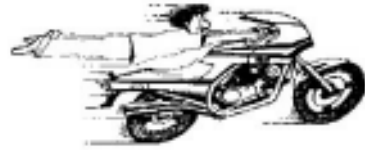


WHAT'S ON?

On the 3rd Saturday of every month: a group of Christian riders meet at Gateway Baptist church Just off the Gateway at Mt Gravatt Capalaba Rd at around 7.30am for a fellowship rid, for more information ring **Rob on 0421 012 123**



November 17: Buaca “Inferno Poker Run” Starting at the Withcott pub on the Warrego Hwy at 10:30 sharp \$20 Hand plenty of prizes, camp over at Maidenwell pub at finish.

November 17-18: Imbil Rally up near Gympie, usual stuff and great rally too!!!

December 2nd: MRAQ Toy Run Brisbane, Leaving Nudgee College Sandgate Road to Wynnum at 10am sharp.

Sunday 9th December: The Toy Run is scheduled to depart Brassall Shopping Center at 10:30am.

9 December 2007: 12 Gage Kustoms Bike Show - Registrations from 10am to 12noon. Judging from 12.30pm. Trophies for Best Bike of Show, Best Kustom, Best Harley, Best Shovel, Best Sporty, Best British, Best European, Best Jap, Best Metric Cruiser, Best Mini Chopper, Worst Rat Bike, Best Old Skool, Best Bike Tattoo, Best Airbrush, Best Paint, Best Helmet, Best Street Bike and Best Chopper. For more info phone 07 3299 2202.

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GOODNEWS LETTER

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I would like to thank everyone for your support throughout 2007, it has been a quiet year but a good year. If you would like to keep receiving the newsletter next year you need to pay your subscription by the end of December or it will automatically stop coming to you in January. Subscription is \$15 a year and can be paid any time from now, I give you 3 months notice so I don't interfere with your Christmas shopping, pay now and get it out of the way. Once you have paid your subscription next month onwards you will see a “PAID” stamp over this section of your newsletter. If you have email, you can receive this newsletter for free via email, just email us and let us know your details at chaplin@bikers4christ.org the newsletter comes in Adobe Acrobat format which most computers do have, or it can be down loaded off the web for free as well. Our Bank details are inside, **if you direct deposit be sure to let me know please.**

“You shall Know them by their fruit”

I would like to start this month of by “quoting” a pastor from a few years ago I went to his church and regularly you would hear the Pastor preaching and quoting “You shall know them by their fruit and not their suit” to his congregation. This same man today preaches the opposite “if you don't have victory, wealth or good things in your life, you lack in faith”! I am not going to go into any more than that, but also share a bible quote here that was sent to me in a letter some time ago **1Jn 3:14** *We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death. 1Jn 3:15* *Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.* I have had a bit of a struggle over the last few months, while some were blatantly criticizing me for different reasons, others were patting me on the back and telling me they were amazed at the acceptance that Bikers 4 Christ has in the bike scene.

Some have said I have done well, but I say, **you** have done well! All those who ride or walk or drive and wear your Bikers 4 Christ shirt or happen to mention Bikers 4 Christ when helping someone, it has been you who has the fruit, the good fruit! Some look at me as the leader or something of Bikers 4 Christ which I am not, as there is none, we are all the same, just Bikers for Christ, together we have worked and shared the love of Jesus with many.

I am not one to be accepting of glory, it is God who should get all the glory and honour and praise, not me, not any man at that! Over the passed few months I have taken some friends, some were Christians some were not, to bike rides or rallies etc, on each occasion at the end of the day that friend would say, "I am impressed at how many people know you and respect you, you are doing a great job". Those same people will probably read this as well, let me put it in perspective, it is not what I have done, it is what the Lord has done with the help of many. Many bikers know me through me being a marriage celebrant and chaplain, as well as helping out a few different groups at different times as I felt led. Some of these same bikers have said to me "Bikers 4 Christ are the real deal, you blokes are real, ya never bag anyone, ya never bible bash us, but at the same time you are there when we need you".

That is what I like to hear, those words from the unsaved. It is not that we wear suits, or ride the latest Harley or live in the flashiest house or brag about what we have done, it is the fact that you and I together have helped so many over the years and it has now come to blossom in the way that we are well liked amongst many bike clubs. Lately, many have moved on, or their bikes are off the road, or some have simply moved away. I have not been able to answer the call for help when it rang out many times, I have declined many offers to go here or there and made up probably a lame excuse for it.

Before this year is out, I would like to just thank everyone who has helped even in the smallest of ways, like someone let me put their testimony in the newsletter recently, an unsaved person happened to read it and said how they could identify with that persons life, they said that it got them thinking. A few have put finances in and that has gone to help some as well, many have stopped what they were doing and prayed when I have forwarded on a emergency prayer request, every little thing you the reader have done in the name of the Lord and doing it as a biker for Christ has had a good effect on those who watch us, and there are many!

Like that pastor said, "you shall know them by their fruit" I know you by your fruit and it has been good! There are still people out there who do not like me and criticise me, that is their life, good luck to them. Someone said to me recently "Roscoe, I hope you don't mind me saying this but you look like crap". This was a very good friend of mine, and that day had a very profound effect on me, why? Because I felt like crap too, I didn't realise I was headed for burn out again, only the early stages, but I was letting all the cares of the world get to me. But another good friend also was used by the Lord recently at a rally to show me, that there is no need to toil and work the sweat of our brow to do things for the Lord. That was part of the fall of Adam, we have been redeemed by Jesus, so now I can decline offers of rides and rallies and all the things of this life without trying to make up some lame excuse.

I have so many things on my heart that I want to do, but only one thing I will do, hopefully I will do the will of God and what he would have me do. How has your life been lately? Do you feel a little the same, then sit back and take a breath and start looking at things from a different perspective, don't look at how much you are involved in or what you do or where you go, but take a look at the things you have done, places you have been and check the fruit, is there good fruit or bad fruit? I think you will see there is good. Everyone has bad fruit in their life at some stage or another, but the honest fruits of your labour you will find are mostly good.

I have been extremely busy this year with almost 14 marriages, it seems we have settled a little and are not as active as we were, that is OK, I need the break! I just want to say thank you, to everyone who has helped in any little way. Thanks a million, God Bless you. **Continued....**

**This was sent to me via email from an unsaved friend I think it was,
Friends are like diamonds precious and rare, Autumn leaves are found
everywhere. Keep your friends, don't let them go, to get a freind, you first
have to be a friend!**

God Bless the Keepers!

I grew up with practical parents who had been frightened by the Great Depression in the 1930's. A mother, God love her, who washed aluminum foil after she cooked in it, then reused it. She was the original recycle queen, before they had a Name for it... A father who was happier getting old shoes fixed than buying new ones.

Their marriage was good, their dreams focused. Their best friends lived barely a wave away. I can see them now, Dad in trousers, tee shirt and a hat and Mom in a house dress, lawn mower in one hand, and dish-towel in the other. It was the time for fixing things; ! a curtain rod, the kitchen radio, screen door, the oven door, the hem in a dress. Things we keep.

It was a way of life, and sometimes it made me crazy. All that repairing, eating, reusing, I wanted just once to be wasteful. Waste meant affluence. Throwing things away meant you knew there'd always be more.

But then my mother died, and on that clear summer's night, in the warmth of the hospital room, I was struck with the pain of learning that sometimes there isn't any more.

Sometimes, what we care about most gets all used up and goes away...never to return. So... While we have it.. it's best we love it... And care for it.... And fix it when it's broken..... And heal it when it's sick.

This is true... For marriage.... And old cars.... And children with bad report cards..... And dogs and cats with bad hips.... And aging parents.... And grandparents. We keep them because they are worth it, because we are worth it. Some things we keep. Like a best friend that moved away or a classmate we grew up with.

There are just some things that make life important, like people we know who are special... And so, we keep them close!

I received this from someone who thinks I am a "keeper," so I've sent it to the people I think of in the same way... Now it's your turn to send this to those people who are "keepers" in your life. Good friends are like stars.... You don't always see them, but you know they are always there

Keep them close

Tech Tips Revisited (June 2003):

If you don't know what you are doing - don't touch it
If it isn't broken don't touch it - it may just break
If it is going well - don't try and make it go better
If it is a job for a professional - get a professional

If is a big word, and many times when it comes to maintaining or fixing bikes, cars or computers and things, we need to first ask ourselves what if? I recently helped a few people in B4C with little tasks that needed doing to bikes and computers, but even when it got to things that were beyond me I sent them to a bike or computer shop, most time, if you "try and do it" you will most likely make it worse. The Bible tells us not to think more highly of ourselves than we ought and I sometimes wonder if the writer was talking to back yard mechanics.



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Starting Balance: \$151.48

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Stationary \$ 10.35

Final Balance: \$ 251.13

"You shall Know them by their fruit" Cont....

So let me continue on now with the saying "You shall know them by their fruit and not their suit". I really got no idea what that Pastor was saying as he now lives a very different life, but I have always remembered it, bikers have never really been accepted in the church circles much over the years, but it seems many Christian bikers have done heaps of work in areas where your normal church goer wouldn't dare to tread! So what does Jesus say about fruit? Lets look at some verses, I love looking at anything that Jesus said! Take a look at **Matthew 7v17-19**. Jesus talks about good and evil fruit, the responses and consequences. Actually if you read the whole of **Matthew 7** you will get an even better look at what he is talking about, true Christians and false Christians.

Matthew 12v33-36 talks about how a tree is known by its fruit. That out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. What comes out of your mouth? I know God has pulled me up lately, not only by what I have said but my actions and even the clothes I wear as well at times, I wear various clothes for various reasons. **Matthew 21v19** is often spoken about but I don't think I have heard it in this context, will your life have any fruit, good or bad? If not, be careful because it just may wither away just like the fig tree. It is a bit like the previous verses of **Matthew 7** Jesus said that he who is not for me is against me, we can only be one or the other, if you are not "for" Jesus then you are against him! If you look at **Mark chapter 4**, you will see that some fruit produces a crop and some doesn't, it is not up to us if a crop is produced by our fruit, it is up to the individual. This verse actually talks about the word of God, as long as we are sharing God's love with people, then it is up to them what they do with it, sometimes it may produce a harvest in their lives and sometimes it may not. That is not our problem.

Read **mark 12v1-12. especially verse 12. Also V10** says And have ye not read this scripture; The stone which the builders rejected is become the head of the corner: Have you felt rejected lately, I have. I have looked back over my Christian walk and wondered why the church in general can not or will not accept bikers for who they are, I only ever found one church and that was the full Gospel church I first went to as a young Christian. Recently I met up with a girl I knew as a kid in the kids homes, we had not seen each other for 30 odd years and lo and behold she lives 5 minutes away from me, we have become good friends again.

I was talking to my friend Sue the other day, I said to her, "am I a nut? It feels like I am the only one who thinks the way I do, why can't people just get along? I feel like an alien!" She just pointed to a picture of Jesus on the wall of her home and said "Yeah I think he felt like that too". She was basically treated like a dog by the welfare system as a kid and teenager, she had to literally escape to save her own life, the system at the time was run by a church group, yet even though she was treated that way, she holds Jesus the son of God in the highest regards, but like me she hates "The system". That is something to think about though, how was Jesus treated, how would he have felt when his best mate Peter denied knowing him 3 times, and all the rest of his "Best Mates" ran off when hard times came.

Read **John 4v35-39**. Here Jesus shows us that do not look at the outcomes that we see, we may be sowing, watering or reaping. The end result was that the samaritan woman went and gathered together the city telling them about Jesus because he took time for her and shared with her. **John 12v24** shows me that, yes we will feel a bit dead at times, it is necessary, but also **John 15v4** tells us we need to spend time with Jesus if we want fruit in our lives, an area I have lacked in lately, how about you?

Words of Wisdom Biker Style

Midnight bugs taste Best.

Saddlebags can never hold everything you want, but they can hold everything you need.

Wear heavy boots. You can't kick things when you're wearing runners.

NEVER argue with a woman holding a torque wrench.

Routine maintenance should never be neglected.

It takes more love to share the saddle than it does to share the bed.

The only good view of a thunderstorm is in your rear-view mirror.

Never be afraid to slow down.

Only bikers understand why dogs love to stick their heads out car windows.

Bikes don't leak oil, they mark their territory.

Never ask a biker for directions if you're in a hurry to get there.

If it takes more than 3 bolts to hold it on, it's probably crucial.

Remember that you will be judged by the Horse you ride.

Don't ride so late into the night that you sleep through the sunrise.

Pies and coffee are as important as petrol.

The number of kicks it takes to start your bike is directly proportional to the number of spectators.

Never ask your bike to scream before her throat is good and warm.

Sometimes it takes a whole tank full of fuel before you can think straight.

If you want to get a job, you may have to compromise your principals. You may even have to shave.

Riding faster than everyone else only guarantees you'll ride alone.

Never hesitate to ride past the last street light at the edge of town.

Never mistake horsepower for staying power.

A good rider has balance, judgment, and good timing. So does a good lover.

A cold hamburger can be reheated quite nicely by strapping it to an exhaust pipe and riding forty kilometres.

Never do less than forty kilometres before breakfast.

If you don't ride in the rain, you don't ride.

A bike on the road is worth two in the shop.

When you look down the road, it seems to never end but you better believe it does.

Young riders pick a destination and go. Old riders pick a direction and go.

Overconfidence can be supplied by spare spark plugs, a set of spanners, and a roll of toilet paper.

Advice is free and worth every cent!

Sometimes the fastest way to get there is to stop for the night.



Always back your bike into the curb and sit where you can see it.

Work to ride - Ride to work.

Whatever it is, its better in the wind.

Two lane blacktop isn't a highway — its an attitude.

Good coffee should be indistinguishable from 50 weight motor oil.

A biker can smell a party 5,000 km away.

Keep your bike in good repair.

Motorcycle boots are NOT comfortable for walking.

People are like motorcycles: each is customised a bit differently.

More races were won in the tavern than on the track.

Never loan your bike to someone else, and never ride another's.

If the bike isn't braking properly, you don't start by rebuilding the engine.

Remember to pay as much attention to your partner as you do your carburettor.

Sometimes the best communication happens when you're on separate bikes.

Well-trained reflexes are quicker than luck.

The best alarm clock is sunshine on chrome.

Learn to do counterintuitive things that may someday save your arse.

Beware the biker whose ink peels off.

If you really want to know what's going on, watch what's happening at least 5 cars ahead.

Don't make a reputation you'll have to live down or run away from later.

Smoke and grease can hide a multitude of errors, but only for so long.

A friend is someone who'll get out of bed at 2 am to drive her/his Ute to the middle of nowhere to get you when you're broken down.

If s/he changes her oil more than s/he changes her mind — follow her/him.

The thicker your oil, the hotter you can take it.

If you want to get somewhere before sundown, you can't stop at every tavern.

Hunger can make even road kill taste good.

You gotta be smart enough to understand the rules of motorcycling and dumb enough to think the game's important.

The older I get, the faster I was.

