



New Life Riders

Motorcyclists Serving God and Community

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Dear Friends,

As I began writing this week we were experiencing some cool, brisk weather here in the mid west. Soon, the leaves will be changing to magnificent autumn hues of gold and crimson beckoning us to ride the highways and byways and enjoying God's creation.

While we are enjoying cool breezes, our thoughts and prayers are with all those who have been affected by the devastating storms in Texas and the Gulf. Just imagine how they are trying to find a clear road to safety.

*Have you ever found yourself riding around trying to access a super highway being overcome with the feeling of helplessness as you ride under the freeway several times looking up at all those other bikes and cars traveling by and having no clue as to how to get on the highway! Many people go through this same kind of frustration spiritually. They see Christians living fulfilled lives. They have become convinced that Christ is the **Way**. They want to follow Him, but they don't know where to begin. We need to be **Introducers**, people who know how to put others in touch with Jesus Christ.*

*Many of us are active in our home churches, in Christian motorcycling, take part in Bible studies. All of these things are important, but sharing our faith is significant and ultimately means **introducing** others to Jesus. I am reminded of Andrew who is seldom mentioned in scripture except in a list with the other disciples. It is interesting to note that every time we do see him, he is **introducing** someone to Jesus. In John chapter one we read that he brought his brother to Jesus; in John 6 he brought the little boy with the loaves and fish; in John 12 he and Philip introduced Jesus to some Greeks who wanted to meet Him. Think of the outcome of those **introductions**! Andrew's brother, Simon Peter, was one of the greatest leaders in the New Testament. The Feeding of the Five Thousand was one of the greatest miracles! And one of the greatest statements Jesus made, when He saw the Greeks coming, "And, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." John 12:32(NRSV)*

*We should all be **introducers** like Andrew. It is legitimate to be concerned about pushing those who are not ready, so we need to be sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit. Witnessing is not our plan, but God's. We are not asking to enter the lives of other people, Jesus is. We are just His representatives. What a blessing to realize He is the evangelist; we are just the **introducers**. We can't convert anyone, but God can use us to lead people to Him. Jesus said, "No one can come unless the Father who sent me draws him." John 6:44*

*Being an **introducer** requires a combination of patience and expectancy. What a tremendous blessing to experience being on hand when God brings someone to Himself!*

Kathy and I missed the August meeting due to a death in the family. We want to thank Ron Moore for giving the devotional message and for all who were on hand to welcome people.

August was a busy month with rides and activities which included ABATE Bikers Care led by Kenny Casey, starting downtown and taking great back roads out into the country; a really special day at Avon United Methodist Church for the Joe Matthews 111 Memorial Car, Truck and Bike Show; and Motorcycles on Meridian an event that provides opportunities to talk with people from all over the United States and even international visitors. We handed out gospels of John with cross and flag pins attached and, of course, Kathy had her usual angel pins for the ladies. Kathy is pictured here with our Valkyrie, Gideon 2, that we triked a few years ago. One gentleman who stopped to talk noticed that we have "Motorcycle and Riders have been

converted” painted on the trunk. However, he thought it said, “Motorcycle and Riders have been confused” We all had had quite a laugh over that!

We update the New Life Riders website www.newliferiders.com frequently. Please check it for rides where you can share the love of Jesus.

These are just a few upcoming activities you won't want to miss.

The Hendricks County ABATE D.B.B.N.F. ride on September 16 in memory of Dan Porter who was an active ABATE member. For more information, contact Sheila at 317-250-2843 or Caseys517@sbcglobal.net.

Another event is the Walneck's Motorcycle Swap Meet at the Morgan County Fairgrounds, 252 Hospital Road, Martinsville, Indiana on September 17. The 16th Annual Hoosier Burn Camp Benefit Ride sponsored by the Hendricks County Professional Firefighters Local 4406 on September 23 is always a good one. Contact Randy at 317-557-9825 or rwaltz@comcast.net. And the 31st Anniversary of Chilifest, sponsored by ABATE of Indiana, Region 11 at Morgan County Fairgrounds, September 29 to October 1. Contact Gary at 765-346-1093.



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. I know many of you will be away for the Labor Day Weekend. For those who will be in town, think about joining us for good food and great fellowship at our next meeting on Friday, September first. 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.

May you be blessed as you go out to share the love of Jesus. Remember, we are called to be **introducers!**

In closing, please continue to pray for the safety of the people in Texas and also for those who have answered the call to go to help with the rescue efforts and ultimately assist with the clean up and rebuilding. As always, I look forward to seeing you down the road.

Until next time....

God bless
Riding with Jesus,
Bob Dillon



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)