



# New Life Riders

*Motorcyclists Serving God and Community*

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*Dear Friends,*

*A few weeks ago, my daughter, Robin, came to visit and she took me to the America on Wheels Museum in Allentown. The America on Wheels Museum is a transportation museum with exhibits that include cars, trucks, trains, motorcycles and more! They have a large, permanent Mack Truck exhibit as well as seasonal exhibits including one that celebrated the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Mustang. One of my favorite cars in the permanent exhibit was called “America’s Mobile Memorial.” It was a 9/11 memorial with a picture of the twin towers and NYC firefighters on the hood; the names of the 3,030 people who perished that day, including the 343 firefighters, listed under the hood; and the 6,318 names of all the troops killed in Iraq and Afghanistan fighting the war against terrorism. It was fitting to see this mobile memorial on Memorial Day weekend and remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms.*

*Of course, I enjoyed the motorcycles displayed at the museum, too. One that particularly caught my eye was a 1939 Indian Dispatch. I guess I was drawn to it because it was a trike like my Gideon and Gideon 2. And being an Indian, it reminded me of the film, The World’s Fastest Indian. This biographical sports drama film was released in 2005 and depicts the story of Burt Munro, the New Zealander who captured the unbroken land speed record at the Bonneville Salt Flats in 1967. In his hometown of Invercargill, NZ, his neighbor’s son enjoyed “hanging out” with Burt. When questioned why he was determined to race his Indian Scout at Bonneville, Burt told the lad, “If you don’t follow your dream, you may as well be a vegetable.” I recently rewatched this DVD and felt a special bond as I remembered an elderly gentleman on the street where I grew up who always had time to talk to me. I also thought of another neighbor who polished his Indian every Saturday morning.*

*In the film, Burt’s combination shop and living quarters were indicative of someone who would not let comfort and frills get in the way of reaching his goal. The apostle Paul writes about pressing on toward the goal in the third chapter of his letter to the Philippians. He states his “credentials” in verses four through six and goes on to say he considers everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Jesus Christ his Lord. “I want to know Christ and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of sharing His sufferings, becoming like Him in His death and somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead” (Philippians 3: 10 – 11). He then uses the imagery of an athlete running a race – we might think of him as a competitor in a motorcycle race – going flat out to the finish line to receive the prize, the crown of glory. “I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and*

*straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 3: 12 – 14).*

*I urge all of us to heed that heavenward call and to encourage others to do so, too. God wants to use us to make a difference in the lives of the people in our motorcycle community. Confirm the status of all events before making plans to attend. Ride through life in love, hope and patience, pressing on, trusting in God, and always faithful in prayer. Please stay healthy and safe. Prayerfully decide where you will be most effective. Don't miss any opportunity to make an impact for Jesus.*

*Please pray for our country, our troops, firefighters, law enforcement officers, first responders, all those in the medical field and everyone who is serving to keep us safe!*

*During this riding season, remember to shine for Him and reflect His love to all those around you and keep on doing the good stuff. As always, I look forward to seeing you down the road!*

*Until next time...*

*Riding with Jesus,  
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*God bless America*



*America's Mobile 9/11 Memorial*



*1939 Indian Dispatch*

***Jesus said, “Go into the world. Go everywhere and announce the Message of God’s good news to one and all.”  
Mark 16:15 (The Message)***