



New Life Riders

Motorcyclists Serving God and Community

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Dear Friends,

It's hard to believe that the March winds have arrived! For most of us here in the Midwest, they come as a blessed reminder that balmy breezes and the riding season are just around the corner. It cannot come soon enough. Meanwhile we can fellowship as we attend indoor motorcycling activities.

We thoroughly enjoyed getting together with other bikers at the Chili Cook-off at Dryer Honda South a few weeks ago. Although we didn't ride Gideon, the warmth of the chili was only exceeded by the warmth of all who were in attendance. As always, we were pleased to be able to give Gospels of John with cross and flag pins attached to some of the people we met.

We're looking forward to more outreach opportunities. The Vintage Motorcycle Swap meet at the fairgrounds in Lebanon on March 7 promises to be a great day, too!

For information regarding upcoming events, please check the New Life Riders website www.newliferiders.com frequently for places where you can let your light shine for Jesus. Remember, if because of time or distance, you are unable to attend the listed activities, and you know of one closer to your home, go and share the love of Jesus with a smile, a kind word or a listening ear. Be a blessing!

We look forward to seeing you at our next New Life Riders dinner meeting Friday, March sixth at 6:30 P.M. at Bob Evans Restaurant, 25 South High School Road (located at the corner of High School Road and US 36, Indianapolis. My wife, Kathy, will share the devotional message this month.

The New Life Riders ride with the purpose of serving God and the Community. You don't have to join or belong to any particular organization to be part of our group. Please feel especially invited to come out and fellowship with us. We want you and your family to know that everyone is welcome.

I was truly impressed with a magazine article entitled "A Biker's Creed" that that I happened to read while waiting in my doctor's office. Each statement of belief in this "Creed" was significant. However, it was the anonymous author's very last statement that really hit home. "I am not a part-time biker. I am a biker when, and wherever I go. I am proud to be a biker, and hide my chosen lifestyle from no one. I ride because I love freedom, independence, and the movement of the ground beneath me. But most of all, I ride to better understand myself, my machine, the lands in which I ride, and to seek out and know other bikers like myself."

I really liked what he or she said. Neither am I a part-time biker and what I really found interesting in that portion of the "Creed" was the correlation that one could make between 'Biker' and "Christian."

A phrase often bandied about in religious circles is "full-time Christian service" usually referring to someone going into some church related vocation such as the ministry or the mission field. I never really liked the expression because it could lead one to believe it is possible to be a part-time Christian. I'm glad people don't seem to use it very much anymore. It is my assertion that I cannot be a part-time Christian any more that I can be a part-time Biker. As full-time Bikers and people who love the Lord, we earn our living engaged in



numerous occupations. I am a retired quality engineer. Other bikers are medical doctors, teachers, social workers, machinists, farmers, clerks, craftsmen, soldiers and so on... We work for the government, corporations and academic institutions. These positions afford us the resources that enable us to ride.

The Apostle Paul writing to the church at Colossae said, "*Whatever* you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him." Colossians 3:17 (New King James Version) A little further down in this passage, he says, "do your work wholeheartedly, as for the Lord."

Some of the other points in the "Bikers Creed" were, having fun, enjoying freedom, helping, mentoring, showing respect, and neither judging nor fearing death. Good advice for everyone. We need not fear death. If you have not already done so, I would urge you to accept God's gift of eternal life through His Son, Jesus.

My thanks to the author of the "Creed" for sharing it in the magazine and my gratitude to Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith, for going to the cross for us. Yes, we can have daily occupations and still be full-time Bikers and full-time Christians!

Please note: The New Life Riders will not meet in April so that our members may worship at their individual churches on Good Friday. We will meet again on May first.

As always, I look forward to seeing you down the road.

*God bless
Riding with Jesus,
Bob Dillon*

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16 (NIV)