

New Life Riders

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Dear Friends.

During the second week of January Kathy started taking down Christmas decorations. It was my job to put the large boxes away in the cabinets located in the garage. After I finished doing that, I started reminiscing as I viewed the pictures on the walls and the garage door. I thought about all the good times Kathy and I had. It was great reliving those experiences. We enjoyed those trips and the camaraderie of those with whom we rode.

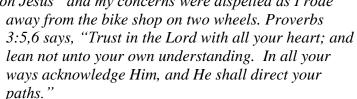
Then I walked over and sat on Gideon 2, our Valkyrie trike. I thought back to the day that we purchased it. It was the Saturday morning of Memorial Day Weekend 2004. Believe it or not, Kathy woke me up and said, "Come on and get up, we are buying a New Bike today." This meant we were going to get a stable/garage mate for our Suzuki Cavalcade Trike. You can imagine my surprise at being wakened and being told this. Kathy has been a good sport about bikes over the years. At one point, we had five in our garage. She adopted my philosophy, "Bikes are like Jell-O. There's always room for more!"

We wound up buying a new 2003 Honda Valkyrie left over. It was a joy to purchase the new

bike! However, as I threw my leg over it, I did wonder if I would remember to put my feet down or lean at the appropriate times, since I hadn't ridden two wheels for some time.

I thought about the old hymn, "Learning to Lean on Jesus" and my concerns were dispelled as I rode





With six cylinders and a low center of gravity, the Valkyrie is the most awesome and forgiving bike I have ever ridden. As I consider my description of the Valkyrie, I cannot help thinking it sounds like the Lord. He is our "awesome" Creator. Because of His sacrifice on the cross, He becomes our" forgiving" Savior. Many of you have experienced the joy of leaning into a curve. Why not experience real joy and lean on the Lord. The Bible tells us in 1 John 1:9, "If

we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (King James Version)



In 2006, due to the trouble I was having with my knees and having knee replacement surgery, we decided to sell the Suzuki Cavalcade trike and have our Valkyrie (Gideon 2) converted to a trike.

In the month of February, the world celebrates love with flowers and heart-shaped candy boxes. Even greater is God's love for us in Jesus. If you haven't asked him into your heart and life, this would be an excellent time to do it.

One of the places I see love extended to others is in the motorcycling community. Opportunities abound to attend and assist the various secular groups as they host rides and activities to support charities and individuals in

need. It is our responsibility as Christians and as New Life Riders to share God's message of salvation with all whom we meet. What qualifies us to do this is our love for the people, certainly <u>not</u> our brilliance or eloquence, but our willingness to love people. We are called by the Lord to be communicators of the Gospel and mandated to take the message of Jesus' love into the entire world!

Please continue to check the website, <u>www.newliferiders.com</u> for upcoming events. I am working hard to ensure all events listed are updated with the most current information available. Confirm the status of all events before making plans to attend. Please exercise patience and wisdom so that you stay healthy and safe.

May you be blessed as you reach out to others in your daily lives. Don't miss any opportunity to make an impact on the world. No matter what your abilities or gifts are, Jesus will use them to reach people for Him. We have the responsibility of making the Cross central to our evangelism. That is my challenge to each one of us as we reach out in love to all whom we meet on the highways, the byways and at the Crossroads!

The New Life Riders ride with the purpose of serving God and the Community.

Please pray for our country, our troops, firefighters, law enforcement officers, first responders, all those in the medical field and everyone who is serving to keep us safe!

Until next time, love Jesus and keep on doing the good stuff...

God bless
Riding with Jesus,
Bob Dillon
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Had I known in March that it was the last time I would be in a restaurant; I would have ordered dessert!

Please watch for my emails and updates!

Jesus said, "Go into the world. Go everywhere and announce the Message of God's good news to one and all." Mark 16:15 (The Message)