



New Life Riders

Motorcyclists Serving God and Community

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Dear Friends,

You know it is February with the frigid temperatures and inclement weather we are experiencing here in central Indiana, although it is nothing compared to the two to three feet of snow that has fallen south and east of us! It's enough to keep even the bravest of bikers off the roads!

This is always an exciting month with numerous motorcycle trade shows to attend. The sure cure for cabin fever and to chase the winter doldrums is to get out and fellowship with like-minded people and to see the latest in "must-have, can't live without" motorcycles and accessories. I know we are all looking forward to seeing each other at the upcoming indoor bike shows and swap meets knowing that the riding season will soon be upon us.

Speaking of bike shows, I hope to see you at the 25th Annual Indiana Motorcycle Expo, February, 19th to 21st in the Exposition Hall at the Indiana State Fairgrounds.. The hours are Friday 2pm-8pm, Saturday 10am-8pm, and Sunday 10am-5pm. For more show details call Janine Lawton at (765) 641-7712 or go to www.IndySportShow.com

I was very glad to read that the new On and Off ramps from 465 on to US 31 North are finally finished. I don't know about you, but I found riding in that area a bit confusing. See the attached photo.

Continuing on a humorous note, it's funny how things change with time. We now celebrate Presidents' Day as a National Holiday. However, some of you may recall from childhood that we had two school holidays in February, Lincoln and Washington's Birthdays. Just think, candy logs for Lincoln's birthday, chocolate-covered cherries for Washington's birthday, and chocolate hearts for Valentine's Day! I can only imagine how much our teachers appreciated that extra day off to recuperate from all the hyper activity from us kids who had consumed all those sweets!



Thinking along those lines, I am reminded of a song written by Lela Long that I haven't heard in years. My wife, Kathy, taught it to our daughters when they were young. It goes like this....

*"Jesus is the sweetest name I know,
And He's just the same as His lovely name,
And that's the reason why I love Him so;
Oh, Jesus is the sweetest name I know."*

Jesus is known by many names, Advocate, Mediator, Bright and Morning Star, Resurrection and the Life, Redeemer and Deliverer to name a few. But most of all, He loved us enough to be our Savior! We read in Romans 5:8, "God demonstrated His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Because of His great love on Calvary, we are commanded to love one another. This love requires a response, to love because He first loved us.

One of the places I see love extended to others is in the motorcycling community. Opportunities abound to attend and assist the various secular groups as they host rides and activities to support charities and

individuals in need. It is our responsibility as Christians and as New Life Riders to share God's message of salvation with all whom we meet. What qualifies us to do this is our love for the people, certainly **not** our brilliance or eloquence, but our willingness to love people. We are called by the Lord to be communicators of the Gospel and mandated to take the message of Jesus' love into the entire world!

May you be blessed as you reach out to others in your daily lives and in all the motorcycle shows and activities coming up this month.

Please keep checking the website www.newliferiders.com for places where you can go and 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. Be a blessing!

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. You don't even have to ride to be part of our group. All are welcome. We need prayer warriors, too! Please feel especially invited to come out and fellowship with us. And speaking of prayer warriors, please pray for our troops, firefighters, law enforcement officers and all those who serve to keep us safe.

On behalf of the New Life Riders, I want to express my gratitude to Linda Huffman for her gift of two hundred stamps to be used for our upcoming mailings. It is very much appreciated.

The New Life Riders enjoy getting together for times of fellowship. We were so pleased to have George Partridge with us at our January meeting. He drove four hours to join us for dinner. Every one of the New Life Riders offered a place for him to stay for the night, but George said he had to get back home – another four-hour ride, arriving home at 1:00am! It was great seeing you again, George!

I would like to thank Lynn Brown for offering to give the devotional message at our February meeting. Why not take a night off from cooking and join us for good food and great fellowship at our next meeting on **Friday, February 5th** at 6:30 PM at Bob Evans Restaurant, 25 South High School Road, located just off Route 465 at the corner of High School Road and U.S. 36, Indianapolis. We want you and your family to know that everyone is welcome.

May you be blessed as you share the love of Jesus!

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)