



New Life Riders

Motorcyclists Serving God and Community

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Dear friends,

Several months have gone by since Kathy and I attended an organized ride or event. What a joy to finally have the opportunity to go on the ABATE Hogs for Hounds Ride benefitting the Hendricks County Animal Shelter. Kenny Casey led us on some beautiful, twisty scenic roads. At the end, we did not go in for lunch or attend the additional activities.

The following Saturday we went to the Five Star Ride, starting at Plainfield Eagles, benefitting Brain Injury Survivors of Indiana. We signed in with our contribution. I was honored by being asked to do the riders departing prayer. We didn't actually go on the ride with them, we came home, and I started working on this newsletter.

With all the news regarding our police, firefighters and other public servants and the date of the month, I couldn't help recalling the sad senseless and horrific acts of September 11th, 2001.

Then I thought about the coronavirus. If you search the internet you will find that on March 11th 2020 (March was the last time we met as a group) there were 118,000 confirmed cases of coronavirus around the world with 4,300 deaths. Today there are 28 million with 900,000 deaths. That is a big difference, and I am sure by the time you read this the number will be higher.

We need to pray for our nation and the world; for all those whose lives that were directly impacted with tragic loss and hurt and never forget that we are a people who find strength and resilience in our Lord.

In Psalm 86:1-4 (NIV) we read, "Hear me Lord, and answer me, for I am poor and needy. Guard my life, for I am faithful to you; save your servant who trusts in you. You are my God; have mercy on me, Lord, for I called to you all day long. Bring joy to your servant, Lord, I put my trust in you."

Yes, waiting can be difficult. My favorite passage of scripture is Isaiah 40:31 "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint." I must admit I was becoming weary and missed the fellowship and camaraderie of my biker brothers and sisters.

I believe we all want to get out and enjoy a good ride, friendship, fellowship and to benefit a good cause. However, it is very important that we practice social distancing and wear a mask when not riding. This is not just for you, but those around you.

Kathy and I have taken several rides by ourselves. We have gone to the Post Office and taken a sixty-mile scenic detour home. Only those who love to feel the wind in their faces would understand!

This pandemic has created a new normal for many of us. If you have not contracted the Coronavirus, you are blessed. There are people out there with really serious health problems, grieving the loss of loved ones, facing unemployment and foreclosure; people in grave situations that are in need of comfort, help, and, most of all, prayer.

I was reminded of a quote attributed to Blaise Pascal, French mathematician and philosopher who lived in the 1600's. "There is a God-shaped vacuum in the heart of every man which cannot be filled by any created thing, but only by God, the Creator." The things of this world cannot fill the vacuum Pascal was talking about, not the best education, the most lucrative job, a large, nicely decorated house or even – the most magnificent motorcycle! As wonderful as all these things are, they do not truly satisfy the heart. Only Jesus can satisfy the longing, loneliness, and emptiness of the heart. St. Augustine said, "Our hearts are restless until they find their rest in thee, O God."

Dear Friends, if you have not already done so, I would urge you to invite Jesus into your heart and life. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not unto your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and He will direct your paths." Proverbs 3:5&6. I can assure you, life will not be dull, there is always great adventure when walking/riding with the Lord.

COVID-19 has brought some new lessons regarding "waiting upon the Lord." Some of the newer translations say, "They that hope in the Lord." which seems more "active." Isaiah 40:31 continues to call us to a quiet time of prayer and meditation, getting closer to the Lord. However, hoping also signifies "doing", trusting God with active confidence.

It's great to be "On the Road Again" but the downtime is teaching us/me some precious lessons. I am looking forward to taking more rides in the crisp autumn air and enjoying the leaves of every hue imaginable!

Please continue to check out the New Life Riders Website www.newliferiders.com for upcoming events. Note many events in our area and surrounding states are being cancelled or postponed. I try to keep the website's events page updated with the most current information. However, before venturing out, you may want to confirm the status of the listed event. Be a blessing! Don't miss any opportunity to make an impact on the world. No matter what your abilities or gifts are, Jesus will use them to reach people for Him.

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

Until next time, love Jesus and keep on doing the "good stuff"

*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)***