



**AUGUST 2024**

# Conroe Messengers #362

Changing the world, one heart at a time.



## Maintain a Straight Path & Put on Armor by Larry Watrous

Hello Messengers and friends:

July has been an interesting month. Two of our members were involved in a major motorcycle accident and spent some time in the hospital. We need to keep Joy and Rod in our prayers asking the Lord to help them heal and return to normal. It was also a difficult time for our president Don, who has had to undergo several medical procedures because of the diseases that are attacking him. I think the devil is after him because of all the good things he has been doing. He's been leading our chapter, providing a place for our Bible studies, organizing the music for CMA events and many other things. Kim has been his personal nurse for these several months. We need to keep both of them in our prayers; one for healing, and one for caregiver support.

July has been a rather quiet month for our activities. Because of injuries and weather, we have been rather quiet. August is coming. We should have our storm debris cleaned up by then and be ready to do more things.

In a past issue of Heartbeat, the safety topic dealt with Psalms 27:11 talking about following a straight path or safe path. To follow on with the Heartbeat message, we need to refer to Ephesians 6:10 concerning the armor of God.

When we ride motorcycles on our mission, we need to follow both of

these recommendations. Maintain a straight Safe Path and put on our Armor to protect us from unavoidable events. The path may contain curves that we must negotiate. Paying attention to our position in the road lane is important. Watching for road obstructions, such as pot holes, sand or water on the road surface, and rode snakes.

The armor of God includes items that we can refer to when we ride. We put on a jacket, gloves, eye protection, boots and a helmet. For us to complete our mission we must be safe. We must follow a straight or at least appropriate path considering curves and road hazards. We need to have our armor on should something happen to us. Whenever possible we need to be aware of our path and our safety gear: helmet, jacket, gloves, boots and eye protection.

I am sitting in for Don while he is dealing with his medical conditions. I as well as the rest of us are looking forward to his return.

*Larry*

Ride Safe Friends!  
Larry Watrous,  
Vice-President  
CMA Conroe  
Messengers 362



## Calendar Wiz

### **MESSENGERS BIBLE STUDY & POTLUCK DINNER**

8/6/2024 at 6:00 pm  
Johnson's Home  
[7027 Casita Dr. Magnolia, TX](#)

### **CYCLE GEAR BIKE NIGHT**

8/13/2024 at 5 PM - 7 PM  
[19075 I-45, Ste 900, Shenandoah](#)

### **MESSENGERS CHAPTER MEETING**

8/20/2024 Eat 6 / Meet 7 pm  
[McKENZIE'S BBQ](#)  
[1501 N Frazier St., Conroe](#)

### **DAIRY QUEEN BIKE NITE**

8/29/2024 AT 7 PM  
[1980 N Loop 336 W, Conroe](#)

### **2024 CHANGING OF THE COLORS RALLY**

10/16/2024 - 10/20/2024  
<https://cmausa.org/Events>

### **LONE STAR RALLY**

10/31 - 11/3/2024  
Galveston Island, Texas  
Volunteer at:  
[www.cmasetx.com](http://www.cmasetx.com)



### GET YOUR SERVE ON!

The **Lone Star Rally** is the largest rally in Texas! Motorcyclist from around the country ride in just to spend the weekend on Galveston Island! This is a huge opportunity for us to serve the motorcyclist community through hospital ministry, street ministry, ticketing & parking service, mechanical service, bike blessings, and more!

Sign up now for where God is leading you to serve. Allow God to shine through you!

- DATE:** October 31 - November 3, 2024
- TIME:** Choose Your Time by Volunteering
- ADDRESS:** Galveston, TX
- VOLUNTEER SIGN UP:** www.cmasetx.com



### CHANGING OF THE COLORS RALLY

The Changing of the Colors Rally is like the world's largest family reunion where thousands of CMA members and guests gather together with one heart and one purpose – to surrender to God's will, changing the world one heart at a time! Come and enjoy a time of spiritual renewal, fellowship, and fun. For questions, call 870-389-6196 .

- DATE:** October 16 - 20, 2024
- TIME:** First service Wednesday at 7 PM
- ADDRESS:** CMA Iron Mountain Camp & Cabins  
112 Iron Mountain Ln MENA, AR 71953
- REGISTRATION:** www.cmausa/events
- FACEBOOK:** @CMAUSA.ORG



### Messenger Member Snapshot

**Meet** Judy Osborn  
**Joined CMA:** Judy has been a member of CMA for 22 years! She joined March 7, 2002.  
**First Ride:** Honda 500 to Glen Rose, TX  
**Current Ride:** Honda 1800 Trike - Kerrville, TX  
**Favorite Road Trip:** There are so many road trips to count! Rides to Chama, NM & Little River; Utah; Colorado; Kerrville, TX; Tennessee; Sturgis, SD  
**Favorite Bible Verse:** Isaiah 41:10 - "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

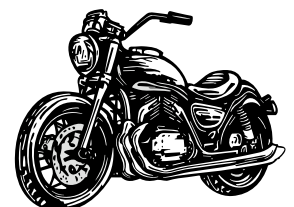


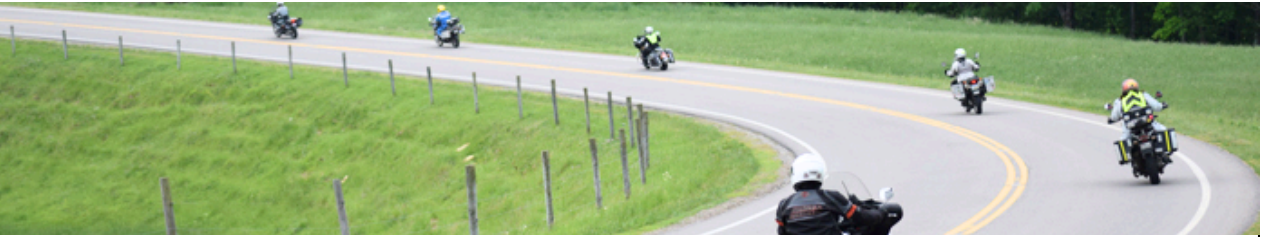
### Cycle Gear Bike Nite

This is not only a time to socialize with other motorcyclist but an opportunity to plant the seeds of the Good News in the hearts of others!

- DATE:** Tuesday, August 13, 2024
- TIME:** 5 PM - 7 PM
- ADDRESS:** 19075 I-45, Ste 900, Shenandoah

Meet other bikers  
 Games, Drawings  
 Check out Gear  
 Bike Blessings





## Group Riding Best Practices by Russell Rhodes, Road Captain

Good day to everyone and God bless you! If you sneezed, that should cover you. I know someone did.

We do a lot of group rides in CMA, mostly to eat, but still. I'd like to start a discussion on group riding. I came across an article from Rider Magazine written by Jenny Smith back in October of 2019, so I would like to share some of it today.

"For some, group riding is a quintessential part of the motorcycling experience, a rolling social gathering that happens as naturally as a family party. It's a fun way to keep a group together when traveling, and modern communication technology has only made it easier. Yet even seasoned riders, if they spend most of their time solo or don't know the others in the group well, can feel a bit unsure about the rules, expectations and etiquette of group riding. So, to help you navigate the dos and don'ts of riding in a group and become the person everyone likes to ride with, we've put together this handy primer.

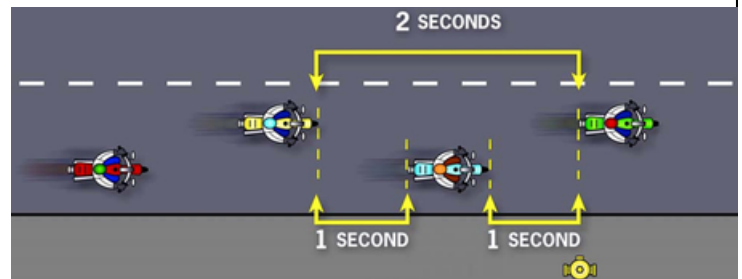
**Staggered formation.** You've probably noticed how groups of riders space themselves out within their lane; we call this "staggered formation." The purpose is pretty simple: it allows each rider a clear view ahead, along with space to the side for any quick or sudden maneuvering in the case of road hazards like potholes, rocks, critters, debris, etc. The leader is typically in the left portion of the lane, rider No. 2 is in the right portion, rider No. 3 in the left and so on. **The Motorcycle Safety Foundation recommends spacing yourself so that there is a two-second gap between you and the rider directly in front of you (see graphic). As speeds increase, that means a longer distance, and at slow speeds that means closing ranks and tightening up the formation.**

**Who rides where?** Put an experienced, responsible rider in the lead position. The leader should obviously know the route you're taking. The least experienced rider in the group goes next, in the No. 2 position behind and to the right of the leader. The last position, also called the "sweep," should be another highly experienced rider. The sweeper should carry a first aid kit and tools, and should also know the route in case the group gets separated.

**Group size.** Try to keep your group manageable — between five and seven riders is a good size. If necessary, break up large groups into smaller ones.

**Lane changes.** Group leaders will be watching their mirrors, and will wait until there is a large enough space for the whole group to move over. Sometimes that's just not possible, in which case the riders make individual lane changes, returning to their positions within the new lane. If you have a sweeper in your party and can communicate, then the sweeper should take the lane position when available and all the other riders in front of the sweeper can file into the new lane as available when traffic clears. Maintain your speed when changing lanes! Remember that there are riders behind you who need to move over as well.

**Curves.** When the road gets twisty, throw the staggered formation out the window. Forming a single file line gives you the space you need to lean and adjust your line if necessary. Remember this might also mean giving the rider ahead of you some extra space.



**Passing.** Never blindly follow riders ahead of you when they pull out to pass a car. Move over to the left portion of the lane and wait until you have a clear view of the road ahead. That may mean waiting until the rider in front of you is safely back in the lane ahead of the vehicle you're passing. Then check your mirror to make sure another speed demon isn't trying to make the pass from behind you.

**Being passed.** Being passed by a single vehicle is easy: just let them go. There may be times when the vehicle doesn't have the room to get around the whole group in one go. Don't take offense, even if they're obviously just being impatient. Open up a space and let them back in. There's no sense in riding too close and putting yourself and the rest of your group in danger. "

Next month.....we'll talk about some more. Y'all have a bless day!!

## Prayer Requests & Praise

Don Eustes - Healing from cancer. Home visitations by appointment only.

Joy Booher - involved in an accident, has broken bones & bruised lung, pain. At home recovering with services.

Rod Booher - involved in an accident, has broken bones, fluid in lungs, has had several surgeries, pain. At HCA Houston Conroe hospital.

Sophie - continued healing from her heart, lung issues.

Jeremiah Hitchcock, Sr. - Praise God that the truck is running!

Jeremiah A. Hitchcock Jr. - had a CT Scan on 7/18th for lungs.

Teresa Smith - Her pastor is on hospice and wife has stage 4 cancer. Pray for Teresa's wrist sprained after she had a fall at work.

Jeannette Kentch - Healing of retina.

Paula Teel - has not been feeling well.

Steve & Amy Burk - Quick sale of their house.

Brian Johnson - Chaz's brother - IRS is coming after him personally while in-laws business is having financial difficulties.

Kim Eustes - Strength, wisdom and rest while helping Don recover at home.

Praise for a fantastic Run for the Son 2024.

Prayer for RFS 2025 ministry!

Prayer for those recovering from the impact of the hurricane.

## New Bible Study & Pot-Luck Dinner Location

This month we will be at a new location for our monthly Bible Study on August 6th. The Johnson's have graciously opened their home. Come at 6 pm for a pot-luck dinner and get ready to dig into the Word. 7027 Casita Dr. Magnolia, TX



**STAY ACTIVE IN CMA**

Active membership at a national level is based on completing **one** of the following criteria in a 12-month period:

- 🏍️ Purchase any Goodie/ToolBox item(s) from CMA National totaling at least \$20
- 🏍️ Be a registered attendee at a CMA National or State Rally, or Seasons of Refreshing
- 🏍️ Complete the Member Training
- 🏍️ Donate at least \$20 to CMA National or Run for the Son.

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Learn about God's Ride Plan  
[cwausa.org/resources/therideplan](https://cwausa.org/resources/therideplan)

May we pray for you?  
Message requests to Facebook @conroemessengers

# Run for the Son



## Run for the Son Mini-Story of Impact: Pastor Bhagat Chand, India

When you pray for and donate to Run for the Son, you become part of the ministry in spreading God's news around the world. You go along with CMA missionaries as they "go into the world" and spread encouragement to those steeped in their communities spreading the Good News in a very tangible way.

As we begin our 2025 year for Run for the Son, read the words of Pastor Bhagat Chand from Shimla, Capital of Himachal Pradesh, India. CMA provided him transportation to assist him as he ministers among Hindu people within his community.

*"I am Pastor Bhagat Chand for 20 years I have been doing God's work in Shimla. God has blessed me with a congregation. He is using me among the Hindu people with in a mighty way. Right now in my church I have 35 baptized believers. My wife is helping me with women's ministry. In my ministry I feel I have to visit believers house for house prayer. Without a motor bike it was very difficult for me to visit. I knew that it was effecting my ministry. I was not able to reach as many as I wanted to. I am thankful that through You, God listened and blessed our needs!"*

*You're Amazing!*

### RFS 2024 Funds Raised

Conroe Messengers \$30,145.50

**NATIONAL TOTAL \$6,004,410.79**

Global Christian Relief	\$1,200,882.16
Jesus Film Project	\$1,200,882.16
Missionary Ventures	\$1,200,882.16
Home Missions	\$2,401,764.31

**WHAT GOES IN A MENSTRUAL HEALTH KIT?**

**PLEASE NOTE**

- All items must be new.
- No powders or aerosols.
- Do not include money or personal notes.
- When packing the underwear, make sure all three pairs are the same size and please have the size on the tag clearly visible.

### Some pray, some go, some send; will you help?

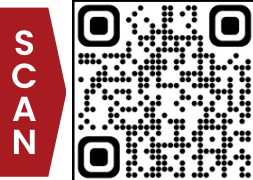
Your financial contributions to Run for the Sun makes a big impact! Here's how you can donate:

**MAIL:**  
CMA - Run for the Son  
PO BOX 9, HATFIELD, AR 71945

**ONLINE:**  
<https://cmausa.org/Donate/Donate>

**IN PERSON:**  
Hand a check to a CMA Messenger Member.

**Please include Memo: RFS Messengers #362**



### MALAWI MISSION TRIP 2024

DON & JEANNETTE KENTCH ARE HEADED TO MALAWI, AFRICA WITH A CMA TEAM SEPTEMBER 7TH IN PARTNERSHIP WITH MVI. THIS IS THE FIRST TRIP TO THE AREA FOR CMA/MVI. IT'S HOPED THAT THIS TRIP WILL OPEN THE DOOR FOR FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES IN MALAWI & OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES.

THE AFRICAN LEADERSHIP "HIGHLY RECOMMEND WOMEN'S HEALTH/HYGINE KITS." THE LACK OF SANITARY FACILITIES AND POVERTY LEADS MANY WOMEN TO USE PAPER, OLD RAGS, AND LEAVES DURING THEIR CYCLES. YOUNG GIRLS MISS SCHOOL EVERY MONTH, IMPACTING THEIR EDUCATION.

**EACH KIT CONTAINS:** 1 GALLON PLASTIC BAG, 1 BAR OF SOAP, 1 WASHCLOTH, 3 PAIRS OF UNDERWEAR (SAME SIZE), 1 SET OF REUSABLE MENSTRUAL PADS.

IF YOU'D LIKE TO HELP WITH THESE HEALTH KITS; ITEMS FOR KITS, OR COMPLETED KITS, NEED TO BE AT THE AUGUST 20th CHAPTER MEETING FOR THE KENTCH'S TO TAKE THEM TO AFRICA. GOAL IS TO PROVIDE 100 KITS!

Pack a kit or donate items to put kits together. SUGGESTED ITEMS FOUND ON AMAZON: [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/254CJOSEBE1E6?ref\\_=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/254CJOSEBE1E6?ref_=wl_share)





**We have to Care by Catherine Johnson, Secretary**

When it comes to sharing our faith and reaching out to others with the gospel, we tend to offer a plethora of excuses as to why we cannot do it. Maybe the reason we don't try to win people to Christ is because we really couldn't care less. Now, that isn't true of every Christian. But it is true of a lot of Christians.

Jesus told a story about ten bridesmaids. Five were wise, and five were foolish. The five who were wise had oil in their lamps, and the five who were foolish did not. When the cry went out that the bridegroom was coming, the five bridesmaids who didn't have oil in their lamps asked the others for some.

The bridesmaids who had the oil said to them, "We don't have enough for all of us. Go to a shop and buy some for yourselves" (Matt 25:9 NLT). In other words, "It's not our problem. We are set. We're happy. Go work out your own problems."

Many people in the church feel this way. We don't want to be bothered. We don't care. We hear about the need for evangelism. We hear sermons on how to do it. We engage in programs designed to mobilize the church to do it. All this is of no consequence if we lack one simple essential: a burden and a concern for unbelievers.

We must have the motivation to share our faith. If we don't have the motivation, we are not going to do anything.

**So, do we really care? Do we really care about people who don't know Christ? Do we really care if they go to Hell? Does it really matter to us?**

Everywhere Jesus went during His earthly ministry, He was mobbed by people who were pushing and pulling and always wanting something from Him. They wanted healing, like the woman who had spent all her money on doctors and still was sick. So many wanted a touch from the Savior.

Jesus saw their deepest need. He saw where they were hurting the most. He saw behind the facades, behind the defense mechanisms people put up. Jesus heard the real cry of their hearts. He had compassion on them. Matt. 9:36 says, "When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them because they were confused and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd" (NLT).

If we are going to be used by God in any capacity, we have to develop something called compassion.

**We have to care.**



**Joy Booher, Treasurer**

**Treasurer's Report - July 2024**

Opening Balance	\$1064.08
July Offering	87.00
Final Balance	\$1,151.08

Joy and Rod Booher covet your prayers as they are recovering. They have enjoyed your visits, calls, and messages.



**Celebrations!**

**Birthdays**

- 8/9 Russell Rhodes
- 8/12 Don Eustes
- 8/13 Cindy Delahunt
- 8/18 Eloda Light
- 8/21 Chuck Wayne



- 8/25 Jeremiah Hitchcock, Jr.
- 8/26 Jeanne Ramsey
- 8/30 Kim Eustes



**Anniversaries**

- 8/ 23 Terry & Theresa Strack



**New Member!**

Say hello to our newest member, Chuck Wayne. Chuck joined about 6 months ago and received his patches at our July meeting! We are excited to have him as part of the Messengers! Be sure to say hello and get to know him!

Let's Ride!



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 to your organization?**

**Need someone to pray with you?**

**Let's connect! Contact us or drop by  
one of our Chapter Meetings.**

