



T.E.A.M. VOICE

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HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY



HELLO FROM OHIO

This month will mark Kerma and my 35th year in MJM. Time goes by quickly when serving our Lord. However, our motorcycle ministry didn't start 35 years ago. I've had a love of motorcycles since the early 60s. Like most, I only loved them for my personal riding pleasure, which I did for many years. In 1984 that all changed. A friend invited us to go with them to the "AMA" weekend rally in Buena Vista, Virginia. We had never been to an actual motorcycle rally before and thought it would be fun, so we went. Little did we know what God had planned for us through that first rally. Which by-the-way turned out to be the first of many, many MC rallies for us.

At that 1st rally, God introduced us to something we never heard of, "Christian Motorcycling". CMA and future MJM evangelist's Joyce and Alvin Jackson was there from the Christian Motorcyclist Association. They conducted the Sunday morning service. After the service, we talked with them about the CMA for sometime. They gave us some CMA printed information with an application. When we got home, I felt the need (God calling) to investigate the CMA further. We liked what we seen and heard, so we joined July 30, 1984 (still have my original membership card). We were now riding our bikes with a purpose not just for enjoyment. We even started a CMA Chapter "The Glory Bound Riders" in 1985. Sadly, after a few years, we became somewhat disheartened with the CMA. They just had too many rules for their chapters to follow. I didn't know at the time, but God had been

using the CMA as educational stepping stones. He had different plans for us other than the CMA. Two years later, we discovered what that plan was.

A member of our chapter heard about a new m/c ministry starting up called "Motorcyclist For Jesus". Four of us went over to a farm in Indiana on a very cold January evening in 1989 for an informational meeting about MJM. I really liked what I heard. He said membership was going to open in February and gave us additional information with an application. I heard Gods calling once again. We turned in our CMA chapters charter and joined "Motorcyclist For Jesus" as charter members in March of 89. Became Lifetime members in 2001. The name "Motorcyclist For Jesus" changed to the current name Motorcyclist For Jesus Ministry "MJM" in 1991. The complete reasoning for the change is found on page 9 of MJMs History Document.

As you know, this year's MJM Spring Kick-Off is being held in Bardstown, Ky on June 7-10. What most members don't know is that 43 years earlier, Bardstown Kentucky is where MJM held it's first organizational meeting in early 1989.

Now a little SKO History. Our first SKO was held on March 23-25, 1990. That very first SKO was conducted and sponsored by the original Board of Directors. It was held in Frankfort Kentucky at Board Member Don Cheser's Church. The SKO notice was sent to the members in the January/February 1990 TEAM Voice. The first Road Rep meeting was also held at that time and location. I remember, when we awoke Saturday morning we had a surprise waiting for us. We had an overnight snowfall. About an inch of snow was covering all our bikes. MJM has had the annual SKO ever since 1990. The 1990 SKO was the only Kick-Off the Board sponsored. As MJM TEAMS were established, a TEAM or individual member sponsored/hosted the SKO's. This year will be our 34th SKO and we need to thank these two Kentucky TEAMS. The Freedom Praise & Holy Ghost Riders for hosting this year's SKO. Maybe your TEAM can volunteer to do next years,

After all our many miles and years of riding, uncle arthritis started getting the best of both us in 2015. We sold our M/C camper and Goldwing trike with 145,000 miles and retired from actively serving in 2017. Through our early MJM years we seldom missed a MJM camp out, went to many TEAM events and of course the SKO. God had us regularly going to GWTA or GWRRA weekend rallies to keep us from getting bored. He threw in some secular clubs bike rides. In the colder months we would set up a TEAM booth at swap meets and bike shows. We handed out bucoo many MJM tracts and imprinted MJM New Testaments at these various events.

Counting our CMA time, we have now been a part of Christian Motorcycling 40 years. God was always riding by our side every place we went. He led us into many unknown and a few scary places while serving Him. I know, attending motorcycle events today can be very expensive. If God supplies you with the funds, I challenge all MJM'ers still in good health, don't pass up any bike witnessing opportunities God puts in front of you.

Remember..... Our reward will be in Heaven.... Thank-You Jesus.

May God Bless and protect you as you ride, He always did us.

"Just Waiting For The Shout That Will Take Us Out!", Long time MJMer, Karl

KNOW THE TRUTH

A generation back there was a famous Hollywood actor named Spencer Tracy who starred in such notable films as Captains Courageous (1937), Father of the Bride (1950), and The Old Man and the Sea (1958). Most people in that day thought he was the best actor they had ever seen. His performances seemed flawless and looked completely effortless. When people would ask him what his secret was, Spencer would just shrug and say, “Learn your lines and don’t bump into the furniture.” In other words, Mr. Tracy just tried to keep things simple and work on the fundamentals. Working on the fundamentals will bring success not only in the imaginary world of filmmaking but also in the real world of everyday existence. There are certain lines of truth that must be learned and relearned if you and I are to make a success of our lives. There are foundational and fundamental realities that must be very real to us. The psalmist David said, “If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?” (Psalm 11:3). When foundations are destroyed, buildings collapse, and when certain truths are ignored, disaster strikes in human hearts and human history. Working on the fundamentals of biblical truth must therefore become second nature to us if we are to survive a world that is constantly changing its mind and its morals. In our postmodern culture, there is no true truth that acts as an anchor, and that is why our country and its citizens are adrift without a coherent and consistent philosophy of life. Modern man is not sure of himself or anything anymore, for he has his feet firmly planted in mid-air. The Christian, however, has truth to live and die by, truth that acts as a solid rock foundation upon which they may build their lives safely and securely (Matt. 7:24–29). Since you and I need to work on the fundamentals, let me share with you some cornerstone truths that my friend John MacArthur shared with the students at the Master’s College 2009 graduation ceremony, where he was the keynote speaker. One, God is creator; therefore, life is not random. Two, the Bible is the sufficient and inerrant word of God; therefore, truth is not relative. Three, sin is the source of all our problems; therefore, man is not good. Four, Jesus is the only Savior of sinners; therefore, the gospel is not optional. Five, everyone lives forever; therefore, death is not final. Spencer Tracy put his success down to keeping the plain things the main things! In the light of these five fundamental realities shared by John MacArthur, may we make it our purpose to live to the glory of God—looking to the Bible for wisdom, trusting not ourselves but the Lord Jesus Christ, all the while remembering that what we do today will count a million years from now!

George Tamburino (NY)

EDITOR’S MESSAGE

Hello everyone. Please submit any articles, stories, testimonies, praises, poems, pictures, favorite verses, thoughts, or ideas you would like to see or have published in the MJM T.E.A.M. Voice newsletter to amber_beckman@hotmail.com or text 614-598-0682. Thank you, Amber Beckman

This week the Lord laid on my heart about my misconceptions or the way I perceive people and things. Jesus said, “And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.” (Matthew 11:6 ESV) Tom is very easygoing and let’s things ‘roll off his shoulder’ as they say and my first reaction to people

or things is not always the best. My son unfortunately has inherited this trait. Once I think about things or people after a while I calm down. If Jesus judged us by our actions and did not look at our hearts we would all be in trouble. Luckily, he loves us anyways and forgives us and gives us a chance to repent. I had a supervisor at work named Lisa that initially, 'rubbed me the wrong way'. She changed our current procedures and created a lot more steps to our processes. When I first met her my mom was sick and within a couple months passed away. Lisa surprised me and her and her husband came to my mom's viewing. A few years later she lost her son and Tom and I went to her son's viewing. I gave her a big hug and tried to comfort her. We started to get to know each other and God unhardened my heart. After a while Lisa told me she had felt lead to go to my mom's viewing. I had also felt lead to go to her son's viewing. God spoke to both our hearts. Last year they removed her supervisor responsibilities due to 2 other employees unfairly complaining about her to the department Director. I actually was upset for Lisa and stood by her. This could only have been God. She has since retired and we text and hang out. I invited her to my house on July 4 for our celebration and me and Tom and her and her husband went to dinner last night. We plan to hang out more when I retire. The same thing happened to me before with another friend. I was the new person at work and all the ladies had worked together and been friends a long time. I am an introvert. I did not warm up initially to everyone and was very quiet for a long time. Terry is an extrovert and tried to reach out. Her daughter started selling Avon and me and my mom became frequent customers. Eventually Terry retired but we kept buying the Avon. After a while she started delivering it to the house. She also came to my mom's viewing and went to my daughter in law's baby shower before my grandson was born. We visit and pray for each other all the time. I constantly tell her it is because of all her prayers I have my grandson, Dresden. Had you told me a few years ago these ladies would be some of my dearest friends, I would have said you were crazy. Give people and things a chance, you might actually find a really great friend or enjoy yourself at an event. I almost talked myself out of going to the Easyrider event where I met Santo. Luckily, my husband talked some sense into me. If I had not went I would not be in MM and writing this newsletter. I would have missed one of the biggest blessings in my life. You never know what God is up to. His ways are not our ways!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Covered Bridge Benefit Ride

Quentin Dubose, Leukemia & Riley Shepherd, Accident



May 4, 2024 in Preble County

Eaton 1st Church-
Nazarene

201 E, Lexington Rd.
Eaton OH

**AMA
Sanctioned
Event**



**Door
Prizes**

Sponsored by:

"The Believers T.E.A.M." of Dayton, Ohio

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2024 SPRING KICKOFF

The 2024 Spring Kickoff is June 7-9, 2024 in Bardstown, Kentucky. **FREEDOM PRAISE RIDERS AND HOLY GHOST RIDERS ARE HOSTING THE EVENT.**

Reservations can be made at: **HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS & SUITES, 950 MORTON AVE, BARDSTOWN, KY, 40004, PHONE 1-888-465-4329 OR 1-502-849-4667, USE GROUP CODE EGK OR SAY ERIC GILBERT'S GROUP. ROOMS ARE \$159.00 PER NIGHT PLUS TAXES AND FEES. 12 ROOMS HAVE BEEN BLOCKED OFF FOR OUR GROUP UNTIL MAY 10, 2024. PLEASE FILL OUT THE ATTACHED FORM IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND. THE REGISTRATION FEE IS \$15.00 FOR SINGLE AND \$20.00 FOR COUPLE. CHECKS CAN BE MADE PAYABLE TO FREEDOM PRAISE MINISTRIES. SEND THE FORM AND REGISTRATION FEE TO ERIC GILBERT, 65 CHAPLIN-TAYLORSVILLE ROAD, BLOOMFIELD, KY, 40008. MORE INFO TO COME.**

MOTORCYCLISTS FOR JESUS MINISTRIES

2024 SKO Hosted by Freedom Praise Riders and Holy Ghost Riders
Registration Form
June 7-9, 2024



Hotel Reservations can be made at Holiday Inn & Express Suites, 950 Morton Ave., Bardstown, KY, 40004, 1-888-465-4329 or 1-502-849-4667. Group Code EGK or say Eric Gilbert's group.

Group rate is \$159.00 per night plus taxes and fees if made by May 10, 2024.

Registration fee is \$15.00 for single or \$20.00 per couple, **Checks can be made payable to Freedom Praise Ministries.**

Name or Names of Persons Attending:

Contact Phone Number: _____

Total Number Attending: _____

Total amount enclosed: _____

Mail form and registration fee to Eric Gilbert, 65 Chaplin-Taylorsville Road, Bloomfield, KY, 40008.

March 2024 Voice Newsletter Report

February 28, 2024

Years of Service for February

Joan	Philpott	35
Gary	Decker	6
Charlene	Decker	6
Peggy	Plant	22
Vernon	Hawkins	18
Linda	Hawkins	18
Clement	Neiderer	5
Thomas	Beckman	8
Amber	Beckman	8
Eric	Gilbert	31
Holly	Gilbert	15

March Birthdays

Douglas	McDonald	3/2
Arlene	Rudy	3/4
Alf	Smith	3/6
Linda	Cooter	3/7
Tim	Hufstedler	3/8
Sophia	Miller	3/12
Robert	Dillon	3/21

March Anniversaries

Craig and Lu-Ann	Kubicar	3/6
Eugene and Donna	Krebs Jr.	3/8
James	Garrett	3/17

New members for February

None to Report

God Bless

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