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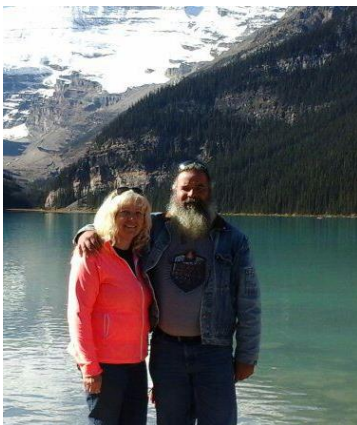
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Front Page News

Yvon (Ivan) and Irene Audette, Board Chair, CMA Canada

As Irene and I are travelling across Canada this year, participating in the Bikers for Change, we get to see God's glorious majesty in this massive country of ours. One of our greatest highlights is going through the Rockies, winding our way through the mountain passes and valleys, seeing the snow-capped mountain tops. Truly awe inspiring. How Great is our God!



Bikers for Change, taking it to the streets, our theme for this year gives us a lot to think about. What does it mean to take it to the streets? Last year we touched on making the change in us, *it starts with me*. We saw that without a wholly committed walk with Jesus Christ our Saviour we really don't have anything *life giving* to share. But when we do let Jesus totally affect our lives we can use what He has given us and take that to the streets. The living gospel, the Son of God giving hope to the hopeless. It is always interesting how God works.

We heard a testimony at B4C in Vernon where one of our members had been asked about Jesus and he was able to give him the answer that guy needed even though he at the time was not really

right with God himself. This broke him out of his complacency and caused him to walk uprightly before God again. God can even give us divine appointments when we least expect it, to wake us up out of our own slumber.

1Peter 3:15

"But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defence to everyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear"

As we plan to continue on, please plan to attend the Bikers For Change in your region, if you have missed it ask those in your chapter about it, they may be able to inspire you as well to *take it to the streets...*

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CMA is an inter-denominational association of Christian motorcyclists, whose mission is to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with motorcyclist, or anyone who wishes to hear the gospel message. The heart and soul of the ministry is, and shall remain, evangelism.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Bikers for Change

April 28-29
Summerside Community Church
150 Industrial Cres
Summerside, PE
www.cmacanada.ca/events.html

CMA Canada Run for the Sun

June 3, 2017

25th Anniversary Rallies

July 20 – 23, 2017
Eastern Rally
Grenville Park
2323 County Road 2
Johnstown, Ontario

August 17 - 20, 2017
Western Rally
Beiseker Community Hall
410 5 St, Beiseker, AB

**Deadline for submissions for
the next CMA National Newsletter is
May 15, 2017**

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We would like to ask our membership for prayer to continue on. Irene has been diagnosed with *severe spinal stenosis*. The vertebrae in her neck are pressing in on her spinal column; she has deteriorating discs in her neck and back which is causing pain and numbness in her shoulders and arms as well as giving her many headaches along the way. We have an appointment with the surgeon for consultation on June 7, and then we will be awaiting a date for surgery. Please pray for healing and also then for a quick surgery date and speedy recovery. Travelling in this condition is not easy for her but we do want to be obedient to what He has called us to do (and sitting around waiting makes us grumpy).

Also happening this year is our 25th Anniversary Rallies. This will be a great time of fun and fellowship for all our members from Canada and the USA as our American brothers and sisters want to come up and help us celebrate our 25th year of being chartered in Canada. Please put these dates onto your calendars: in Ontario, near Prescott on July 20th to the 24th and in Alberta August 17th to the 21st in Beiseker. Our Coordinators are working very hard to organize these events for us and will have many interesting things for us to do. Remember that this is also Canada's 150th anniversary so let's make it a wonderful time of celebration. Please go online and pre-register for these events. We will have camping, fellowshiping, and riding together, oh ya and eating too!! Don't miss out on this event as this is the first time that we have an Eastern and Western National Rally! We want to continue this tradition so that our members get to meet each other from different regions, something that we encourage, more often than just when we have our No Borders Rally.

Due to changes in CMA USA's website and policies CMA Canada members will no longer be able to order items from CMA USA directly. We can still get items from them but you will have

to go through our Canadian office. Call or email the CMA Canada office directly and we will order it for you and ship it to you; there will be no up charge, but the shipping for the items will be included in the price. We apologize for the inconvenience but this is something out of our control.

In looking into utilising our office at its maximum potential we are looking at doing some renovations and improvements in the look and practicality of our office space. We will be needing working crews and extra finances to be able to do this. We need some talented trades people and workers for this project and we will keep you informed on this as we move forward.

We need to find a replacement for Debbie Ellis, who was laid off after being with us for a year. This is unfortunate yet we wish her the very best in her future endeavours. This will temporarily change our office hours from what they were to Wednesday and Fridays from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm MST. Phone calls will be forwarded to Susan's phone during the rest of the week for any **emergencies** only.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible, remember bring your friends and family to our rallies. We are a motorcycle ministry and want to reach out to as many people as possible, making all of our events evangelistic in nature

1Tim 2:3

"For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of truth."

God Bless you all and keep fighting the good fight.

...Ivan & Irene

I Believe

By James Rosso, National Evangelist Prairie Region, CMA Canada



I was sitting in my hotel room getting ready for Bikers for Change and a certain comedy show was on the TV with three well known comedians sitting on stage. With a rather southern drawl one of the comedians proclaimed, "I believe". This grabbed my attention but then they went on to state a number of vary outlandish statements much to the audiences approval based on the laughter. It made me think of how foolish the world can be in what they believe and how much they think we are foolish for what we believe.

The apostle Paul states

"I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.

1 Timothy 1:12.

There is a truth in that what we truly believe will impact how we live and act and eventually die for. As a child I was made to memorize the Ten Commandments, the Lord's Prayer and the apostle's creed. Now in all honesty I was able to recite them, but truth be told, they meant little or nothing to me. However, when at the age of 25 I came to surrender my life to Christ I could say "I Believe". Recently I was in a church where they sang this 'new song' and basically it was the apostles creed put to a more modern tempo and it brought tears to my eyes. "I believe" is a powerful statement if followed up by actions.

I know whom I believe in and am also persuaded that He is able. In January, we had a leadership conference in Regina for all the Area Reps of Region 3 as well as the presidents. What a wonderful time it was rubbing shoulders with men and women of like mind and passion. Each of them shared about the activities their chapters had been involved in during 2016 as well as the strengths and weaknesses they saw in their chapters. They then shared their vision for 2017 and how we could pray for them and their chapters. It was thrilling to stand in the presence of God as we prayed together for each of these outstanding leaders as they humbled themselves and sought God's direction for their membership and themselves.

In Hebrews, it is written that we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses and we all know what that refers to. But I think also as CMA members, there is a secondary meaning that could be implied. The whole motorcycling community are witnesses to our testimony and proclamation that Christ is Lord of our lives. As we prepare for riding season and we dust off the riding gear and prepare ourselves we need to be reminded that we as light in a dark world we must put aside anything that could hinder our witness. That could dull that light that shines within us and fan the flames of revival in our own hearts so that others can see the brilliance of the life that Christ gives to those who believe.

I believe in the ministry of CMA. I believe in the leadership teams that God has blessed me with. I believe in the membership that works alongside us. I believe that God is able to do abundantly above and beyond what we can even see or imagine. I believe that God is going to move in the hearts of our membership in a greater way than we have ever seen. Will you believe along with me?

...James

Run for the Son

By Gary Ross, Canadian RFTS Lead

Run for the Son (RFTS) is almost here. Let's all get out on June 3rd and go for a ride so we can help missions in Canada and around the world, giving motorcycles and other modes of transportation to pastors, putting Bibles and training materials in the hands of those who need them, helping to translate the Jesus film into other languages, and taking it to the streets.

The Run for the Son is a very effective way to fulfill not only the vision of CMA (changing the world, one heart at a time) but to fulfill the great commission (Matthew 28: 19) as well. We are establishing a ministry wide network to help every chapter, and all members, be as effective as possible in raising support for CMA's Run for the Son.

This year the CMA Canada Board has set our RFTS goal for Canada at a very achievable goal of \$135,000.00. Your National Leadership Team and the entire organization of CMA are ready and willing to do whatever possible to help you. If you have any questions or testimonies contact me anytime at [giross@shaw.ca](mailto:gross@shaw.ca)

Below is a chapter check list developed to help you as you plan your chapter's RFTS efforts. Please understand that this list is not all inclusive, but **it is intended to help you** plan and will hopefully spur additional thoughts and ideas.

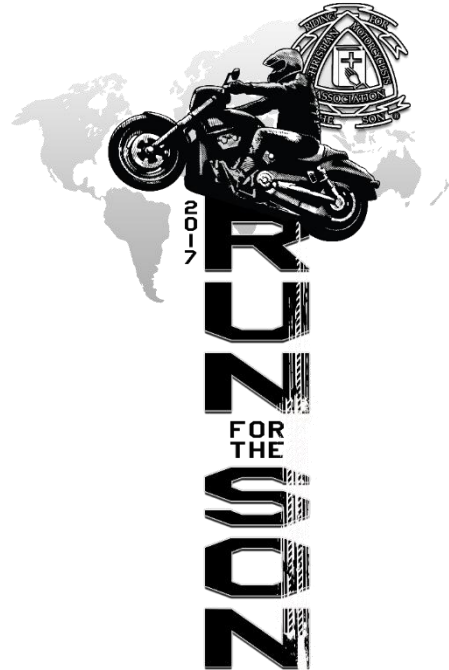
Chapter RFTS Check List:

- Pray for the RFTS process ahead.
- Make sure your chapter RFTS Secretary/Lead is in place
- Make sure your chapter's annual RFTS, challenging but attainable, monetary goal is set.
- Set chapter's RFTS participation goal. (100% would be awesome.)
- Encourage members to set personal goals.
- Share a RFTS tips and encouragements



At Bikers for Change in Vernon, Marlee Barth, after having the winning bid in a silent auction, was presented with this framed photo. All the money raised went to Run for the Son. Thank you Marlee.

Thank you for all you do. Let's work together to make the 2017 RFTS the greatest ever. Together we can take it to the streets and change the world!



Is This the Year to Get off the Bike?

By Malcolm & Gail Read, National Evangelist Region 6

Bikers for Change, Taking it to the Streets, Seasons of Refreshing, Run For The Son, 1st Gear, 2nd Gear, Glory Rides, Rolling Church Service, Highway to Heaven and the list of inspirational thoughts and themes are endless for the Christian Motorcyclists Association. Here once again we are ramping up for another biking season. Yes I know there are those of you already biking...how rude ☺. Recently returning from out west there were bikers on the road in Edmonton, Alberta the last week of March, I saw them myself. However, there is one thing unique about CMA that makes us different about just getting the bike out on the Highways and Byways.



We want to do it for the Lord Jesus Christ.

That first run with the bike in the spring, the snap of the right wrist and the acceleration is truly invigorating and soothing to the body and soul and mind; YES we are out there again. But we are out there because we have been sent; we are out there to share; we are out there to spread; we are out there to sow; and we are out there to speak the wonderful good news of God's Son, Jesus Christ.

We find in Romans 10 an expressed authorization to us who have this good news, why we have received it AND what we are to do with it. Romans 10:14 – 15a: "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach except they be sent?"

To all of the Christian Bikers out there, here are 4 questions directly challenging us as to what we are to do with this precious word. The reasons we're challenged with this piece of scripture is that once we read it, understood it, claimed it and believed it, we are to share it.

Are we not told that God has said he will not let his word return unto him void, Isaiah 55:11? Going back to that first run with our bikes in the spring and how we felt during that run. Is this not the feeling we get or should get when we are doing the Lord's will? Is there not some soul jumping within ourselves, feeling ecstatic when we have had a good presentation of the gospel to some lost sinner. Do not our hearts take flight at the opportunity that we just shared with the Holy Spirit?

This is the real acceleration, this is the real driving force, this is the real power that drives us and propels us forward into 2017's biking season. I personally have had many experiences this winter to share the gospel and I had no bike with me. Two of them happened last week in Alberta. While out west Gail and I attended the place of worship with our son and family. Upon walking into St Albert Alliance Church the pastor came over and introduced himself to us as I had a

Ministry Opportunity

The XAPIS Chapter of CMA, has been quite involved in helping out at Flat Track Canada events in Ontario.

Conversations with the organizers in Ontario, have found an open door for possible opportunities for CMA members across Canada to help out at their events. If you are interested in pursuing this, please contact CMA member Marcel VanStraten at mbvanstraten@silomail.com or **519-458-8538**.

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CMA badge on my jacket and he wanted to know what it represented. I think he is going to become a biker. The 2nd one was in the airport, going through security the entrance guard stopped me and asked what the badge was as he had never seen it before. There I am in the middle of the airport extolling the idealism of CMA with a security guard, his comment "you guys are worth checking out." Both of these encounters left me very happy in spirit. I had no bike, no boots, no leather vest but God's word still went forward first and foremost with CMA attached as the medium of conversation. This brings me to the second part of verse 15 and the heading over this letter. Is this the year to get off of the bike? AND how beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things. Sometimes we just have to get off of the bike to do God's work. Whether you have beautiful feet to look at or not they're made beautiful by the Lord when they carry you and the word to someone.

Last year we went on the tours set up and mingled with folks at the stops. At a scheduled dinner stop two folks a husband and wife asked to sit at our table with us. They were Christians and have 6 other couples that they bike with who would be interested in CMA. This happened three more times that year with other CMA members. The month of April is set to travel to their homes and places of worship to share the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ through the use of a motorcycle. WOW. The fruit that is getting set up to be harvested this year from last year's efforts are truly bountiful. It sure is going to look good to see more chapters in region 6. It is also going to be nice to see some increase in numbers as well. Folks I am convinced that CMA works. I am convinced that God can use a motorcycle to spread his word. But the motorcycle does not do the talking, we do. So let's get to where were going and get off of the bike. Our feet have a task to do as well.

... *Malcolm*

Take it to the Streets

By Bruce & Barbie Salmonson, Victory Riders, MB

The start of biking season begins with Bikers for Change. We think of this as a refreshing of our mind, spirit, and of a connection of like-minded Christians in preparation of what is to come for the year.

This is a time of affirmation and confirmation of what we are to be doing each and every day. To share and to show the love of God with each person that crosses our path. To be bold, not to take that step to the side, to let God use each one of us. There are people who need to hear about the grace of God, the love of God, and to hear that someone loves them. Sometimes words are not easy, but an opportunity of an action of love is always available. Keep open to the whispers and nudges God may have for you.

Get personal with God, you will be amazed at where God will take you. Be open to God's calling, God wants you to love Him, and in turn, love others. As God leads you through this season of biking, let His love shine through you like never before. We are all called to a unique mission field. We are blessed to share God through the love of motorcycles, to share the love that God has for each and every one as we ride the streets. We have all heard the words "take the risk". What will you do with what God has laid out for you?

We know God is there for us, open to the callings God has for us. We will let God shine through us. Will you let God shine through you? We pray that you feel renewed, refreshed, and ready for what God has for you. Bikers for Change is that gentle reminder to keep our eyes on God, to get into that space where we are one with God; and then "take it to the streets".