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## Front Page News

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

**G**reetings fellow CMAers! Judging by the Event Reports coming in, there has been quite a bit of action going on since our last newsletter. I do know however, that many of you are very active but are not relaying the information. It would be awesome to hear from you through the Event Reports, found on our website, as our Board of Directors read every single one of them. It's good to see and hear about what you are doing for God and the ministry. You are making a difference putting rubber to the road to reach the world one heart at a time. Keep up the good work!!

The first thing we wish to announce is the appointment of Gaius Ricker to the Board of

Directors; he will be coming on board ☺, beginning October 1, 2016. Gaius and Janice have been long time members of CMA and have vast experience in leadership as well. They were the Coordinators for the Maritime Region for over 11 years and are well loved and respected by the membership and secular biking world. We are pleased and excited to have him on our team and will benefit from his wisdom and his track record of leading our membership for many years. I for one respect what he has to say and I am pleased to be his colleague and call him friend. Our added bonus is his wife, Janice, who is such a sweet, warm soul who will also round out the team.

Welcome **Gaius and Janice Ricker**; we are blessed to have you.

We have also set the dates for our Bikers for Change for the year 2017, as you will see further on in this newsletter. They are pretty close to what they were last year, so please look them up and mark them down as a priority in your calendars.

Other exciting news is that 2017 will be our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for CMA Canada. We were first Chartered in 1992 with two chapters at that time (one in Red Deer, Alberta and the other in London, Ontario.)

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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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## **2017 BIKERS FOR CHANGE**

March 17-18	Calgary Alberta
March 24-25	Vernon, BC
March 31-April 1	Prairie Region
April 7-8	London, Ontario
April 28-29	Prince Edward Island

## **International Day of Prayer (IDOP) for the Persecuted Church**

**November 6<sup>th</sup>**



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### **Deadline for submissions for December's CMA National Newsletter is December 1, 2016**

E-mail submissions to:  
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So, with keeping that in mind, we are looking for a venue in the Red Deer area and one in Ontario, near the Ottawa Region to facilitate travelling for those in eastern Canada. So far, the dates are July 20 to 23, 2017, for the Eastern Region and August 17 to 20, 2017, for the Western Region; these dates are fairly set at this time, but may change a little bit due to the availability of a proper site or venue. We will not be having Regional Rallies next year to make sure we have as many members as possible attend our **25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Rallies**. Make sure you pencil these dates in and plan to join us. We promise a great time of fellowship with members you have not met yet and those you know, but would love to remake their acquaintance. There will be free time actually scheduled to do just that! These rallies will run from Thursday to Sunday to close with a Sunday Service. Please stay tuned for more details.



This season is very important due to our scheduled time for nominations and elections; these will set the tone for next year. Elect your Chapter Officers so that you can focus together to go out and be the light for a darkened world. Nominations are to be in October with the elections in November. If you are asked, please prayerfully consider the position you are nominated for; it could be that the Lord is asking you to expand your tent pegs, to stretch into something you have never done and you may feel the prompting of the Holy Spirit to accept. Reach out, expand, and don't be sitting on the sidelines complaining of what's going on, but be the one involved in making positive changes in the government of your Chapter with a Godly and positive attitude. Whether it is Chapter President, Secretary or the Road Captain, each one has a very important part to play in the health of the Chapter and you could be the one that would spur that on. You will find the guidelines of the elections below and in the CMA Handbook online at [cmaCanada.ca](http://cmaCanada.ca).

Another issue we would like to address is the **Fuel the Ministry** program. This is where you, the member, can step up and help us with the day-to-day operations of the Ministry by donating at least \$15.00 each month either through PayPal, Credit Card or by cheque to CMA Canada. I know some of you are doing above and beyond this amount and we sincerely thank you for supporting a very worthwhile Ministry to bring the gospel to lost Bikers. We want to encourage those of you who have not yet seen the need or caught the vision of what we do. For just 50¢ a day, you will help with the everyday operations of CMA Canada and keep the office running in Red Deer. If you can do more, we would certainly appreciate that. We are facing the mandatory Government of Canada's audit (the *Not for Profit Corporations Act*) to the tune of \$15,000 each year and with rising costs in just about every area, including taxes, insurance, utilities, printing, etc., along with supporting our staff... everything has become very costly. We appreciate your help and faithfulness in supporting the Ministry of CMA Canada.



There is also one more thing that I would like to share. Many of you may already know that our Brother, ministry partner and CMA member, **Paul Johnson**, has gone on to be with Our Lord. It is definitely with mixed feelings that I share this! He was, to Irene and me, one of our greatest supporters and encouragers; whenever we would meet, he always encouraged us; was there to listen and pray for not only us but for CMA as a ministry. Paul not only talked the talk, but walked it as well. He supported CMA through personal

time, prayer and finances and promoted CMA whenever he could, even though he was the Executive Director of Open Doors Canada, he saw the need to support a ministry that could reach what Open Doors could not and we supported them for the same reasons. No matter what the obstacle he may fret over, he would always bring it before Our God and leave it in His Hands. After all, these are God's ministries and not ours; He just entrusts them to us as stewards answerable to the Father. We rejoice that Paul is now with the Father, without a care or worry in the world, singing and rejoicing with the countless saints that have gone before. He always said that he could not carry a tune, but we know he can now! He has left a huge gap here on earth where he has personally touched thousands of lives, as a husband, father, grandfather, brother, ministry co-worker, leader, Pastor ... and the list goes on. He would probably blush in humility right now. I am not canonizing him because he has passed on; I am merely stating the facts that can be substantiated by the hundreds or maybe thousands that have worked with him. **Please continue to pray for Carol, his wife, Joseph and Jeremy his sons and their families.** Paul Johnson will be missed. We love you Paul.

## Track Days

*By Ray Abel, Hosanna, Montreal, Quebec*

It all started the day before, by leaving my town on my own (a 4-hour drive to get there) in order to be there before nightfall; then getting ready for the next morning to help those around the track to get all setup and ready for the night. You must like to sleep in a trailer smelling of gas to save some cost.

It is almost three years now that I work my way around Quebec's tracks. I am known as a fast, old man with "good line." It is a very good reputation to have as far as those at the track are concerned. I must admit that I have a good line ... but not to gain the reputation, but because I am too scared to try anything too foolish ... 165 kh/h is quite fast to be dragging your knee.

I felt that now it is time to do more than just "wear the CMA t-shirts, CMA patches, CMA baseball caps," but time to put up a CMA banner. So I did. I must say nothing special happened. I just did as I ordinarily do ... I setup my old canopy, got the old generator running, put the tire warmers on and checked the tire pressure as always. I went through the mandatory 'Bike Inspection', driver's meeting and got ready for the first lap.



My goal was to make the first lap in 2:00 minutes flat.

Currently I am running at 2:06 so this will be a bit of a challenge. Saving one second on each turn and getting another 20 km/h faster by the end of the stretch, I am promoted to the red group (the advance group) because the yellow group is too full. I am the slowest driver of the pack. Well, this is what I thought ... for sure, I am one of the oldest.

The session went well. This is so much fun!! Then I stopped for the pit-lane life. I helped to fix five bikes. Those kids are so hard with their mechanic. 3<sup>rd</sup> session, I realize that I am not the slowest and my lap time dropped to 2:03. Almost 2:02. By mid-afternoon, I have a friendly race between me and a kid, half my age, for 10 minutes. I am exhausted, but it was such fun.

I was installing my tire warmers when a kid that I met yesterday night asked me, "Are you a Christian of some sort?" I replied that I am. "I am not a Believer. My girlfriend is, but we agreed not to talk about it. I am a skeptic," he said. Then we chatted for an hour. I missed a track session, but it was worth it. I did 2:01 during my last session.

I came back home very late that night, exhausted. I dropped four seconds off my lap time and I am officially in the advanced group, officially in the VIP group, and with a big smile on my face thinking about my "skeptical" friend... praying for "holy appointments" work after all, even in Québec.

Ray Abel

From the unofficial "Red line ministry" Fastlane in Québec and proud honorary "Knee Bender" and "New Image Rider" Member

## It's Always a Step of Faith

*By Malcolm and Gail Read, National Evangelist Atlantic Region*



There is a wonderful old hymn that has a stanza in it that goes like this, "Oh be swift my soul to answer him be jubilant your feet Our God is marching on." And, in Hebrews 11:1 it says, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things **NOT SEEN.**" How was I to know that a simple e-mail request to CMA Canada Maritime Region would open so many doors of opportunity to be seen and serve? That's just it, you don't; you take that step of faith and say, "Lord, what am I getting into and I need your help and the battle belongs to the Lord."

The first e-mail came on Tuesday, August 30, from Mario Peripanos, an Event and Media Coordinator for the Steven Stiller/Tunnels to Towers, from New York, US, asking for CMA's assistance in seeking other bike groups to be an escort. This escort of bikes would take over from the American bikers who had escorted a piece of a steel beam from the South Tower from the 911 event. It was on its way from New York to Gander, NFLD, for recognition and appreciation for all that the community had done for airlines and passengers during that fateful week.

From their point, they hoped we could put this together and have it all ready for September 8, 9 and 10. That was fine, but it landed right in the middle of a planned CMA campout for the summer, my first

planning attempt for a CMA event as a new Evangelist. Prayer began, phone calls began, advice was sought after and, of course, at least three e-mail per day from Mario asking where we were at with all plans of action. Three days later I was set to go to Nova Scotia's Wharf Rat Rally on September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Well, there I met with Motor Maids, Defenders and other CMA members asking them if this was something that they could fit into their schedules at the last moment. Very slowly things were committed to, but I was unsure of numbers all around as folks said they would try. On the evening of September 6<sup>th</sup>, days to go ... I did a presentation to the local Defenders chapter on this upcoming event. They endorsed it and stated that they would contact at least four other Defender chapters to see about their commitment. Personally, I was running out of time and felt guilty that I could not commit more to this myself while asking others to give of their time. So, I put in for another day off from work as I had Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> off for the CMA Camp Out that was planned. Then God said, "Ask your place of work to donate the day to you with pay!!!" I was like, "Are you serious?" My company, Compass Minerals, supported this event 100% with the full day off with pay ... WOW!!! With that day now in hand I sent out an e-mail seeing who would like to accompany me to the Canadian USA border between Woodstock, NB and Houlton, Maine. There were six of us; five were CMA members that left Doug Letcher and a friend Wayne, Tracy Eisner, Robert Bourgeois, Ron Straight and me, we were on the road by 8:15 a.m., the 8<sup>th</sup> of September.



We pulled into the border area and met about 30 other bikes. By the time we left, there were over 50 of us. When the truck and trailer carrying the steel arrived on our side of the border, I introduced myself to John, the driver. While there, something happened and CMA was shunned a bit. For me, I was somewhat upset and prayed to God for guidance on how best to handle this rudeness towards us. When we got to the Fredericton gas station there were at least another 45 bikes bringing us to around 100.

Another presentation of the steel to the gathered folks, truckers, politicians, media and curious people and it was time to go again as we had a schedule to keep. However, John, the driver, wanted a parting prayer before we left and asked me if I could look after that. I said I sure could and turned to ask one of the military guys to call everyone back around. I approached one of the military men to gather everyone around because we wanted to pray for God's blessing and protection as we continued on our escort together (LOL ... he must have been an RSM for the yell that came out of him brought everyone back in seconds). Then God led me in a prayer with words and thoughts towards the whole event that had people weeping. Upon finishing, there was not one picture taken as even the media and camera folks had bowed their heads. And, the person who had snubbed us earlier ... he came forward and thanked me for such a meaningful prayer and told me how it had moved him. I thank you, Father God, for hearing my prayer and that you are glorified through all of this.

We continued onto Moncton with more bikes joining us on the way. Some people said there were about 200 of us by the time we got to Moncton. On the way, there were many fire trucks on bridges and police and RCMP pulled over and saluting as we went by, as well as public service vehicles. All had their lights on and flashing and all were standing outside their vehicles.

When we got to Moncton, there were ATV, CTV and CBC TV reporters all over the place waiting for us to arrive. I was not interviewed and that was okay, but the number of shots of the CMA back patch on the

news that night was awesome. All biking chapters had a great time of conversation. I met a man who was starting a new bike club called BACA= Bikers Against Child Abuse, he was looking for a Chaplain and asked if I was available. I told him I was for coming along side of them, but I was committed to one back patch. He was okay with that and we exchanged cards for future contact and an open door.

Going home I had wanted to stop and see the Amherst Fire Department and ask for their support when we rolled by them Friday morning, but I missed them. At home that Thursday night I was called by the local Defender chapter and asked if I would lead them to Moncton the following morning and I said, "Sure, no problem." We agreed to meet in Amherst for breakfast. One of their members was the EMO Officer whom I wanted to talk with. Did God not arrange for us to be at the same gas station together? I explained my plans (God's plans?) about asking all the fire departments to be at the bridges and he thought it was a great idea. He said, "Let's go to breakfast and make some phone calls." Well, was God not at work again because there at the breakfast place was the Fire Chief, Deputy Chief and two other members. We sat together and discussed things and it all worked out very well. The Chief even agreed to make the calls on down through Nova Scotia to all the departments to have support for the ride at all the overpasses and towns. With that looked after, we took off to Moncton Friday morning with 15 Defender bikers behind me where we rode into Moncton to where the steel was. There we met more than 200 bikers who joined in the ride.

At Aulac, NB, there was a 20-minute gas stop. There I spoke to John and told him that I had to depart in NS for a planned event that I was hosting and I thanked him for calling upon CMA to be a part of this special event. John was so overwhelmed with all the support that was happening that he started to weep and asked if I would pray over this event one last time. I had a Defender rider call everyone around and God once again blessed me with special meaningful things to say. Upon finishing, the Sackville Fire Department wanted someone to take pictures of them with the steel, so I took the pictures for them and received an open invitation for next year to do a Red Knight church service for them. I also planned to approach the Amherst Fire Department as well; God was so good in all of this. I also had various CMA members coming in all along the way through NB from Crossroad Christian Riders and in Nova Scotia from the Scotian Christian Riders, Cy, and Rodney and Brenda.

At Cape Breton, Wendell Shepherd and Sandy Langer were there to meet the truck and escort it to the North Sydney ferry to NFLD. In NFLD, I had contacted the Keir Fiske, Area Rep, and asked him if he could meet the truck at the ferry and take part in that escort as well. They had a great parade right into the airport with the steel on September 11, 2016.

Throughout the whole event, it was an experience of concern and uncertainty, to hurt, hurt to prayer, prayer to trust, trust to take the step and the step resulted in CMA receiving a lot of exposure and appreciation and recognition. Can we all see as God sees? No, but that is then where a step of faith comes in. So God marches on and it was a valuable lesson and a lot of folks came alongside and made it happen. And, the CMA campout fit right in at the end just nicely. Matt 6:33, "Place God first and all these things shall be added unto you." Amen.



# Chapter Elections

Chapter elections are an important part of the function of a chapter. Those who are nominated for an office should be willing to take the office, not forced into it because they are the only ones who will do the job. Remember to pray for God's direction as your chapter prepares for nominations and elections.



If you have any questions about any of the nomination/election guidelines, please feel free to contact your Area Rep or Regional Coordinator. They will be happy to assist you in any way they can. Contact information can be found in the *Christian Motorcyclist* and on the CMA website at [www.cmacanada.ca](http://www.cmacanada.ca). Also, please refer back to **Article 9: Election of Officers** of the chapter constitution.

## Officer Nominations:

- Determine which members (active chapter members as defined in the Chapter Constitution, Article 9) are eligible to be nominated for office before the October meeting. (The Chapter Secretary will need to review attendance sheets, membership dates, and Member Training (formerly known as the Ministry Team Training Course) completion dates in order to determine this information.)
- Conduct nominations during the chapter's October meeting by secret ballot.
- Review nominees with the chapter during the October meeting so that they may pray for them during the month before the elections.

## Officer Elections:

- Conduct elections during the chapter's November meeting by secret ballot.
- Voting is for active chapter members only.
- The current Chapter President votes as a member, not just a tie-breaker.
- The current Chapter Secretary will need to have pre-printed ballots with all nominees listed. (Write-in nominations are not valid.)
- Elect one office at a time, in the following order: President, Vice President, Secretary and/or Treasurer, Road Captain, and Chaplain.
- Two active chapter members not running for an office will count the votes and announce the elected person and position.
- After being elected to a position, the person's name is removed from further nomination.
- After the elections, the current Chapter Secretary will need to send the names of the new chapter officers to CMA National, the National Evangelist, and Regional Coordinator. This needs to be completed no later than December 1.
- Newly elected officers will take their appointed positions as of January 1.
- All exiting officers need to turn in all material pertaining to the office to the newly elected officers by January 1 (i.e. chapter attendance, chapter financial records, etc.).



## Reminder about ... Prayer

By Doug Letcher, Crossroad Christian Riders, Amherst, NS



Yes, prayers are important and we do know God answers them all ... but, sometimes in His time and not ours ... and His reasoning and answers, we may never understand ... but we have to accept His decisions no matter what.

Faith is an interesting thing, but obtaining a level of complete Faith and acceptance is a struggle as we go through life. Faith can move mountains, He tells us that ... and it is true, but few can reach that level without a flicker of doubt here and there. That is being human ... But, when we do have Faith, then as Jesus has told us, we, as disciples, will do miracles even more astonishing than He did.

When we pray, we should first get as close to the Spirit as we can. We should ask for the filling and anointing of the Spirit so that it can guide us. And when we pray, we should ask the Spirit to reach out and touch the individuals that He places upon our minds. We need to be full of the Spirit so that we, as vessels, can overflow to those near us so that they can also feel God's presence and God's Love ... that is a feeling of purity of Love ... a Loving Spirit ... however, we must always ask according to God's will because He has the whole picture and we just have our own little corner that we see.

As you may have noticed ... one thing that many people don't ask is for God to be first in their lives ... they hold onto that little bit of uncertainty and find it hard to give it all over to Him ...in Faith ...not willing to accept His will like in marriage ... for better or for worse.

In Matthew 8:5 ... about the Centurion that came to Jesus ... it was all about Faith and Jesus healed the servant from a distance, as the Centurion's Faith was pure. In fact, Jesus healed all those that were brought before Him ... and even raised people from the dead ... See, He was God and healed all according to His will and His will is to heal ... and He does it if asked in purity of Faith and in His will.

Another example is Isaiah 38 ... God does change his plans. Sometimes God is waiting to be asked ... in sincerity and Faith ...I am an example of just this. Although my health issues are numerous, my Spirit is Strong and my Faith lies in Christ. I, like King Hezekiah, turned to the wall and wept; God answered my prayers and gave me a time ... and I know I will be able to live a life in that time and NO health issue will hinder that time. And, as I live, there are difficulties, but nothing like facing the grave without Jesus.

Be of strong Faith and the purer you get to absolute Faith ... watch it becomes so amazing the filling of God's Spirit the filling of abundance of Love. We cannot contain it and we can only hang onto it for a short time span, as it overpowers us and we tire and our concentration falters as we are human.

When you read this ..... feel God's Love ... Never doubt Jesus ... Never doubt that God is and that God is there. Never doubt that we are a witness that God is with us as we are filled with His Spirit ... once a person feels this Love, there can never be any doubt.

God Bless you and yours for all your tomorrows...

May His will be done!

# Lord hear our Prayer

Written September 2015

It is in times that our heart feels the greatest pain, when most everyone turns to God in prayer. In our humbled state, we find our hearts desire to seek Him has increased. Many writers have said, "It is for this very reason hardship exists"; whatever the reason, pain has a way of softening ones demeanour.

**(Jeremiah 29:13) NIV** *You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.*

Death for most of us will be the greatest pain we ever experience. Loss however agonizing has the potential to lead us to experience the glory of God. This was the case in the passing of Lazarus.

**(John 11:4) NIV** *When he heard this, Jesus said, "This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it."*

Lazarus sickness was to reveal God's glory; the glory God has shown us through Jesus Christ, our Saviour. Everyone will experience loss; but, death is the result of our sin, which has separated us from God. Jesus also died as the result of sin; however, it was not His sin, but ours that caused His death.

The pain of loss is never in dispute; yet, the question lies in what can be done? Jesus knew the pain of losing a loved one; we saw this through His shed tears for Lazarus.

**(John 11:35) NIV** *Jesus wept.*

It is a condition of the heart. Death however, is an eternal loss without repair. It cuts deep into the soul, and offers no relief. Passing, on the other hand, could be ones path to experiencing the full glory God. God's glory is available to all who believe.

**(John 11:14-15) NIV** *So then he told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead, and for your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him."*

Jesus came so that all might come to believe. Trust in the risen Lord, and one day God will reveal in you His magnificent glory.

Lord hear our prayer; we pray for all those who are suffering with the pain of death. May they come to You, for we know they need not perish; because, in You, God's glory is found. **Amen**

In Loving Memory,  
Marianne and Gerard Vandekolk  
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