

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 Knocks It Out of the Park!

THURSDAY, JUNE 11—We prayed and fasted twice for the event. Weather predictions for days before and dark clouds the day-of threatened to sabotage months of preparation for our Run for the Son fundraiser. But with determination and a lot of faith we packed up the truck and headed off to the ballpark.

We set up the canopy and began welcoming those who defied the ominous weather reports. Names found on the list; tickets and wristbands handed over. Those who thought the sun was too bright opted for the higher level protected by umbrellas. Dave stayed in the booth for late comers and engaged in many conversations with others who shared the barbecue area with our group.

Everyone agreed it was an incredible event. Some are already talking about next year; some suggested another one **THIS** year. *Okay, but first let me catch my breath.*

Thank you to all who came out and supported Run for the Son! CMA has announced the 2026 amount raised.

Take a deep breath and PRAISE GOD!

Run for the Son 2026 Total
\$6,424,518.50

Clockwise from top: New Life Riders welcomes guests at the booth just outside the entry gate; enjoying the game and the all-you-can-eat BBQ on a beautiful, made-for-baseball night; ticket and wristband for the game; and newest NLR Lisa and Don snagged not one, but two balls, graciously giving one away.



CIRCLE OF INFLUENCE

New Life Riders continues to pray for four Hunterdon County pastors and their congregations at each of our monthly meetings and sends a handwritten note of encouragement to each of the pastors.

Sun, May 24: Rolling Thunder Memorial Veterans event at Trenton Thunder Park (see page 2).

Sat, May 30: NLR fellowship ride (see page 4).

Sun, May 31: NLR booth at Dawn Patrol event (see page 5).

Sat, June 6: Bravehearts ride (see page 5).

Mon, June 8: Prayer and fasting for the Run for the Son fundraiser.

Tues, June 9: NLR prayer and devotional, Flemington McDs.

Thurs, June 11: NLR Run for the Son BBQ/fundraiser at Patriots Park (see story this page).

Sat, June 13: Flemington car show.

Sun, June 14: NLR float in the Flemington parade celebrating America's 250 years (see pix and video link, page 2).

Tues, June 16: NLR prayer and devotional, Flemington McDonald's.

Thurs, June 18: NLR Zoom prayer call.

Thurs, June 18: NLR booth at Flemington Powersports bike night (see page 5).

Sun, June 21: NLR booth at Flemington New Life Church's Cars & Coffee (see page 3).

Tues, June 23: NLR prayer and devotional, Flemington McDs.

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New Life Riders Celebrates America's 250th

SUNDAY, JUNE 14—New Life Riders joined with Americans across the nation to celebrate the greatest country in the world.

While we didn't get to watch the parade, we were thrilled to participate in the Flemington festivities along with marching bands, twirlers, dancers, Revolutionary War re-enactors, civic groups, first responders, and veterans groups.

Jack and Terry walked in front with the New Life Riders banner, followed by Dave on the Honda Mini Trail (permission received to ride it in the parade), and Jim Potts in his pickup truck towing Tom Hanville's trailer with Uncle Sam (aka Chaplain Al) seated on a very July 4th red, white and blue Honda 250. *Truly a team effort.*

Happy Birthday, America!



Clockwise from above: NLR float from behind; waiting for the parade to begin: Uncle Sam (Al Curving) in the trailer on the Honda 250; Dave on the Honda 50; and Jack holding the banner. NLR Jim Potts, Terry Slemmer, Dave Stryker, and Jack Marriott pose after decorating the float. Uncle Sam wants YOU to celebrate, too!

CLICK HERE
to watch New Life Riders
in action in the parade.

(Thanks for the video, JJ.)

New Life Riders Teams Up With Rolling Thunder



SUNDAY, MAY 24—Dave Stryker braved the downpour and set up the New Life Riders booth at the Trenton Thunder ballpark for Rolling Thunder's annual veterans event and ride.

Opening ceremonies began at 11 a.m. The police-escorted ride departed at noon, winding through New Jersey's state capital and Yardley, PA, with a stop at the Washington Crossing Cemetery for the wreath-laying ceremony.

Food, music and vendors awaited the riders upon their return. Dave

participated in the biker blessing. K-9 demonstrations were available and, for the brave of heart and body, one could experience K-9 action.

In addition to new testaments, gospels of John and various tracts, New Life Riders offered bikers free cold bottles of water.

In a letter dated June 23, 2026, on Rolling Thunder letterhead, Tommy Epps, SMSgt, USAF (Retired) wrote: "heartfelt gratitude... we are sincerely appreciative of the support for our Mission. While rain and motorcycles may not be an ideal combination, your continued partnership and hospitality helped us make the best of a challenging situation."



Trenton Thunder mascots seek shelter from the rain with Dave Stryker under the CMA canopy.

NLR, Father's Day and Cars & Coffee

SUNDAY, JUNE 21—It was a beautiful Father's Day for families to wander between rows of exciting cars and even a few bikes this year. As always, New Life Riders welcomed newly interested and previous-year minibike enthusiasts to hop on and experience the thrill of being on a bike. Few turned down the invitation! Dads, and even moms, get starry eyed as they share stories about their own first bike.

It's become a tradition for NLR to set up our booth and join the Flemington New Life Church for their annual Cars & Coffee Father's Day event.

As always, the little ones enjoy getting their picture taken on the Honda Mini Trail. Karissa's mom said she has kept every year's newsletter, and "Mr. Broke It" Josh climbed up again this year.

We were happy to hand out CMA coloring books to the kids, renew connections with church friends, and talk New Life Riders and CMA with Teen Challenge, there to present their ministry at the morning service. It was a wonderful surprise to see "888" chapter members come on their bikes. We met a number of them at Flemington Powersports bike nights this year. And another surprise at the booth: JJ (of prayer night at McDs, FPS bike night and parade link provider, page 2) arrived just in time to help pack up the canopy.



Clockwise from top left: Karissa (without her sister, Michelle, this year); "I'd rather be riding with my daddy" Joshua and dad; Luke gives a thumbs-up for his "Best Dad Ever"; "Mr. Broke It" Josh (returning again this year) with his "Mr. Fix It" dad; and the McFadden family (no relation to our NLR Renee); Gary and Arianna with daughters Ava, Layla, Penelope, and Delaney.

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Sun, June 28: NLR PIT Crew Quakertown United Methodist Church's 190th Anniversary celebration (*see page 6*).

Tues, June 30: NLR prayer and devotional, Flemington McDs.

Sun, July 5: NLR Terry spoke briefly at the seven-church outdoor communion service at the Holcombe-Jimison Farmstead Museum, Lambertville. NLR booth set up (*see page 6*).

Tues, July 7: NLR prayer and devotional, Flemington McDs.

Wed, July 8: Bike night, Flemington Moose.

Sat, July 11: Flemington Car Show.

Sat, July 11: Williams HD 250th celebration.

Tues, July 14: NLR prayer and devotional, Flemington McDs.

Thurs, July 16: NLR 7am Zoom prayer call.

Thurs, July 16: NLR booth at Flemington Powersports bike night (*see page 5*).

Mon, July 20: NLR PIT Crew missions Zoom call with CBCW.

Tues, July 21: NLR prayer and devotional, Flemington McDs.

Sat, July 25: Sussex Elks Lodge, Crusaders for Caden fundraiser.

Sun, July 26: Second annual Ride for Pete, Jefferson NJ.

Tues, July 28: NLR prayer and devotional, McDs Flemington.



New Life Riders Fellowship Ride

SATURDAY, MAY 30—Finally a free day, a chance for us to get out and ride together just for the fun of it. And so we did. Meeting up at Flemington Powersports parking lot, we prayed and settled on a direction. Not superstitious, but it didn't go unnoticed that just a few turns into the ride we were halted by police, fire engines, ambulances, and cars off the road. Prayer for the occupants and first responders as we awaited the all-clear and we were back on our way.

Wasn't too far along and around a corner before we found ourselves biding time again as a train slowly passed through the crossing. Whew... back on the road again, only to find ourselves behind the widest piece of farm equipment lumbering along the already narrower-than-normal country road. Well, it truly was a perfect day for a ride. *What's the hurry anyway?*

Enjoying the scenery and the road's hills and curves, we wound our way into Glen Gardner and our lunch stop: The Real Deal Bar-B-Q.

Most of our time together centers around bike events and ministry. How

nice to just eat, laugh and catch up. The ride back was less eventful, but just as enjoyable. *Join us next time?*

PS: Don't miss the wording on the truck above our heads in the picture below. Just one of many on-site.



Left to right: Ron Grossmann, Al Curving, Byron Bredlow, Terry Slemmer, Dave Stryker, and Don Knorr

New Member Spotlight — Phil McCloughan

PHIL McCLOUGHAN

New member as of December 2025

AGE STARTED RIDING: 13.

FIRST BIKE: 1982 Honda XR80.

DREAM BIKE: Boss Hog with a big block.

WHEN YOU CAME TO CHRIST: 2012.

FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE: "Look at the nations and watch—and be utterly amazed. For I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe, even if you were told." Habakkuk 1:5 NIV (*True faith will overcome questions.*)

FAVORITE VACATION: Four-week trip out west.



SPIRITUAL GOALS: To overcome my fear of expressing my own faith and love of Jesus in public, and to help my children find their own faith.

OTHER MINISTRIES: Helping International Students (ISI) in Princeton, and being a Ruling Elder at First Presbyterian Church in Lambertville. Leading services, preaching and giving the sacrament of Communion.

WHO HAS HELPED YOU GROW SPIRITUALLY: Pastor Peter Gregory and my children.

FAVORITE MUSICIAN: Jamey Johnson.

BUCKET LIST: A very long trip on the Goldwing down through Skyline Drive, the Smoky Mountains, Route 66, up through Utah, Wyoming, and South Dakota then back home.

Bike Night Fun at Flemington Powersports

THURSDAY, JUNE 18—What a crazy night at Flemington Powersports! But with the canopy chained to a tree to prevent the *I-N-T-E-N-S-E W-I-N-D* from blowing it into the next county and our ministry offerings secured in plastic tubs keeping the tablecloth in place, NLR concentrated on handing out new testaments, gospels of John, and building and renewing relationships with bikers and vendors alike.

THURSDAY, JULY 16—Lots of interest and conversations at the booth about CMA and New Life Riders. But we were shocked and saddened to learn one of the bike night vendors we have become fond of was in a serious vehicle accident and suffered major injuries. Please join us in praying for her complete and speedy recovery.



Clockwise from top: June bike night crowd; Siblings Zoey and Mason; Jordan and Emily with Sage and Carver; brothers (Nike and Just Do It shirts); and canine royalty with his chauffeur.

Dawn Patrol Event and BraveHEARTs Ride

SUNDAY, MAY 31—NLR set up the booth and had *many* interesting conversations with bikers and vendors alike. And a trip down memory lane for Terry with a 1970s Loveoneanother Church connection!



SATURDAY, JUNE 6—No New Life Riders booth set up. This was strictly a pleasure ride in support of the excellent equine program for veterans and first responders at the **Riding With Heart** stables in Pittstown, New Jersey.



NLR Worships With Seven* Local Churches

SUNDAY, JULY 5—In what is now a New Life Riders annual tradition, we joined local churches at the Holcombe-Jimison Farmstead Museum for an outdoor Sunday worship and communion service. Two differences this year: Terry was invited to present CMA/NLR during the “Moment for Missions” and we were allowed to set up our booth.

Antique farm equipment met present-day technology as we worshipped plein-air style. Sacred and patriotic music, Scripture, prayer, communion, and Reverend Peter Gregory’s unforgettable and deeply moving *Feed My Sheep* message. Not only of Jesus’ words to Peter, but of George Washington’s need to push his soldiers, knowing enlistments were soon to expire, and of the need to feed *his* sheep. We were reminded that Amwell farmers, forefathers of some who sat with us that very day, fed Washington’s starving troops, which revitalized the soldiers and enabled them to overtake the enemy on Christmas Day, 1776. We were encouraged to feed the sheep in *our* flock, those who cross our paths every day. Amen!

Food items were collected for the Lambertville Food Panty and a love offering was given to the Museum.

**Nine churches if counting NLR members’ churches.*



Top: Preparing for service.

Center: NLRs Jack & Phil share a moment before savoring the potluck luncheon.

Left: Dave shares CMA & New Life Riders at the booth with an interested listener.

Spotlight PIT Crew: Quakertown UMC Celebrates 190th Anniversary

SUNDAY, JUNE 28—What an honor for New Life Riders to be invited to join QUMC brothers and sisters, whom we’ve grown to know and love over the years, for the celebration of 190 faithful years of service to the Lord and ministry to the Quakertown community.

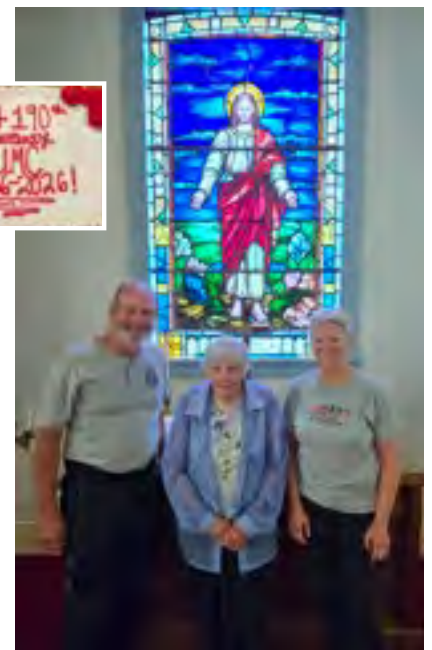
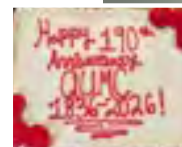
Pastor Joan chose Colossians 2:6-7 as the anniversary theme: “*So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in Him, rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.*”

Pastor Joan shared historic QUMC stories, pictures and documents during a time entitled, “An old-fashioned anniversary in a new-fashioned world.”

After service, we enjoyed snacks and conversation with members and a few additional surprise guests.

But it was with sadness that we learned our precious sister will be moving on to another assignment. *We will miss your tender heart and ceaseless encouragement!*

Psalm 23:3 is for you, Pastor Joan.



The Power of Tools By Dave Stryker

"What were you thinking?" Ahh, the wise words of a loving parent. I don't know my exact age when I committed the devious deed, but I must have had a logical reason. The episode was one of my earliest attempts at using hand tools. Proper parental supervision would have been a good thing, but Mom and Dad turned me loose with a small workbench, complete with pegboard and hand tools: A screwdriver, hammer, adjustable wrench, handsaw, and a vise. Today, these items are made of plastic for children's safety and the items they pretend to work on, but back in the day, Little Tikes® didn't exist. We had the real things, just a smaller scale to fit our little toddler hands.

Growing up on a farm, I always saw my dad or grandfather working on machinery or building projects. There was always something to be repaired. Apparently, they wanted to get me off to an early start. After the wooden-pegs-pounded-through-holes toy (to be flipped over and repeated endlessly), I graduated to the mini workbench. The story was often told that around age three I decided my potty chair was too tall and difficult to get up on. My workbench handsaw was the perfect tool to cut the legs off the chair and bring it down to proper height. This was my first major project. Hence, Mom's reaction, *"What were you thinking?"*

I really enjoy tools. Many have different uses but some are specialized and can't deviate from their intended purpose without destroying the tool. I found it fascinating to watch the men in my family work on things. Sometimes I would empty out the metal toolbox, line everything up, then put the tools back in the toolbox, biggest items on the bottom, and fill it to the top.

On the farm there were always machines to climb on: tractors, wagons, corn pickers, plows, combines, discs, and harrows (*feed carts, too, but that's a story for another time*). When I was eight, I found an old bicycle in the barn and cut the handlebars off. I asked my dad to weld on the steering wheel from an old '53 Chevy that sat in a field as a parts car for our family ride. He did and it was a *unique* ride with *interesting* handling characteristics.

In sixth grade, I acquired my second dirt bike. While Christmas shopping with my mom and sister, I thought I heard my sister ask my mom what gift she bought for Dave. Oh, how I wished I hadn't heard Mom's reply: "A digital clock radio." On Christmas morning I dreaded

the rectangular box pushed in my direction. I thought with all the packing, the size looked about right for a radio, but as I pulled the box closer to me, it didn't slide easily. I thought, *"This is the heaviest radio ever made."* The wrapping paper came off to expose a plain cardboard box. I opened the top and saw a gray metal lid. *"This is no radio."* Tearing the box apart revealed a mechanics toolbox with wrenches, screwdrivers, sockets, a ballpeen hammer, and so much more. *Wow! What a gift!* Then I watched Dad open his clock radio. Apparently, my sister had asked Mom, "What did you get Dad for Christmas?" Dad was happy with his radio and I was ecstatic with my tools.

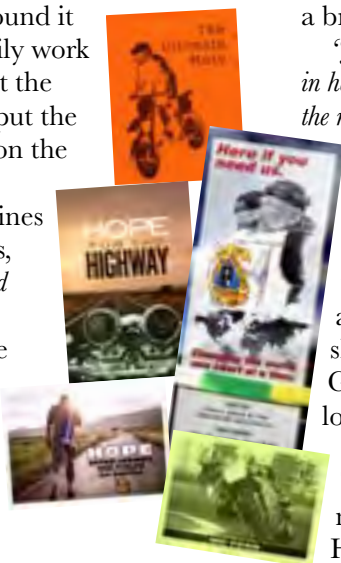
My tool collection has grown immensely over the years. Working as a mechanic required special tools; being a homeowner, other types of tools; and as a painter, still different kinds.

I love tools. Browsing the tool aisles in stores, I always find something that makes me say, *"What could I use that for?"* All in all, it's a great feeling to get out a tool and repair something. There is a sense of accomplishment when a broken item is repaired.

"Jesus said to his disciples, 'I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.'" (Matthew 28:18-20)

As CMA members, we can have the greatest feeling there is when we use our ministry tools: Handing out a gospel of John, a new testament or a tract, and sharing the love of Christ knowing that the Word of God can remove the scales from blinded eyes. Seeing a lost person accept one of our "tools," knowing that the Holy Spirit redeems and repairs us *one heart at a time*. That lives drained of all hope can be filled with joy and never thirst again if only they will just receive it, receive Him. So let us be the tools in the Master Mechanic's box, each one of us ready for the purposes for which He designed and equipped us.

Remember, "God made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him." (II Corinthians 5:21) *Now that's the perfect gift.*



Prayer & Praise

PRAISE for our many event and ministry opportunities since May. *We continue to covet your prayers.* **PRAISE** for God's mercy on the road to and from events. **PRAISE** for His abundant favor as we share His message of forgiveness and hope for this life and salvation for the life to come. **PRAISE** for answers to prayers over the past two months. **PRAISE** for God's limitless love and for His justice as well.

PLEASE PRAY for our upcoming time at the 4-H Fair. We will again be in the Community Tent for the full five days every minute the fair is open. **PRAY** for divine appointments. **PRAY** for the little ones who will take the CMA coloring books and gospel bracelets. **PRAY** for their parents. **PRAY** for our sensitivity to the needs of those who stop at the table. **PRAY** for our interactions with vendors and other organizations in the tent with us. **PRAY** for us as we prepare for our 9/11 visits to first responders countywide. **PRAY** for those with whom we will speak and pray. **PRAY** for those for whom this day brings back the most horrific memories. **PRAY** that God will hold them tight and bring tangible comfort through others and the peace that only He can give. **PRAY** for our country's leaders on every government level: Municipal, county, state, Federal. **PRAY** for our judges at all levels. **PRAY** for pastors and church leaders to preach and teach the Truth in humility. **PRAY** for our military, for our teachers, for parents and grandparents, for families. **PRAY** for your neighbors and coworkers. **PRAY** for peace.

Upcoming Events (so far)

Every Tuesday: NLR prayer & devotional at McDs, Flemington, 7pm

First Thurs: NLR monthly meeting, Golden Star Diner, Ringoes, 6pm

Every 3rd Thurs: NLR booth & table at Flemington Powersports

AUGUST —

Sat, Aug 1: Five *Operation Teddy Bear* deliveries to Hunterdon County fire stations.

Sun, Aug 9: Metuchen Car and Bike Show.

Sun, Aug 12: Kelsy Bike Night, Moose Lodge, Flemington.

Wed-Sun, Aug 19-23: **New Life Riders booth** in the Community Tent at the 4-H Fair., Ringoes NJ.

Thur-Sun, Aug 20-23: **CMA Tri-State Rally**, Falling Waters, WV.

Fri, Aug 28: ASRA Sport Bike Racing, Millville, NJ.

Sat, Aug 29: Friendship Center for New Beginnings work day.

SEPTEMBER —

Fri, Sept 11: **New Life Riders** to all Hunterdon County first responder facilities.

Meet Moto

What's in a name? Until July 30, this little guy was known to all at the Animal Alliance of New Jersey as "Bobo."

Dave was still smarting from the loss of his Scrappy. He wasn't sure if he was ready yet or even wanted another dog. But then he saw Bobo online and for months continued to check back. Bobo remained at the Alliance, but Dave still wasn't sure if he was ready.

All that changed in what seems like the blink of an eye. Within days, Dave was approved as a rescue "parent" and meeting Bobo. For both Dave and Bobo it was love at first sight.

Welcome home, Moto!



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