

# New Life Riders

Hunterdon County Chapter of the Christian Motorcyclists Association



We have therefore been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory and power of the Father, we too might walk habitually in newness of life, abandoning our old ways. *Romans 6:4 Amplified Bible*

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## New Life Riders 2025: Kickstands Are Up

**Ministry:** It's what we pray about and prep for throughout the winter months... and now we're moving into our new season with excitement, enthusiasm and a profound sense that God will be doing BIG things through New Life Riders this year. We invite you to be part of the movement!

We're ready for God's divine appointments that come with setting up our booth at monthly dealer bike nights and at secular bike, car and club events, community outreaches such as our annual 9/11 event, the Christmas toy drive, year two at the 4-H Fair, and *Operation Teddy Bear*.

We kicked off the season at Flemington Powersports on April 17 then a ride and all-day biker blessing at FPS on April 26. *Read on for details...*



## First Bike Night of the Season

Despite the cool weather, many riders turned out for the first bike night of the season at Flemington Powersports.

New Life Riders was there sharing the gospel, engaging riders in conversations about CMA, what we do here in Hunterdon County as a state chapter, and reconnecting with Flemington Powersports staff and vendors.

Mixing with the crowd added a new venture this year and pride took a back seat! FPS set up audience participation challenges, a "helmet toss" and a slow race (I know, oxymoron). The helmet toss is what you might envision, tossing a motorcycle helmet. The goal: Reach one of the three sets of tires for points and a prize.

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*Left to right: Jack Marriott, Renee McFadden, Terry Slemmer, booth visitor Mark Stevens, Dave Stryker, NLR friend Paul Wladyslawski and his son Cody.*

## Biker Blessing Blesses NLR

It took months of planning: Initial approach to Flemington Powersports inquiring about interest in a biker blessing, coordinating NLR and FPS date and time, NLR planning the route and running a test MC ride, documenting by car turn-by-turn and distance directions, creating ride sheets, booth setup, and dropping 7 a.m. day-of-ride lime dots on Saturday, April 26. We were ready. And excited.

Spring weather had teased for many days, but then...

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*Above: NLRs Ron Grossmann and Dave Stryker with booth visitor Mark Stevens.*

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Jack, Dave and NLR friend Paul were among the many who took turns tossing the helmet. Of all the competitors, only a couple reached their goal: To get the helmet to land inside a tire hole. All fun.

A slow race (“the last shall be first...”) is not exactly most bikers’ cup of tea! But it takes special skill to handle a powerful bike at a crawl.

It was a good reminder that we are in a race. Read Hebrews 12:1-2, I Corinthians 9:24 and II Timothy 4:7, and then go out and live Philippians 3:14 and II Timothy 2:15.



**Top:** Many riders turned out for FPS’s bike night.  
**Left:** Action at the NLR booth. **Above:** Looking out from inside the booth... at our mission field.

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we watched as rain entered the forecast for the planned blessing and ride hours. Rain turned to thunderstorm predictions. Lord?! We prayed for clear weather, but then asked, “What could heavy rain bring that we hadn’t planned on?” Possibly fewer but longer conversations?

It rained. It stopped. At noon, it poured! Not a good day for a ride, but motorcycle enthusiasts still came out.

We enjoyed visiting with fellow bikers, detailing the planned ride, sharing the gospel, blessing bikers, and

praying with new bike owners, vendors and FPS staff. But what we hadn’t planned on and couldn’t have anticipated

was Felix at our booth in the final half hour. Peter tells us to “be ready to give an answer to anyone who asks about the hope we have” (I Peter 3:15). Dave was ready when Felix unexpectedly offered him the mic to tell the F-TV audience what CMA and NLR are about and, more importantly, why and for Whom we do it. It wasn’t on our radar, but God opened an incredible door, providing a much bigger audience than we had planned (Ephesians 3:20-21)! Please pray for those who will hear the Good News through this interview.



**Left:** NLR booth set up and awaiting riders. Chris (short red sleeves) of Flemington Powersports, shown streaming the event live, which he did throughout the day.

**Below:** Felix Mariano of F-TV (Frantic TV) interviews NLR president Dave Stryker. Sprinkled throughout but concentrated at 4:21-9:03. [Click HERE](#) to watch the interview posted on YouTube.



## Ministry Reminder

“You have not been called to convince, convict, convert, or change anybody, but to sow the seed of God’s Word each opportunity you get and to leave the rest to God’s Spirit.”

Daily Devotional  
The Word For You Today  
Thurs, Feb 27, 2025



## CMA 2025 Seasons of Refreshing

**ATCO, NJ:** February 21-22, 2025, New Life Riders joined fellow Tri-state CMAers for our annual Seasons of Refreshing. This year's theme (*Are You Ready?*) emphasized Christ's return, focusing on the Wedding of the Lamb. Are we, as His bride, ready for His return or are we like the negligent virgins whose lack of preparation caused them to miss the bridegroom? Are we ready for His glorious return and actively sharing this good news with the motorcycling community? We have many outreach materials that will open conversations and bless riders. Every day is one day less to be about our Father's business. "*The Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.*" Luke 12:40



*Left:* Tri-state CMAers gather in the chapel for worship. *NLRs above, left to right:* Jack Marriott, Terry Stlemmer, Dave Stryker, Renee McFadden, and Al Curving

## A Weeklong "Movement of God"

**APRIL 5-10:** Pastor Dave Errickson opened Stockton Wesleyan and Old Rock (Lambertville) churches to host an old-time camp meeting. Dr. Streeter Stuart and his wife, Nancy, drove from the Lancaster area to preach in Stockton Saturday night, Sunday morning at Old Rock following Stockton's morning service, and again Sunday night in Stockton. Dr. Stuart emphasized how God focuses on "the one" (Luke 15: The lost sheep, lost coin, lost son; and John 4: The Samaritan woman at the well).

Dr. Harry Wood, driving each night from the Allentown area, spoke four nights at Old Rock. His messages included Audacious Belief (II Timothy), Power (II Corinthians), Emotional and Spiritual Healing (Psalm 23, with a call to be anointed with oil following the service), and A Blueprint for Turbulent Times (II Chronicles 7:11-22). One haunting question hung in the air: "*Are we making a difference?*"

Dr. Wood encouraged us not to call this a "revival" until a full year has passed, as it often takes that long to see results that confirm revival, but to term it a "movement of God." Gauging from the responses to the first through the final altar calls, we should be seeing a plentiful harvest!

*Above right, NLRs (left to right) with Dr. Harry Wood (center): Al Curving, Jim Potts, Jack Marriott, Terry Stlemmer, and Dave Stryker.*



**Dr. Stuart** has a B.S. from the Wharton School and a Ph.D. in Religion (Vanderbilt) with graduate study at Harvard, Boston University, Andover Newton Theological School, and the Anderson (IN) School of Theology. A professor of Biblical Studies at United Wesleyan College and adjunct teacher at Ashland Theological Seminary, Evangelical School of Theology, Indiana Wesleyan University, Gwynedd Mercy College, Messiah College, and La Salle. An ordained minister of the Church of God and author and contributor to a number of publications including *Christianity Today*, *The Complete Biblical Library*, *The International Standard Bible Encyclopedia*, and *The Evangelical Quarterly*.

**Dr. Wood** has a B.S. from United Wesleyan College, a Master of Divinity from Asbury Theological Seminary, and a Doctor of Divinity from Indiana Wesleyan University. Dr. Wood has served within the Wesleyan Church as pastor, district superintendent and general superintendent. Also as adjunct professor at Indiana Wesleyan University and Bethany Bible College, Sussex, Canada. Dr. Wood also served as the inaugural chairperson of the Wesleyan Seminary Foundation.

## Church Visit Morphs Into Tangible Ministry

A previously scheduled New Life Riders visit to Holland Bible Church was postponed because of raw weather. And so on Sunday, February 23, 2025, we made our way through the beautiful backroads to attend the early service. We know Pastor Geoff Stanley and have crossed paths for years through other ministries, yet this would be our first visit to the church. Now, believe me when I say, we never saw this coming.

The congregation warmly greeted us and enthusiastically responded upon hearing NLR Al Curving's strong voice as together we praised God in song.

Following service, a member approached and asked if we would be willing to attend fundraisers for her son-in-law, for whom she had asked prayers during that portion

of the service. ALS. A merciless and terrible disease had invaded the lives of her daughter and son-in-law, following closely on the heels of her own husband's death. Both were fellow bikers. Husband, a Harley guy. Son-in-law, a former motorcycle policeman (*see Peter in uniform at the bottom left of the Detzie's flyer below*). Of course we would attend AND pass on the information to others, as we are doing now to you!

**Saturday, May 17:** Flemington Arena, Case Blvd., the state police will be skating hard against the state PBA.

**Sunday, June 29:** Detzi's, Wind Gap, PA.

What we thought was simply a delayed New Life Riders monthly church visit turned out to be a divine appointment! Please make every effort to attend either or both events and invite your friends to join you. Hope to see you there.

**MAY 17, 2025  
at 2:30 p.m.**

**THE BATTLE OF THE BADGES**

**BENEFITING CPL PETER SERRONE**

**JERSEY'S STRONGEST** vs **STATE POLICE**

NJSPBA NJSP

**MAY 17TH 2025 PUCK DROPS AT 2:30**

FLEMINGTON ICE ARENA  
426 CASE BLVD FLEMINGTON, NJ 08822

**\$10 PER TICKET Tailgate starts at 12 Noon**

**Sat, May 17,** Flemington Ice Arena, 426 Case Boulevard, 2:30 p.m., tailgate starts at noon. 908-237-1423. \$10/ticket.

**Sun, June 29,** Detri's Tavern, 570 North Lehigh Avenue, Wind Gap, PA. 610-863-9882. KSU at noon sharp! Approximately one hour from Flemington.

**RIDE STARTS & FINISHES AT :**

**Detzi's Tavern**  
570 N Lehigh Ave,  
Wind Gap, PA 18091

**POCONO CHAPTER**

**REG 10:30 AM + KSU @ 12 N SHARP**  
**\$ 20 PER RIDER + \$ 30 PER COUPLE**  
**CHINESE AUCTION + 50/50 RAFFLE**  
**SUNDAY JUNE 29TH**  
**CASH BAR + SMOKEOLOGISTS BBQ**  
**AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE**

**SMOKEOLOGISTS BBQ**  
Lewistown, PA  
287-338-5372

**RIDE FOR RETIRED POLICE OFFICER PETE SERRONE**  
**ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO HIM AND HIS FAMILY TO HELP THEIR FIGHT AGAINST ALS. !!!!!**

**ALS**

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## Absolutely Nothing About Bikes *By Dave Stryker*

Oh, my aching knees! Recently, I was working in a house that was being renovated. There was a lot of preparation work to do on the walls and trim. Taping and spackling cracks then sanding it all smooth. Also plenty of door and window frames, along with many feet of baseboard trim to prepare, vacuum, caulk, prime, and paint. All this work to be done with wide plank pine flooring underneath. With many drop cloths and plastic coverings, the work progressed.

As the days went on, I found myself moving foot by foot, yard by yard through the many rooms and halls. My knees were extremely sensitive to every little irregularity on the floors as I worked on the lower walls and baseboard. I have knee pads, but they irritate the back of my legs. I'm not kneeling in one place long enough to justify the use of a cushion; it's too inconvenient to keep pushing it ahead. I think of how God equipped the camels with knobby knees to bend down in the sand. I think how much more my knees could tolerate if when I prayed I literally got down on my knees.

The song sung by Jaci Velasquez comes to mind, titled *On My Knees*, goes something like this: "I've learned in laughter and in pain how to survive. I got on my knees. There's power when I get on my knees. Whether in a crowd or by myself, when I feel the need to talk to God, I get on my knees."

Of course, after being on my knees for so long, like the old man that I am, when I try to stand up I grunt a little and stretch out after getting up. A verse of the titled song

*You Raise Me Up* by Selah comes to mind. "When I am down and oh my soul so weary, You raise me up to walk the stormy seas. You raise me up to more than I can be."

I work there day after day in complete solitude. No one lives there to talk to, an occasional text message may come through, but for the most part, it's me and my radio with WCHR 1040 playing as I listen to sermons. Occasionally, I have what I call "sandpaper moments" where I feel the nudge to jot down on the back of a piece of sandpaper what I feel God is putting on my heart.

Recently, the story from the magician Penn Jillette of the duo Penn and Teller fame came to mind. A man from the audience was asked to participate. He was a Gideon. After the show was over, with great passion, the man shared the gospel with Penn. Penn, an admitted atheist, listened and admired the man for his faith and willingness to share.

Penn questioned if Christians really believe those who die without Christ go to hell for eternity yet won't share their faith. "How much do you have to hate someone not to tell them how to get to heaven?" ([Watch the video here.](#))

I heard this story many years ago and have retold it several times. This day, however, I pondered the word "hate." I thought, do we as believers, the Body of Christ, really hate people and that's why we don't share? I think it's more that we see people, walk or sit by people and think, "It's not my place to talk to them," or we really just don't care what happens to them. They did nothing to us for us to hate them, but we just don't love them enough to share the Good News that will keep them out of hell.

It's not love or hate or being hot or cold. It's apathy or being lukewarm. So, look up Revelation 3:15-16 and read what God thinks about those who are lukewarm.

Let's not become believers of indifference and idleness, not taking a stand or only being satisfied with ourselves. We need to go all in. As Barry Meguiar wrote in his book *Ignite Your Life*, we should be leading people closer to Jesus every day.

So there you have it. Absolutely nothing about bikes, but certainly what we as CMA members are called to do: *Change the world, one heart at a time.*



### Living Without Intentionality

Good stewardship means using our time, energy, and resources wisely. Without a sense of mission, life can become a cycle of busyness and distraction.

Ask yourself:

- Are you setting God-honoring goals?
- Are you prioritizing your time wisely?

Consider practical steps like time-blocking, writing a mission statement, or setting long-term goals that align with God's plan.

From the Stewardology podcast: <https://stewardology-podcast.com/236-the-worst-sin-against-stewardship/>

## The Story Of The “Bull”

By Jack Marriott

In 2016, after forty years, I started getting the urge to ride again. The inspiration came from my new brother-in-law; he worked for the Salvation Army and loved going on group rides in the Pittsburgh area where they lived. Another reason? Dave Stryker kept asking me about joining the New Life Riders and I thought a bike would be an integral part of being a part of the organization.

I began putting aside work tips for my future bike. Sadly, in 2018, my father passed away. I decided to use part of the small inheritance he left me to purchase my bike, a 2007 Suzuki C50 Boulevard.

Since the bike was acquired by the unfortunate passing of my father, I decided to dedicate the bike in his honor. His name was Richard William Marriott. In high school everyone called him “Bull,” later everyone would know him as Bill. When he played football in high school,

he wore number 7. When I learned the state offered five-character vanity tags for motorcycles, I knew what mine would be. I display “BULL7” in my father’s honor.

### The Mechanic Will See You Now

It was disturbing to be told by the dealer that because my bike was more than ten years old, they wouldn’t service it. Wanting Bull7 to be safe on the road, and me as well, I wondered where else I could take it for front and rear tires and tubes, rear brake shoes (check front pads), replace the oil and filter, change final drive fluid, and inspect the air cleaner. Ah, Dave said he likes older bikes; maybe he would consider taking it. And he did. Turned out to be a *bit* more involved, but how thankful I am BULL7 and I are still on the road, even making first bike night. It feels like a new bike.

*Thanks, Dave! From Bull and me.*



## Jesus Film Project Reaches 2,200 Languages with the Release of a New Dialect

The project, begun in the 1950s by Bill Bright, founder of Campus Crusade (presently known as Cru), has now been shown in nearly every country in the world. A recent press release noted: “To this day, it remains the world’s most translated film.”

The Jesus film project is one of three ministry recipients of CMA’s Run for the Son annual fundraiser. The organizationwide event takes place every year on the first Saturday in May. This year, May 3. Details in the next newsletter.

## No Guesses?

Looks like we stumped everyone since no one ventured a guess as to which toddler pix belonged to which present-day New Life Rider.

- #1: Dave Stryker, on the left
- #2: Ron Goldman
- #3: Byron Bredlow
- #4: Jack Marriott, on the left
- #5: Terry Slemmer, on the right
- #6: Renee McFadden
- #7: Al Curving

*Bottom right: Terry’s mom & Santa*

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**Christmases Past**

You, we New Life Riders were little ones, too! Can you guess who was who? Some members were camera shy or just couldn't get back into the archives. Here are the NLR photos... see if you can match us up!

Al, Byron, Dave, Jack, Renee, Ron, and Terry

Terry's mom is in the lower right

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## Welcome Lila Brynn Goreczny!

By Renee McFadden

Lila Brynn Goreczny is my second granddaughter. Lila just couldn't wait any longer to join her family. On February 21, in an SUV, she made her grand entrance just four minutes from the intended birthing center in Savannah, Georgia. My son-in-law pulled onto the highway shoulder and ran to the passenger door, just in time to catch the baby in his hands.

I was blessed to spend 52 days with my daughter Meagan, son-in-law Derek, and granddaughter, Kaia, and then new grandbaby Lila. It was a magical time.

I felt so loved by my family. We did lots of fun things such as visiting rescue animals, attending gymnastics classes and hanging out at a coffee shop afterwards, eating out, going to the beach, and shopping at boutiques. But walks and bicycle rides with my daughter were so precious. It is really the simple things in life with family that are so special.

*Children are a blessing... no matter what their age.*



**Top left and above:** Newborn Baby Lila arrived February 21, 2025, at 7 lbs 11 oz and 21 inches long



**At left:** Proud dad (and great catcher!) Derek holding Baby Lila, mom Meagan holding big sister Kaia, and beaming grandma NLR Renee.

## It's a God Thing By Renee McFadden

On Friday, October 11, 2024, my son married the love of his life, Lex. The weather, church wedding and reception were all perfect.

There were numerous floral arrangements that I decided to take home, but wondered who I could give these beautiful flowers to. I said a brief prayer. The name Carol popped into my mind. Carol is a member of my church who lives near the reception venue. I texted her asking if she was home. I didn't hear back so I just left the flowers at her doorstep.

Hours later, I still hadn't heard back and I began to wonder if I should go back and get the flowers, thinking maybe she was away for the weekend. I decided against it.

Late Sunday afternoon, I received a text from Carol asking if I was the person who dropped off the flowers. She then asked, "How did you know it was my birthday yesterday?" I confessed that I didn't know, that the flowers were from my son's wedding and after praying, her name popped into my mind. It was God-inspired! Carol replied, "Yes, it definitely was God-inspired!" And this is how God works!



## Prayer & Praise

**PRAY** for New Life Riders as we kick into high gear for our 2025 ministry season. While we are active all year long with *Operation Teddy Bear*, our 9/11 outreach, Christmas toy drive, pastor encouragement and monthly church visits, the typical April-October riding season opens a broad spectrum of ministry opportunities: Bike nights, dealer and secular motorcycle club events, swap meets, and car shows. We anticipate having a table at the five-day 4-H Fair again this year. (See the Anticipated Outreach and Events listing in our Winter 2024 newsletter.)

**PRAY** that we effectively convey the Good News while engaging with those we encounter. **PRAY** for safety on the road to and from events.

**PRAY** that the Holy Spirit opens the hearts of those who receive new testaments, tracts, gospels of John, and other gospel material.

**PRAY** for us as we plant and water or harvest the efforts of others.

**PRAY** for the upcoming (June) CMA National Rally in Altoona, PA, and for speakers, including regional evangelists. 2025 is CMA's 50th anniversary. Fifty years of ministering to motorcyclists, many of whom have not or will never step foot inside a church. **PRAY** that we are reinvigorated for the calling we have answered and that we will connect with riders in such a way that Christ is preeminent. A group of New Life Riders is planning to attend three days of the rally.

**PRAY** for our unsaved loved ones, for brothers and sisters in Christ who are suffering throughout the world, for peace in our lifetime.

## Upcoming Events (so far)

**Every Tuesday:** NLR prayer at McDs, Flemington, 7 p.m.

**First Thurs:** NLR monthly meeting, Golden Star Diner, Ringoes

**Third Thurs:** NLR booth, Flemington Powersports bike night

### MAY ———

**Thurs, 5/1:** National Day of Prayer.

**Sat, 5/3:** CMA Run for the Son; NLR ride to Washington

Crossing to meet up and pray with other NJ chapters.

**Sat, 5/10:** NLR to Motorcyclepedia Museum, Newburgh, NY.

**Sat, 5/17:** Ice Hockey fundraiser for former state motorcycle policeman Peter Serrone; Flemington (see flyer, page 4).

**Thurs, 5/15:** NLR 7 a.m. Zoom call.

**Thurs, 5/15:** NLR Booth Set Up; Flemington Powersports Bike Night.

**Sat, 5/24:** NLR *Operation Teddy Bear* distribution.

**Sun, 5/25:** NLR with Rolling Thunder at Trenton Thunder Baseball Park.

### JUNE ———

**Wed-Sun, 6/18-22,** CMA National Rally, Altoona PA.



**MARCH 27:** Lighthouse Riders TJ & Cherie Allen welcomed their baby girl McKenna, 7 lbs 11 oz, 19.5 inches. According to mom, McKenna has a very full head of almost black hair. Proud parents say, "We are so humbled God gave her to us." TJ was a New Life Rider until a ministry opportunity a number of years ago brought him into contact with Lighthouse Riders. History written! Our loss, their gain. **Congratulations and many blessings for all.**

## Call for Content

- Event Reports • Upcoming Events
- MC Facts and Trivia • Tips
- Articles written by NLRs
- Links to other articles or matters of interest
- Pictures! (JPG, PDF format)

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