

New Life Riders

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Dear friends,

We have really been blessed with some beautiful riding weather and I am so glad to be back on the bike. I want to thank all of you for your phone calls, cards and prayers while I was having health issues.

Special thanks to Ron Moore for his meaningful devotional message at our June meeting based on Job 28, some of the most elegant poetry found in the Old Testament. Reflecting on verse 12, "Where shall wisdom be found?" Ron shared illustrations of the beautiful metals, coins and stones mentioned in the passage. He stated that wisdom is more valuable than any of these precious items. He ended with his thoughts on Job 28:28, "Truly the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom and to depart from evil is understanding."

As usual, June was an extremely busy month for bikers. On any given weekend, there were more motorcycle runs than would have been humanly possible to attend.

As always, the Miracle Ride to benefit Riley Hospital for Children was a blessing. It was a joy riding both days with Bob Johnson and his daughter, Michelle Jarvis. On Saturday, the four of us did the ride out of Southside Harley-Davidson. We followed several interesting detours that took us on some of the most beautiful, twisty back roads. One hundred and seventy miles worth, to be exact! By the end of the day, we were calling ourselves, "The Pathfinders." On Sunday, we joined in with over three thousand of our closest and dearest friends at the staging area for the ride. Normally, Kathy and I walk around talking to people. As Bob and Michelle ventured out, we stayed by the bike because people kept coming up to chat with us. We handed out a lot of scripture portions with the cross and flag pins



attached. Once the ride began, waving to the children who were outside the hospital and to others along the route brought joy to our hearts. The ride around the track at Indianapolis Motor Speedway never gets old. It was a great day!

The Ava Strong Memorial Ride hosted by the Brothers Grim was really well organized with fifty-five motorcycles and thirteen JEEPs participating. The event benefited Olivia, a lovely six-year old who is fighting Acute Myeliod Leukemia. The ride through back roads was wonderful ending at the American Legion Post in Brownsburg where we had lunch and time to visit with some bikers we hadn't seen is a long time.

On June 11, everyone in the biking community was saddened by the news that Rick Perkins had passed away as a result of a motorcycle accident. Yet, there was joy in knowing that Rick is at home with Jesus as people from the various clubs and ministries gathered for his celebration of life service. It was almost like a family reunion as friends hugged and shared memories. Rick did so much for the motorcycling community and

his column in ABATE's <u>Hoosier Motorcyclist</u> was always a blessing. He will be missed by all who knew him. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Paula and all the family.

The weather was perfect for Act of Faith Tenth Annual Car, Truck and Bike Show at the Plainfield Eagles Lodge. Steve "Papaw" Pyatte opened in prayer and made the announcements. As you know, he is always a great MC. There was good food and fellowship as enthusiasts gathered to support families battling terminal illness. Kim Rodgers, Act of Faith Director, has worked tirelessly for many years in helping those in need. Now it is time for her to get some rest. Please join her in prayer that the Lord will call some willing workers to keep the ministry going.

We update the website <u>www.newliferiders.com</u> frequently. Please keep checking for upcoming events like bike nights, charity rides to support good causes, motorcycle shows and swap meets. May you be blessed as you reach out to others in your daily lives and in opportunities that arise while out riding, also at motorcycling events.

Some upcoming rides you won't want to miss are the Hogs for Hounds Ride on July 8 supporting the Hendricks County Animal Shelter and Helping Pawz, the Ride for the Salute to benefit Indiana Blue Star Spirit of Christmas on July 15, Little Angel Gowns Charity Ride, July 22 and on July 29, the "Ruff Ride" raising funds for Hamilton County's Pets Healing Veterans suffering from TBI and PTSD.

The New Life Riders ride with the two-fold purpose of enjoying the wind in our faces and, more importantly, serving God and the Community. You don't have to join or belong to any particular organization to be part of our ministry. I want you and your family to know that all are welcome as we gather.

Think about joining us for good food and great fellowship at our next meeting on Friday, July 7th. We will meet at 6:30 PM at Bob Evans Restaurant, 6102 Cambridge Way, located off Route 267, just north of Route 70, Plainfield, Indiana 46168.

As you go out to be Jesus to a lost world, make sure what you give them is Jesus. Remember what Jesus said in John 14:6 "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me". This is where the rubber hits the road. I encourage you to make a fresh commitment today. There is no other way to God the Father. My brothers and sisters, heed His call and go forth in the love of Jesus!

In closing, as we observe this patriotic Fourth of July holiday, please pray with me for our military: "Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect and bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform. Bless those family members who await their safe return and those who mourn the ones who have given the ultimate sacrifice. They need your loving and comforting touch. Lord, bless our veterans who have given so much. In the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior, Amen".

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

God bless Riding with Jesus, Bob Dillon