



New Life Riders

Motorcyclists Serving God and Community

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Dear Friends,

Happy New Year!!! I want to take this opportunity to wish each of you God's richest blessings in 2024. I am having a hard time believing that I am writing the January 2024 newsletter. How quickly the year 2023 has come and gone!

Here we are at the threshold of a New Year. The days ahead may be uncertain with some valleys to go through and some joyful mountain peaks to experience. But, praise God, Jesus Christ is with us through it all!

Riding season is just around the corner. It cannot come soon enough for many of you. Meanwhile we all can enjoy the fellowship with other bikers as we attend the many numerous indoor motorcycling activities/events.

Among the things I really love about the holidays is receiving cards and letters from people I do not have the pleasure of seeing very often and finding out what has been going on in their lives. The joy of hearing about weddings, new babies, promotions and scenic rides they have taken is great. Sadly, sometimes the messages contain tragic news of terminal illness, divorce and loss of loved ones.

I was truly impressed with a magazine article titled "A Biker's Creed" that that I happened to read while waiting in my doctor's office. Each statement of belief in this "Creed" was significant. However, it was the anonymous author's very last statement that really hit home. "I am not a part-time biker. I am a biker when and wherever I go. I am proud to be a biker and hide my chosen lifestyle from no one. I ride because I love freedom, independence, and the movement of the ground beneath me. But most of all, I ride to better understand myself, my machine, the lands in which I ride, and to seek out and know other bikers like myself."

I really liked what he or she said. Neither am I a part-time biker and what I really found interesting in that portion of the "Creed" was the correlation that one could make between "Biker" and "Christian."

A phrase often bandied about in religious circles is "full-time Christian service," usually referring to someone going into some church-related vocation such as pastoral ministry or the mission field. I never really liked the expression because it could lead one to believe it is possible to be a part-time Christian. I'm glad people don't seem to use it very much anymore. It is my assertion that I cannot be a part-time Christian anymore that I can be a part-time Biker. As full-time Bikers and people who love the Lord, we earn our living engaged in numerous occupations such as medical doctors, teachers, social workers, machinists, farmers, clerks,

craftsmen, soldiers and so on... We work for the government, corporations and academic institutions. These positions afford us the resources that enable us to ride.

The Apostle Paul writing to the church at Colossae said, "Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him." Colossians 3:17 (New King James Version) A little further down in this passage, he says, "do your work wholeheartedly, as for the Lord."

Some of the other points in the "Bikers Creed" were, having fun, enjoying freedom, helping, mentoring, showing respect, and neither judging nor fearing death. Good advice for everyone. We need not fear death.

If you have not already done so, I would urge you to accept God's gift of eternal life through His Son, Jesus.

My thanks to the author of the "Creed" for sharing it in the magazine and my gratitude to Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith, for going to the cross for us. Yes, we can have daily occupations and still be full-time Bikers and full-time Christians. We serve a God who can do all things, and I believe He will use us, together, to reach people.

I pray you will be abundantly blessed during this New Year.

As always, keep doing the good stuff. I look forward to seeing you down the road!

Until next time.

*God bless
Riding with Jesus,
Bob Dillon
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God bless America.

*Do you know someone who has been asking the question:
who is Jesus?
This could be the day that they meet their Savior and find the
answer!*

*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)*