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Conroe Messengers #362

Changing the world, one heart at a time.



President's Point: Be Doers, Listen and Go Further!



Larry Watrous,
President
Conroe
Messengers #362

This month's president's message is from one of our chapter members, ***Richard Hatfield who gives us strategies for Riding with Purpose.***

Larry

Riding with Purpose

Life on two wheels is more than just the thrill of the ride — it's a journey of trust, awareness, and gratitude. Every time you start your engine, you're reminded that the road ahead is unknown, yet you move forward with courage. Just like riding, faith calls us to keep our eyes up, our hearts steady, and our hands firm on the handlebars of life. The wind may push against you, and the curves may surprise you, but you are never riding alone. Let today's ride be a reminder:

- Stay alert to the beauty and lessons along the way.
- Lean into the turns — challenges can guide you to growth.
- Trust the One who rides with you, even when the road is uncertain.
- "The Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore. Psalm 121:8
- Ride safe. Ride with purpose. Ride knowing you are guided and protected.

Prayer:

Dear Lord, grant me courage and calm as I ride today. Protect me from harm, keep my mind alert, and guide my hands with steady precision. Help me trust in Your care and navigate every turn safely. Spirit of courage and protection, be with me as I ride. Fill me with confidence, focus my mind, and shield me from danger. Let me honor life with safe and mindful choices. In the strong name of Jesus, Amen

Short Affirmations for Courage and Focus:

- I am calm, alert, and confident on the road.
- I trust my skill, my bike, and my instincts to keep me safe.
- Every ride is a mindful journey, and I am present in each moment.
- Courage flows through me; fear cannot control my actions.

Practical Tips to Reinforce Courage:

Mindful Breathing: Take deep breaths before starting your ride to center your mind.
*Visualization: R*ehearse safely navigating the route and reacting calmly to obstacles.
Ritual: Recite your chosen prayer or affirmation to cultivate mental readiness.
Focus on Skill: Remind yourself of your training, experience, and ability to respond to conditions and traffic.

Whether you choose a prayer, affirmation, or a combination, the key is repetition and intention, which can help reduce anxiety and enhance confidence while riding. These practices not only promote courage but can also improve focus and safety on the road.

Richard Hatfield
Conroe Messengers



Calendar Wiz

BIBLE STUDY & POTLUCK
08/04/2026
6:00-8:30 PM
213 Lakeside Dr.
Montgomery, TX

ESTELLE UNIT
08/09/2026
Team 2: 2:30-4:30 PM

CYCLE GEAR BIKE NIGHT
08/11/2026
5:00 -7:00 PM
19075 I-45, SUITE 900
Shenandoah, TX

OFFICER MEETING
08/013/2026
6:00 - 8:00 PM
15133 Capital Hill Rd., Montgomery, TX

CHAPTER MEETING
08/18/2026
6:00 - 8:30 PM
McKenzie BBQ
Frazier Street, Conroe, TX

SONIC BIKE NIGHT
08/27/2026
6:00 - 9:00 PM
14625 SH 105 W.
Montgomery, TX

ESTELLE UNIT
08/30/2026
Team 2: 2:30-4:30 PM

CHANGING OF THE COLORS
10/21/2026 - 10/25/2026
Iron Mountain, Hatfield, AR

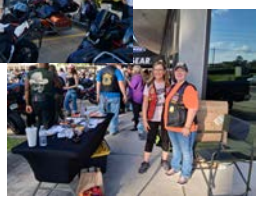
FLAME ON!
12/29/2026 - 01/01/2027
Iron Mountain, Hatfield, AR



Rod's VP Corner: Plan Now! Upcoming Happenings!

It is summer time and it is HOT riding weather in Texas! Here are the highlights for July as well as future events that you won't want to miss. Mark your calendars!





July 14 Cycle Gear Bike Night - Was cancelled due to weather

Cycle Gear is our monthly outreach ministry program. There are a number of bikers that show up to this event and the majority of the bikers are willing to talk to you and are willing to have their bikes blessed. At the June 14th Cycle Gear Bike Night event. There were a lot of bikes and riders gathered in the heat to eat fajitas prepared by Shepherds on Steel and pizza provided by Cycle Gear. Our team included Catherine, Joy, Russell, Jeremiah and Stephanie, and Ralph Robson was there to support all of us. We had lots of opportunity to speak with the participants and did 4 bike blessings and gave out resources to those interested.



July 18 - Russell Rhodes, Jeremiah and Stephanie Hitchcock represented the Messengers at the 100-mile Benefit Bike Ride for Amanda Duren, who is battling cervical cancer. Joining them on the ride were Bill Young and Chris Hitchcock. Attendance was strong, with an estimated 50 to 60 motorcycles, and the ride launched from Caney Creek Cowboy Church.



July 23 - Sonic Bike Night - Although storm clouds threatned, the brave showed up for Sonic Bike Night. We meet the FedEx delivery man Robert who knows the Hitchocks and had the opportunity to pray with him.

August Rides - Texas heat and thunderstorms has impacted our rides for the month of July and most likely impact our rides in August. Currently there are no rides planned in the month of August. However, watch your emails and our Face Book website page for rides that we may be be doing.



August 11 - Cycle Gear Bike Night (Shenandoah, TX) Please come and join our team to chat with both young and old riders, bless bikes, and pray over and with other riders. This is our regular monthly ministry event.



September 26 - Gulf Coast Ride is being organized by our sister chapter SOS in Spring. It is all day ride covering 300 miles with time estimate of 10 hours which includes stops.



October 3 & 4 - Drifters - Stephanie, the owner of Drifters, has invited CMA to do one or two days of Bike Blessings as well as conducting a Sunday morning service. We will need volunteers for the bike blessings and to attend the church service. As well, we just need CMA people to be there for the Sunday service. This is a great opportunity to minister to the local biking community. Gary will be organizing CMA attendance to this event.

October 21-25 - Mena, AK
Be there for the Changing of the Colors in Mena AK October 21-25. Book your reservation now.



November 5-8 - Lone Star Rally in Galveston Ensure to book the time to be there and help with the gospel ministry. This is SETX CMA's major annual ministry event to the bikers who are attending the world's largest four day motorcycle rally with over 400,000 attendee's with over 150,000 motorcycles. The prayer points and volunteer signup lists are available now on cmasetx.com.

Messengers Leadership

ELECTED OFFICERS:

President:
Larry Watrous

Vice-President:
Rod Booher

Secretary:
Stephanie Hitchcock

Treasurer:
Joy Booher

Road Captain:
Russell Rhodes

Chaplain:
Jeremiah "JJ" Hitchcock

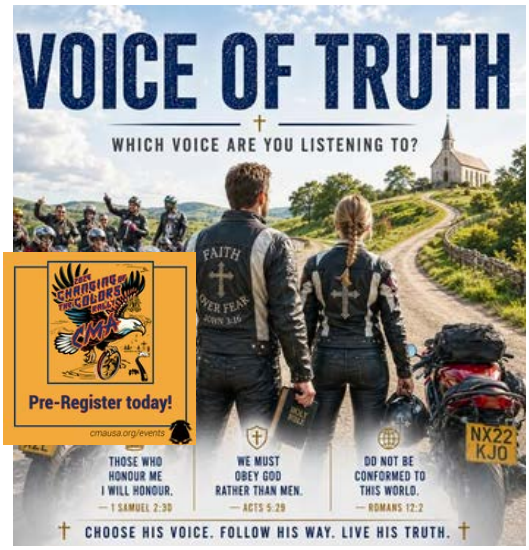
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Kim Eustes

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Ride and Run for the Son Update

It's time to set your personal goal for Run for the Son for 2026/2027, ending May 15, 2027. Our chapter goal for the year is $37,000.00, so what part of that can you contribute? Do you need to set individual goals for each of the months ahead? Do you have items that you can sell or fundraising ideas to share with your chapter? There are **2 events listed below on this page** where you can become involved and have an opportunity to raise funds for the Son.

Over 39 years pastors around the world have been gifted 42 horses, 13 camels, 13 wheelchairs, 4 horse and buggies, 2 snowmobiles, 1,663 bicycles, 80 boats, and 10,335 motorcycles to help them spread the gospel. That is the result of your faithful giving and the gifts of Christians all over the nation who want to be part of this outreach. Our final total for 2025/2026 for Conroe Messengers #362 was **$34,496.46.**

Last year, on CMA's 50th Anniversary, the "Run for the Son" event raised over $6 million worldwide. This year the results are in and our chapters nationwide raised **$6,424,518.50**. 2025 ministry results show: **Exposures:** 671,316,226 People that were given the gospel; **Individual Decisions:** 12,224,661 People that made a personal decision to follow Christ; and **Church Groups:** 94,200 Churches that have been impacted with these funds. Cheques of $1,284,903.70 were given to each of our 3 our ministry partners, The Jesus Film Project, Missionary Ventures International, and Global Christian Relief at the National Rally in Mena, Arkansas, in June 2026.

Christian Motorcycle Association & Conroe Messengers
Invites you to join us for a Dine & Donate event at Burger Fresh

Famous for its award-winning burger on a jalapeno bun and classic diner basket. Also enjoy Blue Bell Ice Cream for dessert!



Date: Thursday August 6, 2026
Time: 4:15pm to 9:00 p.m.
804, Gladstell Rd. Ste 110.
Conroe, TX 77304





Invite all your friends and family to enjoy a good meal and cool off with Ice Cream for dessert!!
Hope to see you there.

Contact: Catherine Johnson 442-999-0904 or Kim Eustes 318-393-2399
Dine and Donate - Dine In, Take Out or Order on-line.
Please tell them at checkout you are donating to the fundraiser for CMA.





2027 RFS
SE Tx CMA
"Mission RFS"
Sept 19th & 20th

New Day Church
17326 Butera Rd.
Magnolia, TX 77355

Saturday, September 19, 2026
Setup: 6 a.m.
- Tables, coffee, and water supplied
- Bring chapter pop ups for shade
- Bring items for sale

Sale Hours: 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- CMA items sold to only CMA
- Sell your own items such as baked goods, Arts & Crafts, household goods, CMA gear, & motorcycle and auto items

Cleanup 4 p.m.
- Remove your remaining items.

Total to State RFS Calculation 5 p.m.
Praise, Worship, & Potluck 5 p.m
Sunday, September 20, 2026
- Run for the Son Church Run

CMA LOGO GUIDELINES

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· Chapters may use the CMA logo within the chapter on ministry related items and the chapter newsletter.

· Do not place any CMA logos on clothing or items to be worn by animals.

· Do not place the CMA logo on personal or chapter checks.

· Do not use words like reverend, pastor, denomination, church affiliation, etc. on any items containing the CMA logo (i.e. rockers, nametags, business cards, etc.)





Road Captain's Pointers by James "Russell" Rhodes

Good day to all of you out there reading this article! For this month's article, I want to talk about Motorcycles on Blind Hills and Curves.

This past weekend, myself and a few others went to support one of the local Cowboy Church member's Benefit Ride for Cancer. We had around 50 bikes or so, which is a pretty good chain of two-wheeled mayhem. Before you ask, the ride went very well and there were no casualties. Of course, we did lose a rider that was riding an electric bike.... that's for another article.... remember to charge your bike. Anyways, we made a 100-mile ride from the Caney Creek Cowboy Church to Drifters on HWY 149 and then back to Conroe to The Brand to finish the ride off. The only problem we had during the ride was... it got really hot! That's another article... stay hydrated when riding.

Now, on the way back from Drifters, not too far coming back toward Montgomery, we ran across an accident scene that involved a Harley Davidson Pan American on a **Blind Hill with a Right-Hand Curve** at the bottom. There was a deep gouge in the earth to the left of the curve, but the bike, the rider's gear, and the first responders were on the right-hand side of the road. One can imagine what happened or come to several logical conclusions.

Because we saw him leave Drifters very quickly... I mean like red-lining quickly... I can only make an assumption that the rider was riding too fast for a blind hill on a right-hand lower curve. Let's talk about that for a few minutes. Many motorcycle riders are seriously injured and/or die each year when they fail to negotiate blind hills, turns, and/or curves, and either end up in the opposing lane of traffic, or they lose complete control and crash, dumping it trying to stay in their own lane. This goes for not only new riders, but even experienced riders.

Why does this happen so much? **Speed!** Come on, let's just be real for a moment! We get comfortable on the same roads we ride on all the time, getting to know every bump, twist, turn, hill, and well, sometimes where cattle often get loose. If you're riding too fast through a curve or turn, or coming up to a blind hill (you can't see over it), chances are you are going to end up in the other lane or go down trying to avoid an oncoming car. HWY 149 has several blind hills with roads, driveways, and even FM 1375 sits on one.

So how do we fix this? If I have to tell you... never mind, I'll tell you anyways... **Slow Down!** Easy. I know what motorcycle courses teach; I heard that you don't brake while in a curve or downshift. I'm sorry, but if you are going too fast, then you have to do what you have to do to keep from going into oncoming traffic. From my experience on two different bikes, I have had to ***use my brakes to slow down in a curve***. However, I do not use my front brake. From what I've learned from other experienced riders, the front brake in a turn or curve can cause your front tire to slide or catch wrong. So that's why I ***use my back brakes*** *on curves or turns. I have also* ***downshifted in a curve***; you just have to ***slowly let the clutch out***.

There are several other techniques you can search online or watch on YouTube. Please, please, if you are riding on HWY 149 or any other winding roads anywhere with hills, slow down and look before you leap. That's all I've got, I just wanted to share what was on my mind. Catch y'all next month at a stoplight.

James "Russell" Rhodes, Road Captain



When to be Silent



- In the heat of anger
- When you don't have all the facts.
- When you haven't verified the story.
- If your words will offend a weaker person.
- When it is time to listen.
- When you are tempted to make light of holy things.
- When you are tempted to joke about sin.
- If you would be ashamed of your words later.
- If your words could convey the wrong impression or meaning.
- If the issue is none of your business.
- When you are tempted to tell an outright lie.
- If the words will damage someone else's reputation.
- If your words will damage a friendship.
- When you are feeling critical.
- If you can't say it without screaming.
- If your words will be a poor reflection of your faith, family, and friends.
- If you may have to eat your words later.
- If you have already said it more than one time.
- When you are tempted to flatter a wicked person.
- When you are supposed to be working instead.

"Whoever guards his mouth and tongue keeps his soul from troubles." Proverbs 21:23





Changing of the Colors Rally

Welcome Home to the world's largest family reunion where thousands of CMA members & guests gather together with one heart and one purpose! to surrender to God's will, changing the world one heart at a time!

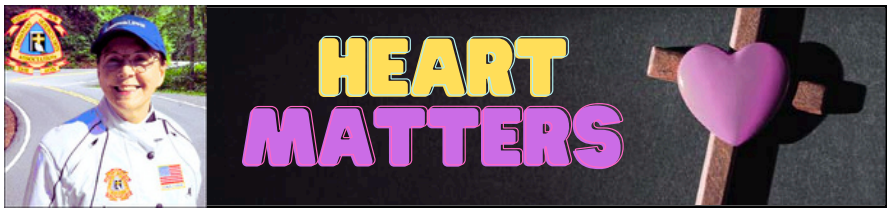
DATE: October 21-25, 2026 Plan Now!

LOCATION:IRON MOUNTAIN

12 Iron Mountain Ln, Mena, AR

REGISTER & SCHEDULE:

https://cmausa.org//Events/EventsTypes?EventPagePath=1239_Event.html#



The Early and Latter Rains by Joy Booher

As I write this article, I hear the thunder rumbling across the heavens above our house. The pitter-pat of raindrops alternates with the rapid hammering of heavy rainfall. My mind was drawn to a phrase in scripture where it mentions "**the early and latter rains**". I have to admit I've heard it mentioned in Christian circles, but I don't really know its significance and why God included it in His word. What did He want to teach us in this reference?

In its natural sense, it referred to 2 yearly periods of rainfall in the Holy Land, the first or **early rains** in October and November and the second or **latter rains** in March and April. The first ones soften the sunbaked earth so that ploughing can occur, the seeds can be planted and germination can happen. The latter rains help the grain heads to fill out with large kernels so that the harvest will be plentiful.

In the spiritual sense the Bible speaks of the early rains as a foundational time of sowing and establishing the "**good seed of the gospel**". **James 5:7-8** mentions the farmer waiting patiently for the seeds to germinate and spring up into new life. In Christ's disciples waited for the promised Spirit **(Acts 1:8)** to arrive on Pentecost to empower and direct them in reaching the many who had arrived in Jerusalem. God's Spirit quickened and equipped them to teach thousands and the early church was begun.

The latter rains are prophesied in **Joel 2:23** as a time of awakening and revival, and we are eager for that to happen as we anticipate and prepare for Christ's return. Again, it is an outpouring of God's Spirit and will herald a time of international repentance and mass turning to God. The signs of the arrival will be dreams and prophesy in young and old. This will be a season of preparation for God's harvest of the souls of mankind.

In each of our lives as individuals we have likely experienced the early rains after periods of drought and difficulty. God is faithful and will send outpourings of His Spirit after we confess and submit to God's will. There will also be times of amazing regeneration and growth as He waters our hearts with His living water in periods of latter rains.

So, what should we be doing now? We should be like the farmer watching and waiting for signs of both kinds of rainfall. We want to see a bountiful harvest when our Lord returns, so let's be looking at those "**fields ripe unto harvest**" with eyes of expectation. Let's continue planting precious seed in the hearts of motorcycle riders, and praying for opportunities to pray with and win "**one heart at a time.**"

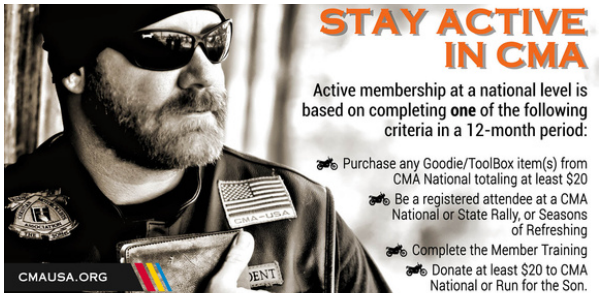
"Your kingdom come, Your will be done, as it is in heaven". Amen
"Even so come, Lord Jesus!"



In the holy land planting takes place in October and November after early rains that soften the soil and help with germination.



The latter rains take place in March and April to provide moisture for the seed heads to fill out for harvest.





Praise and Prayer

Praise God for answered prayers! Believe Him for health, healing, provision, and restoration.

Pray for....

Becky D., Spring - restored relationship with Son Landon, estranged from family for about 5 years.

Brenda H., Huntsville - pray for a liver donor.

Catherine J. - for comfort and provision for nephew's wife Lore and 4 children; her husband Jeremy took his own life after family move to WA.

Chuck W. - financial, health, and family needs; film about bikemiracle to air on Thanksgiving Day '26.

Don and Jeannette K. - Home sale; Son Seth is deployed,; healing for Don's coworker David after massive stroke ; for Jeannette eye surgery July 27 to be successful; first one was not successful.

Ellen - ongoing tests, treatment, and healing.

Gary T. - complete healing from prostate cancer; for Russell and Heather Teel for their marriage..

J.J and Liz - JJ has a new job with more responsibilities and time away. Pray for his family.

Jeremiah J. Sr. and Stephanie - comfort for family for Jeremiah's older brother's passing; safety.

Jimmy and Tracy M. - thanksgiving to God for His continued work at Kairos 16 at Estelle; for healing of Tracy's ankle, their grandson Cade legs, and their adult children's walk with God.

Joy B. - less pain and mobility for travel to Canada.

Judy O. - health issues to be resolved soon.

Larry R. - care for Jeannie and her health.

Larry W. - perpetual peace to allow for healing; powerful healing for Deven, Scarlet, and John.

Marvin and Nancy Bryant, NT Riders, Hempstead - for Marvin at School of Evangelism Sept/Oct; salvation for Roland & Yesenia and family; and successful sale of Nancy's parents' house.

Richard and Liz H. - Liz is helping a friend with blood cancer; safety for travel from Colorado.

Rod B. - for refreshing sleep & dr .appointments.

Russell R. - healing and PT for his hand.

Teresa S. - unspoken request for friend Bill; her shoulder healing and timing for return to work.

Theresa & Terry S. - Keep Casey cancer-free; healing for K.J.'s cancer; pray for God to free Janice's mind; pray for mother and family of Bandito that Terry did service for on July 23.

Vernon - thanksgiving for healing.

Learn about
God's Ride Plan

cwausa.org/resources/therideplan



Birthdays:
August 9 Russell Rhodes
August 19 Mike Sharp
August 21 Chuck Wayne
August 25 JJ Hitchcock
August 30 Kim Eustes

Anniversaries:
August 5 Liz and Richard Hatfield
August 23 Terry and Theresa Strack

Conroe Messengers Creed

We are an unfinished collection of travelers, bound together and captured by a glimpse of Jesus big enough to convince us that life is not about us, but all about Him.

We pursue transforming truth rather than stagnant knowledge.
We desire to constantly move toward one another in unconditional love and forgiveness.

Worshipping together, riding together, and living life together. We are wounded healers, embracing a stranger, strengthening the weak, empowering the poor and seeking the lost.

We are seed throwers, fire starters, hope peddlers, and grace givers. We want our world to be different.
Because God sent us...
to be His ....
Messengers.

Fast Lane Click here for video

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



Gloria's Hawaiian Cheesecake Salad

A tropical twist of creamy, fruity perfection!
INGREDIENTS:

- 8 ounces cream cheese
- 3.4 ounce pkg. cheesecake or vanilla pudding
- 1 cup pineapple juice
- 1 pound of strawberries
- 1 cup grapes
- 1 -15 ounce can of mandarin oranges
- 1 large can pineapple chunks
- 3 kiwis
- 1 banana

DIRECTIONS:

- Drain the pineapple and save 1 cup juice.
- Whip the cream cheese and gradually add in the pudding powder and pineapple juice.
- Drain the mandarins.
- Clean and cut strawberries and grapes.
- Peel and slice the kiwi fruit.
- Combine the cream cheese mixture and the fruit.
- Slice the banana and add it in last.
- Garnish with chopped nuts or coconut.

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to reserve a set-up,
then just bring your stuff!
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CHRISTIAN MOTORCYCLISTS ASSOCIATION
CONROE MESSENGERS #362

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.