



New Life Riders

Motorcyclists Serving God and Community

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Dear Friends,

I am sure there are many of you out there like me. Some of my life's most embarrassing moments happened while riding my bike. I was reflecting on an incident that occurred before moving to Indiana from Pennsylvania. I still have to laugh at myself when I think about it. At the time, I was working in New Jersey. I had to go through the toll booth on the Burlington Bristol Bridge to get to work each day. I had considered getting a coin holder for my bike, but decided the price tag was a bit steep at the time. One Friday evening, when traffic was lined up for a mile behind me, the unthinkable happened! I reached into my pocket and several dollars worth of change went spilling all over the toll plaza. I had two options; leaving the money there or holding up traffic. I chose to leave it there knowing I would not get the same cheerful reaction from my fellow motorists that the woman's rejoicing neighbors exhibited when she found her lost coin in the fifteenth chapter of Luke (the Lost and Found Chapter of the Bible).

A short time later, after purchasing a coin holder, I rode up to the same booth to pay my toll, but the attendant said, "You don't have to pay. The guy ahead of you paid the toll for you". I'm not sure what prompted this random act of generosity. Perhaps my previous costly antics had been observed by the driver in front of me. In any case, his kindness was truly appreciated. However, there was no way I could catch up to thank the generous individual who had paid my way into Pennsylvania! This reminded me of the tremendous price that Jesus paid for our entrance into heaven, a price we could never pay. Just as the kind driver had paid my toll, Jesus in love and mercy has paid "in full" for us. He died on the cross to redeem us and free us from the penalty of sin. "But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8 (New International Version).

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.

Please check the New Life Riders website www.newliferiders.com frequently for events and activities 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!

Two of the many listed upcoming opportunities are the Chili Cookoff on February 7 at Dreyer Honda South and the Twenty-fourth Annual Motorcycle Expo at the Indiana State Fairgrounds on February 20-22.

Also, I am pleased to tell you that Bob Johnson from Faith Walkers has just returned from his mission trip to Mexico. He will bring the devotional message at our next New Life Riders dinner meeting. Kathy and I look forward to seeing you on Friday, February 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).

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 always be glad you shared a table with us. Everyone is welcome.

Remember, love Jesus, love others and keep doing the good stuff! 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)