



Road Riders For Jesus

Chapter 9 St. Charles, MO

Fellowship - Ride - Witness

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From Our President:

**The Prodigal
Son
November 26
2010**



Jack Ross

Those of us who have grown up in or been around the organized church for much time at all have all heard sermons on the parable of the prodigal son. This parable was related by Jesus in the fifth chapter of Luke. I have always thought of this as showing how forgiving and loving our heavenly Father is when we see our sin filled life, repent and go to God the Father and are accepted with open loving arms into the family. Of course in this case the son is welcomed back into the family as he chose to leave with his inheritance before he was really entitled to it. The father was delighted to see him come home and he immediately restored him to full membership in the family.

I just read a book that opened a whole new way of looking at this parable. It is *The Prodigal God* by Timothy Keller. It is a short quick read and I highly recommend it. Now what Mr. Keller gets me to look at is the attitude of the elder brother.

Remember, he was pretty ticked off that the father was having a feast, putting the best clothes on the younger son who had gone off, lived an unholy life, wasted all his inheritance and then came back when life became hard for him. The elder brother would not even come into the party and told the father how disrespected he was because he had always been there and done what the father told him. In other words he had lived a holy life and now was being disrespected and losing part of his inheritance to his sinful young brother.

Now think about it, which had a relationship problem with the father? The younger son repented and came back to the father. The elder brother felt all righteous and refused to come in. Had he spent his life being holy because he loved his father or was he putting in his time waiting for the father to die so he could have the inheritance?

Mr. Keller explains how many churches today are filled with elder brothers who live what they think is a holy life but have no relationship with the father. Even though that may be the case he says we can not discard the church. We need fellowship with believers. Let me quote because obviously I am not the author Mr. Keller is.

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I have explained in this book why churches--- and all religious institutions—are often so unpleasant. They are filled with elder brothers. Yet staying away from them simply because they have elder brothers is just another form of self-righteousness. Besides that there is no way you will be able to grow spiritually apart from a deep involvement in a community of other believers. You can't live the Christian life without a band of Christian friends, without a family of believers in which you find a place.

Jack Ross
President
RRJ Chapter 9

Don't confuse God's patience with his final response!

**Been taken for granted?
Imagine how God feels**

Chapter night out for November

The dinner was held on December 14th and was planned by Barb Carnaghi and hosted by Dennis Bauer. "Ginghams" on Hwy 94 was the restaurant

Those in attendance were Linda and Russ Wiedner, John Chisenhall, Rich and Jan Aubuchon, Yvonne and Kevin Reynolds, Gary and Karen Pohlman and a special showing by our president Jack Ross.

This was our last Dinner night out for this year. Please make plans to attend the RRJ Christmas party on Dec. 4th.

Meetings are the 3rd Saturday of each month at 8:30am. Our location is the Ridgecrest Baptist Church. The address is:
1731 Zumbuhl Rd,
Saint Charles, MO 63303

For further information contact:
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Web Site of the Month

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Chaplain's Corner

By Dennis Bauer

God Started It

(Praise Him)

*Would not you think that God's own son
Should come in pomp and praise?
Instead he chose to come a babe,
A little child be raised.*

*This little child in manger laid
Has grown into the man,
Who gave His life in sacrifice
To carry out God's plan.*

*Christ also came because we all
Don't know we have a need -
To be redeemed from sin's result
From death's cold grasp be freed.*

*Though many ways we look at God,
His message stays the same,
Through Jesus Christ we come to Him,
Just call upon His name.*

*For there is nothing in our lives
That brings us back to God,
Our bent is far away from Him,
Which seems so very odd.*

*The truth is there, hard to accept,
That truth will never sway,
Unless God reaches out to us,
There is no other way.*

*Christ came to earth, to show God's love,
To bring us back to Him,
Provide the way we cannot find
To take away our sin.*

*It's love that reaches out to us
Before we know our need,
Without that love we'd never know
How lost we are, indeed.*

*So drop the pride and come to God,
Through Christ He's shown to you
The way He loves and wants you back
To make your life anew.*

*At Christmas time we celebrate,
Not babe in manger laid,
But what God's done through Jesus Christ,
Bridge back to Him He's made.*

*So here is Christ, He's calling you,
"Oh please accept my plan,
I've shown my love to one and all,
Reach out and take my hand."*

*With Christ in you new life He gives,
In Him you'll find life's reason,
Internal peace and joy He gives,
Praise Him this Christmas season.*

Dennis A. Bauer

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Praise and Prayers:

1. Jack's mom. She is improving and hopeful to be released on Saturday.
2. Ron Smith from the Jefferson City Chapter. Pray for rapid healing from the cycle accident her had.
3. Bev Ferqueron's daughter, Jessica. Also for her grandson, who is in custody of the court.
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8. Debbie Ross requests prayer for her daughter, Katie. She is moving to Washington DC. Pray for Katie's safety and that she returns to the Lord.
9. Pray for Dave and Penny Iannacone as they are on a mission trip to Africa.
10. Gene and Lonnie Gibson. Lonnie is improving, but still needs our prayers.

Safety Tip of the Month:

Ride with a great attitude

This is one of the best ways to enjoy riding more and to effect a change in the general public's sometime dim view of motorcycling. A bad attitude will be reflected in your riding and a preoccupation with whatever made you grumpy will only distract you from the job at hand: safely riding your motorcycle.

On anything other than wide-open country roads, you have a choice while riding: ride with the flow of traffic, or fight it. There are often times when traffic is not moving at a speed you would choose. When this happens, poor riders zig-zag through the slower traffic, tailgating, cutting people off, and generally irritating everyone on the road, reinforcing the perception that all motorcyclists are daredevil speed demons with no respect for mom, apple pie, or the law.

Option two is you can try to be a courteous rider, demonstrating what a responsible person you are, "Look ma, I'm all grown up now." It is my opinion that nothing harms the image of motorcycling more than a rider aggressively weaving through traffic on a motorcycle. It may impress 14-year-old boys being shuttled to little league, but they don't vote or call their elected representatives, although their parents sometimes do.

When you ride, you are an ambassador of motorcycling to the general public and it is your responsibility to ride accordingly.

Featured Members

Kevin and Yvonne Reynolds

Yvonne stated that they met in high school (Francis Howell North). They met in detention, imagine that. Kevin was a frequent attendee, it was her first time.

They were both 15.

They have been married for 15 months.

Their children are: Taylor 18, Emily 12, Maria 11, Kevin Jr. 10 and a new baby due in April.

They have been members of RRJ since May 2010.

They live in beautiful Saint John, MO, where they have lived for 5 years.

Yvonne works in advertising (selling: T-shirts, Sport shirts /silk screened and embroidered goods, pretty much any sort of Team Apparel and also advertising specialty items, such as pens, pencils, bumper stickers, magnets.)

Kevin owns a remodeling company called "Your Budget Remodeling".

Kevin's motorcycle is a 2004 Harley Davidson Fat Boy

He has been riding 10 years. Yvonne rides with Kevin, when she isn't pregnant! (Lots of Luck!)

Their church is Harvester Christian Church in St. Charles, MO

Yvonne said, their Senior Minister, Brian Jobe is amazing. We both enjoy his sermons, and he's taught us a lot about being better Christians. We were both previously Catholic.

Kevin rides or tries to ride at least two times a month. This season, he has rode 3500 miles. For short rides alone, he likes to ride the river roads to Illinois, and he likes to find good BBQ places to eat. Kevin rode to Cherokee Pass for Days of Praise and enjoyed himself very much.

When asked, what, were their Favorite RRJ memory? We both love all of the people in the group and always enjoy the meetings and the dinner night out. We are lucky to have met such wonderful people. It has been a true blessing to the both of us.



Kevin Reynolds



Yvonne Reynolds

Members: Send me an email with your old, funny or strange photos. You can add a caption or we can make one up! I hope you enjoy some of this months photos!

Email them to Gary@GaryPohlman.com

Members: This is your newsletter! Please send your comments, praises, or just stories to the editor. Email them to Gary@GaryPohlman.com . We are One family and would like to hear from you!

Up Coming Events

December 4, 2010 5pm – 9pm
Road Riders For Jesus
Christmas Party
At Have Bible Will Travel on Craig Rd
Chapters bring a turkey or ham.
Everyone else a side dish.
More info call Jack: 636- 493-0515

Dec 9-10, 2010 6:30 - 9pm
Dec 11-12, 2010 5:30 - 9pm
Journey to Bethlehem
Harvester Christian Church
Hwy 94 & Jungs Station Rd
St Charles, MO 63303

December 24, 2010
Open House
Dennis Bauer's Home
More info call:
Dennis @ 314-503-7253

January 1st, 2011
St Louis Polar Bear Ride
11:00am at the Arch
Chapter 9 meet at Ridgecrest at 10am
to ride / car pool.

January 15, 2011
RRJ Chapter Meeting
Pot Luck Chile and Soup
@ Dave & Penny Iannacone's
More details to follow.

Would you like an Event Posted!
Contact
Gary @GaryPohlman.com

February 12, 2011
Road Riders For Jesus
Not so Newly Wed Game/Dinner
More Information to Follow

Chapter 9 "Culvers Fund Raisers"
Monday April 25th 2011
Tuesday May 24th 2011
More information to follow

May 14, 2011
Road Riders For Jesus
Missouri State Rally
More Information to Follow

June 4, 2011
Road riders For Jesus
Son Rise Ride
More Information to Follow

September 7-11, 2011
Road Riders For Jesus
Days of Praise
More Information to Follow

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Located at
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Saint Charles, MO 63303

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or e-mail jackrossrrj9@yahoo.com
Join us at 7:30am the morning of our
meetings for breakfast and fellowship
at The Bread Co. 2079 Zumbahl Rd. in
Bogey Hills Plaza, just south of I-70.

RRJ 9 Meeting minutes
November 20, 2010

The meeting was called to order by President Jack Ross.

- There were 18 members in attendance with special guests MO State RRJ President Mike Burger and the HBWT President.
- Opening prayer by Dennis Bauer.
- Treasure report by Linda stated we had \$813.78
- Prayer requests:
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- Gary revamped the front page of the web site. The second page down on the web page will show information about our members. Featured members in the newsletter have been transferred to the site.
- The phone tree committee is trying to update the list of members in our chapter. A suggestion to distribute flyers about our chapter, events, and web site to motorcycle shops and other public places was discussed. Jack and Gary will come up with a flyer and have it printed. Rich will help with the distribution.
- Culvers Fund Raisers will be Monday April 25th and Tuesday May 24th 2011. Other fund raising opportunities were suggested. The Samaritan Card, which is a card to be purchased for \$20, can be used at participating restaurants and stores. A portion of the money would be given to our chapter. Another suggestion by Mike Burger was to set up a donation "Road block" and people could donate to our organization.

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- Dennis did the devotion and suggested that we try to reach out to people whenever we are at a restaurant. Leave a flyer and a track. Devotion was done based on Philippians 4:6&7. Pray about everything. Prayer is praise and worship. Revelation 7:11-12. We need to have an expression of gratitude.
- Rich presented the safety report. Look at the advantages of having a CB.
 1. Warning about things in the road.
 2. Weather reports
 3. Contact emergency services
 4. Good way to communicate with each other while riding.Least expensive CB is a Midland 822 for about \$300. A high end CB can be a JMCB 2003 and runs about \$800.
- No meeting in December.
- The Missouri Road Riders for Jesus Christmas Party will be December 4th and we will depart from Ridgecrest at 4pm to carpool to Have Bible Will Travel.
- January meeting will be held on the 15th. It will be held at the home of Dave and Penny Iannacone.
- Jack Ross announced with deep regrets that he would not be running for our chapter president next year. He has taken on a State RRJ office and this will take up a lot of his time.
- Elections for our RRJ Chapter 9 will be at our January meeting. Please pray about who should be on the ballot and call jack with any nominees.
The positions are President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasure, Chaplain, and Historian.
- An update on Jefferson City chapter member Ron Smith who was in a motorcycle accident, found that he was improving but has a long way to go to get back on his feet.
- The “pass the hat” collected \$52 and will be given to Ron Smith to help with his recovery.
- Two gift cards \$50 each (one for gas and one for food) will be purchased and given to a family who are members of our chapter.
- The meeting was closed in prayer.

On the Lighter Side!

A few years ago, a not so bright guy that I used to work, with, sees that I had a thermos. He asks me, what it does and I responded, "It keeps hot things hot, and cold things cold"
The co-worker was amazed and when he got home, immediately went out and bought one.
The next day he comes to work and is proud that he has this wonderful object.
I realized that he has a new thermos and I asked, "What do you have in it?" He says, "Soup, and ice cream!"

Riding Under The Holy Spirit

On November 6, 2010, Chapter 9 held their first RUTHS (Riding Under the Holy Spirit) gathering. It was a breakfast hosted at the home of Debbie Ross. There were 7 of us who participated in a luscious meal. The table was set for royalty with festive decorations that ran down the middle of the table complete with lit votive candles in various places.

For several hours we talked, as women can do, about various topics. All in all we got to know each other more than just the wife of or a friend of someone in the chapter. Before we departed we gathered in a circle and prayed about the concerns that were apparent on the minds of those who were there; gave each other a HUG (to say I'm here for you).

We will gather again, perhaps after the holidays, to define the purpose of RUTHS. We would love to have YOU join us next time. No date has been set for the next meeting so keep looking on the web site for the next gathering of RUTHS.

See you!!!

Barb Carnaghi



Fun Facts in the Bible

- The oldest person in the Bible was Methuselah. He died when he was 969 years old.
- Two men in the Bible never died. They were Enoch and Elijah. God brought them right up to heaven.
- Isaiah prophesied most about the coming of Jesus. Isaiah 52:13-53:12 lists more than 20 things about Jesus, all of which are true.
- The strongest man in the Bible is Samson.
- The wisest man in the Bible is Solomon.
- The first book of the Bible tells of a serpent tempting Eve. The last book of the Bible calls Satan "that serpent of old, who is the Devil." (Genesis 3; Revelation 20:2).
- "Do not be afraid" appears 365 times in the Bible. Hmm, same amount of days in a year!
- A raven was the first animal out of the ark.

November 6th, 2010

Saturday Ride

It was a cool crisp sunny day and Chapter 9 was ready for a ride. We decided to meet at Jack Ross's house because he needed to go and pick up his motorcycle, in Granite City Illinois. I will not bore you with why his bike was in the shop. We have all heard that story many times!

Those in attendance were Rich Aubuchon, Gary Pohlman, Kevin Reynolds, Steve Schroeder, Russ Wiedner and of course, Jack. While we were waiting for Jack to come out, we drew straws for who was going to have to let Jack ride on the back of their motorcycle, especially with his cute leather chaps on. Well Steve won (or lost) and was a good sport about taking Jack. Below is a photo, and I think a part of the conversation that took place between Jack and Steve, as we left Jack's house.

All kidding aside we had a great time. We went to Granite City, picked up Jack's bike, went to Ted's Motorcycle in Alton for a Chile Cook off event and then went to Fast Eddies for some gourmet food. The photo below is Priceless and somewhat explains how a group of men can, and always do, have a great time together.



What a difference a year makes!

It has been a little over a year since I had my first encounter with Road Riders For Jesus. Little did I know how this group of people would effect my life!

I got my Suzuki Boulevard in July and became comfortable riding it. I attended the Motorcycle training class in St Charles County and passed all my motorcycle tests. I was ready to go! I needed someone to ride with.

Since I was a Christian before I got my motorcycle, I got on the Inter-net and looked for Christian motorcycle organizations. There it was! Road Riders For Jesus National, but even more interesting, there was a chapter in St Charles.

I prayed and ask God for courage to go, "Out side my comfort zone," and attend at least one meeting. I did not know what to expect but I showed up at the Bread Company on Zumbahl & Hwy 70 at 7:30 on a cold Saturday morning in November. I walked up to a table where three guys were having coffee and they appeared to look like mean bikers. I don't know if they remember this but Jack, Steve, and Russ

welcomed me with open hearts. Other members came in and I tried to remember names and faces. At 8:25 we were off to our meeting location which at the time was St Charles Police Station. What was this! Were these guys used to spending time at this place, and thought it was a good place to have a meeting? I was introduced at the meeting and listened to the prayer requests and then we prayed. Jack conducted some business matters and then Steve had a devotional for us.

Praise God! This is where I was to be!

After the meeting, every person that was there made an effort to come to me and welcome me to their organization. I will never forget that!

Many relationships have come about and I can truly call members of Chapter 9 my family in Christ. We are all brothers and sisters in His Name.

Every day God opens doors in my life, but I got to tell you, this door was of the huge garage type door. Thank you; Thank you, Road Riders For Jesus and especially Chapter 9!

Gary



Linda Wiedner

Our chapter treasurer had her surgery on Monday 11/22/10. Things went well but Linda is struggling to figure out how to properly use crutches. Debbie took her lunch Wednesday and visited. Linda said she is feeling good but getting really bored. Keep Linda and Russ in your prayers because when Linda recuperates, Russ has to have gall bladder surgery.

Photos from the Past!



Do you know this RRJ couple? The photo was taken after high school graduation from Riverview Gardens in Bellefontaine Neighbors, MO in 1969!
(polaroid pictures, just don't hold up like they should!)

Gary and Karen Pohlman

How about these RRJ members from June 1974 (lower left) and the photo below, who knows what year!



Rich and Jan Aubuchon



BROKEN HAWK
Rich Aubuchon

Road Riders For Jesus

Christmas Party

Have Bible Will Travel
1745 Craig Rd.

Maryland Heights, MO 63146

December 4, 2010 5pm – 9pm
Dinner at 6pm

Chapter 9 will bring a turkey.

Members bring a side dish.

We will meet and leave from
Ridgecrest Baptist Church
1731 Zumbuhl at 4:30pm

More info call Jack:

636- 493-0515

There will be a stream
lined shorter gift exchange.
Each member should bring
a gender specific gift
limited to \$10.



Christmas Eve at the Bauer House
2104 Creekpoint Drive
Saint Peters, MO 63376

6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Open House

(Come & Go as you please)

Christmas Caroling in the neighborhood

at

8:00 PM

Food

Fellowship

Games & Puzzles

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Hot Chocolate

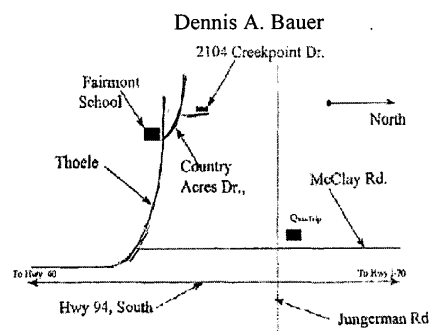
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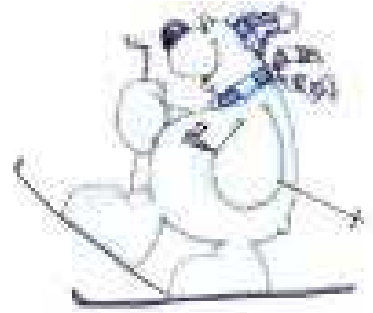
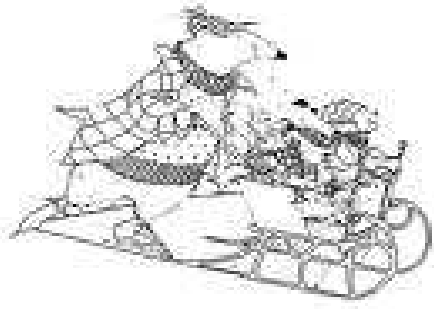
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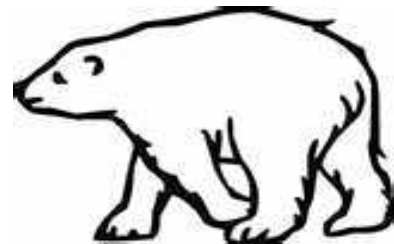
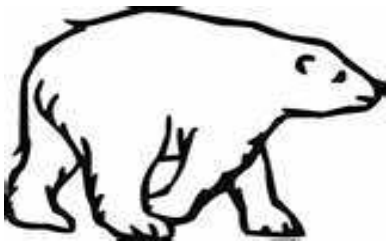




Road Riders For Jesus

2011 Polar Bear Ride

St Louis Gateway Arch
January 1st, 2011
11:00 am



Start the New Year with a gathering of Friends and Fellowship
Chapter 9 meet at Ridgecrest Baptist Church at 10am.

Rain, sleet, snow, winter cold will not stop this group!

(We may be going in warm safe cars.)

After the gathering at the Arch we will go to Lewis and Clark
Restaurant in St Charles for lunch.