# Saddle Light

A Newsletter of Sabbath Keepers Motorcycle Ministry SW Washington Chapter

"For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to *give* the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ." || Cor. 4:6 NKJV

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### From the President

by Tom Infante

Well, here we are at the end of 2010. Our ministry chapter was started in 2008, hence we will be working on our 3<sup>rd</sup> year as a chapter. I look forward to 2011 with anticipation and hope; not just for our ministry but for our world and all the souls in it.

This past year has been one in which we, as a group, have made the most visible growth, not just in number but in the events we took part in and the people we met. Hopefully, we left them with a new and different image of what Adventism is about and that the love of our Lord is truly what we are about as a people. Personally I often wonder if we are doing enough or doing what we do right to spread the 3 angels' message and the gospel of our savior Jesus Christ. I often feel I can never do enough for all He has done for me in my life. It's so much – more than I can adequately post here. So instead of fretting about my personal inadequacy, I want to recount some of our positive growth signs.

We set up our literature booth at 3 rallies this past year – Hell's Canyon Motorcycle Rally in Baker City, OR., Wildwood Rally in Long Beach, WA., and The Oyster Run in Anacortes, WA. We partnered with our sister Sabbath Keepers chapter from the great north, Vancouver, B.C., at the Oyster Run. We attended many motorcycle events individually doing recon for future chapter participation. We performed several complete church services, some including music, all including who our Lord is and what He has done in our lives with an emphasis on "GO." We were invited to give testimonies in several churches and presentations about Sabbath Keepers Motorcycle Ministry in others.

Our group went on a couple excellent member-led rides on meeting days. On one of these rides I got to see some of God's gorgeous creation within 100 miles of home that I had never seen before <u>and</u> got cookies to boot. Yee-haw and hallelujah!

We finally got to meet D.J. Fultz, a Sabbath Keepers member from California now living in Oregon. He has joined us at several events.

For the very first time our chapter adopted a family (mom, dad and 8 children from 16 months to 16 years old) for Christmas. They needed food and clothing. With the assistance of the Woodland and Cedar Creek SDA churches we provided them with plenty of food and clothing, and additional presents for all. They had joy on this Christmas by simply having their basic needs met!

We got to attend the Puyallup SDA Church up north for the start up of a new



#### What's in an emblem?

This emblem will be seen by many on the vests of dedicated Christians who believe in the Adventist It will invoke message. questions as to "Who are you?" and "What do the three angels represent?" It will remind the world that God has lovingly given to mankind a day of fellowship and rest, and help bring out the cry ... "Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth --- to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people --saying with a loud voice, "Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water.

SKMM chapter and met their new and potential members. It was outstanding and the people are warm, earnest and enthusiastic. They chose to be known as the NW WA (Washington) Chapter. We look forward to working together on various events in the future.

There was, of course, more in this past year than what I've mentioned but I'm hoping I hit a majority of the highlights.

Now let's talk new members. We have grown by 3 new members this past year. Jim and Wanda Interlichia and Jay Boatright are all fun, God-loving souls with a heart for our Lord and this ministry. They have much to bring to our group; new ideas, more food, and much more. It's great having these folks on board.

On the other end of membership, we have one ministry friend and supporter that I truly miss and hope to see soon. You know who you are my friend. You are missed and we are praying for you. We also lost one member but still see him on occasion. Although unavoidable circumstances caused his departure we're hoping he will come back in the future. Again, our prayers are with you too.

Now for 2011. We have much to do and little time (in more ways than one), however, we have much more to work with this coming year. We have our new members, the new chapter in Puyallup and the B.C. chapter to collaborate with, a lot of recon data to look at, more experience, and our churches' support. Most of all we have Jesus, our Lord and Savior to guide us.

This has been a good year. I pray 2011 will be even better with more souls won for Jesus.

# Chaplain's Corner

by Paul Lattig

#### Blessed Because of GOD's Grace

We, as individuals and a community of believers, are most blessed to be under GOD's grace and protection. We (I) do not spend near enough time in gratitude and thanksgiving before JEHOVAH for His goodness and mercies, for we are <u>sinners</u> and as such, not a friend of God by our inherited nature.

Because GOD cares about <u>sinners</u>, as we all are, He sent the Holy Spirit to mankind to make us aware of our condition. Then as we respond to its promptings, we confess our wretchedness to GOD and ask for His help to repent and renew a right spirit toward HIM. As we humble ourselves before GOD, HE can then begin to change us into what HE had planned even before we were conceived in the womb.

Only as we spend continued time in prayer and study, and contemplation of GOD and the plan of salvation, do we even dimly become aware of what GOD has done and is doing for each of us. Take time to reflect and study on the story of the great controversy between good and evil, the plan of salvation, the sanctuary services, and what GOD has done for each of us and continues to do moment by moment as we make the choice to let HIS Spirit guide us in life.

Submit your life to JEHOVAH to keep you faithful and wanting to let others know of GOD's greatness and goodness. Be willing to step out and know that GOD has the best plan for accomplishing what HE needs done to save those that are able to be humble before JEHOVAH who is the Alpha and Omega of all. Be ever thankful and grateful for the blessings of GOD's grace.

Take some time to read Psalm 15 and resolve to live by those principles by GOD's grace and the help of the Spirit of God.

### Statement of Faith

Sabbath Keepers is a Christian motorcycle ministry committed to spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ with everyone we have the opportunity to come in contact with.

### **Safety Corner**

By Tom Infante

This month I thought I'd talk about riding in a group. We all had a not so fulfilling ride at the Oregon Abate Toy Run in Portland this year. We got separated from the group and the correct route (which was very poorly coordinated) but worse, we got separated from each other. The <u>absolute key</u> to riding in a group is to **follow the leader!** When I lead a ride my thoughts are for the group riding with me, not me as a singular motorcyclist. As leader of our group I try and make sure we are all together and stay that way. It became very apparent that we may not all be on the same page and as we grow this can become a serious safety hazard. With that in mind, here are some rules to ride by:

- 1) When riding in a group, stay close enough together that nobody else can get in. This may sound rude or unkind, however it is essential to maintain the group as a unit.
- 2) When leaving in a larger group (as at the beginning of a run) do not let others move into our unit. Keep our bikes close and move with the leader of our group.
- 3) Once out onto the street, particularly on fairly slow moving city streets, keep the group tight. Pay attention to the group leader.
- 4) Stay close enough to get through the changing of street lights together. If our group starts through a street light, move with the group.
- 5) In a larger group, to maintain continuity of the ride move with the group.
- 6) Move in tight at stop signs and move as a group; not as singular riders. If it is impossible to move as a unit, move in groups of 2 or 3, not 1 rider at a time. Work as a group to bunch back up, get around vehicles between us, etc.
- 7) When the leader pulls out and blocks traffic with his(her) bike that is the sign for everyone to move through the traffic signal, stop sign, whatever, as a group. DO NOT sit and wait move through quickly. The leader may designate one of our group to do this task. It's often the rider from the back.
- 8) The rider bringing up the rear of the group has a couple real important jobs to do, so if you're that rider, keep a real close eye on the leader. If he puts a blinker (turn signal) on the rider at the back of the group needs to move to that lane as soon as possible to block the lane so the rest of the group can then move together into that space. That way we move as a unit.
- 9) Another job for the person at the back is to work to keep the group tight. Stay close by pushing up to keep the group as a unit so no one can cut into our space and break us up.
- 10) When we ride in a group I cannot emphasize enough PAY ATTENTION AND STAY TIGHT TO THE GROUP.

Keep in mind that when we move as a group at traffic signals, stop signs, and in traffic, and we ride in a tight unit, we are **highly visible** and the vehicles around us know what we are doing because of that high visibility. When we hesitate or leave gaps, other vehicles don't know our intentions and are left guessing. This should never be the case. On a motorcycle the most important thing you can be is **HIGHLY VISIBLE**.

### 2011 Calendar of Events:

Jan. 8	SW WA Chapter Meeting @ Infante Home
Jan. 22	River's Edge SDA Company @ McMinnville, OR.  SKMM to conduct worship service.
Feb. 12	SW WA Chapter Meeting @ Infante Home
Mar. 12	SW WA Chapter Meeting @ Infante Home
Apr. 9	SW WA Chapter Meeting @ Infante Home
May 14	SW WA Chapter Meeting @ Infante Home
June 10-12	Hell's Canyon Rally @ Baker City, OR. * (booth)
June 11	SW WA Chapter Meeting @ Baker City, OR.
June 24-26	(Tent.) Amboy Bike Fest @ Amboy, WA. (booth)
July 8-10	Wildwood Rally @ Long Beach, WA. * (booth)
July 9	SW WA Chapter Meeting @ Long Beach, WA.
July 12-16	OR. Conference Camp Meeting @ Gladstone, OR.
Aug. 3-7	(Tent.) 3 <sup>rd</sup> Annual SKMM Retreat @ Milo AA with
	departure on 7 <sup>th</sup> for Sturgis MC Rally @ Sturgis, SD
Aug. 13	SW WA Chapter Meeting @ Infante Home
Aug. 19-21	(Tent.) Bronze Bike Rally @ Joseph, OR.
Sept. 7-11	NPUC Constituency @ Walla Walla, WA. (booth)
Sept. 24-25	Oyster Run @ Anacortes, WA. (booth)
Oct. 8	SW WA Chapter Meeting @ Infante Home
Nov. 12	SW WA Chapter Meeting @ Infante Home
Nov. 26	Salvation Army Toy Run @ Vancouver, WA.
Dec. 3	(Tent.) Abate of OR. Toy Run @ Portland, OR.
Dec. 10	SW WA Chapter Meeting @ Infante Home

<sup>\*</sup> Chapter meeting t/b held at event

Church visitations TBA as scheduled.

# Sabbath Keepers Motorcycle Ministry

### **SW Washington Chapter Meetings**

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday each month 2:30 pm Infante Home 42804 NW 7<sup>th</sup> Ct. – Woodland, WA.

### All Welcome

<u>Visitors</u> - Please call ahead to confirm meeting date/location (possible changes due to event schedule)

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# Photo Gallery

## Presentation @ Sunnyside SDA Church



### Presentation @ Stone Tower SDA Church



# Children's Hospital Toy Run – Portland, OR. -- check out that sky!



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Oyster Run Booth Set-up w/вс Chapter

