

# Angel Riders

Road Captain Message – September 2020



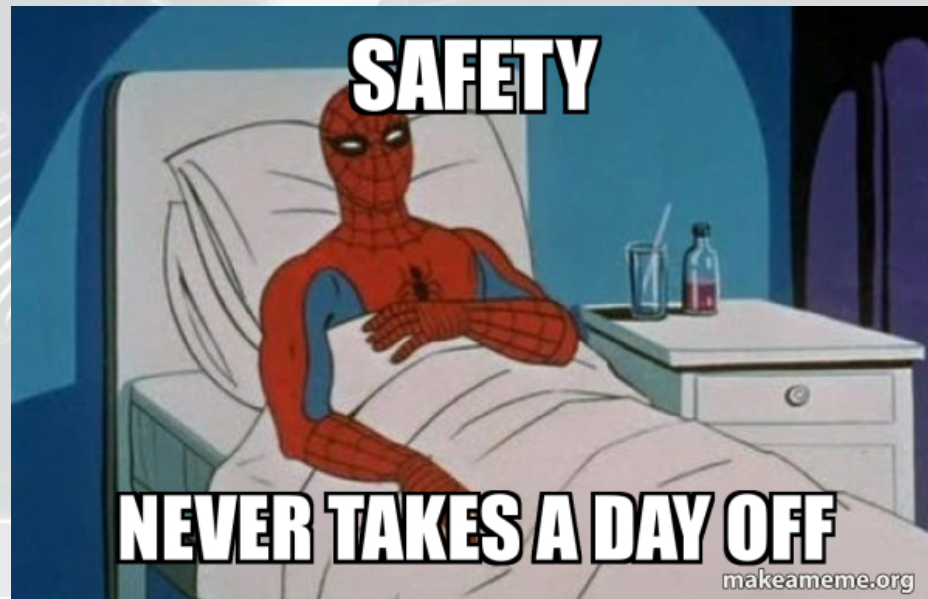
Brothers and Sisters in Christ, good day to you all.

There are more than 3 months left in 2020 (100 days from today).

The Chapter newsletter is out of commission, but SAFETY does not take a break.

From February to August, there was an emphasis on 7 Motorcycle Safety tips.

- Always wear a helmet
- Know your limits
- Watch your speed
- Keep your distance
- Use both brakes
- Be seen
- Signal



## 7 MOTORCYCLE SAFETY TIPS

- 1 ALWAYS WEAR A HELMET**  
Choose a helmet that displays the DOT label, which indicates that it meets federal safety standards.
- 2 KNOW YOUR LIMITS**  
Your motorcycle has limits. Know them.
- 3 WATCH SPEED**  
Follow posted speed limits.
- 4 KEEP YOUR DISTANCE**  
No one likes a tailgater. Keep a safe distance between your bike and other vehicles.
- 5 USE BOTH BRAKES**  
When braking use both brakes at the same time by applying them slow and steady.
- 6 BE SEEN**  
Avoid blind spots and always use your headlights day or night.
- 7 SIGNAL**  
Use your signals.

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The 7 Tips are helpful. Surely, those are not the only tips available on the web. A myriad of helpful narratives exists for riders. All definitely focus on the motorcycle condition, the riding gear, the weather conditions, the terrain on the route...all good and important things to focus on to minimize the probability of a wreck.

Recently, there has been a surge in the importance of mental health. Universities across the country have student campaigns to give mental health equal importance as physical health. In that tune, a rider needs to be in sound state of mind just as much as body prior to operating a motorcycle. The increased risk of riding motorcycles calls for a sharper mental state.

An article in [SafeWise.com](https://www.safewise.com) includes two very important tips that center on the rider. Self-assess before getting on your bike. If you don't feel like riding, it's probably best not to. Everyone's individual limits are different. Let's remember to rely on the Lord to give us strength, physical and mental. Take a few minutes and pray to Him. We can't rely on our own abilities.

**-Find Your Happy Place: One of the biggest dangers to a rider is getting on your bike in the wrong state of mind. Riding angry, drowsy or distracted can be a recipe for disaster. Remember, when you're on a motorcycle you are ultimately the only one on the road looking out for you. If your mind and emotions are anywhere other than the road ahead, you are susceptible to making rookie mistakes that can end in a crash, injuries or worse.**

*The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise him.*



*Psalm 28:7*



**NOTICE**  
NEVER GIVE  
SAFETY A  
DAY OFF

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This next tip from the same article applies to more than just being motorcyclists.

This also goes hand-in-hand of what being a CMA Angel Rider is.

**-Spread the Love: There's no denying that motorcycles are often overlooked or regarded as the second-class citizens of the road. As a rider, you have the chance to help make that different. When you're on the road, always drive as if you are an ambassador for motorcyclists everywhere.**

**Ride with courtesy, care and awareness that you are representing motorcycles for those around you. Don't let an urge to prove a point or retaliate against an inconsiderate driver overwhelm your better judgment – after all, that takes away all the joy, which is why you're riding in the first place.**



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## *The 6 Commandments of Motorcycle Etiquette*

Motorcycle riding can be fun and a great way to unwind! First, research various brands of motorcycles before deciding to purchase a bike. Once the bike has been purchased, the rider should learn to operate the motorcycle safely and skillfully. The motorcycle owner should be knowledgeable on some basic maintenance tasks to assure the bike continues to run properly. In addition to skillful riding and motorcycle upkeep, riders should abide by the following six commandments of motorcycle etiquette:

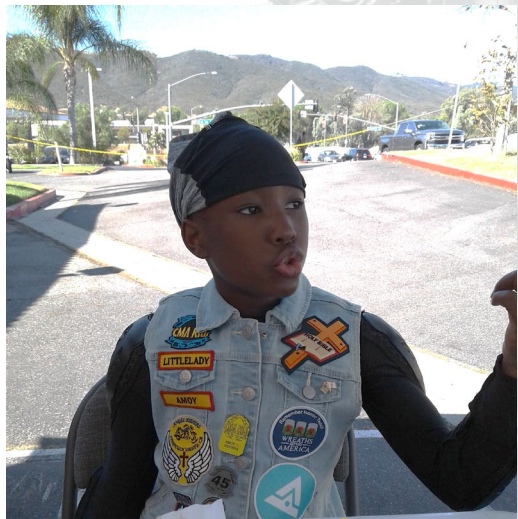
- 1. Thou Shalt Assist Other Bikers:** Protocol regulates that bikers assist other riders that appear to be broken down on the side of the highway. Etiquette states that bikers help other bikers in trouble.
- 2. Greet Fellow Bikers with the Brotherhood Wave:** Dropping the clutch hand from the handle and extending the hand low parallel to the ground is the preferred greeting when passing another motorcycle. Sometimes one, two or three fingers maybe extended aimed towards the pavement. However, a nod or a wave is also acceptable. A rider should greet other bikers regardless of the brand of motorcycle. A wave is not necessary at night, in the rain, interstate, heavy traffic or at a rally.
- 3. Do Not Covet Thy Brother's Parking Space:** It is acceptable to share the same parking space when riding with a group. Otherwise, do not park in a parking space where another motorcycle has already parked.
- 4. Be Courteous When Passing:** Wait for a passing lane to overtake a slower biker. However, in areas where it is okay to pass in the same lane, if a slower moving biker waves you to pass and there is plenty of room in the same lane. Remember that lane splitting is illegal in many states.
- 5. Obey Red Lights and Stop Signs:** When approaching another biker at a red light or stop sign, stop behind the first bike to either side of the motorcycle so that the bike may be clearly seen by the first rider. Pulling out suddenly and accelerating may result in an accident.
- 6. Thou Shalt Respect Thy Neighbor's Motorcycle:** Do not trash talk someone else's motorcycle regardless of the condition of the bike. Never ask to take someone else's bike for a ride.

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The Gratitude Ride went as He provided. The day was bright, beautiful, warm – ripe for riding. Little Lady and I made it to Denny's a few minutes behind schedule, but there was no long wait to get a light breakfast for the ride. Denny's had a good number of customers, and many greeted Little Lady since she was donning her bionic action jacket along with her CMA Kids vest; a unique sight that surely was not expected. Once we filled up our tanks, we headed over to the Chevron to put \$2.50-worth of premium into the bike's tank. Praise the Lord for fuel economy.

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Once 10:15a struck after a gentleman stopped his car to give us a thumbs-up while at the pump, we started the ride. Many local riders were out enjoying their Saturday morning, yet there was no congestion on the De Luz route. I'm grateful that Little Lady was able to withstand the duration of the ride as this was her longest without a break. Other rides we've taken, I've needed to stop to at about the 30-minute mark to prevent her from falling asleep and potentially falling off the motorcycle.

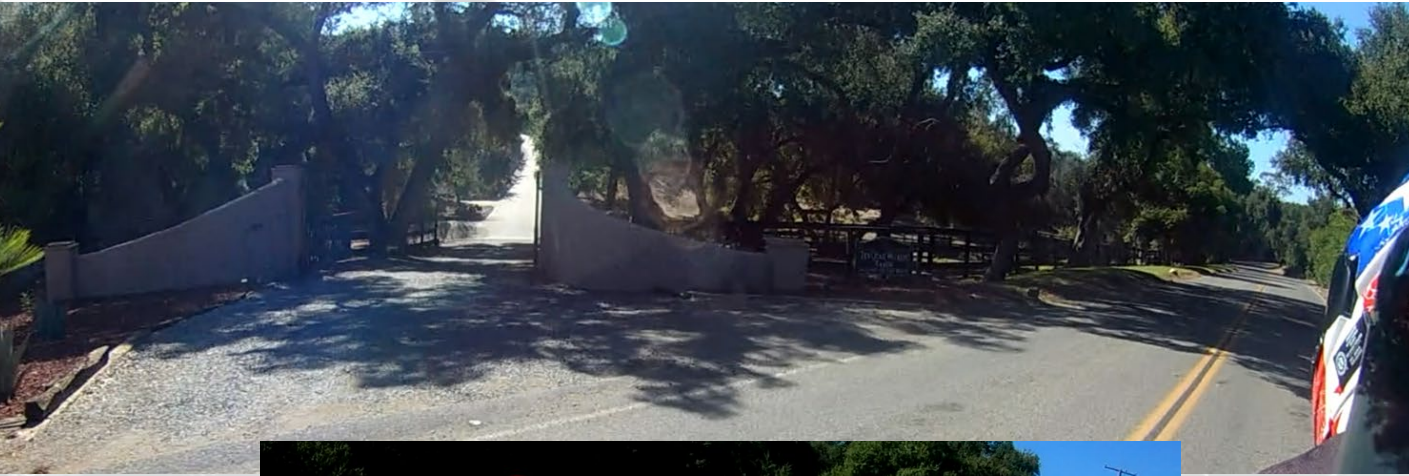


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Once we made it to the Mission stop light, she asked if we were "almost there." It was such a relief that we were less than 5 minutes from Rainbow Oaks when she asked that. Praise the Lord for giving her strength. We crossed the 15 and headed north.



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There was a good number of customers at Rainbow Oaks as well. We were seated by 11:15am and enjoyed our lunch. When we were ready to head out, more riders arrived, and Little Lady was definitely attracting attention as she was the only child rider with a patched up CMA Kids vest. Other children waved at her while having their meals; other riders gave us the "thumbs up" for her being out on the road too. It's always delightful that the rider community embraces her participation. (continued on next page)







The Press Espresso

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We got back on to road through Old 395/Rainbow Valley/Pechanga Pkwy/Temecula Pkwy heading into Old Town. The foot traffic was abundant. While Little Lady and I had a fruit tart and our drinks from The Press Espresso...we were approached! (Couldn't happen rumbling down the highway at 60mph) Sister Debbie recognized me from my vocalist volunteering at CenterPoint. (Could not have been able to if I had my lid on). Turns out that she recently moved from Orange County and started attending CenterPoint just before the viral outbreak. She shared her testimony that the Holy Spirit confirmed that out of all the churches she visited, CenterPoint was where the Lord has a place for her. Because we were in our armored jackets, she quickly shared that she has family that likes riding. Once she was ready to continue about her day, I offered her some of the CMA Kids coloring books I acquired at the State Rally. She took a few for the kids that love motorcycles in her family. Thank God for that opportunity to share the ministry of CMA. After Little Lady and I finished out drinks and desserts, we headed home to get ready to meet with our family in Brea at 5pm.

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- The ride was great and safe, our interaction with the immediate community was wonderful, providing an opportunity to talk to us was critical, and without feeling rushed. The flexibility in the time frames was helpful, and we were able to head home via the highway in less than 15 minutes returning to our family schedule with plenty of Saturday remaining.
- We CMA Angels Riders have a huge opportunity in this immediate mission field to share the ministry and welcome fellow riders, enthusiasts, believers and soon-to-be believers to the ministry of CMA. While it may not be the way "things have been done before" in the chapter, this is a scope of the immediate community must not have a blind eye turned to. One can't continue doing the same thing repeatedly expecting different results. The hour-long, sometimes 2-hours-long, highway rides shucking out of our immediate community deny us the opportunities in our own neighborhoods to convey our purpose, to change the world one heart at a time.
- Long rides are fun, but if that's the limitation of our activity within our immediate community, our spiritual tread marks will only be on the interstates and at distant points of refueling. The fun day-long rides should be one tool in a broad spectrum of ways to share the love of Christ, and it should not be the ONLY once-a-month tool we rely on. A 30-day month has more than just one Saturday and more than one Bike-night-Tuesday. We can't be complacent, nor can we be reliant on a one-track limited approach of interaction with the immediate community. Satan relies on believers' lack of effort and minimal involvement in sharing Jesus with the world. The less we share Jesus, the more the adversary is satisfied. Our Chapter activity should not rely solely on whether a specific Saturday is free or not for everyone. That's only 1 of 30 days in a month. While ideal, that should not be "cease and desist" of sharing Jesus. We can do much more to make a positive Jesus-centered difference in our community, and being WITHIN our community is where we are called to do it. (continued on next page)



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Month:

*Matthew 28:19-20*

“ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

**2 Timothy 2:2-3**

“And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others. Join with me in suffering, like a good soldier of Christ Jesus.”

**John 12:26**

“ Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.”



**John 15:18-19**

“If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world.”



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
<b>Jesus is our Lord and Savior every day of every month!</b>						

It's all about **JESUS**



May the Lord continue to bless you and protect you.

Ride Safe.