



JANUARY 2026

Conroe Messengers #362

Changing the world, one heart at a time.



Encouraging Words from the President

It's a new year. It's time to start a new. It's time to build upon the things we started last year and create new things for this year. The fellowship rides, the bike blessings, the Run for the Son events - these are, but a beginning.

It is written – in Romans 10:14 - *How can anyone call on the Lord unless they believe in Him and how can anyone believe in Him if they've never heard about Him and how can they hear about Him unless someone tells them about Him and how will anyone go and tell them about Him without being sent?*

"How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good news!" – Isaiah 52:7

This is the role of the Messengers. And we are – the Conroe Messenger! This is our charge. We are to get out and spread the word as our name implies. It is incumbent upon each one of us to find time and new ways to execute this charge.

Let's roll. Happy new year.



Larry

Larry Watrous, President
Conroe Messengers #362

*Get ready to share Christ at
our Blessing of the Bikes!
Invite your friends and share
with the community!
Share our facebook event
to your groups!*

The Southeast Texas
Christian Motorcyclists Association
presents the

9th Annual
Blessing of the Bikes
Harley Davidson of The Woodlands

Get your bike blessed for the ride ahead in 2026!

FREE
Hot Dogs

January 10th, 2026
11:00am until 2:00pm
25545 I-45 North
The Woodlands, TX 77380

All Bikers
Welcome

THE WOODLANDS
HARLEY-DAVIDSON

Calendar Wiz

BIBLE STUDY & POTLUCK

01/06 /2026 at 6:00 pm
7027 Casita Dr Magnolia, TX 77354

BLESSING OF THE BIKES

01/10/2026 11 AM - 2 PM
Harley Davidson
25545 I-45 N, The Woodlands

ESTELLE UNIT TEAM 1

01/11/2026 at 2:30 PM

OFFICERS MEETING

01/12/2026 6:00 PM

CYCLE GEAR BIKE NITE

01/13/2026 5 PM - 7 PM
19075 Interstate 45 South
Shenandoah TX

MESSENGERS MEETING

01/20/2026 Eat 6 / Meet 7 pm
McKENZIE'S BBQ
1501 N Frazier St., Conroe

MEN'S STAR OF HOPE

01/23/2026 6:30 PM
12575 Reed Rd. Houston, TX

CMA SETX SEASONS OF REFRESHING

03/13-14/2026
Parkway Baptist Church,
College Station, TX



Rod's VP Corner: Recent Chapter Rides & Events

December has been a busy month—and with the Christmas season upon us, even more so! Here's a look back at our recent rides and events, along with what's coming up.

December 2, 2025 – Potluck & Bible Study. Our monthly potluck and Bible study, held at Kim's home, is a wonderful time of fellowship. Six CMA members attended, enjoying great food, meaningful conversation, and JJ leading us through our ongoing video series, "Don't Give the Enemy a Seat at Your Table" by Louie Giglio.

December 6, 2025 – Christmas Party - Once again, our Christmas party was held at Vernon and Judy's home, for which we were most grateful. There was plenty of food, including a deep-fried turkey prepared by JJ, along with an abundance of desserts—the highlight being Teresa's world-famous cheesecake! A total of 28 CMA members and guests attended, making it a festive and joy-filled event.

December 9, 2025 – Cycle Gear Bike Night - Contrary to what we had thought, our local Cycle Gear store hosts Bike Night year-round! We were surprised by the number of bikers who showed up for this Tuesday night event. Seven CMA members attended, representing Shepherds on Steel, Messengers, and SE Texas state representative Ralph.

December 13, 2025 – Angel Tree Ride - More than 20 CMA members, along with two guests, participated in this year's Angel Tree Ride—traveling in vehicles and on five bikes. Altogether, Christmas gifts were delivered to children in 17 different families. These gifts made a significant impact on families who otherwise would not have been able to provide much for Christmas. Following the deliveries, everyone gathered for lunch at Vernon's Kounty Katfish.

December 13, 2025 – Wreaths Across America Ride - Joy and I had the privilege of getting up at 4:00 a.m. to participate in the Wreaths Across America police-escorted ride from New Caney to Houston National Cemetery. We met up with Rob at 5:00 a.m. in Conroe for the ride to New Caney, and with another CMA member, David Dibble, and joined an estimated 700 motorcycles for the escorted ride to Houston National Cemetery. The number of police vehicles—both cars and motorcycles—was impressive as they safely escorted us down Highway 59/69 and Beltway 8. The event was very well attended and deeply sobering as we walked among the gravestones, reflecting on the thousands who gave their lives in service to our country.

December 20, 2025 – Ride to Lake Livingston - The weather could not have been better—sunny skies, a slight breeze, and a high temperature of 79°F. Four of us on three bikes (guests Ken and Bill, along with Joy and me) met at McKenzie BBQ at 9:00 a.m. for coffee, then headed out around 9:30. We arrived at Florida's Kitchen around noon and enjoyed some outstanding BBQ. After lunch, we continued riding and headed over to Drifters, where we stopped and visited with other motorcyclists who were out enjoying the warm, sunny weather. After 175 miles of riding, including lunch and a stop, we arrived home around 4:00 p.m., while the sun was still shining bright.

Looking Ahead - Our chapter rides and events provide wonderful opportunities for fellowship, adventure, and enjoying God's creation together.

Upcoming Events & Rides - Things slow down a bit in January, but there's still plenty happening:

- January 6 – Potluck & Bible Study (bring something—and come hungry!)
- January 10 – 9th Annual Bike Blessing at Woodland Harley-Davidson
- January 13 – Cycle Gear Bike Night
- January 17 – Chapter Ride (details to follow - watch your emails and Facebook)
- January 31 – Chapter Ride (details to follow - watch your emails and Facebook)

Come Ride With Us! - Every ride is an opportunity to share Christ, encourage one another, and enjoy some good old-fashioned "wind therapy." Bring a friend!

Prayer for the Road

Lord, thank You for the joy of riding, the fellowship of friends, and the opportunity to share Your love wherever we go. Keep us safe on the road, guide our conversations, and help us be a light for You in every place we ride. Amen.

"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." – Romans 12:12

- Rod Booher, VP

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President:

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Rod Booher

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Representing CMA with Integrity

Listed below are several guidelines to provide a foundation for members in ministry. These procedures are in place to protect the integrity of our members and CMA. [See Handbook 1:9](#)

- Commit to one back patch.
- Walk the Christian walk at all times, even when not wearing the CMA logo
- Maintain gender lines in ministry.
- Have modesty in apparel.
- Use of tobacco or alcohol by a CMA member at any CMA meeting or designated ministry area is not permitted.
- Keep ministry tools for 1-on-1 witnessing on hand.
- Involve only CMA members in services at secular events.
- Refrain from placing the CMA logo on secular event fliers and materials as a sponsor or promoter without approval.
- Refrain from using CMA to build support for another ministry.
- Refrain from using questionable door prizes.



Story of Impact: A Lesson Learned in Malawi by Jeannette Kentch

What a blessing it is to go on a mission trip and help others but a bigger blessing is when you learn from the people you're to serve. In Malawi the team women were asked to speak to the **Katsekaminga Community** women. We were amazed that there were over 300 women and children, plus several community chiefs and leaders. We were asked to share with them about raising children and encourage them to send their kids to school. I had the privilege of opening our discussion and closing it as our panel discussed aspects of Proverbs 22:6 "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Afterwards, one of the younger chiefs asked for prayer for their communities for food and water. Then he invited the Team women to walk with their women to the well.

We expected to see a pump well that we've seen all through out Malawi! Instead, it was a huge hole in the ground about 20 feet deep and over 15 feet wide, with another 2 or so foot deep trench where women scoop up about 8-10 ounces of water at a time to fill up their buckets. The women had lined up their buckets waiting for their turn. This was done every day. It appeared to be a tedious chore, yet important for sustaining life.

The young chief invited me into the well, taking me by the hand, leading me down the steep incline. Thinking I was only going to be a spectator, I quickly learned the leaders wanted me to fill the bucket with water - a few ounces at a time.

I reflect on this experience; *I recall that the water was cool. Not muddy, flowing in one direction and very much needed.* The women had their large buckets lined up to be filled. It was hard work to position yourself in the correct spot, then to walk back up out of the hole with a full bucket of water and probably a child on your back.

The Men dug this hole - they somehow knew that there was life sustaining water under the ground! They didn't stop, they kept going. Eventually, they came to this cool, refreshing spring! Every day the women come and fill up their buckets to keep this water in their homes because this cool, refreshing water is so needed.

It is said that the average person can survive without water for about three days. Aside from quenching our thirst, water is essential. It regulates body temperature, aides in digestion, delivers oxygen throughout the body, keeps the brain from fogging up, cleanses us, refreshes our bodies.

As I ponder about this experience, I think about the verses from the book of John when, Jesus encounters the woman at the well and introduces her to "living water." **Jesus contrasts the water in the well to what He offers.** People who drink the earthly water will thirst again; in fact, many may drink of it, not realizing what they thirst for is really, living water. The water Jesus offers sustains us in ways much like that of "earthly" water.

Living Water keeps us from getting "hot under the collar" and doing or saying something we may regret. It helps us digest the words of the Bible. It delivers the breath of God throughout our life. It keeps our minds steadfast on the Lord and sanctifies us by the washing of waster with the Word. It refreshes our spirit.

Jesus told the women, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never be thirsty; but the water that I will give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up to eternal life." John 4:13-14 NASB. Jesus again spoke of living water to the multitudes on the last day of the great feast,". In John 7:38, Jesus declares: "Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them".

When we give our life to Christ, we get to have His living water! When we need to renew our spirit, renew the joy of our salvation, we just need to go to Him for His living water through prayer, praise, and reading the scripture!

The Living Water flows through us - just like this spring flows in Malawi! There's movement! It gives Life! We get to share the Living Water with others because we are so excited about the Lord! We just can't stop a flowing spring!



UPDATE:
THANKS TO THE GENEROSITY OF SEVERAL ANONYMOUS CMA MEMBERS - FUNDS WERE RAISED AND EQUIPMENT SENT IN TO COMPLETE A SAFE, PUMP WELL FOR THE COMMUNITY.





Road Captain's Motorcycle Maintenance Tips

How often should you maintain your motorcycle, and which parts are the most prone to wear? First, it will depend on the type of bike you own and the type of riding you do. For example, street motorcycle tires last much longer than dirt bike tires: this is because heavy abuse on dirt trails, rocks, and rough terrain will strip the tire much faster than smooth pavement. As a rule of thumb, you should change your engine oil every 5,000 kilometers or so. However, if you own a highly-strung race bike, you may need to change the oil much more frequently. Brake pads will wear faster on a sport bike than on a cruiser.

MAINTENANCE GUIDELINES

There are some general motorcycle maintenance schedule guidelines you can use. First and foremost, check your owner's manual. If you bought a brand-new motorcycle, all the service intervals will be indicated in the manual. If you bought a second-hand bike, find and download the maintenance manual for that specific make and model. Don't forget to also ask the previous owner about the recent service. Sticking to the guidelines in the owner's manual is the best way to ensure you're looking after your bike as often as needed.

If you don't have the manual, here's what's important:

1. Make sure you check the tire pressure weekly and top up when needed. If you ride on and off the road, you'll be reducing the tire pressure on rough terrain and re-inflating the tires when you get back on tarmac.
2. Engine oil should be checked every 621.37 miles or so and changed every 3106.86 miles. This is just a general rule: if it's a motocross race bike, for example, oil changes may have to be made much more frequently. Always check the manual for specifics for your make and model.
3. Cleaning and lubricating the chain weekly is enough, unless you're riding off road – in that case, doing it daily will help extend the chain's life. If you've been riding in wet or muddy conditions, clean and lubricate the chain after the ride.
4. It's best to check the thickness of your brake pads every three to four months or so, depending on your mileage.
5. Your air filter will need replacing once a year, unless you ride off-road in dusty conditions like sand. You'll need to clean the air filter on a monthly or even weekly basis depending on the mileage.
6. Your oil filter should be replaced along with the oil, unless you have a metal oil filter that's designed to last longer.
7. When it comes to your coolant and brake fluids, it's best to keep an eye on them every few months or so.

Having a logbook of your service and maintenance intervals can help keep everything organized. More often than not, it's easy to forget some of the most basic maintenance jobs or forget when you've done them; keep a maintenance journal and jot down some notes every time you work on your bike.

UNDERSTANDING MOTORCYCLE MAINTENANCE

When it comes to motorcycle maintenance tips, it's hard to give general advice as motorcycles and mileage vary just as much as their riders. However, understanding the very basics can help you form your own idea about your bike's maintenance. In addition to checking the seven points mentioned above, it's always good to keep an eye on how the bike sounds and feels when you ride.

Here are some pointers to watch out for:

1. SOUND - Does your bike sound different than before? Can you hear a rattle that wasn't there before? Is your exhaust sounding different, or is it getting hotter than before? Problems like this may indicate carburetor issues or, if your bike is fuel-injected, it may show other problems like sticking valves, cam chain getting loose, or it could be old bearings.

Christmas Party Celebration!



When your motorcycle starts making weird sounds, it's time to go for a checkup.

2. POWER - If you start feeling that your bike is running differently, that might be an indicator of bigger problems. Your bike might be running too rich or too lean, there may be carburetor issues, or your throttle cable may be loose. If you start noticing that your motorcycle is running differently, it's time to consult a mechanic.

If you know how to maintain your motorcycle, most of these problems can be avoided.

ROADSIDE BREAKDOWNS

Whether you're an experienced vet or someone who's just had a crash course in motorcycle maintenance for dummies, roadside breakdowns can still happen. Motorcycle service is important, but every once in a while, breakdowns can still occur – you may get a flat tire, a dead spark plug, or a wire gone rogue. Don't panic: most breakdowns can be easily fixed on the side of the road if you carry some basic tools.

For new riders, the scariest thing about motorcycle breakdowns is not knowing what happened. Diagnosing the problem is half of the solution, so here is a simple explanation of why your bike suddenly won't start: to run, a motorcycle needs three things – air, fuel, and spark. If your bike suddenly dies on you, find a problem by figuring out what's missing. In case it is air, chances are, your airbox is flooded or your carburetor is clogged. Otherwise, it'll be fuel or spark: do you have enough gas in your tank? If it's not air or fuel, it's the spark. Are your spark plugs in good condition? Is the battery alive? If not, that'll likely be the issue.

- James "Russell" Rhodes

New Year's Resolutions: NEW YEAR, NEW YOU*

Philippians 1:6 "Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."

Every January 1st, millions of people dust off their list of New Year's resolutions. "This is my year," they say with steely-eyed determination. Gym memberships skyrocket, vegetables sell out, and journals are filled with promises to finally become that person—organized, disciplined, and kale-loving. By February? The gym is quiet, the donuts are back, and the only thing organized is your Netflix queue.

Here's the thing: resolutions tap into something real—our desire for change. Deep down, we know we're not quite who we're meant to be. It's the echo of a truth as old as time: we're created for more, but we can't seem to get there on our own. Every failed resolution serves as a reminder that grit alone won't fix what's broken.

So, should we ditch resolutions altogether? Not exactly. The problem isn't in setting goals, it's where we place our hope. Most resolutions focus on external change—losing weight, saving money, finally finishing that stack of unread books. But lasting transformation starts on the inside, in our hearts. And here's the truth we don't always want to face: we don't just need new habits, we need a new source of strength.

This is where the gospel comes in. Real change isn't about trying harder. God isn't impressed by how many pounds you lose or how many miles you run. He's after your heart. He invites you to let him do the heavy lifting, to reshape you from the inside out. Transformation doesn't happen overnight—spiritual growth is more like planting seeds than flipping a switch. But with God's power, change is possible.

This year, set your goals, but hold them loosely. Instead of striving, invite God into the process. **Let your resolution be to rely on Him—to grow in grace, to love deeper, and to live with purpose.** The best transformation isn't found in the gym or the bank account—it's found in a life surrendered to Jesus.

Apply: Choose one or two realistic goals that align with your spiritual growth, like spending five minutes a day in prayer, reading a chapter of the Bible daily, attending Bible study class, joining a serve team, or tithing faithfully. Start with one step.

Pray: Heavenly Father, as I step into this new year, I bring my hopes, goals, and dreams to you. Help me to see where you are leading and give me the strength to follow. Transform my heart from the inside out so that my life reflects your purpose. When I struggle or fall short, remind me that you are faithful to finish the work you've started in me. In Jesus' name. Amen.

*by Ed Young

Praise God For....

Praise God for a new year to share Christ!
Praise God for the Officers that have led and the new Officers that continue the Messenger legacy.

Pray For

Teresa S. - Brother, Tommy, passed away. Remember the entire family.

Mark W. - VP of New Testament Riders, has a perforated appendix. Surgery has been delayed due to infection and is being monitored in hospital. Pray for healing & restoration

Don K. - Sister Vicki is in palliative care. She has good days and bad days.

Jeannette & Don K. - job transfer & all that is involved in moving & selling home.

Kim E. - visiting sister and mother, pray for wisdom and safe travels.

Paula T. - upcoming eye surgery

Gary T. - reoccurring back pain

Eddie B. - not feeling well

Russel R. - upcoming second hand surgery and therapy interventions.

Judy O. - for healing of health issues to be resolved soon.

Vernon O. - Ill with flue & pneumonia

Tracey M. - healing of back.

Kase - grandson of Jimmy & Tracy M.; healing of hip disease.

Theresa & Terry S - friend Charlotte is having shoulder replacement on Nov 25th. Friend Tom & Rose both have cancer; Niece Casey is undergoing radiation, and friend Dale has cancer. Keep them in your prayers.

Star of
hope



Men's Star of Hope Ministry

Come minister at Star of Hope Men's Development Center. By being present you'll encourage the men as they work to overcome their struggles & addictions.

DATE: January 23rd **TIME:** 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

LOCATION: Men's Development Center Star of Hope 12575 Reed Rd. Houston, TX 77051

MEET: To ride together meet at Tardy Residence 810 Lemm Court, Spring TX 77090

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: contact Tank Tardy or email cmamessengers@gmail.com

PASSING IT ON.
DEUTERONOMY 6:6-7 NLT



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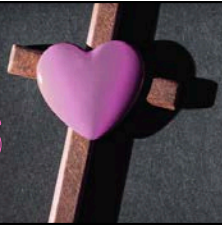


Learn about
God's Ride Plan

cwausa.org/resources/therideplan



HEART MATTERS



Forward into the New Year by Joy Booher

How is 2026 looking for you? Are you standing at the "Gate to the Year" with anticipation or trepidation? Are there threatening clouds on the horizon or a forecast of sunshine and rainbows? Are you feeling confident or fearful to take that next step? What does our Guidebook the Bible say to instruct and encourage us as we move into new endeavors?

Personal Purpose and Promise

Jesus commissioned us to go into our world to reach the lost with the good news of God's love, forgiveness of sins, and His guiding presence. He's promised us everlasting life.

Provision in the Person of God

The Old Testament introduces us to Father God, who is shown as the God who sees, Healer, the Good Shepherd, Lord and Master, the Lord will Provide, the Lord Almighty, and God of Peace. In the New Testament we meet Jesus who is "the Way, the Truth, and the Life"; "the Good Shepherd", "the Light of the World", "the Bread of Life", and "the Resurrection and the Life". Most importantly, He is our Savior and Lord. He promised us His Spirit to "guide us into all truth".

Protection from Evil

God surrounds us with angels and protects us from Satan, the roaring lion who seeks to distract and destroy. We can suit up with the helmet of salvation, the breastplate of righteousness, the belt of truth, the shoes of peace, the sword of the Spirit, and the shield of faith. Prayer is our battle cry and our defense. Ephesians 6:10-18

Power and Peace in Prayer

Not only are we to "pray without ceasing", but in "thanksgiving, we can bring our requests to God", who gives us amazing peace mentally and emotionally. Prayer asks God to give us His wisdom, heal and restore, and "equip us for every good work." Philippians 4:6,7

Will there be challenges and setbacks, struggles and skirmishes? You can count on it! **You can also depend on God's promises, provision, and peace. Stand firm!**

Happy
New Year



2026 SEASONS OF REFRESHING

Seasons Of Refreshing 2026

Make plans now to attend SETX Seasons of Refreshing! Time to renew you heart & mind and refocus on the ministry of CMA! Connect with friends and learn God's purpose!

DATE: March 13 - 14, 2026 at

LOCATION: Parkway Baptist Church, 1501 Southwest Pkwy, College Station, TX

REGISTRATION: coming soon

INFO: Ralph Robson 281.543.7423
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2016 RALLY DATES & LOCATIONS RELEASED

Fast Lane Events

Each year CMA Fast Lane hosts a series of Roads & Trails rallies in various locations around the country. You don't have to be a CMA member to attend and enjoy any or all of the Roads & Trails rallies with us. These casual rallies offer great riding on road or off. The emphasis will be on having fun and riding safe. No matter what you ride, you'll be welcome.

INFO: CMA National Events Team
(870) 389-6196 events@cmausa.org

[CMA National Fast Lane Facebook Page](#)

Click here for video



Celebrations!

Birthdays:

Larry Watrous - 1/17

Paula Teel - 1/27



CMA Anniversary:

Liz Hatfield 1/14/25

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Come Ride With Us



CONROE MESSENGERS #362
CHRISTIAN MOTORCYCLISTS ASSOCIATION

History of CMA

The original brainstorm for such an organization occurred in 1972 when Herb Shreve and his teenage son purchased their first motorcycles. It was not until 1974 when the need for a new organization began to be realized. Herb attended his first motorcycle rally and saw a massive crowd of motorcyclists who did not know Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. In fact, many had never heard the Gospel message.

The realization of such a great need prompted Herb to share his vision with a couple of Christian friends. Together, they began to pray. Herb became more and more convinced that God wanted a Christian organization dedicated to reaching motorcyclists with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. In the spring of 1975, he put action to his prayers. An attorney was contacted, and a nonprofit charter was applied for and approved. The waiting was over. The Christian Motorcyclists Association (CMA) was born.



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Want to be a CMA Member?
Want to learn more about
Run for the Son?

Want us to come and/or speak at your
organization?

Need someone to pray with you?

Let's connect!

Contact us or drop by one of our Chapter
Meetings.