

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.” II Cor. 4:6 NKJV

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From the President

by Tom Infante

Wow, a day of 70° temperature! I guess that says summer could actually be coming soon. I really hope so; not that I don't enjoy a good rain storm now and again. Speaking of which, if you're like me and ride in the rain often, you may actually miss the cool refreshing deluge; then again, maybe not.

We're nearing the busy time of year for the ministry and that means everyone should be breaking out their copy of Wild Hogs to get in the groove. If you don't have a copy let me know and I'll loan you mine. (Just kidding about the loaning part). In fact, it's on my TV right now. But seriously, we will be doing a lot of traveling this coming year and we need to clear our calendars to be available for the main events. Please take a good look at our SW WA chapter calendar and be available for the big events we have voted on and agreed to participate in. These are the events where we actually do what the ministry exists for and that is to reach the biker community! I for one am really looking forward to the upcoming adventures, and they're always an adventure in one respect or another.

At the beginning of the month of April Paul, Sandra, Wanda and I headed to Grants Pass, OR. for the southern Oregon Conference Mission Fest adventure. We met up with Roy Hood and Jeff Chaplin from our NW Washington chapter, and “Papa” Ron Redondo and his wife, Anna, from our Northern CA chapter. I had a GREAT time! I think everyone did. Seeing folks from 3 different chapters converge at our booth was exciting and rewarding. This was fun! Paul even got permission to put his newest bike in our booth area. The Mission Fest was in the gymnasium of the local SDA elementary school and had about 20 different ministries in the mix. There was everything from health ministries to ministries helping people in times of disaster, to pretty much you name it. We had ALOT of visitors and ALOT of interest in our ministry. In fact, the principal of the school has already contacted us to determine how to start chapter in Grants Pass for Southern Oregon. National has sent him info and hopefully we will have a new chapter in that area. AMEN!

In the evening following the Mission Fest there was a concert in the all-purpose room of the school. There were 3 different quartets that were excellent and a young lady with a very beautiful voice. It was a good way to close Mission Fest South out.

The next day Jeff, Roy and I mounted our trusty steeds and headed north together. Paul, Sandra and Wanda hopped in the Explorer and were in the back of the fast moving traffic. Papa Ron and Anna headed south for California. Moving north we hit rain around Salem but just a little until we got to Portland, at which time we found the mother load of water. It was an excellent ride nonetheless. Paul and the girls passed us around Eugene when we stopped for fuel, Starbucks, and also donned our rain gear.



What's in an emblem?

This emblem will be seen by many on the vests of dedicated Christians who believe in the Adventist message. It will invoke 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.”

Revelation 14:6,7

We received a Thank You card from Chuck Burkeen of the Oregon Conference for our attendance at the Mission Fest and he noted our booth was a real hit.

This was an event I'm glad we attended and it was an excellent start for the upcoming season. It was, however, an event that focused on the growth of the ministry and exposure to our church brothers and sisters. It was beneficial and enjoyable, **but was not our main mission**. Our church visitations are set up for the same purpose, but again, are not the main mission of the Ministry. I love visiting different churches and church functions are almost always uplifting and informative. We should continue to do so whenever we can, but ***let us never forget the main thrust of this Ministry – our visits to the biker community and those in it. Our purpose is to tend to the unsaved, fallen, searching or lost. We have a divine calling, a specific, defined mission, my friends.*** Let's all be true to it and not let it escape in the troubled fury of this world.

Each of us has a specific gift or gifts to apply in our quest. Some may not even recognize the gifts you've been given but our Brothers and Sisters often do. Let's all start praying NOW for this upcoming season of bike runs and events -- for more and more opportunities to spread the word of our wonderful savior, Jesus Christ. Let's PRAY HARD!

Chaplain's Corner

by Paul Lattig

THE TIME IS NOW FOR THE END OF TIME IS NEAR

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8 NIV c2010

We need to break up the monotony of our religious labor. We are doing a work in the world, but we are not showing sufficient activity and zeal. If we were more in earnest, men would be convinced of the truth of our message. The tameness and monotony of our service for God repels many souls of a higher class, who need to see a deep, earnest, sanctified zeal. Legal religion will not answer for this age. We may perform all the outward acts of service and yet be as destitute of quickening influence of the Holy Spirit as the hills of Gilboa were destitute of dew and rain. We all need spiritual moisture, and we need also the bright beams of the Sun of Righteousness to soften and subdue our hearts. We are always to be as firm as a rock to principle. Bible principles are to be taught and then backed up by holy practice.

{6T 417.3}

Those in the Service of God must show animation and determination in the work of winning souls. Remember that there are those who will perish unless we as God's instrumentalities work with a determination that will not fail nor become discourages. The throne of grace is to be our continual dependence. {6T 418.1}

There is no excuse for the faith of our churches to be so faint and feeble. “Turn you to the Stronghold, ye prisoners of hope.” Zechariah 9:12. There is a strength for us in Christ. He is our Advocate before the Father. He dispatches His messengers to every part of His dominion to communicate His will to His people. He walks in the midst of His churches. He desires to sanctify, elevate, and ennoble His followers. The influence of those who truly believe in Him will be a savor of life in the world. He holds the stars in His right hand, and it is His purpose to let His light shine through these to the world. Thus He desires to prepare His people for higher service in the church above. He has given us a great work to do. Let us do it with accuracy and determination. Let us show in our lives what the truth has done for us. {6T 418.2}

I was led to the above passages during a reading of the book “The Coming of the Comforter” by Leroy Froom, published many years ago as a help to recognize the work of the Holy Spirit in the world and believer's lives (as relevant today as when written).

I am impressed that the ministry of SKMM is certainly not monotonous and is really in the world for all to see. Remember that we have each accepted Christ as our sin sacrifice and our salvation is assured as long as we stay at the “foot of the cross.” Our burden should be for all those souls that are not “saved by the grace of GLD” because they do NOT yet know and it is our duty to take that “Gospel” to them.

Do not despair. The task is not too great for GOD to deal with and as we present ourselves willing messengers in whatever way HE determines and equips us through the Holy Spirit, HIS plan will be accomplished in HIS time. Be ever ready to give testimony to the grace that GOD desires to give to all who are willing to hear and receive, as they recognize their sins before the Holy One.

If we do not see some perceptual acceptance, that is not our business. We are to just present our witness to the world and let the Holy Spirit do what is necessary. We must NOT go ahead of God's time for these events to happen and cause harm to His cause.

Persevere – Stay humble – Be watchful – Be thankful – Praise GOD in and for all things – Ever praying

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

You know I've had a lot of people get on my case for the clean, spiffy shine on my bike, most times at least. People will ask, "Don't you ride it?" or "I'll bet this thing has never seen the rain;" or something like, "you obviously spend more time cleaning than riding." Then they'll look at the speedo to check mileage to verify the lack of operation time. *That really isn't very telling with my bike, however, seeing as how the speedo cable has been broken for at least a year. I've replaced it 3 times so it's actually been broken for the last 4 years more than it's actually worked. I really need to replace it again but that's for another article.* Actually, the point I'm going to get to sooner or later is a clean bike is much more likely to be a safe bike.

On our trip to the Southern Oregon Mission Fest I was talking to Jeff, President of our NW WA chapter, and he and I are on the same page on this issue. I'm sure many of you are too. This I guess would be simply added reinforcement – a clean bike is most often a safe bike.

Cleaning the bike offers a perfect opportunity to check it over from virtually every angle, tighten loose nuts and bolts; check for leaks; inspect tires for tread wear, irregular wear and sidewall cracks, etc.; tire pressure; oil and other fluid levels; tightness of spokes if you have spokes; lubricate your cables and if you have one, your drive chain; and adjust your chain, clutch and throttle cables. There's more but I'm sure you get the drift and many of you do this as a matter of due course. But if you don't, give it consideration.

Clean ain't just pretty. More often than not it's also SAFER.

Scripture of the Month

Submitted By Jim Interlichia

"I love you, LORD, my source of strength! The LORD is my high ridge, my stronghold, my deliverer. My God is my rocky summit where I take shelter, my shield, the horn that saves me, and my refuge. I called to the LORD, who is worthy of praise, and I was delivered from my enemies." Psalm 18:1-3 NET (New English Translation)

Note from the Secretary

I just want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the prayers, calls and cards sent to Tom and I through the difficult time of my father's illness and passing. Your love and prayers were felt and appreciated so much.

Thank you also for your patience and understanding for the delay of getting this newsletter out.

Sandra Infante

2011 Upcoming Calendar of Events:

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 (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. 4-7 3rd Annual SKMM Retreat @ Milo AA with departure
 on 7th 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

* Chapter meeting t/b held at event

Church visitations TBA as scheduled.

**Sabbath Keepers Motorcycle
 Ministry**

SW Washington Chapter Meetings

2nd Saturday each month
 2:30 pm

Infante Home
 42804 NW 7th Ct. – Woodland, WA.

All Welcome

Visitors - Please call ahead to confirm meeting
 date/location (possible changes due to event
 schedule – see calendar)
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Photo Gallery

Our Booth @ Mission Fest South in Grants Pass, OR.



More Mission Fest South

