



Roadbed Ministries Inc.

Roadbed News

Riding ...er, RVing

By John "Santa" Gooch

Good News!

Roadbed Ministries is now a part of GFS Marketplace Fun Funds!

This is the season of graduations and weddings. Help us raise money while you shop. Up to 10% of your total purchases can be donated to Roadbed. See website for more details or contact Dee Morin at Dee@roadbed1.org for more details.

Roadbed's "Next Generation" efforts continue to come together and take shape. We went on a "shake down run" to St Louis MO a couple weeks back just to see how this RV thing was going to drive and how to set it up at different events this summer. I'm telling you it is something driving one of those things as big as they are! For obvious reasons it just doesn't seem to handle quit as well as my motorcycle...and even though it is a diesel, ouch on the mileage!

The real blessing of the whole trip was having family along. It would have been nice if our oldest and his wife could have been there but our youngest and his accompanied us bringing our Grand Daughter along. There is something about a one year old and butterflies, waterfalls and tree leaves that just makes life seem so cool! This was one happy grandma and grandpa for four days.

We found out how the RV operates, discovered a bunch of things we didn't think about, were blessed by some awesome people who helped us along the trip (thanks Roger and Bill!) and came to the conclusion it should work fine. The company we purchased the RV from is fixing all the little things we found so we have moved on to the next part of the equation. I have been



in touch with the company that will be making our new trailer and it appears God is blessing us each step of the way.

As soon as we get the trailer we will start modifying it into another "rolling clubhouse". This trailer will be 20' long, 7' tall and 8.5' wide which means we can have even more bunks in this one; be able to pack all the equipment even including a golf cart and a bike if desired. We will adapt the sides for the kitchen set up, wire it electrically and hopefully have it ready by the Blessing of the Bikes in Baldwin MI this year. Between the RV, trailer, a 30x50' tent, tables and chairs etc. we should be able to set up one heck of a camp for everyone riding into the events this year. Seems ambitious but we'll see, these things have a tendency to come together when God is involved.

I do need to answer one often asked question though, not a penny of ministry money has been used for the RV or the purchase of the trailer. Those were private funds so no one has to worry about how the ministry will be impacted financially. Any questions just give me a call.

We are looking for a few things though, a roof top AC unit for the trailer, stainless steel counter tops, some more four man tents and things like that for example. We have a list if you think you can help, it would be greatly appreciated.

I can't wait now to get this rig on the road and hit some of the events out there! Between the Remnant Sons/Daughters and Roadbed, we ought to have a great time and opportunity sharing Christ and serving others along the way!

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A time to....ride?

by Tony "Hero" Bender

Spring is the time to get out and ride. This year we got out a little earlier than normal and I'm taking full advantage of it, like I'm sure all of you are. I have learned that with the life my wife and I have chosen {to do ministry full-time here at Roadbed} that sometimes we need to be here, instead out of on our motorcycle.

The Author of Ecclesiastes put it this way: [Ecclesiastes 3; 1-10]

"A time for everything"

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: 2) a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, 3) a time to kill and a time to heal,

a time to tear down and a time to build..." {some cool reading if you ever get a chance}

Of course, I'm thinking verse 4 should read "a time to ride..." But, as we know that isn't the 4th verse. This is going to be a 'season' for me to "build": my understanding of Roadbed -the building and the ministry- to a fuller extent that will allow John n Amy to go and do their calling in the Mobile Ministry, my knowledge of God's Word and His will for the next generation of Roadbed. Add to all of that the 'capital campaign' we are embarking on here at Roadbed and we will have a full 'plate', so getting out to 'just ride' may not be on our

agenda as much as we would like.

But, that is ok, because we are blessed to be part of such an amazing ministry here at Roadbed and know that this is only a 'season' that we need to go thru in order to see His will thru. The next generation of Roadbed is an important one and certain things need to be done; one of those things is for us to get to know the logistics rather sooner then later (when we come into this ministry it was a 5 year plan, but God's will is greater then ours and we just work thru it), He's moving things faster than we expected.

When all is said and done, all I really care about is Jesus putting His arm around me and saying: "Well done, good and faithful servant..." So, this 'season' there will be less riding for us. Please be patient and know we are doing our best to 'live up to' the standards set before us.

God Bless ~ Tony



4+4+4-2= riding

by Amy "Gofor" Gooch

As some of you know, I am a numbers person. Often, numbers and figures make more sense to me than directions, instruction manuals, or sometimes even people.

So what does 4+4+4 represent? It is how my last 4 summers have been, 4,000 on a then new bike and 4 surgeries. The -2 is my parents who have now passed away.

The last 4 summers have been a real learning experience in humor and decision making for me. We, especially John, have been the brunt of many a good natured joke for "caging" it so much. But the choice of driving to an event or not attending at all was a no brainer. John very graciously covered for me as at times I could barely walk, or drive, let alone ride.

The 4,000 is for the miles spent on a "lighter bike" (it feels like a baby bike) than my Dyna, another one of those hard decisions. Unfortunately, I can't trust my legs to work properly walking let alone in a riding situation. We thought the lighter bike would be a good solution only to discover that it too posed its own set of problems.

As for the four surgeries, well I can tell you that it was a very hard thing to go through. And of course it was all followed by physical therapy which in some ways was just as bad as the surgeries.

BUT – I praise God for being the Great Healer. I was blessed to have awesome medical professionals taking care of me but they didn't heal me, they just aided in the process by using the skills God gave them. I am now fairly

pain free, which I can honestly say I can't remember the last time I have felt this good. Even though I don't seem to be able to work the mega hours I could before nor do certain chores, it has taught me about priorities (what is important, what can wait and what just needs to be let go of).

The -2? Well, that is for my parents who taught me my work ethics and perseverance. They taught me no matter what is going on, you set goals and keep working, you don't quit just because times are tough and/or not to your liking. I am reaping the benefits of their hard work and legacy as it has allowed me to purchase a trike (I pray it will work out better then the Nightster) and to help afford the opportunity

to expand Roadbed Ministries.

So where is God through all of this? Well, let me tell you - He has been there through the ok and the really not so ok days, asking me to trust Him, that he will make good on his promise to not only take care of me but work it out for my good. As I continue on this "journey of numbers" I continue to see every day another example of how He has done that and so much more. I am looking



Dee's Corner

By Dee Morin

Goin' nowhere fast!

Wow it is motorcycle season already. Where did the time go? Some of you can hop on your scoot and just go, but it isn't that easy for me. My first ride last year on my Sportster was also my last for the season. Yup you got it, I learned to bounce off the pavement and did some damage to my bike... Well I am happy to say the parts are on order and will be here soon! I am blessed to have an awesome husband that is a wiz at fixing things. My two wheels will be back up and running soon. This year I will keep them on the pavement!

It has been pretty frustrating waiting to ride and being a passenger for the whole summer last year, All because of a stupid mistake on my part that caused me to crash. I look back and think what a bone head! And then I think wow you could have been hurt so much worse than you were, what a blessing. Have you ever felt like that with what life throws you?

We get into a vicious cycle, we make a bad choice and spiral downward, and then we pick ourselves up and brush ourselves off, just to start over again. We all have different triggers. For some it is alcohol and drugs and others it is food

or their love of money. It all starts from a choice or action, which triggers a feeling of remorse or guilt or feeling sorry for us etc. Lucky for us there is a way out of the vicious cycle. We have grace and mercy from Jesus. Ask Him for forgiveness and freedom from yourself.



DON'T FORGET! ROADBED'S LONGRIDERS

Registration started April 1st and the challenge ends Nov 1st. Most miles ridden as a Working Stiff, Retired Men/Ladies, Ladies or a Backseater



I don't like it!

I'm tired of changing - aren't you? I don't like it!

We've had the New Year - *change*; we're into Spring Cleaning-*change*; we are in an Election year - *change*; and if any of you over 30 have been to a doctor lately - *change everything* - and live longer! Enough already! But no, life IS change.

I am taking my motorcycle safety courses at the end of this month and that is a change too. I come from a background of riding dirtbikes - *change!* It may have two wheels and an engine, but they are not the same beast.

So I change. I change because it will keep me

alive; I change because it will keep you alive; I change so riding is enjoyable for me and everyone around me.

Change causes stress. It causes discomfort and disorientation; but perseverance and a goal makes it all worth it.

I get tired of change sometimes. It makes me weary. It makes me resentful or even experience regret. "I wish I could just keep doing it the way I know how to do it." or "I wish I could just go back to the way it used to be." I have those thoughts because the new way to ride or eat or exercise is different from my old way. I was comfortable before.

But my old ways will get me hurt or have already hurt me.

Following Christ is change. It causes stress and discomfort; it causes disorientation. It isn't familiar. I get tired sometimes, I get resentful and even regret my change, but my "Eternity Safety Courses" i.e. being in the word help me stay on track. Learning the right way to "pick up my life when I drop it" beats how I used to make choices. I miss some of the people I thought were my friends, but I don't miss the consequences.

Perseverance in faith and the goal of eternity in heaven make it worth it.

Did I tell you? I'm taking my Motorcycle Safety classes at the end of the month.....CHANGE!

By Janice "Sunshine" Bender



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SAVE the dates!

April 29 Lakeshore Blessing of the Bikes
May 1 Summer Hours/Service schedule starts at Roadbed
May 13 Mother's Day
May 18 - 20 Par-a-dice "Blessing of the Bikes" Baldwin, MI
May 28 Memorial Day
June 17 Father's Day

Volunteers needed:

July 25 - 28 "Moving Wall" War Memorial mobile wall will be here.

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