



Road Riders For Jesus

Chapter 9 St. Charles, MO

Fellowship - Ride - Witness

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From Our President:

This is my last time to write to you as President of St Charles Chapter 9. Obviously I have mixed emotions as I

do so. Even though I feel God has clearly

shown me stepping down as president is the right thing to do, there is considerable sadness with closing this segment of my service to God via Road Riders for Jesus. It has been a great privileged to serve and represent you. There has always been unity, respect, cooperation and all around Christian attitudes in this chapter. Has there ever been any disagreement and contention? Certainly, but for the most part it has always been resolved in an amenable manor. When we planned riding, trips, fundraising and any other events there has been nothing but cooperation and participation. I hope you don't get tired of me telling you of our beginnings when I had fear down deep no one would show up to work events but never, never have we lacked hard working, committed and cheerful workers. Thank you so much. You made me look good.



Jack Ross

I road motorcycles back in my years living in Texas (1970s and 1980s) but had been without one since 1990. In 2004 one of the most conservative members of Ridgecrest Baptist Church, where Debbie and I were attending, bought a Honda 750. That was amazing and the talk of the church. Not long after that Dave Iannacone showed up on a motorcycle. That stirred the old riding juices, remembering the freedom of the open road, feeling one with the machine with its engine throbbing under you, forgetting all the stress of daily life and the black top sliding past with miraculous ease. I found myself noticing bikes as they passed and ones that sat on the side of the road with a for sale signs on them. One day in 2004 Debbie called me at work. Debbie said, "You should take some money and go buy a motorcycle." I found out later, Susan, Debbie's lovely daughter, had been lobbying on my behalf (I was totally unaware and didn't pay her a dime) She had said to Debbie, "Why don't you let Jack get a motorcycle?" Well, you can imagine how long it took me to get to Donaldson's and sign on the dotted line. I wasn't going to take any chance Debbie would regret that rash proposal and change her mind.

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We became the proud owners of a 2004 Honda 1100 Shadow. When I first sat on the new Honda it felt vaguely familiar but the ride home was awkward. It had been fourteen years sense I had ridden. I knew it would take time to get comfortable in the saddle. Debbie and I took short rides and I road with Dave and others from Ridgecrest. We would meet occasionally and called ourselves the Ridge Riders complete with a logo we put on some shirts. My riding was sporadic and we put just a few miles on the bike the first summer.



Jack, and his new 2004 Honda 1100 Shadow

One day when Dave and a couple others were out riding they happened (divine appointment for sure) met Steve Carr. Shortly thereafter we took a short ride down Highway 94 with Carl Crackle and Steve. That led to our first organizational meeting as RRJ Chapter 12 in October 2004. Chapter 12 you say? Back in those days chapters were assigned a number even before they were chartered. Because some chapters that were in the qualifying stage didn't make it we became St Charles, MO Chapter 9. At the first meeting we appointed temporary officers and I became president of our chapter. Six years, wow what an amazing ride. I have to give credit and thanks to Wright City Chapter 4 for their support during our qualifying period. Not only did Dan Stradavant and Randy Shepard show up regularly, we inherited Russ and Linda Wiedner from them. Carl Crackle was always available to encourage, and advise, many thanks to all.

We have seen some great times and met many people during the six years with RRJ. This ministry has become a very important part of our lives. This experience has challenged, stretched and blessed me. It has been a privilege to wear the colors and Debbie and I thank God for each of you for enriching our lives through RRJ.

As I move on to serve as Assistant Missouri Coordinator, I am sure new leadership will bring new ideas and energy to our chapter. My prayer is that the new leadership will be as blessed as I have been.

“On Christ, the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand.”

God bless and protect you.
With love and gratitude, I sign off as your president for the last time.
Truly yours,
Jack Ross



2005 Group Ride



Jack, receiving our chapter 9 Charter

Chaplain's Corner

By Dennis Bauer



Dennis Bauer

God of Many Chances Romans 5:20 – 6:2

Have you ever done a Bible search on the word, “Grace?” Even a surface search will reveal God’s grace throughout His Word. “Three strikes and you’re out,” does not apply to in God’s economy. “By grace we have been saved, through faith.” (Eph. 2: 8 & 9) That started it, but did not end it.

This life is an adventure of learning and growing in ways to let God’s love be clearly seen through us. It is an ongoing process, not a goal to be attained. Therefore, we are going to slip, fall, stumble and go off on tangents. But God’s grace is sufficient to lift us up, bring us back and carry us to the next step, the next plateau. We are allowed to make mistakes. It’s part of growing. Just as we do not punish our children because they stumble as they are learning to walk, the Father shows compassion toward us as we stumble and trip along the path on which He has set us.

Does this mean we have the right to intentionally sin? Of course not! That’s what Romans 5:20 – 6:2 addresses. But, if we do sin, we know He has compassion on us and will forgive the sin when we confess it to Him.

What God is telling us is, “Don’t quit. When you stumble, don’t quit. Let me hold your hand. I will keep you from falling. When the cares of life seem overwhelming, don’t quit. I am here with you. Just reach out to me. I will not forsake you. Don’t you understand, my child, that I am in the process of growing you into the image of my Son?”

Far too often we are more critical of ourselves--treating our errors more harshly than God, himself, does. Our task, therefore, is to surrender to His will, bask in His love, live in His grace and be deeply grateful for his mercy. Let gratitude be the motive of our surrender to Him. Praise the Father for the many, many new chances He gives us.

May the New Year see each of us grow in God’s grace and touch lives for Him in ways we never thought possible.

Praise and Prayers:

1. Lonnie Gibson is considerably improved. Doing much better on different medications. Gene expresses much gratitude for the prayers and support they have received from RRJ.
2. Jack's mom is doing well. She will be staying with Jack and Debbie for several months.
3. Steve Schroeder's daughter, Mallory, will start working for Wal-Mart after the first of the year.
4. Gary Pohlman will have left knee replaced on January 4. Pray for procedure to go well and a speedy recovery.
5. Luann Petri's job will be running out next August. Pray for wisdom and the Lord's supply for the future.
6. Pray for the upcoming RRJ election. That those people elected to office will be the ones God has ordained for the positions. Also, that the transition to new leaders will be smooth. Express gratitude to God for Jack's leadership since the Chapter was chartered.
7. Pray for RRJ9 to move to higher levels of ministry and service. And for the Lord to bring to us those whom we can serve and to whom we can minister. Also, that we will have a strong, positive influence for Jesus as we ride and work in the community
8. Pray for Jack as he assumes his new position with RRJ
9. Pray for Jim Ferqueron, he spent some time in the hospital this week end. Jim has a problem with COPD and was treated for that. Please lift Jim and Bev in prayer for the Lord's intervention and healing. Also for His peace to be upon them.

Safety Tip of the Month: Practice

The very best time to practice good safety habits is every time you go out for a ride. Spend at least a few minutes every ride concentrating on each of these habits and soon they will become second nature to you. Don't focus so hard on practicing that you lose sight of the job at hand. Instead, integrate practice into your normal riding routine.

Taking any of the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) courses is always a good idea. If you are newer to riding, the Basic Rider Course (BRC) will give you a good foundation of riding skills and help you break any bad habits. The Experienced Rider Course (ERC) is a great idea even if you've been riding a long time. Even people who think there isn't anything left to learn about motorcycling come away with new, powerful knowledge and skills from either of these classes. The cornerstones to safe motorcycling are knowledge, training, attitude, and practice. They are what make a good rider.

Featured Members

Jack and Debbie Ross



Jack and Debbie Ross

Debbie and my paths merged later in our lives. We were both widowed but knew each other from attending the same church, Ridgecrest Baptist in St Charles, MO. We began dating in February 1999 and were married September 18, 1999. What were we thinking? Or maybe what was I thinking. Debbie had five children, Katie was 10 years old, Susan had just started college, Alisa lived in Texas, James was living in downtown St Louis and Becky was married and living in California. My four are; Brandon who had just

moved to Chicago, Jacob and Joel who were both living in Chicago and Rebekah who was married, living in Texas with one son. Thank goodness the whole group has never invaded at the same time.

Debbie was born and raised near Troy, New York. She loved snow skiing and skipped school to go on more than one occasion. She went to Catholic School all the way from first through high school. Debbie went to college and became a nurse before marrying Jeff Crutchfield. Not long after the birth of her first, Beckie, she was convinced being a home maker and mother was her true calling. Let me tell you from experience, she is the most accomplished domestic engineer I have ever met. I am truly blessed.

I was born in Oregon but spend most of my young years in Potlatch, Idaho. At 18 I moved to Texas, attended college a short time before joining the Dallas Police Department. After seventeen years I left law enforcement and became a company cop for Continental Baking Company. After five moves and nineteen years I was promoted to Corporate Director of Loss Prevention.

I stay really busy traveling with work and Debbie stays busy managing our home and being full time Nana for Susan's two, Ava and Ben, while Susan works as a St Charles DARE Officer. We both like to read. We enjoy true life stories such as *Flags of Our Fathers* and *Lone Survivor*. Debbie is big into biographies about our founding fathers such as Washington, Adams and Jefferson. Our iPods are full of gospel, classical and contemporary music.

We became involved with Road Riders for Jesus in September 2004 (member #s 320 and 321). Our St Charles Chapter organizational meeting was in October. When I became President of the start up chapter, I had no idea how much this ministry would change our lives. Many of our dearest and closest friends are now RRJ members. Debbie has been supportive and involved. A lot of my weekends are devoted to RRJ trips and events. Inspirational highlights have been the Days of Praise rallies. The great bonding, fun events have been the chapter trips to Tennessee, Arkansas and South Dakota. I have been blessed to associate with some of the finest people I have ever met.

Praise God for this opportunity to serve HIM. Open my eyes to all those divine appointments and loose my lips so I can testify to the wonderful saving grace of Jesus Christ or savior.

Up Coming Events

January 15, 2011

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

February 12, 2011

Road Riders For Jesus
Not so Newly Wed Game/Dinner
More Information to Follow

Saturday March 26, 2011 9am

RRJ Chapter 56
Motorcycle Safety Seminar
SouthRidge Baptist Church
1815 Vieth Dr. Jefferson City, MO
\$15 (includes book, patch, & lunch)
RSVP for adequate planning
Wdcampbell@peoplepc.com
Or 573-680-6682

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

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!

Would you like an Event Posted!

Contact
[Gary @GaryPohlman.com](mailto:Gary@GaryPohlman.com)

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

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

Road Rider for Jesus Chapter 9

Meetings are the 3rd Saturday of each month at 8:30am.

Our location is Ridgecrest Baptist Church.

Located at

1731 Zumbahl Rd,

Saint Charles, MO 63303

For further information contact:

Contact Jack Ross at 636-493-0515

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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.

Christmas Party December 4, 2010
Have Bible Will Travel Church
1745 Craig Rd
Maryland Heights, MO 63146

St Charles was well represented at the annual Road Riders for Jesus Christmas Party. Our table for ten ended up squeezing in thirteen people. The gift exchange was changed to a much less time consuming event where we stood in a circle and passed the gift left, right and skipping sometimes. The ladies version went fairly smoothly but they messed with the guys causing major gift jams and much too often men not holding a gift at the end of a segment. It was funny and you are right, few ended up with a gift they really wanted. As usual there was plenty of eats and we over indulged. There was a good amount of fellowship, some prayer and a good message. Check out Linda with the hat game hat. *Submitted by: Jack Ross*



December 31, 2010
Immanuel Lutheran Church
Pancake Breakfast

Bright and early on New Years Eve morning, RRJ Chapter 9 members ventured out in the pre-morning dark in search for a stack of pancakes and some Christian fellowship. Those members attending were LuAnn, Pete, Barb, Dennis, Rich, Dave, Jack, Steve and Gary. We all wore Road Riders For Jesus Shirts and attire, and introduced ourselves to other Christians and had an opportunity to explain our mission to those interested. After breakfast several men gave testimonies and the guest speaker was very good. He talked about how we need to realize how many times in a day that we can, and should be witnessing about Jesus and salvation.

Submitted by Gary Pohlman





I don't believe it!
This is our 1st Days of Praise Rally
And all Jack will let us do is
Blow up these balloons!

Be Quiet, Here he comes!

On the Lighter Side!

Last summer I was out watering my front lawn when my neighbor came out. She walked to her mailbox, opened it, closed it and walked back inside. A couple minutes later she came out again opened her mailbox and closed it. She did this a couple of times and each time she seemed to get angrier. Finally I watched as she walked to the mailbox looked in it and slammed it shut. I finally had to ask, "Why do you keep checking your mailbox?" The neighbor looked at me and replied "My computer keeps saying I got mail!"

Happy New Year!

Here's a list of encouraging Bible verses to begin the New Year. God invites us to join him in a closer relationship by letting go of the past and moving forward in our journey. Begin the New Year with a renewed passion and commitment to live for Jesus. Let go of the past and embrace a life full of hope and new opportunities. Let God's Word speak to your heart so you can make wise and godly decisions that will shape the next year.

Micah 6:8

He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

Psalms 20:4

May he give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed.

Lamentations 3:22-24

Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, "The LORD is my portion; therefore I will wait for him."

Psalms 51:10-11

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.

Jeremiah 29:11-13

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

Philippians 3:13-14

Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Psalms 37:7

Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him; do not fret when men succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes.

Road Riders For Jesus

Valentines Day Banquet



Saturday February 12, 2011
5pm – 9pm



Have Bible Will Travel
1745 Craig Rd.
Maryland Heights, MO 63146

Fun – Food - Fellowship



Don't Miss the:
"Not So Newly Wed Game"



Catered Dinner
Tickets \$15 each



32" Flat Screen TV Raffle
Tickets \$3 each or 2 for \$5

MOTORCYCLE SAFETY SEMINAR
SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 2011, 9:00 AM
\$15.00 (INCLUDES BOOK/PATCH/LUNCH)

SOUTHRIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH
1815 VIETH DR
JEFFERSON CITY, MO

Topics to be discussed will include but not limited to:

TCLOCK
Safety Gear
Weather

Basic Motorcycle Maintenance
Group Riding
Riding in the Rain

Please RSVP for adequate planning:
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