

Saddle Light

"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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Thoughts from the fairing of our President, Tom

Hello everyone, it's been awhile.

I've just been thinking of how our lives ramble about. Thank God they keep chugging along; each of us with a different approach to what may come and each of us with our very own hopes and dreams for what may be.

Many people consider their life as a road trip. It's full of twists and turns, good and bad, happy and sad. These folks are most happy on this road trip just as it is. They prefer to let the road dictate what happens and travel along just to see what's next - what's around that next bend; what's in the next sunrise or sunset? These folks are in it for the sheer pleasure of the journey, the adventure, the surprises, ups and downs. What will this day bring? What will be presented to

me to fill me with joy, fear, excitement, adrenaline, sadness?? How I will deal with it, how I will hold up, and how it will effect the journey are constant questions buried somewhere in the depth of our thoughts. They are, however, most assuredly buried or they might get in the way of the journey. WHATS GOING TO HAPPEN NEXT??? Don't tell me - show me!!!

Others consider their life as simply a road map. Its course is plotted and points of destination are preplanned events. These folks plan everything in advance and prefer no surprises. They want to know what's next. Destinations are what's important, not so much the journey. They want to know what the weather will be and if there any events happening on the way so they can be prepared to view them. They want no part of the road leading them, rather they want to control each segment on the map. They prefer the comfort of "steady as she goes," and "keep it safe." Their main thought may be, "can I keep my schedule?"

Then there is another group. That's the one with a good combination of both the previous types. What category are you in or do you care? If you don't care you probably fall more into the first lot. If you do care you likely have more traits of the second group. Many combinations are possible. AND SO????

I am not in any way suggesting which is right or wrong here. In fact, they are both right and wrong.

There is a point here and I'm sure I'll find it. Oh yeah, here it is. God has made each of us different, not only in these simple definitions but in many ways. Every person on the planet has his or her way of living their life with there own way of thinking walking, talking and seeing. Each of God's children are their own unique definition of God's creation. Each has their own likes, loves, fears. We are all so different in so many ways it's amazing that we agree on anything or come to solid decisions for our world, yet we do every day.

Number one commonality - we are all humans. Therefore, above all else we are by nature the same. So how can we all be different and yet all the same? Just like Ford, Chevy, and Chrysler, all have differences yet they are the same. They are all cars.

As for us HUMANS, despite our differences we have the same creator; and we're all human. We are all God's children and therefore brothers and sisters in Christ. As brothers and sisters in Christ we have a job to do. If we see a brother or sister who doesn't know why we are all the same, our job is to find a way to help them understand that God has provided salvation for all of us just as He created all of us. It will require all different types of people to reach all the different types that do not yet know Jesus because of those differences..

So if you think you're different great because we all are. God needs every one of us to bring all of our brothers and sisters who are different home. Many require a different route to arrive at the same place. Your job, should you choose to accept it ,is to start the journey with them.



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



Scofflaw

Chaplain's Corner



This word came to mind a while back while driving on the freeway to my next destination. I had a memory of what I thought it meant and applied it to my present situation determining that I was such an individual. More driving and more pondering led me to the conclusion that just maybe humanity could also be described as such when applied to the expectations that GOD has for us.

This word first came into being in 1924 during prohibition era of US history and means a breaker of the law who is willfully violating the law without fear of punishment, as the law is hard to enforce.

Case in point is that I was in a 60 mph speed zone and traveling at 65 mph and doing so because I had no fear of being cited for this transgression due to volume of traffic, no law officer around, and that technology does not allow the system to prosecute to such a close tolerance. However, I was still a lawbreaker in the absolute sense and guilty of the crime of speeding by willfully exceeding the posted limit. I had made the decision to break the speed law and then acted accordingly.

GUILTY as Charged !!!!!

So how does this apply to God's world that I live in?

We have the Bible as a collection of essays from YHWH to mankind outlining a way to live and relate to others while we are alive. Do we follow these instructions as intended or do we live as scofflaws in His world?

Maybe if these were condensed down to ten, then we could manage to stay within the boundaries of good living and be pleasing in God's sight. Refer to Exodus 20 and Deuteronomy 5 for this list called the Ten Commandments as given by YHWH to the people of Israel through Moses.

History has proven that, except for a couple of individuals who came close, mankind, with the exception of Jesus (Immanuel), has not been able to follow even these ten. Another condensation was made to two as recorded in the New Testament by Jesus in Matthew 22:36-40 and Mark 12:29-31. Romans 13:8-10 is a restating the second part of these two and the blessing of trying.

Even these seem unattainable in this world we live in and thus enters the grace of God; His forbearance and forgiveness; His sacrifice for our inability called sin.

By nature we are "scofflaws" and yet our GOD does not turn us away to our just rewards.

He calls persistently and softly until we either submit willingly or reject forever His plan for the life we have been given.

PRAISE GOD for HIS MERCY !!!



We lift our family and friends to Our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Jim and Annetta Wood

Brett Hammill

Papa Ron and Anna Redondo



Please also pray purposefully and passionately for the hearts of our children.



2014 Year End Events

The end of the year presents many opportunities for outreach to those in need and two events that SKMM – Columbia River Chapter has participated in December are the annual Shriners' Toy Run that is put on by the Abate chapter in Portland, Oregon and a homeless program started by Mel Gordon of Estacada, OR.

On December 6, the day started dry and stayed that way with fairly comfortable temps in the high 40's and low 50's with the key word here is "DRY" and decent riding conditions. SKMM members don safety vests and help the organizers of the Shriner's Run with traffic and pedestrian control in the corporate parking lot of Fred Meyer Stores. We show up about 9 am and try to keep the cars parked on the outskirts with the bikes to the center while keeping track of the foot traffic to keep a clear path for arriving motorcycles. The event opened officially at 10 am with a steady stream of arrivals on a great variety of vehicles with the drawing at noon for the motorcycle raffle and other prizes. The ride procession then is put on alert and escorted by city police to the Children's Hospital via a planned and permitted route.

Portland city officials have had some problems in the past with errant riders and so has become a bit reluctant to let the event continue without some heavy controls and so this year the "official" parade contingent was limited to 150 escorted motorcycles. Since not all the "invitees" made the event, our group was asked to ride and fill in and with no hesitation did so arriving at the hospital and meeting some of the kids and families as well as staff.

This event supplies the hospital with a great amount of donated toys that are used throughout the year and has been a blessing for many children who are patients there. This writer has had personal experience of this as having had a grand-daughter who went through a leukemia treatment program there and is a survivor.

The next event, on December 20, has been for years the passion of Mel Gordon who has a farm in Estacada, Oregon and does a socks and gloves handout as a personal ministry. Our chapter made a contribution for the purchase of materials and then on the Sabbath before Christmas gathered our materials and headed to our assigned area in SE Portland to do handouts.

Arriving at our designated area, we parked, loaded up, and headed out to locate needy individuals. Then, after splitting up into several groups, we searched a large area of blocks without any great success.

Somehow, we all ended up in a location that was being serviced by a local church group that does a feed every Saturday at 3 pm in the same location and all our supplies were handed out quickly to the homeless gathered there to eat.

Some of us then went home while others went to a local pizza place where Mel was treating all to food from him as a thank you for helping.

Additionally, we participated in 3 other holiday charity/toy runs in the Vancouver and Kelso, WA areas. We also sponsored a family of 6 (2 adults and 4 children) for Christmas. We were able to provide all of them with new clothing and shoes, toys for the children, a large amount of food, and even a new vacuum. They were so excited when we made our delivery but we were the ones truly blessed.

We are thankful for the many blessings of good fortune and good health that we enjoy and sometimes take for granted without continually praising our Creator and Sustainer.



For our adopted Christmas Family



Photo Gallery

Continued - 1st Qtr. 2015



Lunch with the participants of the Polar Bear Run on January 1, 2015.
Happy New Year!



Visit to Monroe SDA Church to support Puget Sound's worship service there.
February 21, 2015

²⁰"When I was with the Jews, I lived like a Jew to bring the Jews to Christ. When I was with those who follow the Jewish law, I too lived under that law. Even though I am not subject to the law, I did this so I could bring to Christ those who are under the law. ²¹When I am with the Gentiles who do not follow the Jewish law, I too live apart from that law so I can bring them to Christ. But I do not ignore the law of God; I obey the law of Christ. ²² When I am with those who are weak, I share their weakness, for I want to bring the weak to Christ. Yes, I try to find common ground with everyone, doing everything I can to save some. ²³ I do everything to spread the Good News and share in its blessings.

I Corinthians 9:19-23 NLT



Which way should we go?

The One Motorcycle Show

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Safety Corner

By Tom Infante



SAFETY FIRST or is it???

We have all heard the quip, safety first. We hear it at work, we hear it in the news, we hear it in magazines, on signs etc. It's been implanted in our brains since who knows when. This phrase has become a staple of our existence; a constant, and quite possibly one of the most used quips of all time, RIGHT?

So why do people STILL get hurt or even killed? Is it because they've never read or heard, SAFETY FIRST? Have they lived in a cave and never seen that bright, safety yellow diamond? Have they lived in a bubble with no windows? What's the deal, why do we still get injured or killed???

I got this. Maybe we get over-confident or maybe, for a moment, we think, "I can break this fundamental this one time and I'll be okay, right?" Maybe we just get carried away with the moment and grab a handful of that throttle, just this once. GUILTY as charged.

You all know your particular safety faux pas, don't you? If you don't, start looking because it's there. Every one of us has that moment of "just this time," "just once," or maybe you're oblivious to your flaw.

I bring this up now because we have, as riders, additional things to be aware of. We have the possibility of ice on every road we get on this time of year. Animals may be out in areas not common to their usual presence while looking for food. Cooler temps mean less tire adhesion to the road than the warm tires and warm asphalt of summer. Cold appendages may distract us from the focus we would normally have on the ride. You'll also notice more car drivers with hoods on since "hoodies" or hoods are much more prevalent in the winter. Ever turn your head to the side with a hood on? I have. Since a hood often doesn't move with your head, you may end up looking at the inside of your hood instead of what you turned to look at.

This safety article is simple - be safe EVERY TIME you get on that bike. After over 50 years of riding I know how easy it is to get lost in the moment. Just don't get so lost that you can't get back. Be aware at all times.

PLEASE think SAFETY FIRST.

Chapter Meetings are generally held at 2:30 pm on the 1st Saturday of the month * at the Infante home, 42804 NW 7th Ct., Woodland, WA.

** The date and /or location may change due to scheduled events.*

All Visitors Welcome

2015 Upcoming Meeting Schedule

April 4
May 2
June 6
June 27 (for July)
August 1
September 12
October 3
November 7
December 12

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Sabbath Keepers Motorcycle Ministry
Columbia River Chapter

2nd & 3rd Quarter Event Calendar

Apr. 11	Aldergrove SDA Church (B.C.)	Jul. 21-25	OR Conference Camp Mtg. - Gladstone, OR
May 17	Chapter Fun Ride (open)	July 22-26	Pendleton Bike Week - Pendleton, OR
Jun. 13	NAC Meeting - Hollister, CA	Aug. 27-29	NW HOG Rally @ PIR - Portland, OR
Jun. 15	Ride Your Bike to Work Day	Aug. 28-30	NW Motorcycle Camp Meeting - Gladstone, OR
Jul. 9-13	Hell's Canyon MC Rally - Baker City, OR	Sept. 25-27	Oyster Run - Anacortes, WA

All events are subject to change

Statement of Faith

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