



New Life Riders

Motorcyclists Serving God and Community

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Dear Friends,

May is Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month. This is proclaimed by Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and ABATE OF Indiana. It is my hope that each of you will take a formal rider education course if you haven't done so. I have taken the course several times. Both of my daughters have taken the course. I guess you can tell I am an advocate. It is surprising the number of bad habits a Safety Course can point out. Also, statistics show that 90 to 95% of riders involved in crashes had no formal training, were self-taught or learned from family and friends.

Some of you may remember a television series that aired in the early eighties called Hill Street Blues. The Sergeant on the program prior to sending his police officers out on patrol each day would say "BE CAREFUL OUT THERE." It's really not bad advice for bikers either. When my mother was alive, she would remind me of that every time she saw me headed toward the garage.

Of course, no matter how careful a rider is, accidents can occur, usually through no fault of his or her own. Most motorists are law-abiding people who bear no animosity toward bikers. They simply do not see us because their eyes have not been trained to look for motorcycles.

In 1983, I was struck by a four-wheeled vehicle whose driver did not see my bright red helmet, my bright red jacket and my bright red bike. Fortunately, my large frame and "natural" padding helped deter any serious injuries. I vaguely remember hearing the state trooper ask the driver when he first saw "the biker." Although it sounds impossible, the reply was, "I saw him when he landed on my windshield." It's an experience I pray the Lord keeps me from repeating.

Yes, life is fragile, and we do need to "Be careful out there!" I strongly advocate taking the Motorcycle Safety Course. However, even more importantly, I urge you to seek refuge and safety in Jesus. "Salvation is to be found through Him alone; in all the world there is no one else whom God has given who can save us." Acts 4:12 (Today's English Version)

The one event in May you should consider riding in is the Region 11 ABATE of Indiana, Shelby County, "Safety and

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LOOK TWICE.
SAVE A LIFE.

Awareness Ride”, on May 8th. It starts VFW POST #2695, 1622 East State Road 44, Shelbyville IN. 46176 (behind movie cinema). Registration begins at 12 noon Ride leaves at 1pm. Cost is \$10 per bike. Family friendly event. Everyone welcome. Food available to purchase at VFW after the ride. Kids games and vendors at end of ride. Also, CMA invites you to take part in a Bike Blessing. For more information contact: Mike Seiler 317-373-5775.

My friends, I would encourage you to get to know the Lord through reading His Word, the Bible. If you haven't asked Him into your heart and life, this would be an excellent time to do so.

I continue to update the New Life Riders website www.newliferiders.com frequently. When you look at it you will notice more local and Indiana events are being listed compared to this time last year. Also, there are many events scheduled in other states. I would suggest that you contact their rally or event headquarters prior to making plans. It would also be a good idea to check their refund policies before making reservations.

Keep checking our website for biking events and activities that you can attend and let your light shine for Jesus. Be a blessing! Don't underestimate your ability to make a difference in someone's life and don't miss any opportunity to make an impact on the world. May you be blessed as you ride, work and witness for Him.

*Please exercise patience and wisdom so that you stay healthy and safe. Encourage others through telephone calls, texts, and helping those who are in need. **All we do is a witness!** “But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the **hope** that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.” 1 Peter 3:15 (NIV)*

*Remember because of Jesus we have **hope!** “Praise God, He is with us! May the **hope** you have in the Lord be a reminder that in all things you are more than conquerors through Jesus who loves us.” (Romans 8:37)*

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!

During the upcoming riding season, remember to shine for Him and reflect His love to all those around you and keep on doing the good stuff.

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

*God bless.
Riding with Jesus,
Bob Dillon
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God bless America.

** I appreciate your feedback and enjoy hearing from you.*

***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)***