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The Bible says: "seek and you will find". Matthew.7.vs7

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What's in the Spring 2006 Chainlink

Safety first + 1
*always wear a helmet,
leathers, gloves and
boots.*
Get that knee down lad!
**Paul Wedgwood at the
NEC**



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CMA UK President - Mike Fitton

'Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven, given to men, by which we must be saved.'
'Acts Ch4 v12



I found myself jotting down the following thoughts. If Jesus hadn't gone to the cross, we wouldn't have access to:

- True Love
- Peace with God
- Forgiveness
- Grace
- Joy-deep inside when everything is falling down around us
- Security in His hand
- Comfort in sorrow
- Assurance of Heaven
- Strength for each day
- A future worth facing
- A reason to Praise
- Light in the darkness
- Purpose for prayer
- Fellowship with other believers
- Belonging to the Family of God worldwide
- The Holy Spirit living within us
- Power to live a Christlike life
- A message of Hope for the world
- The answer to every question and much, much more!

Hi there,

As we approach the beginning of the 2006 bike season, I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for your commitment and dedication to the ministry of CMA.

It is your commitment that has resulted in an infinite number of hearts being affected positively by the Love of God. I am convinced that there will be many surprises waiting for us all in Heaven, when we meet individuals that briefly crossed our path, yet God used that moment to draw them one step closer to the Cross.

When I was preparing to speak to a group of students at a college, the thought went through my mind "What if Jesus hadn't gone to the Cross"? What if he had just said "No it's too hard" and walked away?

Then it occurred to me, "What if we hadn't gone to the bikers last year?" What if we had said "No it's too hard" and walked away?

Let me encourage you to daily surrender yourself to God's will. That way, you will leave a trace of Grace wherever you go and in the life of those you meet. What a legacy that will be!

I would also like to thank you for your friendship and support of Sandy, Emma and I as we serve CMA. One of the greatest blessings I have is to meet everyone and deepen my relationship with you. I am so grateful to you for remembering us in your prayers, thank you.

Ride safe, ride for Jesus.

God Bless you.

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An overview of Mike's travels

Mike's visits and trips since the last Chainlink Magazine

* During the weekend of 30th Sept - 3rd October I visited the Forth and Tay branch. I spoke at a Christian Businessmen's Dinner. We took part in the Steve Hislop Memorial Run and visited the potential new members of a twig in Kelso. On Sunday, I preached at Rhema Church Kirkcaldy with CMA bikes on display.

* I organised a coach trip to the NEC Bike Show for 49 bikers. We met up with many CMA members, It was a great day.

* I shared the vision and strategy at a meeting in London.

* I attended a branch meeting at Stafford, discussed issues about the future and spent time encouraging Dave Dunham the new Chairman. The following morning, I met up with Dave and his Pastor to share the ministry of CMA.

* I attended a joint social evening and led a ride-out with the North East and Lakes & Lancs. branches. It was a good chance to chat informally with branch members and bring encouragement.

* I attended the Changing of the Colours Rally, Iron Mountain Arkansas and part of the CMA International Leaders Conference. Sid O'Neil from North Cheshire Branch accompanied me. The reception Sid and I received was magnificent. It was very apparent that everyone in the States was thrilled that we had rejoined and many people made very positive comments about the cross. I spoke about the UK CMA from the main stage on two occasions, each time explaining the white cross, then preached on the Saturday morning. I was overwhelmed by a sense of Peace and that God was at work in people's lives.

During the 24 hours that followed, over 200 people personally wanted to share how God had challenged them and how many had been restored in their walk. What a joy! One guy had planned to hand in his colours that morning and his marriage appeared at an end. After the meeting he came to me with his wife in tears of joy that he had recommitted his life to Jesus. Praise God!

I was particularly thrilled that Sid was so blessed. He came home really fired up to take on the printing of tracts and motivate people after what he saw and learned.

On the right - **picture** - of Mike and a close friend 'Curtis Clements' South Central Regional Evangelist USA CMA ex Dallas Police Officer with an amazing testimony of God's Grace on

his life.

I spent a great deal of time building close relationships with the USA, CMA Board members.

One couple from Maryland are planning to arrange a three-week holiday in England in 2006 and to specifically arrange it to coincide with our National Rally.

* In October I reached the dizzy heights of 48yrs old. I know, I know I don't look it..... do I, you think I do? Really?

* I preached at Southbank Mission, Middlesbrough, raising CMA's profile. Members volunteered to become prayer partners.

* I attended the AGM of the West Yorkshire Branch in Huddersfield; a wonderful evening and I shared a word of encouragement at the end.

* I had a meeting with Apostle Designs in Durham. We discussed prices for further leaflets, posters, possible tracts, calendars etc.



* I visited the Surrey and Sussex Branch; 20+ attended. We had a meal and I gave a presentation, challenging them within the CMA strategy. It was very well received and everyone seemed fired up for the future. I established a good relationship with Mark, the new Chairman.

* Next day I visited the Kent Branch at Ashford. Again there was an excellent turn out with a superb meal, providing me with an opportunity to chat on a personal level. I met the father in law of a Kent member, who is a retired Minister. He attends the branch meetings once a month to train everyone in preaching techniques, to assist them in Church visits and presentations, an excellent idea! I gave a presentation with a brief testimony.

* I have been discussing building links between CMA and a mission organisation known as 'World Horizons; based in Llanelli, South Wales. They work in regions of Europe, Northern Africa and the Far East. This would enable us to provide motorcycles for their workers abroad and small teams from CMA would be able to deliver the bikes and give tuition in riding and maintenance, experiencing mission ministry first hand and expanding their faith and vision for the lost. Rowland Evans, who began the ministry, was a biker and I understand that he took teams out on bikes to Europe to establish

prayer networks, from which the mission grew. In January, I spoke at the World Horizons Annual Conference in Newtown Mid Wales, sharing CMA's ministry and building links. I was amazed to learn that their UK Director is an old friend of mine from youth ministry days; Gareth Jones. He hopes to share about World Horizons at our National Rally in July. Check out their website to learn more on <http://www.worldhorizons.org/>

* Sandy, Emma and I attended a pie and peas social evening in Halifax, organised by Glen Knight; very successful.

* We attended the NE Branch pre Christmas, Christmas Dinner, taking along two prospective new members and a few not yet Christians. An excellent evening, especially as our waiter turned out to be a Christian too!

* I had the pleasure of meeting with Russell and Margaret Boyce, talking through his condition and praying for him.



Mike with Ollie President of Holland

* I spoke at Stockton Baptist Tabernacle Luncheon Club just before Christmas to 85 over sixties-great success. One of my friends from the church is joining CMA.

* Spoke at Darlington 'Men Behaving Badly Group', invited by Steve Wilkinson of NE Branch. Subject 'Reaching men through a common interest'. It was a great success, going on until 11.30pm.

* Visited Dublin based branch in Ireland. Everyone had been concerned about Ireland becoming independent as an association with the UK, was causing a big problem in their ministry. I agreed that it would be much better for them and contacted Rene Changuion, the CMA International Coordinator, to liaise with them. They were very excited and looking forward to the future; great blessing.

* After Dublin, I visited the North and Mid Wales Branch, staying with Bob and his family. I challenged the branch with the vision and strategy, then preached during a CMA service in the local church that evening. We received a wonderful reception.

* I preached five times locally leading up to Christmas, Sandy and I led a Christmas Morning Service, then served 36 lonely people dinner with the Salvation Army. We relaxed after 1.30pm and slept, then began to celebrate!!

* Between Christmas and New Year we had two South African CMA members stay with us for four days.

* I Preached at Pickering Church 4U, raising CMA's profile. A new young biker was at church for the first time and accepted a Manual for Life.

* I visited Bedford Branch AGM. I challenged them with the strategy and encouraged them towards new avenues of ministry.

* We had a fright when Emma fainted, due to pain in her shoulder. As she fell, she bashed her head on the banisters, then on the wall, knocking herself out for a minute. Paramedics attended and Emma was taken to casualty on a back board and neck brace. At the time, I was driving home from Wales. Nothing was broken, but she was battered and bruised. Thankfully she has fully recovered now.



A quiet gentle voice and obedience

by Sandy Angel-Jones Fitton

Have you ever been in a place where you know that you are not following God? This path may have started out with the Peace of God. Things may be going really well. You may have all good results to all you do. But, you know that you are not on His path. Why? Because there is a distinct lack of Peace; there is that still, quiet voice, deep



within your soul, gently letting you know that you are out of His will. It's like the persistent beating of a drum; with every beat you are moving further and further away from Peace.

You told the world that you were on this path because God lead you to it and this path could change at any time. You told the world that you would be willing to move off this path and do what God lead you to next. The day came. God said it was time to move off this path and take another one. You heard Him. You just didn't

listen. On you went, on this path - even with the persistent beating of the drum.

Until the drum beat got so persistent, you couldn't ignore it anymore. God finally got your attention and you finally listened. Oh, the difficulty of letting go of yourself and sacrificing what is already His, back to Him. But, it is only a selfish

struggle. It is futile and it is fruitless to hold onto something out of His will. Let go and you will see what God can do through you for His Glory and His Kingdom. That is what I am doing now.

God bless you, love Sandy

'Anyone who sacrifices..... will get it back a hundred times over'
Matthew Ch19 v29 (The Message)

National Executive meetings topics

by Chris Clifton

Since the last Chainlink the National Executive have met twice in Peterborough. Once in November, and then in January. We have had some exciting as well as challenging topics to cover.



As per normal, each meeting is brought together with a bible reading and prayer. We start at 0930hrs. Matters arising from the last meeting are first dealt with. Over the winter months we have been looking at study material for branches to do as part of the conditions of membership. We have agreed to use 'Calling Out', by J. Johns, which seems to suit our needs at the moment and will be encouraging all to do it.

The finer details of the Leadership meeting have been discussed and an agenda drawn up. Several of the official positions have been looked at again, especially the role of the Regional Rep, and a new position of National Secretary. A job description has been drawn up. Please contact Les Jones for the description if you feel that God is calling you to this service.

Publicity and Tracts have been discussed at length and we thank Sid O'Neill for his enthusiasm in the job that he has undertaken; producing tracts for all the CMA. We have also had a 3rd lot of posters printed and leaflets for all branches to use.

These will be given out at the AGM meeting in April. If you don't need them all, then share them with a branch that does.

The 'Run for the Son' will take the same format as last year, but Mike will be going through what needs to be done at the Leadership Meeting and the AGM, so people will know what to do. It was felt that if we changed the format again it would lead to further confusion and therefore fewer people getting involved. Though only 40 people had sponsorship last year, they managed to raise just under £4000 for the next publication of bibles. Thank you to them for their big effect and hopefully it will be an encouragement to others. The PO Box situation is now in the hands of Postwatch. I can confirm that the PO Box 8155 Loughborough LE11 9AR is up and running and stickers have been printed to go over the old PO Box number.

Members who have paid by standing order in the past, have not had to have their membership reviewed annually, but every 3rd year. This has caused a few problems, so now a membership form has to be signed by your branch chairman annually. Chairmen are empowered to



subject and discussed how it affects our organisation. We will be coming back to this and advising you all as soon as we can. We take this seriously and want all that come into contact with us to be as safe a we can humanly be possible.

We are still looking at the findings of the Branch Questionnaire

withdrawal membership from any member who is not living a Christian lifestyle at any time under the rules of Discipline Section 4.)

Mike gives us a report of what he has been doing and, as you can see from his report, he does a lot. Keep him and Sandy in your prayers please.

We normally break for lunch at 1pm and reassume at 2pm, though some discussions go on over lunch at the local café in the Cathedral grounds. (They do a lovely bacon and Stilton baked potato).

After lunch we go straight into the financial reports, poor Rob. All of us need to pray about what we can give financial to the work of CMA. Though finances are tight we are still tithing and have tithed £1000 to Seed BMI and £500 to a charity for bikes in Thailand for ministers, so they can get to their parishioners.

At the last meeting we spent a lot of time on 'Churches Child Protection Advisory Service' and how it affects us. We watched a video on the

that was sent out last year. They have made interesting reading and just show what a diverse and talented lot we are. Praise God for His provision.

Other topics that have been discussed are; charities that members wish us to help with, merchandise, World Horizons and possible working with the CMA, Chairman changes in various branches, chainlink, how to retain lapsed members and CMA youth pack.

We finish with the Lord's Supper and prayer and go our separate ways at about 5pm, with a head full of stuff and a note pad, full of things to do and think about before the next meeting, which is in March.

We are looking for another National Executive member. If anyone feels that they are being called for this, then please contact anyone of us for details. Please keep us and our families in your prayers and I look forward to seeing you this year. Ride Safe for our Lord.

Where did the year go?

By Rene R Changuion - International CMA Coordinator.

This year has come and gone like a flash! However, when I stop to consider what has transpired in this year I am extremely grateful to God for His guidance and direction.

It was just over one year ago that we invited Mike Fitton to come and visit



Emma Angel Jones with Rene & Delene on a day out in the Lake District.

us here in South Africa, with the view of re-establishing links with CMA on an International level. After some heart to heart discussions, we realised that miscommunication had allowed walls to be built, rather than bridges. When the walls of miscommunication came tumbling down, other differences seemed less important. Relationships are reestablished with the view of CMA working together internationally to reach this world, one heart at a time. We praise God for this restoration and look forward to enjoying the benefit of a united people, who choose to please their Father at any cost, doing the Father's business. It's a great honor and privilege to have brothers and sisters across the globe.

Delene and I were greatly blessed and stirred by our visit with CMA UK, in July this year, at your National Rally and hope to return to further our relationship with you in God's time.

Seeing so many of you pitch for the EMC Rally in the Netherlands

was awesome!

We have just arrived home from the USA, 30th Anniversary Rally last weekend. It was great to see Mike and Sid there from CMA UK. We are back in the harness here in South Africa and loving it. What a privilege to be called and chosen by God to do His stuff!

1Pet 2:9 - "But you are the ones chosen by God, chosen for the high calling of priestly work, chosen to be a holy people, God's instruments to do his work and speak out for him, to tell others of the night-and-day difference he made for you from nothing to something, from rejected to accepted" - (MSG)

The other great part is that we are not alone. God has raised up His people worldwide and given us the means and ability to connect in a great network that spans the continents of the world -Wow! Rather than feel important, I feel very humbled and grateful that we, as an international CMA family of God, can impact the world for Jesus Christ, starting at home. Jesus gets the glory for the victory and we get to be part of the action as He leads! This is a critical time for us as an international body, to make the most of every opportunity. May we be remembered as people who could look beyond obstacles and see the Father's big picture.

On the home front, here we have faced huge challenges this year, but discerned that these are distractions to keep us from achieving our goal. We have persisted with prayer and acted like God really heard us (which we know He does, but often our actions nullify our prayers) and seen God bring great victory in open doors and growth in quality and quantity. God's reminders to us all are these - Heb 11:1 - "Faith makes us sure of what we hope for and gives us proof of what we cannot see." - (CEV) Our faith is not in faith, but in an Almighty God who is our loving Heavenly Father.

"The fervent prayer of a righteous (right living) person is powerful and effective." - James 5:16

Remember that our Father's enemy; Satan is not happy about unity. It scares him. He knows that divided

people are weak and ineffective. Unity brings God's blessing - (Psalm 133)

With God's favor and blessing, His people, on His Agenda, are unstoppable. My heart is alive with the desire to live in such a way that God would be greatly glorified and the devil will be sorry he ever picked a fight. We have been praying here locally, but we are starting a new prayer initiative for CMA, which will include the international CMA family. A stronger connection with our Almighty Father is required to take us to the next level. Resting on past victories is simply flirting with disaster. I encourage you to pray with us more than ever for open doors, boldness, discernment, provision and unity, nationally and internationally.

1John 4:4 - "You are of God, little children, and you have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world."

We pray that you may complete this year on a high and tackle the next one with God given passion.

Keep on Riding for the Son
Rene R Changuion

PS - Visit our Website - wwwcmasa.org.za for details of our National Rally 18-21 March 2006. Come join us here for this event. Remember that a British Pound buys you eleven Rand! That sounds like a bargain!

URGENT ATTENTION from the EXEC.

**TWO POINTS. PLEASE READ.
MEMBERS AFFILIATES AND FRIENDS**

Your contact details and your e-mail addresses need to be confirmed. If you know you have changed any of your contact details in the last year or so, then we need to know.

Notify CMA via **admin@bike.org.uk**. If you no longer have an e-mail address, again, please advise, so we know. Tell your branch officials to notify us.

An e-mail, confirming, would be appreciated

President and the Executive Team



From left to right **Les Jones, Johnny Hallas
Mike Fitton (President)
Christine Clifton, Rob Urand and Paul Mitchell**

Note from the Editor

Deadline for Summer 2006 edition is 15th June

Publication dates are:- April - August - December

Where is the church going by Ken Hardy

In Norfolk, as else where I've no doubt, there are a lot of churches. I phoned over a hundred, local to Norwich only, and got to speak to the pastor and mentioned CMA etc saying that Norfolk branch would love to be able to come to their church some time. We also sent them a letter and poster, plus a few other pieces of information. This was followed up twice more with more info and posters.



Since then, we have visited several churches, but like you no doubt, time is always a problem, but a few of the CMA Norfolk branch have managed to get to these visits, generally one a month.

The churches in Norfolk had a conference in June, entitled 'What's the Future of the Church' with 150 or so churches represented. They are having an up to date website www.networknorwich.co.uk There are also other churches-together sites. Norfolk branch will be having its own partner site, keeping the local Christians informed as to what we are doing, with a diary of our events etc. There are also several local freebie papers, where we put a little piece in and we have had many contacts asking about what we do etc. From those adverts, we have had new members join us, who have proved to be a blessing to our ministry. Most church groups including Methodist, Baptist also have their own local magazine We often get to have a small write up in these.

There are many ways to get the work of the CMA known in a small local way. What are you doing? let us all know. We might be able to use your ideas as well.

Articles for the Chainlink are most welcome, PLEASE REMEMBER.

All names, addresses and pictures, especially of children, must have permission to be published. If I get them, I am assuming you have done just that, so the sender needs to be responsible for all information sent. If in doubt, run it past the President or the Exec.. committee.

All pictures must be separate from any document; ie, send them as tiff or jpg, either on e-mails or CD by post. For all photos sent, give an accompanying description of them on a thumbnail picture page, so I can relate them to specific events, then they can go on downloads as a picture montage. All photos sent will be returned.

CMA Questionnaire 2005

by Les Jones National Executive

During 2005, the National Executive distributed a questionnaire to the Chairmen of all CMA branches.

The questionnaire sought to ask questions about branch activities and issues which faced CMA, in the context of the Vision for growth; which Mike Fitton brought to the National Executive and the membership, shortly before he was invited to be our National President. We were aiming to get a 'snapshot' of CMA as we are today.



This article is a broad summary of the initial analysis of the 'results' and brief pointers to the implications for CMA, as presented to the National Board. October 2005. This article does not include the questions - the original document was 12 pages long! The National Executive are still digesting the detailed returns and will be addressing issues raised well into the future.

Section A: Presence in the Biking Community

1. CMA has good attendance at Shows and Rallies all sorts of across the country, with and without Holy Joe's.

2. Day events are amazingly varied and include many charity events.

3. Most branches go to biker meeting places, although generally on an irregular basis.

4. Lots of interest in 'specialist' areas (e.g. racing, classics), but mostly on an individual basis.

* It is evident that inter-branch cooperation is at a high level.

* We are involved in outreach across a wide spectrum of biking interest.

* Plenty of opportunities for contact with rally-goers; contact with race rep set/weekend biker poorly established

* May be scope for cross-branch activity in 'specialist' areas (e.g. Sidecar clubs, classic bikes)

Section B: Resources and Support

1. Branch funds come almost exclusively from gifts by members and supporting churches. Outgoings are mostly kit and gifts.

2. Holy Joe's income often used to supplement funds e.g. for buying additional kit.

3. Many branches have support networks - Kent and W. Yorks have 50-60 on their support/prayer network. Typically use Chainlink, local news/prayer letters and prayer chains.

* We lack experienced fundraisers in CMA.

* Need to develop our supporters and prayer networks 'Friends of CMA'.

* Key to raising our profile is to maintain contact and visibility.

Section C: Promotional Materials and Skills

1. The new publicity materials and presentations are in use and appreciated, although the DVD may be a bit 'churchy'.

2. This has stimulated ideas for further new resources, principally Tracts; a CMA leaflet aimed more at non-Christians; new, easy to transport, display materials.

3. Many members have skills in writing, graphics, speaking and some with Press and PR skills, we have your names!

* CMA needs to develop a number of purpose-designed tracts.

* We need to make use of skilled individuals amongst the membership

Section D: Promotion of the work of CMA

1. Generally good relations with home churches. Church runs are a key link.

2. A reluctance to pursue Church Affiliations - no advantage seen for the church

3. Still get some negative response from churches who consider that bikers can't be Christians. Bikers generally more accepting of us.

4. Youth Work is infrequent, and depends on individuals.

5. There are sporadic contacts with organisations such as FGB, Churches Together etc., where we can present the work of CMA.

* CMA needs to develop awareness of its work amongst local churches/Christian gatherings.

* Need to review Church Affiliation 'package'



Section E : Building Relationships

1. CMA is working successfully with a wide spectrum of biking groups. MAG and NABD are particularly prominent; links with BMF are weak.

2. Many branches are involved with organising biking events - from Shows to charity runs

3. Links with Christian Community appears to be less developed. Branches attend few Christian gatherings.

* Presence, credibility, persistence are key to building relationships.

* CMA needs to build relationships for support by the Church.

2. Church and families supportive - and tolerant!

"CMA eats up vast amounts of our spare time and takes us away from home".

3. Inter-branch cooperation is built on contact between branch leaders and planning well ahead.

4. Run for the Son: A bone of contention.

* CMA needs to move from a 'bike club' towards 'home mission'.

* CMA seeking to raise awareness of its work, to gain support from Christians, local and general.

* Improve communication.

* Inter-branch communication - develop Regional Reps.

Section F: Changes Within CMA

1. Generally see ourselves as a 'bike club with a mission' rather than 'home mission'.



Young Adults page 12-18 years



13 year old Connor at the Living Water Festival, Norwich.

Foreground Robert Charles aged 10 and Stephen aged 15, Bob's Sons from Wales, at the NEC Birmingham Bike Show.



Hi, It's me again by Emma Angel-Jones



Emma
at the NEC having a short break for lunch

Hello, I firstly want to say thank you to everyone for the feedback that I have been given by all of you. I have many comments from people my age, which is brilliant.

Anyway this summer I am hoping to join a Crusoe Team, Crusoe is an overseas expedition run by the Crusader Christian Youth Organisation, check out their website <http://www.crusaders.org.uk/crusoe.html>

I will go to a foreign country i.e. Malaysia or Poland and help teach the Bible to children who are less fortunate. I hope to go to Malaysia for a month. I have been praying about this and I do believe this experience will bring me closer to God.

Could you pray for me so that I know God really wants me to do this I would really appreciate it, thanks.

Emma xx

A Prayer for all CMA Members

by Yvonne Miller



Yvonne with husband Paul

O Father God, You're everywhere
And I know you always hear my prayers.
Please bless my friends at CMA
And show Your favour, day by day.

Lord, as they set upon their wheels,
To venture forth with utmost zeal,
There is so much danger all around,
I pray Your safety to surround.

When each member has the task
Your Word to spread.may it be fast.
And when to the 'lost' Your Word does go
I pray they come to love You so.

So Lord, You know my heart's desire,
That CMA grow in Thy Spirits fire.
Pour out Your grace on every one,
That they may grow with Christ, Your Son.



Advanced Riding by Pidd

I am worried. Very worried. Recent issues of our electronic newsletter "Fastrack" have included prayer requests for bereaved



relatives of recently dead bikers. Now there is nothing wrong with praying for these people and we should do so ,BUT would it be better not to have dead bikers in the first place? I am not aware of the circumstances of those deaths, but I firmly believe that ALL bikers should take steps towards becoming safer bikers. In regard to the members of CMA, I have expressed my concerns to "The Prez" in that while our mandate is to look after bikers Spiritual welfare, ours and all others; we should also be taking a lead in their physical safety and welfare as well. I must thank Mike for encouraging me to write these notes. Following on from Ashley John's item in the Winter 2005 issue, I am writing again, this time coupled with an appeal for all of you that have not done so already, and there are a few of us, to take advanced training.

There are a number of Institute of Advanced Motorists (IAM) branches nationally, catering specifically for motorcyclists. IAM training is to the highest standard available, except for Police riders, who are trained to an even higher standard. There is also RoSPA who offer safe riding courses; the organisation that Ashley works for in addition to his other duties. HM Police operate "Bike Safe". We bikers

need to encourage a much greater interest in personal safety while out riding. Bikers are well capable of killing themselves without

the added dangers of incapable, disinterested or downright dangerous motorists, who vastly increase the rider death toll.

Additionally, I have seen in motorcycle press, the statement that "The sports bike culture is killing motorcycling." There is already a powerful political lobby to rid the world of motorbikes on safety grounds. The BMF and MAG are fighting to keep us on the roads. If bikers do not put their house in order, then political will, will. The equation will then read "No motorcycles = No CMA."

Strong words I know, but I believe they need to be said. To learn a new skill takes time, patience and lots of practice. To unlearn bad habits and make vital corrections takes even more determination as I am sure we have all learned from life.

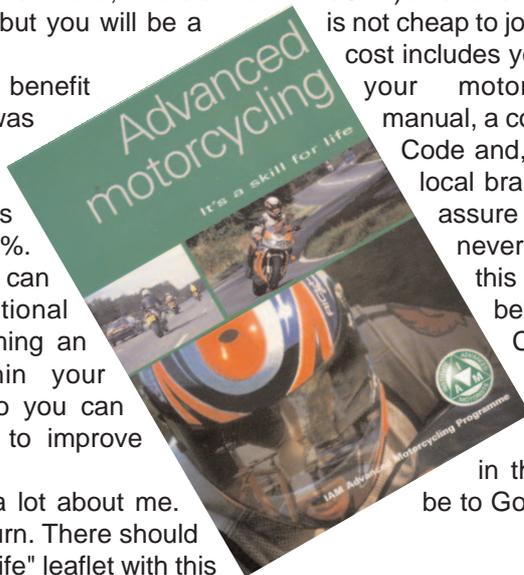
Now if I can do it, all of you who have not taken advanced training can. Up to 1993 I had ridden my bikes, including 9 years with sidecars, without having a crash or conviction. EVERY observer I had said to me "You are a safe rider, BUT" and they went on to tell me the bits I could improve on, AND also told me about the bits I had done well on. I, and you, many never ever be the

best rider in the world, there's no such person - but you will be a better rider.

The immediate benefit after passing was that my insurance premium was reduced by 15%.

Other benefits can include additional skills in becoming an observer within your local group, so you can enable others to improve their skills.

I have talked a lot about me. Now it's your turn. There should be a "Skill for Life" leaflet with this Chainlink. Contact the IAM (or



RoSPA) and take up my challenge. It is not cheap to join the IAM, but this cost includes your advanced test, your motorcycle roadcraft manual, a copy of the Highway Code and, possibly, a year's local branch subscription. I assure you that you will never regret taking up this challenge. If you believe as I do that CMA is God's bike club, then anything we do to promote safety in the biker world will be to God's glory.

A little personal info from Ken for the Chainlink. Ken is the editor of this chainlink magazine, do you know him? No? well I am sure he would be very happy for you to chat to him and mention what goes into producing the chainlink.

My first bike was a Francis Barnett 150cc, standard green Plover. I did 12,000 mile on it in the first year and broke the conrod, I Repaired it. My dad gave me an immaculate BSA Golden Flash 650cc with the side car; he had about several at the time, so he did not miss it. I took the side car off and with sidecar gearing it could



smoke the rear tyre with no problems. I went all over the uk in 1965, with several mates. It was the thing to do in those days. Since then, I have rebuilt over 20 bikes and had over 75 altogether. Now I am down to just two and do not plan to have any more than that. Although a new one is in the future plan, with a trade in.

A Bikers Choice

by Wendy Price

The throb of the engine, the thrill of the speed,
 There is nothing more in life that I need.
 A pint down the pub with all of my mates,
 Hey don't talk to me about them Pearly Gates.
 I've a wife who loves me and two kids
 I adore,
 A home to be proud of, I could not want for more,
 My job is just great and my pay is quite high,
 Hey, don't talk to me about when I die.



You could talk to my mate; he's a bit of a loser,
 No wife or kids, spends each night in the boozier.
 Not much of a life, but he's got a heart of gold,
 Don't waste time with me perhaps he should be told.

I'm really not interested, I'll see you around,
 There are roads to be ridden and thrills to be found.
 My fuel tank is full, so I'm off for a run,
 No time to listen more about God or His Son.

You choose the next verse.....

Wow this is the life, just riding my bike,
 Glad I told that Christian to take a hike.
 Don't want that religious stuff, it's not my scene,
 All that talk of Christ's blood washing me clean.
 He said I'm a sinner, in need of the Lord,
 And that stuff about forgiveness, I really got bored.
 I don't want to think about what he meant,
 And I don't really care why Jesus was sent.
 I'll live life to the full, right up to the end,
 With the buzz of the ride, the thrill of each bend.
 If I lean it right over I should make it round,
 Oh no, dear God I'm gonna hit the ground!
 The noise and the pain are so quickly gone,
 And now I'm standing before God's Holy Son.
 "You cannot come in." I hear grief in His voice,
 Why didn't I accept Him when I had the choice.
 If only I'd listened, why didn't I take heed?
 Too late to confess it's the Saviour I need.
 I'm destined for hell, harsh words but so true,
 Oh Jesus, I'm sorry that I didn't accept You.

Wow this is the life, just riding the roads,
 But my heart feels heavy like it's carrying a load.
 You know, I reckon that Christian was right,
 I know I'm a sinner in God's Holy sight.
 There's nothing I can do that will justify me,
 Christ did it all when He died at Calvary.
 Dear Jesus forgive me for all that I've done.
 I know that you really are God's Holy Son.
 With You as my Saviour, and also my Friend,
 Even more I'll enjoy the thrill of each bend.
 If I lean it right over I should make it round,
 Oh no, dear God I'm gonna hit the ground!
 The noise and the pain are so quickly gone,
 And now I'm standing before God's only Son.
 He smiles and greets me with warmth in His voice,
 Oh boy, that was close, but I made the right choice.
 I'm glad that I listened and chose to receive,
 Christ Jesus as Saviour, I'm so glad I believe.
 Eternity in Heaven, wow, it really is true,
 Oh Jesus, I'm thankful that I chose You.

Major Events List 2006

April 28th/30th Annual General Meeting, Congleton

(hosted by North Cheshire branch)

May 20th/21st Peterborough BMF Show

May 26th/29th The Welsh Bike Show, Builth Wells

The contact is Debbie Jones (South Wales Branch)

July Thursday 20th-Sunday 23rd. National Rally, Hollybush, Northallerton, North Yorkshire.

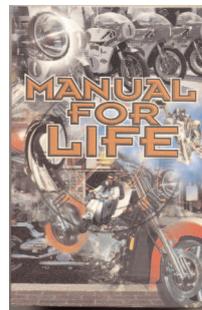
Hollybush will be opened up on Thursday 20th for those who want to make it a longer weekend.

August 4th/6th European Motorcyclists for Christ, European Rally, Keruu, Finland.

Always check out the web site www.bike.org.uk under events, for events throughout the UK.

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Introduction by Andrew Neil Brown

Hello, Sut Mae. My name is Andrew Neil Brown. If you should ever speak to me, please call me Andy or fat bloke. I answer to both.

I was born near Slough on 24.02.1953. I am a groundsman by trade living & working near

New-Quay in beautiful West Wales. I am happily (at least most of the time) married to my long suffering wife Angie. We will be celebrating? 25 years this October. We have both been married before. I have two daughters; Claire (31) and Alison (29) whom, apart from Christmas cards, I have very sadly lost touch with. Angie has two sons John (29), who lives in High Wycombe near my widowed Mum, and Mark (27), who lives with us & helps run our small two-man company. The last member of our family is Heathcliffe, our 17 year old, very much loved black cat.

My hobbies are reading, writing very bad short stories & poems, listening to commercial radio, people watching and winding people up. I have a Full (class A) Amateur radio licence; my callsign is MWØWEE



Andy looking after the bikes outside St Micheals Church Aberystwydd

Biking is not a hobby. It is far more important than that! I have recently returned after a 33 year gap! I have two bikes, a Triumph Legend TT (Restricted until March 06) & an MZ 250.

Although I am a loner by nature, with a fear of large crowds, I find it easy and natural to talk and evangelize fellow bikers; including patch wearers. I have had some positive responses.

I have been a Christian for 20 years or so, being saved at Oakridge Baptist Church, High Wycombe. After unsuccessfully trying to stop my wife attending chapel/church, I finally followed her and the boys into the building.

The rest is history.

We attend New Quay Parish Church; the chapel, being Welsh speaking. Angie sings in the music group. I am a warden, lead the prayers once a month and, if I am very well behaved, very occasionally an allowed a short talk in the informal evening service.

Bob & I ride together when we can, usually meeting in mid Wales two or three times a month in the riding season. I am an all year round rider. Guess who fell off this winter?



We moved to Wales on my 36th birthday and have been living on faith in the Lord ever since.

I left school at 17 with 3 O' levels (including religious knowledge) having have wasted the last 18 months on bikes, and been unsuccessful in chasing girls. I became a police cadet, then a police constable at 19, leaving after 6 1/2 years to become a chauffeur, based in London.

God wants us to set up a North/West Wales C.M.A twig. Bob is in charge (he likes being in charge or a least thinks he is), myself,

a Lady biker called Sue who lives locally and her biking pastor called Nick, who I have yet to meet. Please pray for this twig to start, grow and flourish.

Poem By Andy Brown

Bob the biker and Black Bess
Make a formidable pair,
One has shiny silver chrome,
The other silver hair.

He also wore the outlaws mark,
The stain still on his arm.
These days however he does good,
He never does no harm.

Bob the rider big and strong
His face it does look mean,
Bess the ridden glides along,
A graceful Black machine.

Bob's repented, he believes,
Satan had his day.
He's no longer hard and mean,
He's joined the C.M.A.

Bob's got a past, so have we all,
He did a spell inside.
But who among us reading this,
Has never Stole or Lied.

Now he sports a Christian badge,
Proudly on his bike.
And talks to bikers not yet saved,
Of what he once was like.

He wore a patch upon his back,
It's message I won't say.
But praise the Lord, Jesus saves,
He doesn't wear it today.

He doesn't pull his punches,
He doesn't pull away.
He stands his ground and pushes,
The local C.M.A.

Run for the Son 17th-25th June 2006

by Les Jones

As a result of the decline in members involved in the **Run for the Son** and the diminishing funds raised,



be out of keeping with who they know we are. Be sensitive and imaginative in how you

the format of the event was changed in 2005 to link in with celebrating the reprint of 'Manual for Life'. The annual charity ride meant that we were often riding long distances and rarely engaging with the biker community. Our focus changed to talking to bikers, promoting the Good News of Jesus Christ and to raising funds for our next reprint of 'Manual for Life'.

organise your **Run for the Son** week. The Spring Leaders Weekend will include some teaching on evangelism, which your branch leaders can bring back to the branches.

We recognise that this took some of you by surprise, but we believe it was a very promising start to a new approach to **Run for the Son**. This approach makes some of you feel uncomfortable. CMA has always taken a non-aggressive, non-intrusive approach to evangelism. We would be alarmed to hear of anyone pinning a biker to the floor until he promises to accept a copy of Manual for Life! There are, however, times when it is right to push the boundaries a little. CMA members should already be known, or at least recognised in many of the places you will be going to so promoting the new testament will not

Run for the Son Promoting Good News.

During the period 17th-25th June 'ride out' to local meeting venues, engage bikers in conversations and offer copies of Manual for Life (if you have copies with you) or give copies of the leaflet with the request form.

Prayerfully consider where you should be going and how you should approach people. Consider how you should be preparing the way over the next few months. Getting out to biker meets on a regular basis beforehand will make the process of engaging in conversations about the bible more natural.

Run for the Son-Bibles, Tracts and Promotional Goods

Over the next few months, tell your church and Christian friends about **Run for the Son** and what you intend to be doing. Tell them CMA needs funds for the next reprint of Manual for Life and to publish Tracts and other promotional materials, in order to support our work of taking the Good News of Jesus Christ to bikers. Use the sponsorship form provided. Use copies of Manual for Life to show people what it is, and copies of our existing tracts to show why we need to improve them!

How will YOU support **Run for the Son** 2006?

"I truly believe that God has led us to engage with bikers through the Manual for Life. This will enable us to have one on one contact and provide an opening to approach people. We are in the business of reaching people for Christ and any resource to enhance that will make us more effective."

Mike Fitton, National President CMA (UK) June 2005

Please find inserted a sponsorship form for
Run for the Son

All branch chairmen will have a master copy they can photocopy if need. Please use them.

if you need more information phone your Branch Chairman or use the details below

All donations gratefully accepted

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web www.bike.org.uk

Sponsorship form also on the web under downloads

Bubba and Junior were standing at the base of a flagpole, looking up. A woman walked by and asked what they were doing. "We're supposed to find the height of the flagpole," said Bubba, "but we don't have a ladder."

The woman took a wrench from her purse, loosened a few bolts, and laid the pole down. Then she took a tape measure from her pocket, took the measurement and said, "Eighteen feet, six inches," and walked away.

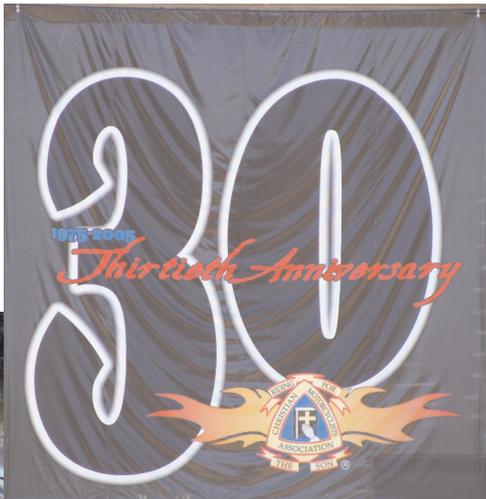
Junior shook his head and laughed, "Ain't that just like a dumb blonde! We asked for the height, and she gives us the length!"

Going Home, Iron Mountain USA.

by Sid O'Neil N. Cheshire



The next article is by Sid O'Neil from the North Cheshire Branch who, with Mike Fitton our President, was invited to the 30th anniversary of USA CMA and their visit to the 'Changing of the Colours Rally' in Arkansas, which in 2005 was an international affair, with many countries being represented.



"Take your pick". Wow! I took a blue 1450cc soft tail. Mike took Charles' spare Heritage, complete with big grin.

An amazing privilege are words that spring to mind to describe my trip to Iron Mountain, Arkansas USA in October 2005 with CMA



Praise God! All that is in the past and there are no longer any problems. What I never realised when I gave that word was that I would

President Mike Fitton. Iron Mountain is the International headquarters of CMA. It was here I found myself attending the 30th Anniversary of CMA with Mike. Every October they hold the Changing of the Colours Rally, and this year it was to be an international celebration.

As well as the UK, many other countries sent members to the USA, including Holland, Mexico, Portugal, Columbia, South Africa and Canada. Altogether, CMA is now present in 17 countries world wide, including Pakistan. So how did I end up on a plane heading for the Bible belt in Arkansas. Well I can see now that it started at least 18 months before, when one evening, while in Scotland, on the rainiest ever Run for the Son, I and a small wet group of loveable Christian bikers took shelter in a Church. We had a time of prayer, led by Mike Fitton. During this time I really felt the Lord saying that He would use Mike to restore unity within CMA internationally. I mentioned this to the group and we all prayed for Mike and the work the Lord was laying before him. Many will know of the problems we had in the past with the leadership of the American CMA.

be there one day to see Mike on a Stage in front of 4000 mostly American CMAers. They stood to their feet as Mike spoke of the past problems, and that now CMA UK was back on the International scene. Praise the Lord for the spirit of unity and peace. I must say that the welcome we received from the Americans was fantastic. They couldn't do enough for us. They were really pleased to see all the International reps.

It was at the last national AGM that I heard Mike was going to Iron Mountain. Some time before, I'd been giving my testimony in Stoke on Trent and at the end a chap came up to me and said he felt the Lord was going to send me to the USA? Great I thought. The wife said, "Did he mention me?" "Errrrr No! Sorry Luv" Well, to be honest, I'd forgotten all about it, until I was at the AGM. So I asked Jason Bee what he thought. Would Mike mind a travelling partner? "Ask him, he doesn't bite". Well I never asked him. I plucked up the courage and sent him an email. The reply came back "no problem, but you will have to pay your own way etc".

I was a little stunned. What now? Better get saving. With flights and hotel it would cost well over £1000. Well I must tell you that if it wasn't for the kind generosity of a couple of



Christian brothers, I would have nearly cancelled the trip. Weeks before we were to leave, the engine in my car packed in, costing over £1200, plus the bike needed new down pipes, so it was tight.

We flew from Teeside airport, so I spent the night at Mikes home. Jason & Beth Bee, along with Colin, travelled up to Mikes to drop me off. We had a great time. It's always just such a good laugh with these guys. We just take the Mickey out of each other. What a blessing. I'm not the biggest fan of flying. I'll get on one, but I'm always pleased when they land. I think Mike sussed this, once he realised I never took my seat belt off for 8hrs to Memphis. Then we had an hour's flight to Fort Smith, in what can best be described as a crop duster with extra seats. "It's got propellers", I pointed out to Mike, worriedly. "It'll be fine", Mike said. Well I hope so. Off we shot down the runway once again.

I'm please to report both propellers worked fine and we arrived in Fort Smith to be taken by CMA Bus. Carl, a local chap took us to our Motel. Another hour's ride. By this time we were both tired and needed our beds. Carl hit 55mph and just went for it. He didn't slow for bends. Maybe I was

just tired. Altogether, from leaving Mike's home, we'd been on the go for over 23 hrs. After a good nights sleep, we were collected by Warren, a CMA member and local school bus driver.

We got to know him quite well, along with his wife Kathy. He drove the biggest pick up that I'd ever seen. 6 ltr and about 10 to the gallon, down hill with the wind behind you.

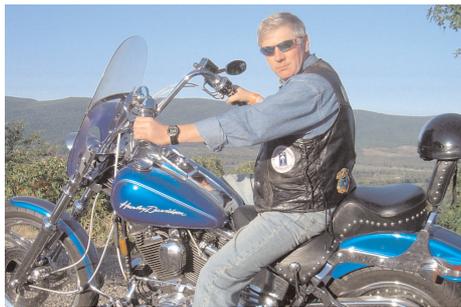
So we were off to see Iron Mountain about 25 mins drive from the Motel. He took us into the reception and then showed us the warehouse and the mailing room. It was big with its own cma fork lift truck. Then I was pleased to see a CMA print shop, with 3 printing presses and 3 multi colour automatic T-Shirt printers, plus a large format Poster Printer and banner making equipment. Wow! I was impressed. Best of all I thought this was Iron Mountain, it was big enough. "Oh no" said Warren "We've not been there yet"! Off we went back down the road and into 128 acres of forest, fully owned by CMA USA, with the biggest conference hall I've been in. We'd actually arrived at the end of a CMA leadership weekend, so Mike went into a meeting and I went walk-about. It was a feast for the eyes just watching everyone getting ready for the Changing of the Colours Rally. I ended up helping Warren pick up boxes from the reception in his truck. I met up with Mike later. It was getting better each hour. Mike introduced me to Charles Hale a CMA Director.

He took us to his motor home and showed us 3 Harley's.

"Take your pick". Wow! I took a blue 1450cc soft tail. Mike took Charles' spare Heritage. Complete with big grin, I tried to follow Mike around the site. Well I was a bit shaky; never been on a Harley. It felt a mile long. I caught up with him at the entrance to Iron Mountain, "You ok Sid?" Mike asked, "Oh Yeh!" and we were off. I followed Mike along the highway and got used to the feel of the bike. Oh did I mention we didn't have helmets on. Who said being a Christian is boring and never exciting. I couldn't believe I was cruising the highways of Arkansas in 90 degrees heat in October on a Harley. Mike stopped to check I was ok, and we just rode. We just checked out the area and, let me add, put some crash helmets on. It felt safer, considering we were on strange bikes on the wrong side of the road.

It was great to be able to come and go as we wished. Having the bikes made the trip extra special. We got to meet some real nice people on our travels around the area. As the rally got started, it was amazing to see all the different bikes arrive from all over the USA, along with trucks and motor homes. Walking around the Rally site with the white crosses on, we stood out. Everyone wanted to know who we were and why the crosses. Everyone else wore the cma international patc, which we wear as a small badge, along with our UK badge. Well it's a great way to meet

folk. To be honest, most of the Americans liked the cross. They all agreed that it stood out on the road, and everyone could make it out in the hall. The average age of CMA in the US is 49, with some in their late 60's and older. A lot of the men were Vietnam veterans, who decorated their cut offs with the old marine core logo's, complete with how many tours they did and even a badge if they were P.O.W. (Prisoners of War). Oh ,and very patriotic. US flags everywhere. In fact, President Bush sent a letter to be read out, congratulating CMA on changing America one heart at a time, and the letter got a 5 minute standing ovation. Heaven knows what would have happened if he'd turned up in person. God bless him.





John Ogden pictured on the left, is the International director. What we call CMA USA president. He made sure we were well looked after and took charge of the events over the whole week. I got the chance to talk to him at a dinner they held for all the international visitors. The Lord had called him out of secular employment as an exec.. with Lockheed, the aircraft company. He'd been looking after CMA USA for 18 months on a part time basis. So he took a step of faith and quit his job. He seems to be doing very well, and has helped bring about a spirit of unity, by appointing an International co-ordinator, who is based in South Africa. John opened the Rally by welcoming everyone home. I must admit, CMA has been really special to me and is very close to my heart. So to hear him say that, really felt special. I learned a lot about how the ministry started 30 years ago. Worship was led each day by Jerry Williams. He was wonderful, and really got everyone on their feet worshipping the Lord. I thought he was one of the best I'd heard in a long time. In between each song he would give a great word of encouragement

that was a blessing to all. I was pleased to be able to buy one of his worship CDs. Talking of buying things, the CMA merchandise was amazing. You can check it out for yourself on the internet. Just search for CMA USA and follow the links. They all support CMA by buying the many items for sale. Many of the motorcycles were professionally painted with scriptures and cma logo's. The bikes were great witnesses for the Lord, just being parked up. We had the choice of a few ride-outs. We chose to go to a farm called the Family Place, where they adopt children. Over 300 went on this trip, which was one of the smaller runs. Once there, we were all fed in a huge barn. It was a great time of fellowship. I'd met a young girl of 12 while being served food. "Hi my name is Charity and the Lord is calling me to Scotland one day to witness for Him". Wow! What an intro I thought. We hit it off once I told her I was from England. I met her mother and was very saddened to hear her story. She's been considered unadoptable, because of the abuse she has been through. This broke me and I was very upset. Mike had seen this coming and we had a good chat and a time of prayer. I'm pleased to say Charity has since written to me, with her mother's permission. I'm writing to the family when I can. We made lots of new friends on the trip, and we swap emails from time to time. One couple we met were very special; Norman and Barbara Taylor.