

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 on 9/11

It doesn't get easier. Every year is like picking a scab. Fresh wound. Then memories of how the scar came to be. The courthouse bell tolled slowly and loudly as if crying out for each of the sixteen Hunterdon County residents who died in the horrific events of September 11, 2001.

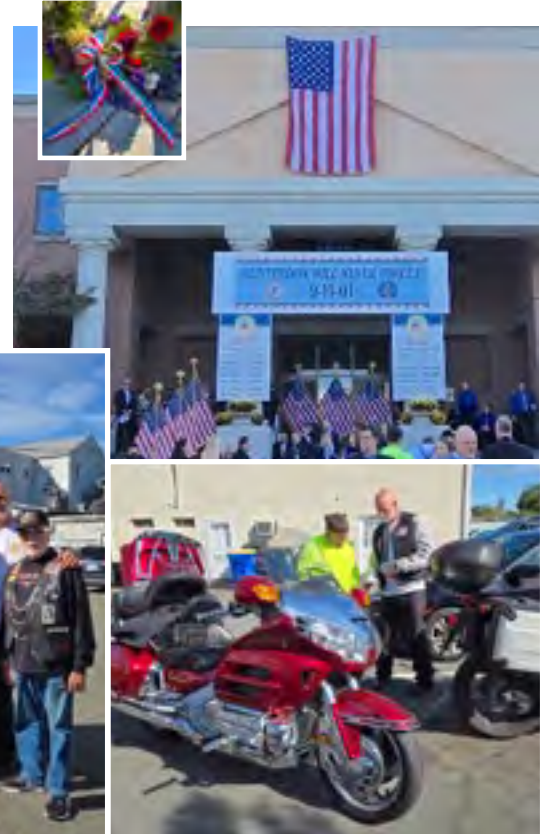
As we have in previous years, New Life Riders broke up into teams, packed up our precious cargo, prayed, and headed out to visit every Hunterdon County first responder and law enforcement facility.

Fourteen years ago, leather-clad bikers with good intentions encountered less-than-warm welcomes. Then, as years passed, we noticed responders were eagerly awaiting our arrival. Today, most not only allow us to pray for them, but they request prayer for specific circumstances, for their loved ones, they share exciting personal news and, amazingly, they thank us.

Yes, it's always a long day, but what a blessing.

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Clockwise from top: Inset "Never Forget" from the Oldwick 9/11 memorial; Flemington courthouse ceremony; Ron and Phil review their delivery route sheet after packing up their bikes; Phil, Diane, Terry, and Hank in front, Jim, Dave and Ron in the back before heading out.

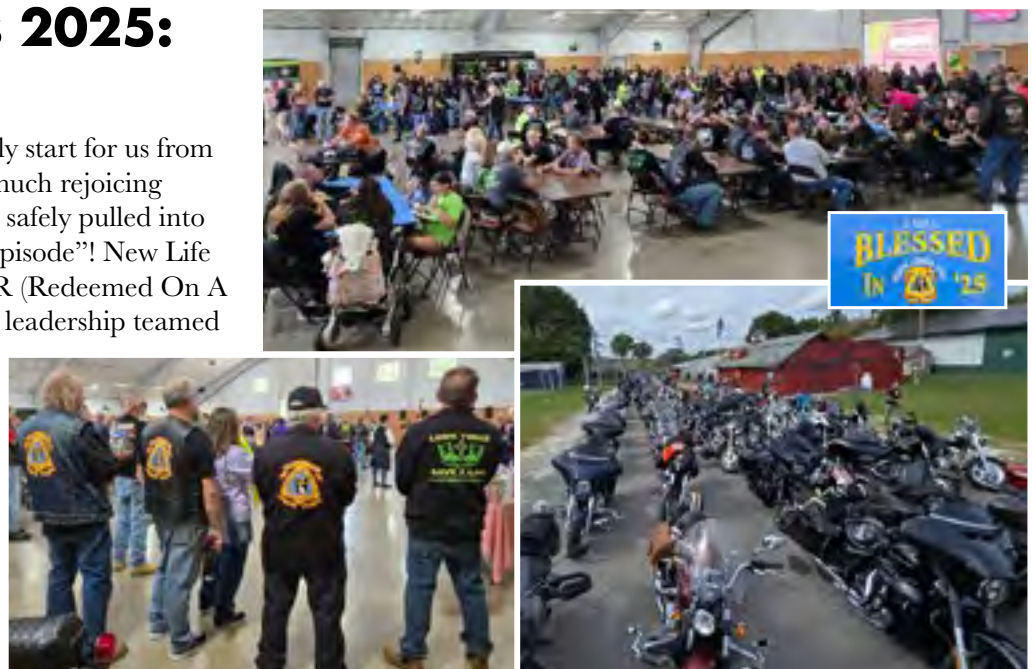


Forever Friends 2025: The Final Ride

SUNDAY, SEPT 21: It was an early start for us from Hunterdon County and cause for much rejoicing when MacGyver (aka Dave)'s truck safely pulled into the Summit fairgrounds after an "episode"! New Life Riders, North Jersey chapter ROAR (Redeemed On A Ride) and CMA state and Tri-state leadership teamed up for a biker blessing at the final **Forever Friends ride**.

We spoke with hundreds of bikers as they eagerly accepted
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Clockwise from top: Just some of the FF attendees; lineup of nearly 500 bikes extended around the red building; Dave Stryker, Eric & Laura Fichter, Frank Pittenger, and Patrick.



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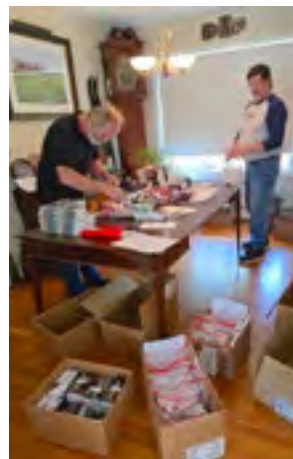
Like everyone else, we wish there was no reason for 9/11 to be anything other than a normal day. But it never will be again. And so we make the ride each year to honor the sacrifices made by so many on that day and so many days since.

After all, it is the perfect day to bring news of another's sacrifice. "Love one another the way I loved you. This is the very best way to love. Put your life on the line for your friends."

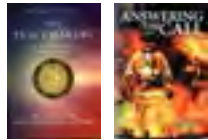
John 15:13, The Message



NLRs Jack, Dave and Terry proudly witnessed the special award given to their pastor, Dave Errickson, "for his dedicated service to the Hunterdon County Community and participation in the 9/11 ceremony."



Dave and Jack assembling bags (far right) for our 9/11 delivery.



New Life Riders hand delivered items to each of our 63 first responder sites. This year's totals included:

- 485 Gospels of John
- 223 New Testaments
- 1,220 Prayer Cards

Also a letter of greetings, an NLR flyer and a copy of [Ignite Your Life](#) by Barry Meguiar, known as "the car wax guy."



Paramedic's Prayer
Lord, grant me the ability to make emergency calls with a helpful hand, a knowledgeable mind, and with tender love and care. Guide me in all situations and grant protection against what lies out there. Help me stay a neutral spirit. Guide me and let me know whenever that may be. Please watch over me.



SATURDAY, OCT 11:

New Life Riders sprang into action on a work day at the Friendship Center removing air conditioners, weeding, trimming bushes and trees, repairing fences, and cleaning. Needed outside painting was postponed because of inclement weather.



A Message From Our President

Late this afternoon we completed our fourteenth year of traveling across Hunterdon County on 9/11 to all the first responder facilities. I want to thank everyone who has been a part of New Life Riders since it began forming back in 2011. Since we became a full chartered chapter in May 2012 we have shared hope and the love of Jesus to those who answer the call at the county's police, fire and rescue stations as well as the National Guard, sheriff, and prosecutor's office.

What happened today was only possible because of years of relationship building. If you were with us from day-one as a forming chapter member and have not been able to participate at events for some time or if you were out on the ride today, I send out a hearty **Thank You!**

If it's been years since you did a 9/11 ride, but are still a member who prays for what this chapter can and will do in the future, you are a vital part of who we are. It is because of every member over the years that we have been so welcomed into the first responders' family due to our consistency of showing up and being available to them on the anniversary of such a monumental day in our nation's history.

Hearing "We knew you guys would be here today" makes what we do so incredible. We have not been just a "flash in the pan," or a story of "Yeah, they came a few times but where are they now?" Fourteen years of support and "Thank you for your service to the community" now bring smiles to the faces of those who put their lives on the line for others.

We have been recognized and thanked numerous times for what we do by those who we go to thank in person. I am so grateful for every one of you, from our first days until today, to see how God is using New Life Riders in the community as well as in the motorcycle world.

If it's been a while since you've been able to make a meeting or an event, I would love to see you back soon. What we have done in the past has resulted in huge opportunities that continue today and presented new doors that have yet to be opened.

Thank you all once again for making New Life Riders a chapter of prayer, faith, hope, actions, sharing, and bringing others closer to Jesus.

Dave

Forever Friends — The Final Ride *(continued from page 1)*

CMA's *Blessed in '25* sticker and its accompanying printed salvation message. Word is that there were nearly 500 bikes for this final ride.

In addition to our booth and invitations for the little ones to sit on and take pictures on the Honda Mini, we cherished the fellowship among CMAers. We shared Christ and CMA with all who came to the booth, those we encountered at the food court, inside the building, and in line waiting for the ride to begin.

ROAR's Mark Hallock once again was invited to speak to the group, followed by NLR's Dave Stryker, who addressed the crowd but mostly spoke to the mothers of the two young men whose memories they have kept alive in this most poignant way. There will be other FF events, but after 15 years, this was the final ride.



Clockwise from top: Patrick will become ROAR's newest member! Mark Hallock (ROAR) prays for this final event; a gloriously busy day at the booth; NLR Dave Stryker blesses Jeremy's & Mark's moms; and NLR Terry Slemmer joins Bill, Jim & Jeff before they opened the event.



Below (left to right): Athana, Frankie, Dean with his mom, and Audrey each had a feel for "the road ahead" as they climbed aboard the Honda Mini Trail.



NLR at the Final 2025 FPS Bike Night

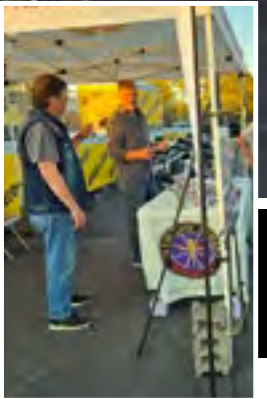
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18: One last New Life Riders booth set-up at Flemington Powersports' final 2025 monthly bike night. One last opportunity for us to walk among and talk with the bikers who took advantage of the incredible summer-like weather to gather with friends and meet new ones. One final opportunity this year to engage riders and share the love of Christ, offer *Hope For The Highway* new testaments, CMA tracts, cross pennies, and many other pieces that will reenforce our conversations.

It has been a bountiful bike night season. We are so grateful to Flemington Powersports for inviting us to set up our booth again this year and to enthusiastically endorse CMA and NLR every month.

Please pray for all those with whom we've prayed and shared and talked and laughed with over the riding season. Pray for their safety, but mostly pray they see Jesus in a new light... and walk closely with Him.



Jack's winning-toss video would have been here if Terry knew how to do it! I'm so sorry Jack...



SATURDAY, SEPT 27: New Life Riders stepped up when Calvary Bible Church asked NLR to help with their community day outreach. CBC member and New Life Rider Ron Grossmann and NLR Renee McFadden are behind the table as NLR Dave Stryker looks on.

Dave and Terry handed out police prayer cards to all those we encountered.



From the top: Jack Marriott mans the booth; Dave and Nate are all smiles after a good conversation. Nate took CMA/NLR info and a copy of Barry Meguiar's book, *Ignite Your Life*; Terry tries her hand at the helmet toss... third toss was successful, but Jack won the event with TWO ringers; Jack and NLR friend Paul in the booth; bikers lingered past dark knowing the next bike night won't be until 2026.

Get Your Motor Running... and GO! *By Dave Stryker*

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18: It was an early rise. Temperature a chilly 35 degrees. This time of year it takes longer for the sun to rise so it was off to the Hunterdon fairgrounds in the dark. Arriving at 6:45, I patiently waited in the truck, taking my place in line with other vendors. Finally, I drove through buildings to a vacant area and set up our CMA/New Life Riders canopy and table.

As I finished setting up, another vendor walked by and jokingly asked, "Afraid the roof leaks?" I said the canopy makes us more visible and then mentioned that a few years ago on a similar cold morning there had been so much frost collected under the metal roof that when the sun warmed up the outside the frost melted and water ran down over the tables and merchandise on display.

Soon, the sun was up and the classic cars began to rumble in. It was the 13th annual Flemington Speedway Historical Society car show. New Life Riders has been a part of it every year except the one that was canceled due to rain. In past years, a few vintage bikes showed up, but this is predominantly a huge car show.

The speedway guys were expecting around 800 cars. We were expecting once again that the Lord would provide divine appointments for us throughout the day since we would be with people who might never attend a bike night or motorcycle charity ride.

Being a car event, it was mostly a guys' day out. Young guys with modern-day muscle cars, middle age guys walking around with their children, retired guys who have had multiple classic cars and have many stories about each one of them.

As the dads walked by with their children we would invite them over to the table and offer them salvation bracelets, CMA balloons or CMA coloring books. They walked away with the Gospel message, which they may have never heard or read before. Grandparents would see the little Honda 50 we bring and stop over for a look and reminisce about their own dirt bike riding days. They scanned the table and picked up motocross or sport bike tracts for their grandkids. Women walked near and Terry would offer the *You Are Loved* tracts and talk with them. They would share some struggle in their lives and Terry prayed with them. A man stopped over and Terry questioned him about a phrase on his T-shirt. This prompted a long discussion about faith and ministry and, surprisingly, brought an



Clockwise from the top: Dave chats with a "neighbor" vendor who knows NLRs Ron Grossmann and Byron Bredlow; Terry and Ron engage a couple at the booth; Dave, Jack and Ron share who we are with interested parties.

invitation for New Life Riders to speak at a Christian school he is associated with. A number of first responders came by. Some knew us from our 9/11 ride visits, but some were new members so we shared prayer cards with them.

All this to say, we met people whose paths we probably would never cross at a bike event. It's just about being obedient to the call of God and making ourselves available to share His love wherever we can.

So, when you have an idea for ministry, when you feel the nudge from the Holy Spirit, when you can't shake the feeling God is telling you to do something or go somewhere, be obedient. *Follow through and leave the results to God.*

NLR Booth at Rotary Benefit for Veterans

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5: While riders at the Branchburg Rotary's ninth annual motorcycle run registered at Raritan Valley Community College, New Life Riders set up its booth at the Central Jersey Regional Airport in Hillsborough.

Riders arrived to the aroma of an incredible buffet and live entertainment. Non Profit TV made the rounds filming and interviewing attendees, but the day's excitement was the expected arrival of two pilots (*see caption below*).

We had conversations with riders we had met at other events, rejoiced with brothers and sisters we'd never met, and shared our purpose with others who had never heard of CMA or NLR.

Another long but rewarding day in service to the King!



Clockwise from top: NLR booth on "canopy row"; Dave walks Mike through pictures of some of NLR's awesome events; Dave and Terry with Flight to End Polio pilots Peter Teahen (kneeling) and Ed Galkin; closeup of NPTV mics used during Dave's filmed interview at the booth, [CLICK HERE](#) to watch the heavily edited interview

at 13:45 (group pix at 7:42); some of the bikes at the event (NLR canopy and wave banner in the distance, center left). Circled in red in the distance on the right is the plane used on the 37-day, 8,800 nautical mile flight. [CLICK HERE](#) to check out the website that documents their adventure. By the way, 89-year-old New Jersey native Ed is the oldest pilot in history to fly a single-engine airplane across the Atlantic. Peter's extensive CISM and global leadership at 75 disasters includes 9/11, Hurricane Katrina and the Haiti earthquake. What a privilege to spend time with men whose hearts are intent on alleviating the pain and distress of others... "one life at a time."



NLR at FPS Trunk or Treat

SATURDAY, OCT 25:

Dave (aka Olaf) arrived early to set up the booth at Flemington Power-sports and be ready when the little ones showed to gather halloween candy from flatbeds and bowls.

Eyes tend to sparkle when little ones are encouraged to climb up on the Honda Mini. And all who stopped by the booth for candy left with a CMA bag of goodies: Bible coloring book, cross penny and a salvation bracelet with the flyer to explain the bracelet colors.

The Word (and the excitement of being on a bike) once again has been passed on to the possible next generation of CMA members.



Top left: "Best Costume" winner holding his granddaughter; the boot and dark blue leg are part of grandpa's clever dinosaur rider costume! **Top right:** Dave as NLR Olaf in the booth. **Bottom (l to r):** The little ones delight in being on the mini bike or pose to show off their clever costumes.

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, Sept 7: NLR church visit.

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

Thurs, Sept 11: Annual 9/11 county ceremony, Flemington (page 1).

Sat, Sept 13: FPS Bikes & Bagels.

Tues, Sept 16: NLR prayer and devotional, McDs Flemington.

Thurs, Sept 18: NLR Zoom prayer call, 7am.

Thurs, Sept 18: NLR booth at Flemington Powersports bike night (page 4).

Sun, Sept 21: NLR booth at Forever Friends event, Sussex fairgrounds (page 1).

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

Sat, Sept 27: NLR helped at Calvary Bible Church table on community day (page 4).

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

Fri, Oct 3: Meet with a PIT Crew member.

Sun, Oct 5: NLR booth at Rotary veterans fundraising bike event (page 6).

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

Wed, July 9: NLR booth at the Moose Lodge bike event.

Sat, Oct 11: NLR work day at the Friendship Center for New Beginnings (page 2).

Sun, Oct 12: Dawn Patrol fundraising breakfast.

Sun, Oct 12: NLR church visit and missions luncheon.

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

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

Thurs, Oct 16: NLR three toy box deliveries.

Thurs, Oct 18: NLR booth at the antique car show, county fairgrounds (page 5).

Thurs, Oct 18: NLR fellowship lunch.

Sun, Oct 19: NLR church visit and luncheon.

Sun, Oct 19: NLR 3 toy box deliveries.

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

Sat, Oct 25: NLR booth at Flemington Power-sports Trunk or Treat (page 7).

Sun, Oct 26: NLR toy box delivery.

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

Prayer & Praise

PRAISE for the divine appointments and extraordinary opportunities afforded New Life Riders over this year's riding season, including our recent 9/11 first responder visits. **PRAISE** for the number of people we have been able to share the good news with so far this year. **PRAISE** for our PIT Crew and all those who pray for us as we bring the messages of hope and healing within the motorcycle community and beyond.

PRAY for us as we begin to reflect on all that God allowed us to accomplish this season and consider where and what we should be concentrating on in 2026. **PRAY** that the Body of Christ will have a single focus: His! **PRAY** for those in war-torn countries, for the displaced and frightened. **PRAY** for our brothers and sisters who even today are being persecuted and tortured because they will not deny The Name above all names. Voice of the Martyrs has a [Global Prayer Guide](#) on their website with a detailed list of countries persecuting believers. **PRAY** for elected officials in our country. **PRAY** for the upcoming elections. **PRAY** that CMA chapters in the United States and overseas take seriously the call to share the gospel freely and reach motorcyclists everywhere... "one heart at a time." **PRAY** for the peace that only the Prince of Peace can bring.

CMA "Chance" Meeting

Dave stopped on the side of the road to ask if a biker needed help... turns out Joe is a CMA member from Port St Lucie, Florida, who recently moved up to South Jersey and was in our area visiting family. Maybe TJ and Lighthouse Riders may soon have a new member?



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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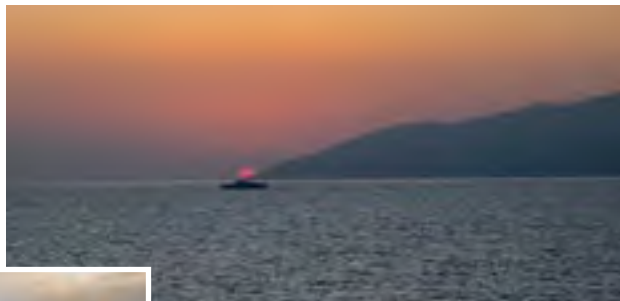
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Coming next issue...

New Life Riders' end-of-season events filled this issue so look for recaps of Terry's Aegean Sea adventure following Paul's missionary journeys and John's exile at Patmos, and Renee's November CMA Togo mission trip in the next issue.



Coffee and quiet time as the sun rises on the Aegean Sea; Sea Cloud 2 ports of call (right).

