books		17.50	-17.50
Club Teaching W/E			
Cootamundra 11/12th			
March 1989 Fees (28)	650.00		
Food		310.00	
Travelling Exp.		94.00	
Fees		250.00	-4.00

	CREDIT	DEBIT	CREDIT
Stamps		40.00	
Business cards		57.00	
Membership forms (500)		180.00	-277.00
Cheque Account			
Fees		65.10	
F,D,T.		5.70	
F.I.D.		60	
P.O. Box Rental		44.68	-116.08
Newsletter Postage		144.26	
Typing		90.00	
Toner		50.00	-284.26
Annual Run Sept.			
'89 Dep.		50.00	-50.00
Opening Balance	1,970.50	2,197.44	-226.94
10/10/88 =	228.85		
88/89		-226.94	
Final Balance.....			\$1.91