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GOD'S HIGHWAY

THE PLAN FOR 2010

The title of US Rider News suggests that this publication is about Riding. We all know the excitement of a great ride on our way to be with friends who love riding too. Some even go so far as to say "Ride to Live, and Live to Ride". Where do you plan to ride this year? Daytona, Sturgis, Laconia, Myrtle Beach, Alaska?

When I look back over previous schedules, I see a wide variety of rides and events that bring back vivid memories. Sometimes the memory was a special person, like Evel Knievel; and sometimes it was the view, like riding my Harley through Time Square at noon (bad idea); or an especially interesting meal, like the buffalo eaten out west. Amazingly, many of the rides that stand out most in my memory involve things I never planned: problems, difficulties or even tragedies. Vicky and I will never forget the trip where our camper trailer broke loose from behind the Harley at 70mph at night in the middle of nowhere. We can't always remember the sunny days where all went perfectly, but we never forget those other days.

Some of the troubles that come our way cannot be avoided. Stuff happens. It's just a part of life. On the other hand, many of our problems could have been avoided by looking ahead. One person can only see a certain amount of the total picture, so it's often a good idea to check our plans with somebody else, preferably somebody who has been where we want to go. On occasion I've had a mechanic point out something that would have ruined my whole trip, or worse. I was blind to it, but he saw the problem, and solved the issue before it became an issue. I didn't always like to pay the price for the fix, but it was always better than paying for what would have happened. Thanks Jason and Dale.

I want 2010 to be a great year for me and my wife. I want our finances to work out well, our health to get better every day, and our adventures to continue. One of the smart things I do is sit down with Sweetie Pie and go over the plans at the beginning of the year. It's amazing how many conflicts are avoided when we compare our two calendars, our two sets of financial goals, etc. Some men do all they can to avoid such a meeting, but they're

only postponing it (the later one will definitely be worse). After doing this a few times, it isn't something to dread at all. We look forward to working together to insure that our best plans will actually come to pass, rather than blow away like so many other things in life.

The plans for 2010 are yet to be fully understood, since I stepped down from my national position with CMA. That means I need to really think ahead even more than ever. Some of the previous years would almost automatically fill in the calendar due to the dates of the many events which I needed to attend. This year we have to sit down and pray about what we should do, what we can afford to do and what is the will of God for us in 2010.

Let me recommend the same for you. I'd recommend my mechanic to anybody if that was the area where you needed help, and if you were close to Daytona. Instead, let me direct you to Jesus Christ. He's closer to you than you think. Let Him show you the right way to plan your money, your calendar, your income tax form, your friends, your family, your everything. There isn't one part of your life that wouldn't be better if you gave it to Jesus. I didn't like to pay my mechanic for his advice and repairs, but I would have been a fool to ignore his efforts on my behalf. If God made absolutely everything, understands absolutely everything and cares about you even more than you care about yourself, I think it's time to turn it all over to Him now. Pray and give your life to Christ for 2010. It will be the best ride of your life if you do. I'm only telling you what you have already heard from others who love you. Wake up and answer the call. It's Jesus. Try God's High Way and see that it really is a higher way than you ever had before.

