



Road Riders For Jesus

Chapter 9 St. Charles, MO

Fellowship - Ride - Witness

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From Our President:

Is RRJ a Ministry? Do you minister to others? Recent events have

made me question how well we are doing. I know I have dropped the ball on several occasions. I do not want to offend you but I do want you to reflect on what you have been doing. I know I can do better, can you?

The number one mission is to witness and be used by God to bring lost people to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. We do that by wearing the cross and Jesus' name on our shirts, jackets, vests etc. That only opens the door. We must react to all the opportunities that come our way to show and speak our faith. That, I believe you understand and live.

Now, the harder part; do we fall short when it comes to our own? On many occasions members have come up to me and asked if I have talked with so and so or do I know how they are doing. Unfortunately some times I have to say I haven't or it has been a long time since I reached out to them. Do we have members whom are hurting, having problems in their life or other situations we should know about?

When you have that thought or feeling about a member you have not seen in a long time,



Jack Ross

is God nudging you to do something? As in every church or faith based organization it is not the leader's total responsibility to keep track of the flock. Am I excusing myself, absolutely not? As I said earlier, I have a burden about my lack of reaching out. When you have that thought or feeling of wonder, pick up a phone and call your brother or sister in Christ. In the Bible, John 13:35 "You will know them because of their love, for one another." Are we known for showing our love?

The calling tree is a must; we need all of you to get involved. If we had this operating, there would be no one from Chapter 9 that wonders if we think of them or care about them. When a committee member contacts you and asks for you to sign on to call a group of members each month, sign on. Now, just because we develop a communication system, you are NOT off the hook when God nudges you to think of someone. Don't wait for the Chaplain, President, Vice President or someone else to reach out. YOU DO IT! Then let the rest of us know how they are and if the need more than prayer.

I love all of you. I am sorry that sometimes that does not show through.

Jack Ross
President
RRJ Chapter 9

Days of Praise 2010

Were you there? If yes, you know what kind of great time we had. If not, I am sorry you were not able to attend and recommend you consider signing up for next year. The housing goes quickly. I have signed up for the next year for the last two years. I know, at my age that is being optimistic but what the heck, I live on the edge.

The bike show and the hot dog lunch went very well. As usual, I have to commend RRJ9 for their willing work. Steve, Shawn and Rich were great hot dog makers, Debbie, Barb and Jan passed out Hostess Cake and Dennis was a great soda passer outer. I did hear him complaining about his hand getting cold. I thought blue looked good on him. Gary did a fine job with the bike registration, voting and counting. Now the balloon crew, Kevin and Curt, were a bit out of control and if I have to say so, I did a great job of supervising and handing out balloons to all the children. The location, in front of the Country Mart, was the best of the locations we have tried in Fredericktown. I hope we get to do that location again next year.

On the serious side, the worship and music was excellent. Dave Iannacone's message was right on. God wants all us ordinary people to be focused on Him and used by Him. We look at the Bible characters and think we could never be used by God to accomplish his goals. I dare you, in your Morning Prayer say, "God, here I am, use me."

Days of Praise continued...

We have to thank all the people that make this event possible and understand I am not going to try to list them because I know I would miss someone. If I happened to miss any Chapter 9 people who helped at the bike show, please understand and forgive me.

Jack Ross

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Chapter night out for September

was held on a special night because of the Days of Praise Rally. It was September 16th and was hosted by Steve Schroeder.

Those in attendance were Jim Furqueron, Linda and Russ Wiedner, Gary and Karen Pohlman, John and Kathy Chisenhall, Rich and Jan Aubuchon, LuAnn and Pete Petri, and Steve Schroeder.

Make plans to join us for our October outing for some good food and fellowship.

Thursday Chapter Night Out Schedule for 2010.

Following are the dates and hosts.

October 14- Gary Pohlman

November 11- Dave and Penny Iannacone

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

Ridgecrest Baptist Church. The address is:

1731 Zumbahl Rd,

Saint Charles, MO 63303

For further information contact:

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or e-mail jackrossrrj9@yahoo.com

Being able to combine motorcycle riding with
our love of **Jesus**

Gives our members a special bond.

Chaplain's Corner

By Dennis Bauer



Dennis Bauer

Over the next few months, both in our meetings and the news letter, we will be looking at the aspects of prayer. Prayer is an essential part of our relationship with the Father, a powerful practice to keep us on track with Him and an avenue to accomplish His will in our lives and the world around us.

We will start with “**The Praise of Prayer.**” Carefully, please read 2 Samuel 7:1-29.

I am concerned that we have been taught to have a rather cavalier attitude toward coming before the almighty Lord in prayer. Some promote the idea that God is their “daddy” and that they can crawl up in His lap like a little kid. (This is not a bad image, but needs to be tempered with a high level of awe and respect) Some even encourage putting God on the spot—almost demanding that He perform to our expectations. Most of us, in our fast paced world, rush into God’s presence and run out again with little thought of whom it is we are approaching

In 2 Samuel 7, King David has a conversation with the prophet, Nathan, concerning a permanent “house” for the Arc of the Covenant which was the representation of God’s presence. The Lord speaks through Nathan with directions. David’s response gives us a perfect example of the place of *Praise* in prayer. His attitude toward the Father shows us why he was known as a “man after God’s on heart.”

Due to limited space you will need to prayerfully read the passage, as I will be pointing out only a few high spots. My prayer is that God will reveal to you the attitude we all need to have when approaching the Throne in prayer.

Verses 18 -20 shows the need for total awe and humility before the living, powerful, loving God. David’s question, “Who am I?” says volumes about himself and is an example to us. Notice his complete submission to the Father. There was no pretence or pride.

In verses 18, 22-24 David extols God’s character and power: “Sovereign, greatness, non-like You, redeemed your people, established Israel, become their God” Here is worship, praise and adoration.

Verse 25. Only after the praise and worship is given does David make any request. And even then the request is for the purpose of further extolling God.

Verses 27 -29. David, again, returns to stating the virtues of God.

Notice the great amount of praise and worship and the small amount of request. It seems to me that our practice of prayer has it reversed. We ask, ask, ask, praise little and often forget gratitude. How do we feel when that’s all our children do to us?

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Safety Tip of the Month:

Whenever you slow, first check your rearview mirror.

Too often, what is out of sight is out of mind. As you slow down for any turn or a stop, you need to be aware of what is happening behind you. At the moment you begin braking or rolling off the throttle, you need to check your mirrors. (Your attention up to this point has been primarily in front of you, so once you start braking, you are already minimizing any hazards in that direction.) This is part of your general awareness of what is happening in your surroundings on the road. A quick look into your rearview mirrors will give you an idea of what traffic is doing behind you. The habit to acquire is to check your mirrors every five to seven seconds, and also any time you roll off the throttle. Combine that with gentle application of both brakes and rarely will a stop be anything more than routine. A good reminder for this is that it is a proven fact flying insects do not check their rearview mirrors and you see what happens to them on your face shield.

There is a big exception to this. When you have to do a quick or emergency stop your priority is in front of you, but once that is taken care of it is doubly important to check your backside in case the driver following you was caught off guard by your sudden stop. Some riders use a label maker to put a reminder on their speedometer to "CHECK MIRRORS".

Featured Members

Curt and Melissa Pohlman

My wife and I joined RRJ Chapter 9 about a year ago. We live in St. Peters, Mo and have three kids. Our oldest Ellie is nine, Audrey is seven, and baby Curtis is just fourteen weeks old. We are members at Harvester Christian Church in St. Charles. Melissa is a Hair Stylist and I am a Home Inspector. We are both self employed and thank God that He has provided each of us a career we truly enjoy.

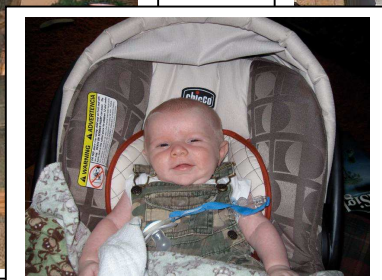
I've been riding for about three years and Melissa has been brave enough to join me for about the last two. As our family has grown our miles on the road have been dwindling.

So our evening rides though Augusta have become like mini vacations for the two of us. Melissa prefers our 06 Harley Davidson Heritage Softail Classic over our 04 Bigdog Chopper. I'm not sure why, but I think it has something to do with the chopper's lack of a back seat.

So far my favorite RRJ memory has to be the 2010 Days of Praise Rally. The Friday night parade was something I'll never forget. Being part of a 100 plus bike parade of Christians gave me a feeling that won't be forgotten. How it must have put a smile on our Lord's face to see so many of his children with one goal. I am so thankful God has placed me in RRJ Chapter 9, where I can be surrounded and influenced by others with the same mission.



Curt Pohlman



Editors Note! Curt's mother and I could not be more proud of Curt and his family.
God Bless you son!

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

October 2, 2010 10:30 am
Missouri Chapters Toy Run
Benefits Mexico Orphans. Meet @ Mobile
Sta. I-44 (exit 240) in St. Clair. Ride to
Rolla and meet Jeff City and Salem
Chapters.
For More Information call:
Mike 314-280-2714.

October 3, 2010 9am – 1pm
Biker Sunday
Calvary Temple Church
Hwy 72 Fredricktown, MO
Sponsored by RRJ. We need greeters,
ushers, and speakers for adult and children
bible classes.

Oct 6, 2010
6pm Pot Luck Dinner, 7pm Speaker
Have Bible Will Travel
Presents: **Sam Childers** aka
Machine Gun Preacher
More information
314-567-6000

October 16th 2010
10:00am
5th Annual Fall Road Rally
\$20 includes lunch
More details to follow
Contact Larry Lund:
636-940-8740 ext 160

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

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Join us at 7:30am the morning of our
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Invites you to
check us out

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Ridgecrest Baptist
Church

For more info go to
www.rrj9.org

At the corner of Zumbahl Rd &
Grange Rd across from
Police Station

Being able to combine motorcycle
riding with our love of **Jesus**
gives our members a special bond.

RRJ 9 Meeting minutes
September 18, 2010

The meeting was brought to order by Vice-President Steve Schroeder.

Dennis Bauer opened our meeting with prayer.

There were 16 members and 2 guests present at the meeting. We welcomed new members Karey Todd and Yvonne Reynolds (Kevin's wife) to their first meeting. The guests were Marian Sullivan whom, some of our members met at Days of Praise, and Cindy Geluso who is a member of St. Charles HOGS, and was interested in finding some new riding friends.

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Members who attended made comments about the success of this years Days of Praise.

There were 107 motorcycles and several cars that participated in the Friday night parade.

It was noted that it had rained on early Saturday morning and when the sun came out the most beautiful rainbow was seen by many. The bike show was a big success and one of our own Curt Pohlman brought home the first place trophy in the Cruiser division, with his Heritage Softail Classic.

A discussion was made about adding our home address to the member's only section of the web site. A majority of those present preferred not to have their address on the site and thought that their email address was enough.

A committee was formed to keep a communication line open with all members of chapter 9. The ideal is to let all members know that we care about and encourage every one to be a part of our extended family.

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Minutes from September 18, 2010

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The committee members are Linda Weidner, Kevin and Yvonne Reynolds, Curt Pohlman, Dennis Bauer and Gary Pohlman. They will be meeting and forming a plan in the coming weeks. Dennis Bauer's devotion was taken from II Samuel Chapter 7 Aspects of Prayer! How do you pray? Are you demanding from the Almighty God, or do you ask in obedience to God? Read how Daniel uses Prayer and Praises to God and his relationship with Him!

Steve announced a ride after the meeting to Neihaus Motorcycle in Litchfield Illinois, and of course a lunch along the way.

Rich Aubuchon gave a report on how we should start to think about winterizing our motorcycles and the proper way to do this.

Treasurer's report: We currently have a bank balance of \$771.78.

Upcoming events:

- Missouri Toy Run on Oct 2nd. This is an effort to collect toys for children in an orphanage in Mexico. Please come and bring small toys (matchbox cars, etc.)
- Biker Sunday in Fredricktown, MO on October 3rd. We need all hands to help. We will need greeters, folks to tell about RRJ in Sunday School classes, ride on buses to pick up kids, etc. Lunch will be served. If you want to speak in SS class, let Carl know. If you are going to attend you need to be there by 9:30 a.m. If you are going to ride buses with kids, you need to be at the church no later than 9 a.m. Calvary Temple Church Hwy 72 Fredricktown, MO.
- 5th Annual Fall Road Rally October 16th 2010
- All upcoming events are on the chapter 9 web site. Check it often!
Pass the hat – Today we collected \$35.

Steve ended the meeting in prayer.

Chapter Night Out

On Thursday, Sept 16th, several of us chapter 9-ers gathered at the new Texas Roadhouse, next to Bass Pro in St. Charles.

Attendees were: Steve Schroeder, Gary (Speedy) and Karen Pohlman, Russ and Linda Wiedner, Rich and Jan Aubuchon, John and Kathy Chisenhall, Luann and Pete (Sod Buster)

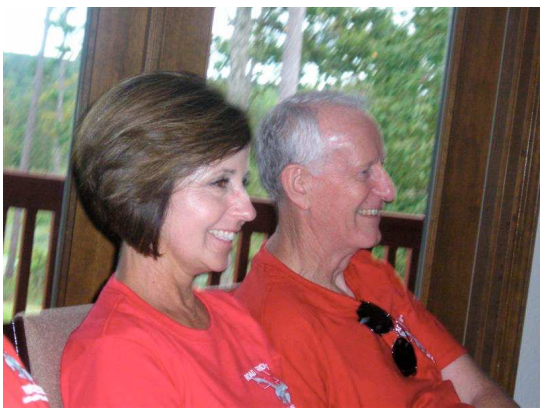
Petri, and Jim F. not even gonna try to spell that one. Oh yes, we were greeted at the door by a 5-year old, 2,000 pound Budweiser Clydesdale. Must've been a promo for their new horse burgers!:)

It was a great meal, great service, and as always, super fellowship. Hope you can join us next month when we do this again. We always have a great time. Watch your e-mail for dates, place, and times.

Steve Schroeder



September 8 – 12, 2010
Days Of Praise Rally



Pennsylvania Cruisin'

By David Reed

Recently I found myself doing what most men would call suicide: I agreed to drive my wife and mother-in-law to Pennsylvania for her 60th high school class reunion. Normally I would have immediately opted for two airline tickets and spent the week at home with the dogs watching preseason football. But where they were going doesn't have airline service. To get near there involved complicated connections and truckloads of money. My situation wasn't strong enough to finance the airlines financial recovery, so driving it would have to be. Neither of our cars was built in this century and their mileage reflects that fact strongly, so I opted for a new Ford Taurus through my friends at Budget Rental. Now being a man and having your typical male instincts, I pondered how to turn this trip into something better. And so it was that while watching a rerun of "Orange County Choppers" one day I hit upon the perfect plan: while dear old Mom was visiting with her senior generation chums, my wife and I would head up to Newburgh NY and visit the motorcyclists' Holy Grail, the home of Orange County Choppers. Then to put the icing on the cake, I reserved a room at a local B&B for a romantic evening alone with the wife. Genius! I am man, hear me roar!

On the day of departure we dropped the dogs at the kennel and hit the road. Apparently that highway stimulus package from last year is still going strong because we never went far without hitting yet another construction zone. Those magnificent Indiana State Troopers are quick to pull you over with lights and siren to let you know there is a 35 mph speed zone ahead. Mom will be talking about that little incident for years. Late that night we stopped in Youngstown OH at a hotel with the only available room for miles. Apparently northeast Ohio and western Pennsylvania are a hotbed of conventions right now. We wedged into a double bed while mom yelled "turn out that light!" from the adjoining bed.

The next morning I pounded down some pancakes and we headed on down I-80. Beautiful country for riding your favorite motorcycle and many avid riders were. Lucky bums! After dropping off mom and meeting her 78 yr old sister and 99.9 yr old mom (who still runs the country store), we headed off the next day for Newburgh. The GPS system didn't complain too much about my frequent routing changes. I mean, I wasn't lost, just adding destinations, right?



Under cloudy, wet skies we pulled into OCC's parking lot and it was as magnificent as it looks on TV. Wow! I was hoping Paul Jr might come riding from around back on their latest creation but then I remembered he was running his own shop now.



Pennsylvania Cruisin'
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Dang. Inside the retail store they had numerous high end motorcycles, the very ones we saw built on many episodes, lined up by the windows. Felt rope made taking pictures difficult, but what a thrill to actually see first-hand the very bikes we saw created from scratch. The handlebars that Senior screamed about. The exhaust pipes Vinny cut by hand. The Giants bike, the NY Jets bike, Make-A-Wish bike, the NASA shuttle bike. The detail and workmanship was very much evident. Could we view the shop? No, they were building a restaurant and the viewing area was blocked off for construction. Dang. My favorite though was a red beauty that was one of the custom bikes OCC offer for sale. Oh, to win the lottery! I was listening for sounds of Paul Sr yelling in the shop, but learned later he was in Sturgis at the bike rally. Dang. And Mikey, oh right. Rehab. Well, Donna and I bought some cool things in the shop including an OCC coffee mug for my RRJ friend Steve back home. As I drifted off to sleep that night in the cozy B&B, I wondered what God would think of our indulgence in material belongings, this fascination we have with polished chrome on shiny motorcycles. You know, I think He liked the blue one.

Web Site of the Month

Motorcycle News and Motorcycles - Motorcycle USA

www.motorcycle-usa.com

Breaking motorcycle news and reviews of new motorcycles at Motorcycle USA.

Fun facts about the Bible

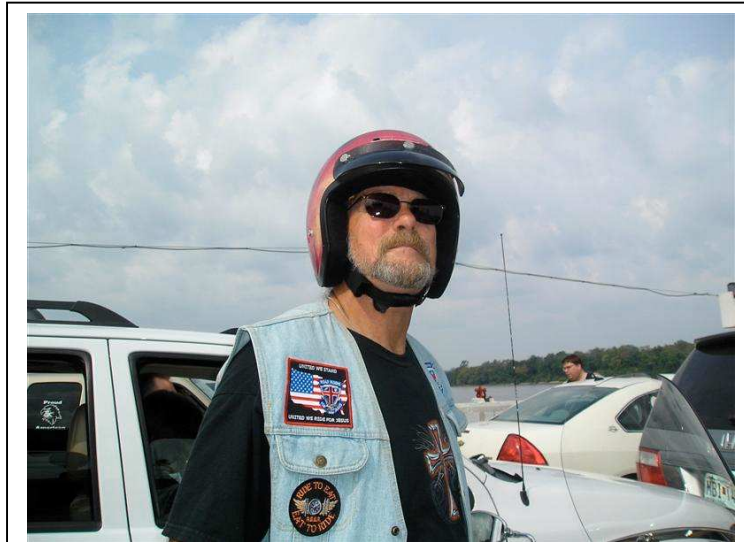
Have fun sharing them with your family.

- A shepherd boy discovered old clay jars in a cave by the Dead Sea. The old jars contained dusty scrolls, which turned out to be ancient copies of the Old Testament.
- The shortest Old Testament book is Obadiah. It has 1 chapter with 21 verses.
- The shortest verse in the Old Testament is 1 Chronicles 1:25.
- The oldest parable in the Bible is in Judges 9:8-15.
- The Old Testament has more than 60 references to Jesus.

September 18, 2010 Litchfield Illinois Ride

Submitted by:
Gary Pohlman

It was a beautiful Saturday morning and after our chapter 9 meeting, Steve Schroeder organized a ride to Litchfield Illinois to visit Niehaus Cycle Sales. Russ Wiedner led the group over the back roads and across the Grafton Ferry into Illinois. We traveled through farmland and several small towns. I had no ideal where we were but as Jack Ross always tells me "Follow the bike in front of you and you won't get lost!" Rich Aubuchon was in front of me and had installed a fancy new brake light system that was not working quite like it was intended. It kept flashing on and off the entire trip so we really couldn't tell what he was doing. (As if we could tell with a good brake light!) Scott Jenkins made his first ride with us and I think he had a good time. Only time will tell if he goes on another ride with us. Steve brought up the rear and we all rode with comfort knowing that he had our backside. We had a good lunch, looked around Niehaus and returned via the interstate. It was a great ride with good friends and a loving God watching over us. Praise God!



October 2nd 2010 4th annual motorcycle toy run

Road Riders For Jesus Missouri Chapters

Allen Franklin, a missionary in Mexico who runs 5 orphanages and distributes toys every Christmas to hundreds of poor & orphaned children is coming to Saint Clair, MO in November. His dream is to return to Mexico with lots of toys for his kids this Christmas. Let's see if we can help him with this dream!

The Road Riders for Jesus, Missouri Chapter's are sponsoring the 4th annual motorcycle toy run on Saturday, October 2nd at 10:30 am at the McDonalds in St. Clair (I-44,Exit 240). Kick stands up at 11:00am sharp! We will ride to Rolla and join the Jefferson City and Salem Chapters for lunch at the Sirloin Stockade For more information call Mike Burger 314-280-2714 or Rick Ferrell 314-650-2807

Biker Sunday

October 3, 2010

Calvary Temple Church
Hwy 72
Fredericktown, MO
9:30 AM



The Road Riders for Jesus will be conducting the service and we will need RRJ members to work as greeters, ushers, Sunday School speakers and children's workers. We will also be putting on a bike show for the children and adults. The church will be providing a Bar-B-Q lunch for everyone after the morning service. We encourage everyone to attend, help, and bring a friend!

October 16th 2010

10:00am

5th Annual Fall Road Rally

\$20 includes lunch

More details to follow

Contact: Larry Lund: 636-940-8740 ext 160

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314-567-6000

October 6, 2010

Pot Luck Dinner: 6:30pm

Speaker: 7:00pm

Check out Sam on his web site to find out
the kind of work he really does for the Lord

machinegunpreacher.com

