



SEPTEMBER 2024

# Conroe Messengers #362

Changing the world, one heart at a time.



## God Loves Us by Larry Watrous

Don wrote a letter for our newsletter last February. I thought it was appropriate to paraphrase it here in his honor.

There is a love we can celebrate all year long and we don't have to buy anything to celebrate it. It's the love God showed us through his son Jesus. We know this through a most famous Bible quote. You see it at many sporting events; it's John 3:16:

***"For God so loved the world that he gave his one, and only son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life."***

In fact, **the whole Bible is about the love story of God for us.** Here are just a few snapshots of what is in there.

*"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God - not by works, so that no one can boast"* - Eph 2:8-9

*"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."* Rom 5:8

*"Neither height nor depth, nor*

*anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."* - Rom 8:39

**God loves us. We don't earn it, and we don't deserve it, but he loves us.**

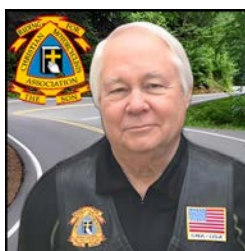
Take some time this month and as you consider the love you have for that special someone (your valentine, your family, your friends) to remember the love God has for you. His special someone.

Rest in peace, Don Eustes.



Larry

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



## Calendar Wiz

### MESSENGERS BIBLE STUDY & POTLUCK DINNER

9/3/2024 at 6:00 pm  
Johnson's Home  
7027 Casita Dr. Magnolia, TX

### CYCLE GEAR BIKE NIGHT

9/10/2024 at 5 PM - 7 PM  
19075 I-45, Ste 900, Shenandoah

### BLUE BELL RIDE

9/14/2024 **KSU:** 9:30 pm  
**MEET:** Sunco - 3760 FM 2854 Rd, Conroe, TX 77304

### MESSENGERS CHAPTER MEETING

9/17/2024 Eat 6 / Meet 7 pm  
McKENZIE'S BBQ  
1501 N Frazier St., Conroe

### DAIRY QUEEN BIKE NITE

9/26/2024 AT 7 PM  
1980 N Loop 336 W, Conroe

### LONE STAR RALLY

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



## GET YOUR SERVE ON! Lone Star Rally

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. Volunteers must wear their CMA vests. CMA Servant Volunteers are needed for:

1. Lone Star Rally Support Team
2. Bike Blessing Tents & Teams
3. Prayer Teams
4. Street Ministry Teams
5. CMA Help Phone lines Team\*\*
6. Hospital Ministry Team (training required)\*\*
7. Seaside Baptist Church Support Team
8. Mechanical Ministry Team\*\*

### Volunteers Must Check-in at the start of their shift at the Registration Table & pick up materials:

Christ Chapel  
402 18th street  
Galveston, Tx 77550

**We need YOU:** We are always short handed on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings.

**We need YOU:** Sunday morning church services.

***What message do we send when we as a ministry family don't attend our own worship services?***

Sunday at 9:30 am @ 2 Locations for Worship:

1. Progressive Stage  
2102 Seawall Blvd
2. Galveston Immigration @ Strand and 17th  
1700 The Strand, Galveston, TX 77550

Sign up now to serve and allow God to shine through you!

**DATE:** October 31 - November 3, 2024

**TIME:** See Volunteer Sign Up link / Rally Schedule

**ADDRESS:** Galveston, TX

**VOLUNTEER SIGN UP:** [www.cmasetx.com](http://www.cmasetx.com)

**HOSPITAL SIGN UP:**

[www.cmasetx.com/lonestarthospital.html](http://www.cmasetx.com/lonestarthospital.html)

**QUESTIONS?** Contact Ralph Robson,  
SE Texas CMA State Coordinator at 281-543-7423



## Messenger Members Snapshot

**Meet** Rod and Joy Boohar

**Joined CMA:** Rod and Joy joined CMA together 3 years ago in August 2021.

**First Ride:** Honda 305 Superhawk

**Current Ride:** Honda Goldwing 2008

**Favorite Road Trip:** Their favorite road trip was the Tail of the Dragon in Tennessee. It's twisty road has 318 curves in 11 miles.

**Favorite Bible Verse:** They both love this passage Isaiah 40:29 - *"He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak."*



## CMA Lone Star Rally Schedule

### Thursday thru Saturday

- 7:30 am Coffee & Donuts @ Christ Chapel
- 8:00 am Opening Prayer & Devotional
- 8:45 am Registration / Scheduling Open
- 8:45 am Shuttle Service to Rally Support Locations Begins
- 9:30 am Street Ministries Prayer Meeting @ Christ Chapel
- 10 pm end of last shift

Lunch items provided daily @ Christ Chapel

**Saturday** Fellowship Breakfast 7 am - 9 am

Galveston Bible Church  
424 18th St, Galveston 77550

**Sunday** Morning CMA Church 9:30 am. Select a location and be the Light!



### Ride Motorcycles & Eat Ice Cream

All are welcome to join us for a ride to Brenham to the Blue Bell Creamery! Great opportunity to invite a friend to join the ride, check out CMA, have fellowship, and eat ice cream!

**DATE:** Saturday, Sept. 14th.  
**MEET:** Sunco - 3760 FM 2854 Rd, Conroe, TX 77304  
**MEET:** 9:00 AM  
**KSU:** 9:30 AM



### 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](http://www.cmausa/events)  
**FACEBOOK:** @CMAUSA.ORG

# CMA365...It's A Lifestyle

Every day I will strive to:

- Pray for the ministry of CMA.
- Represent CMA by wearing the back patch /logo.
- Minister through prayer, helping and encouragement.
- Support the ministry with at least \$1 a day.



### 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, September 10, 2024  
**TIME:** 5 PM - 7 PM  
**ADDRESS:** [19075 I-45, Ste 900, Shenandoah](http://19075-I-45-Ste-900-Shenandoah)

Meet other bikers  
Games, Drawings  
Check out Gear  
Bike Blessings





## Group Riding Best Practices Part 2 by Russell Rhodes, Road Captain

Hello again and good day! Last time we were talking about some of the practices of group riding, so how about we continue with these best practices for group riding from last month, here is the next section:

**Communication.** This is especially important in a group. The leader will often activate his or her turn signals early; following riders should also use their signals, essentially passing the message back. Some groups also like to use hand signals for upcoming turns: left arm straight out to the side for a left turn, left arm raised at a 90-degree angle for a right turn. There are a few other “universal” hand signals in the moto world: extending a hand down and opening and closing your fist tells another rider their turn signal is still on, and sticking a foot or hand out indicates a hazard in the road on either the left or right side. Below is a chart from the Motorcycle Safety Foundation showing some other common hand signals. Each group has their own way of communicating, so don't be afraid to ask before you leave!

**Staying together and on-track.** Each group has its own procedure for this. It should be discussed before you leave. Some groups prefer to stay in a pack at all times, with the leader pulling over if you get separated, such as at a red light. On long trips or when riding off-road, use the buddy system or back marker technique.

When approaching a turn or confusing intersection, check your mirrors. If you don't see the rider behind you, pull over and wait. Basically, you're making sure that each turn is marked, and the sweep rider can pick up any stragglers.

Let's talk about being a better group rider. Instead of blindly following the rider in front of you, **be aware and proactive in becoming a safer rider with whom others will want to ride with!**

**Awareness.** This is something you should be practicing anytime you're on the bike, not just in a group. You're always scanning ahead, checking your mirrors and

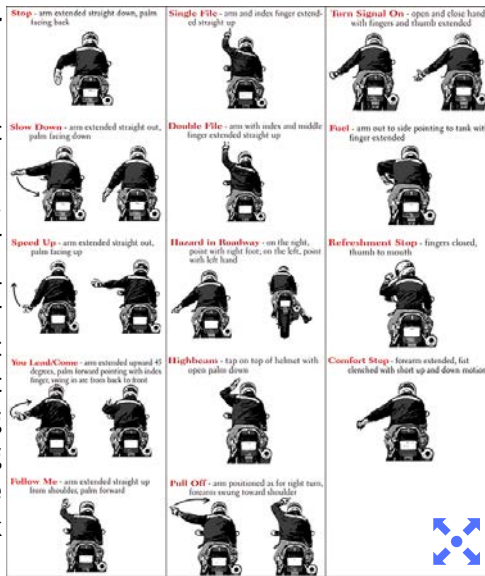
watching the patterns of other drivers, right? Don't get lazy just because you're surrounded by your “pack!” Watch your leader. If your group is stuck behind a slow-moving vehicle and the leader starts to peer around them, you can guess that a pass is imminent. Be ready to change lanes or pass quickly, safely, keeping the whole group moving. If you're on a multi-lane highway, the sweep rider could move over early and “set a pick” for the riders ahead, keeping the lane open to easily slide over.

**Look farther than 20 feet ahead of you.** See that “stale” green traffic light getting ready to turn yellow? Be prepared for the rider in front of you to hit the brakes if the light changes. See the guy in the SUV in the next lane, slowing down and looking over his shoulder? He likely wants to change lanes — keep an eye on him, consider slowing to let him in.

**Go with the flow.** Group riding rules are not always black and white. On long highway stretches it's common for the group to spread out as everyone finds their own pace. Follow your group's established procedure for back marking at turns. In areas of heavy traffic and slow speeds, keep your formation tight. Don't be “that rider,” who dawdles and allows large gaps to form between you and the rider(s) ahead, then bolts through yellow lights at the last second, leaving those behind high and dry or forced to attempt to make the light. If your group hits some twisties and you find that you can't keep up, don't worry, ride at your own pace. Wave the rider(s) behind you past if they want to go faster; the sweep rider will stay with you and the rest of the group will wait for you to catch up ahead. This is part of the fun of group riding: you know your “pack” will take care of you.

**Try to be consistent.** It's a lot easier to ride with people who are predictable. Hold your line, be smooth and steady with your speed and pay attention to your surroundings. Your fellow riders will thank you!

**Ultimately, we are only responsible for ourselves. Even though you're in a group of other riders, you alone are in control of your bike.** If the group is doing stuff that makes you uncomfortable, don't do it. Ride at your own pace. Don't run the red light even though the two riders ahead of you did, and if you need to take a break, signal to your group and pull over. And don't attempt an unsafe pass — your group won't leave you behind.





## Labor Day: Honoring God in Your Work

*“And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.”*

Colossians 3:23-24, NKJV

As Labor Day approaches, it’s a fitting time to reflect on the value of work in our lives. The holiday, often viewed as a last summer celebration or a break from our routines, offers an opportunity to consider the deeper, spiritual significance of our work here on earth.

Work can often feel like a relentless cycle of tasks and responsibilities. Yet, when we align our efforts with God’s will, our labor gains eternal significance. Proverbs 16:3 says, *“Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans.”*

**“But Labor Day, I believe, should also be a time when we ask God to help us see our work from His point of view. Let’s be honest; work isn’t always exciting, and when we focus only on its problems or spend our time wishing we were doing something else, we’ll probably end up resentful, angry, or bored. But when we begin to see our work from God’s point of view, our attitude will be much different. We’ll begin to realize that God gave our work to us, and because of this it has dignity and importance.”**  
**- Billy Graham**

By dedicating our work to God, we invite His presence into our daily activities, infusing them with purpose and meaning. This Labor Day, we pray that you find rest in Christ



## Prayer Requests & Praise

Kim Eustes and family - Find peace during this time of grieving and missing Don. Don is now in heaven with his Savior.

Rod Booher - healing and strength as he continues to recover from accident.

Joy Booher - having surgery at Baylor to address a hematoma on the right lung due to the accident.

Frank Stanley - having testing on his heart for possible procedure.

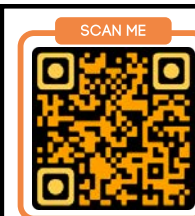
Teresa Smith - Her pastor is on hospice and wife has stage 4 cancer. Pray for Teresa’s wrist sprained after she had a fall at work. It’s also impacting her shoulder.

Jeannette Kentch - Praise that retina is 50% improved post-op, pray it continues to heal.

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.

Prayer for the souls at the upcoming Lone Star Rally and the volunteers serving.



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

[www.cwusa.org/resources/therideplan](https://www.cwusa.org/resources/therideplan)



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



## Run for the Son Mini-Story of Impact: A Rainy Day in Ecuador

In Puyo, Pastaza earlier this year one of our CMA teams grabbed a quick lunch and headed to San Jose de Palora.

The extensive rain delayed the team as they are headed out to deliver the bikes. Although it was still raining, motorcyclists rode 3 motorcycles out to Enrique Mitiap's community over 40 km away from their hotel. People were out to great the team!

As the rain let up, the villagers were excited to give the team a tour of the coffee business and how the coffee is processed. They took the group to the local ministry center and the missions house which serves as a hub for the area.

OMAIE is a national Ecuadorian mission organization started by Enrique with a mission minded pastors from all over Ecuador. They frequently go down the river and into the jungle communities. The canoe with a motor is vital in helping them get to remote areas.

After sharing supper with so many from all the the surrounding communities, **everyone experienced an evening of worship to God.** The local young people did a dance of praise, worship and welcome. The community of God is strong in Ecuador and growing every day!

When you pray for and donate to Run for the Son, you become part of the ministry in spreading the Good News in a way that meets the needs of the communities around and giving encouragement in meaningful ways!

It was here that these motorcycles were dedicated and given to pastors Micol Mitiap, Richar Waan, and Antonio Juank from villages on both sides of the river.

We dedicated a 13m (42') Fiberglass River Canoe for OMAIE. Including a 40 hp outboard Yamaha motor. Enrique Mitiap and Elias Tunki are canoe motorist.



**CHRISTIAN MOTORCYCLISTS ASSOCIATION**  
 Annually, on average CMA members touch over **744,554** lives with over **6,984** people coming to Christ.

**Jesus Film Project**  
 201 million people have viewed the film and 20 million have made a decision for Christ as a direct result of CMA's Run for the Son.

**missionary ventures**  
 CMA has placed **9,397** motorcycles, **7,507** bicycles, in addition to boats, motors, horses, buggies, snowmobiles, wheelchairs, and camels to pastors working in **115** countries.

**GLOBAL CHRISTIAN RELIEF**  
 CMA has distributed **3.6** million Bibles and trained and supported Christians in the most oppressive and dangerous countries in the world.

**"FOR EVEN THE SON OF MAN CAME NOT TO BE SERVED BUT TO SERVE OTHERS AND TO GIVE HIS LIFE AS A RANSOM FOR MANY" (MATTHEW 20:28, NLT).**

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

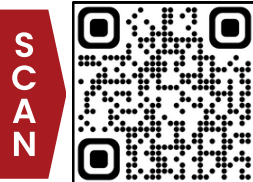
Your financial contributions to Run for the Sun makes a big impact! Here's how you can donate:

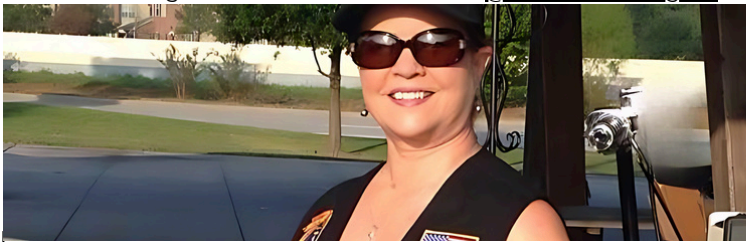
**MAIL:**  
 CMA - Run for the Son  
 PO BOX 9, HATFIELD, AR 71945

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

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

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





**The Greatest Life by Catherine Johnson, Secretary**

Sometimes, as Christians, we don't fully realize all that God has done for us. We take His blessings in our lives for granted. **God is faithful. God is good. And God is consistent.** The Bible promises that God will not just pardon us for our sin but will abundantly pardon us. Isaiah 55:7 tells us, *"Let the wicked change their ways and banish the very thought of doing wrong. Let them turn to the Lord that he may have mercy on them. Yes, turn to our God, for he will forgive generously"*.

- Not only is God able to do what we ask of Him through prayer, but according to Ephesians 3:20, He is able to *"accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think"* (NLT).
- Not only are we conquerors in Christ, but according to Romans 8:37, *"we are more than conquerors"*. He gives us not just peace but a peace that *"exceeds anything we can understand"* (Philippians 4:7 NLT).

The psalmist and shepherd David was able to look back on his life and say, *"My cup overflows with blessings. Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will live in the house of the Lord forever"* (Psalm 23:5-6 NLT). If Christians have been walking closely with God, they're able to see a pattern of God's blessings when looking back over the years.

While this world feasts on the rotting carcasses of sin, the Christian feasts at the Good Shepherd's table. While the world feasts on cheap imitations, the Christian feasts on the real thing. While this world drinks from the polluted, diseased watering holes, the Christian feeds on green pastures and drinks from still waters. The results of sin will catch up with those who have had no time for God but those who have faithfully walked with God find that goodness and mercy, like two sheepdogs, have been following them all along.

Sometimes, while we're going through situations, we may not see God's goodness or mercy. We may even question God on occasion. As we look back over the years, we are able to see God's hand in our lives in a way that we couldn't see before. This is illustrated well in the tumultuous life of young Joseph, who had so many setbacks. Yet many wonderful things happened in his life. In the end, he said to his brothers, who had sold him into slavery years before, *"You intended to harm me, but God intended it all for good. He brought me to this position so I could save the lives of many people"* (Genesis 50:20 NLT).

Joseph was able to recognize, like David, that God's goodness and mercy had followed him all the days of his life. We can look back and see the same thing. Really, **the Christian life is the greatest life there is. It is better than anything this world has to offer!**



**Joy Booher, Treasurer**

Heavenly Father,

We come before You today to lift up all the bikers around the world in prayer and request You would grant them heightened awareness and attentiveness as they ride their bikes. Father, we ask that You would protect them from any dangers or accidents on the road.

We pray for clarity of mind and sharpness of senses for every biker, so that they may navigate the roads with caution and wisdom. Lord, we pray that You would surround them with Your divine protection and loving care. May they be constantly reminded of Your presence and guidance as they ride.

In Your mighty Name -. Amen.

**Treasurer's Report - July 2024**

Opening balance	\$1,031.08
Jun-July offering	\$120.00
Jan-Jun tithe	- \$133.75
Closing balance	\$1,017.33

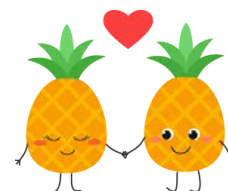
*Joy and Rod Booher covet your prayers as they are recovering. They are both home and still recovering.*



**Celebrations!**

**Birthdays**

- 9/6 - Frank Stanley
- 9/21 - Ellen Stanley



**Anniversaries**

- 9/14 - Harold & Linda Carroway
- 9/28 - Terry & Kathy Dahlke



# Donald "Papa" Wayne Eustes

August 12, 1958 – August 6, 2024

*Donald (Don) Wayne Eustes was welcomed into Heaven on August 6th after a hard battle with aggressive cancer.*

Donald was born in Gainesville, GA on August 12th, 1958, to Bill and Peggy Eustes. After moving across the country throughout his childhood thanks to the Florida Methodist Church and then the US Air Force, he attended Louisiana Tech University with his brother Bill. He graduated with a BS in Geology in 1980. After this, he worked at several different oil and gas companies starting in Houston but spent most of his career as the Senior Geophysicist with Sklar Exploration. While in Houston, he took a chance on a nurse and met Kim Eustes. They were married on June 19, 1982 and enjoyed 42 years together. Prior to working with Sklar, he and Kim moved to Shreveport, LA and started a family. They had one daughter, Bethany Susan Eustes and son, Robert Wesley Eustes, named after his beloved little brother Bobby.



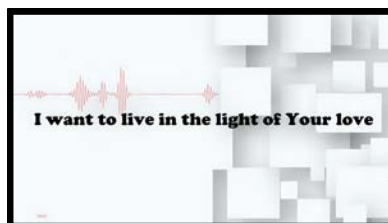
Don was a brother, friend, confidant, comic relief, and man truly on fire for God. Anyone who knew him would find themselves either rolling on the floor with laughter or in a deep conversation about their faith within minutes. He was an avid reader, songwriter, singer, guitarist, theologian, scientist, crazy about dogs, die-hard Cowboys fan, and motorcycle nut to name a few. However, his passion was his family. His wife, children, and especially his grandchildren were the anchor of his life. He was a father who taught his children to be strong, kind, and positive. When his three grandchildren came along, his heart and arms opened even wider to be the greatest Papa ever. He attended ballgames and concerts, prayed through surgeries, and joined the kids to watch a favorite movie. But Don's love didn't begin to stop there. He was a trusted son and brother. He was a favorite uncle who could be relied upon for a joke and a hug. He had friends he considered family all over the world. He touched many lives through countless ministries including Emmaus and the Christian Motorcyclists Association. As he faced his final days, he celebrated that he would soon meet Jesus face to face.

Don was preceded in death by his mother Margaret Ann "Peggy" Eustes, brother Robert "Bobby" Eustes, and best friend Cory Ezelle.

He is survived by his wife Kim, father Bill Eustes, brother Bill and wife Susan Eustes, brother Steve and wife Mindy Eustes, and sister Leanne and husband Bruce Perry; daughter Bethany and husband Derrick Tilbury, and son Wes and wife Megan Eustes. His precious grandchildren are Lawson Eustes, Emery Eustes, and Sophia Tilbury.

You can hear songs written and sung by Don on YouTube [@doneustes2331](https://www.youtube.com/@doneustes2331)

Click the pictures to hear song





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.*



[cmausa.org](http://cmausa.org)



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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.**

