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POINTS OF  
INTEREST:

- Check out the June and July event calendars
- Take a trip to Cherohala Skyway
- Read about all of the great fundraisers

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# The Baffle

## Ride and Have Fun

Hello UR Brothers and Sisters! I hope everyone is doing well. I so miss seeing everyone and riding with my club. I am glad to see that everyone is working hard to keep the rides on the list and holding the club together. Don't forget that this is a big part of why we have our own riding club. We need to ride those bikes and have fun doing it. If we don't do that then we need to shut the club down.

We ride to have fun, and we can have fun just about anywhere. The fun not only comes from riding, but from enjoying each other's company. That's why we can ride to Wal-Mart and count rocks and STILL have fun. The great thing about being a club is the "brotherhood". Getting together and riding with our colors on is very exciting. Other groups see that and watch us use hand signals and say "wow, they know how to ride".

Now we are a riding club that likes to help out people. We have found that we do a better job when we participate or do-

nate to an event, as opposed to setting up our own event. We really did a great job helping Brent with his Relay for Life ride. We look good in the Bikers for Boobs ride, and the Angela's Ride, and it was nice to donate money to the Mills Home last year. These are the types of things we need to try and work on. We do need a couple ways of raising money but we need to make sure that these are not too stressful and that we don't lose sight of what we are all about – Riding and having fun!

As Always..... Love your family, laugh with your friends, and enjoy the ride!

David Hess  
President – United Riders



## Battle Report

Thanks to all for your support. I want to make sure that everyone knows how I'm doing and how the fight is coming. Just to get up to date on anything you may not know:

I went to the doctor after several weeks of back and shoulder pain. The pain was enough to keep me from riding any so far this year. The emergency room doctor checked me out and did a couple X-rays and found a tumor on my lung. They stuck me in the hospital for three days and did some testing and a biopsy of one of the lymph-nodes and confirmed that I have cancer. It is on my right lung, sternum, spine, most of my ribs, liver, right hip, left upper leg, right side of the neck and face, and in my lymph-nodes. The pain in my back and shoulders was coming from the swollen lymph-nodes.

The treatment is chemo therapy. To do this I had to have a porta-cath installed in my chest to allow the IV to be hooked up to me for the chemo. This was supposed to be a 15 minute surgery that took over an hour due to complications. I even woke up on the operating table.

The chemo is very aggressive so I spent six hours the first day and five hours the second day hooked up to the IV. Then on the third day I had a shot to make my body produce more white blood cells. This was very painful over the next couple days. The sixth and seventh days I was very sick and just laid around the house.

The second week is the start of the recov-

ery. I was very weak and had no appetite, plus I could not taste anything I ate. I went to the doctor the second week and they found that the cancer had shrunk by 40%. So we were very, very happy with the results.

The third week – I am continuing to improve. I can taste food and have my (almost) normal appetite back. I have been able to work this week at the office and am feeling much better. I had to have two pints of blood pumped in due to the chemo “burning it up”. Afterwards my strength improved. My hair left the building this week.

The cycle was to repeat itself on 5/30 (due to the holiday) but on the first day of chemo I ran into some complications and had to be rushed across the street to the hospital. There I spent the next five days having fluid removed from around my heart. I am feeling much stronger after this procedure. So now everything is pushed back another week. I wanted to attend the meeting this month, but with the new schedule I may miss it.

We are fighting, and we are beating it because of God and you! Please keep me and mine in your prayers and remember that if we are not on a ride physically, we are still there in spirit!

~David Hess, President

## Classifieds

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## Destination: Cherohala Skyway (The Road Less Traveled)

I'm sure that all of you that know me know that I consider the Blue Ridge Parkway as the "mother motorcycle road", and the "Dragon" is a close # 2. Well, the Skyway has got to be # 3, and quite frankly all three make up one of the best routes you could ever ride a motorcycle on.



**"So if you want a great motorcycling "adventure" make sure you come join us on the next trip to the Dragon."**

The Skyway winds over 5,400 foot high mountains for 15 miles in North Carolina and descends for another 21 miles in the forested back country of Tennessee. It crosses through the Cherokee and Nantahala National Forests (thus the name "Chero" from Cherokee, and "Hala" from Nantahala). The skyway connects Robbinsville, NC with Tellico Plains, TN. There are no gas stations or restaurants anywhere on the skyway (so make sure both "tanks" are full before heading out). Actually there is little evidence of civilization anywhere along the way (GREAT).

The dream of the skyway began in 1958. Television was America's new brand of entertainment and the Wild West was a Hollywood staple. Gun-smoke and Wagon Train captured weekly audiences. Sam Williams loved Wagon Train, and dreamed of his own wagon train from his home in Tellico Plains to the Unakas of North Carolina. He brought his idea, jokingly, to the Kiwanis Club meeting in the spring of 1958. There were roads that joined the two locations but at the time were only fit for covered wagons. After several days of laughter the idea started to become serious and the new Wagon Train was born.

Six weeks later sixty-seven wagons and three hundred horseback riders gathered at the NC / TN line and made history as they traveled to Murphy, NC. This was a great success and they did it annually for the next 4 – 5 years. Efforts began in 1962 to construct a highway from Tellico Plains to Murphy, but it was determined that this route was not feasible. A route to Robbinsville was possible on Federal land, and this route was agreed upon in late 1962.



and thirty-four years, the Cherohala Skyway was officially opened in October 1996. At the time the US Forest Service estimated that five million cars a year would use the road (please, that is 10 cars per minute). The actual average is 10 cars and 50 motorcycles per day.

So if you want a great motorcycling "adventure" make sure you come join us on the next trip to the Dragon.. We will make sure to take a spin on the Skyway and you will see that the true name comes from "Sure"-will make you – "haller"!!!!

**David Hess  
President**



After 100 million dollars

# Monthly Meeting Minutes

Meeting held at Bill's Pizza on May 10, 2012 with 24 members present.

TOPICS	ACTIONS
<b>Open Meeting</b>	<b>Angie opened meeting with prayer</b>
<b>Birthdays</b>	<b>Sheri Sandoval, Barry Gaither, Sergio Sandoval, Jeff Kirby, George Bunce, and Kathy Pritchard.</b>
<b>Treasury Report</b>	<b>Joey reported that it is not necessary for us to file taxes.</b>
<b>Adopt a Highway</b>	<b>Randy reported on the status of our Adopt a Highway program. Additional people signed up for the training.</b>
<b>Upcoming Rides</b>	<b>Rose announced that the Last Call Bar &amp; Grill in Thomasville would be holding a benefit ride for David Hess, to be held on July 28<sup>th</sup>. Lane announced over the current rides on the calendar along with the Spring Picnic &amp; photo on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, to be held at Brent &amp; Michelle's. Additional rides were added to the calendar along with several bike night rides.</b>
<b>Wheelin for the Homeless update</b>	<b>Lane announced that the committee had decided to cancel the Wheelin for the Homeless ride this year due to unforeseen circumstances.</b>
<b>Announcements</b>	<b>Joey announced that Crissy's grandmother had passed away and we needed an address list for Joey so a sheet was passed around to get current addresses.</b>
<b>Additional Info</b>	<b>50/50 was sold and Erik was the winner.</b>

~Jeff Kirby  
Secretary



## Valorie Allgood Benefit Ride

A Domestic Violence Benefit BBQ sale & ride was held on June 9<sup>th</sup> for Valorie Allgood. She was shot in the head by her husband who then fled the scene, wrecked his automobile then turned the gun on himself. Valorie suffered a fractured skull with the bullet remaining lodged and unable to be removed. She was at the event, with her two sons, in good spirits and thankful to be alive.

I'd like to thank our United Rider brothers and sisters who came out to help and support this event. Thanks to Doug Monroe for his help on planning the route. Thank you Sheri, Joey, Jack, Alan, Randy and Larry for all the help blocking for the ride. Thanks to Rose and Lloyd for leading part of the ride when extra blocking was needed after the midway point. Thank you Robin and Janet for your support by participating in the poker run and activities following the ride. I'd also like to thank Frank; a friend of Alan's who has ridden in a couple of rides with the United Riders, for his help in blocking. Frank also volunteered to have his head shaved for donations to the benefit after the ride. Janet did the honors of shaving his head.

Special thanks go to Joey and Sheri for services above and beyond the call of duty. These two women handled the registration and sale of 50/50 tickets before the ride and afterwards and made that final push to sell as many tickets as they could. Without this extra work the final total of \$3400.00 would not have been possible.

Kim and I have been riding with the old H.P. HOG Chapter and United Riders since 2004 and there is one thing we have learned; you can't have too much help. It takes a total group effort to make something like this a success. Even with plenty of help and great planning it doesn't always go like you want. It takes everyone's help so if something unexpected does come up you can put your heads together to come up with a solution.

In closing, I would like to pass a sincere THANK YOU from Tim Parnell to the United Riders for all their help. He brought this situation to my attention and asked if we could help put this ride together.

~Delbert Hinshaw  
Head Road Captain



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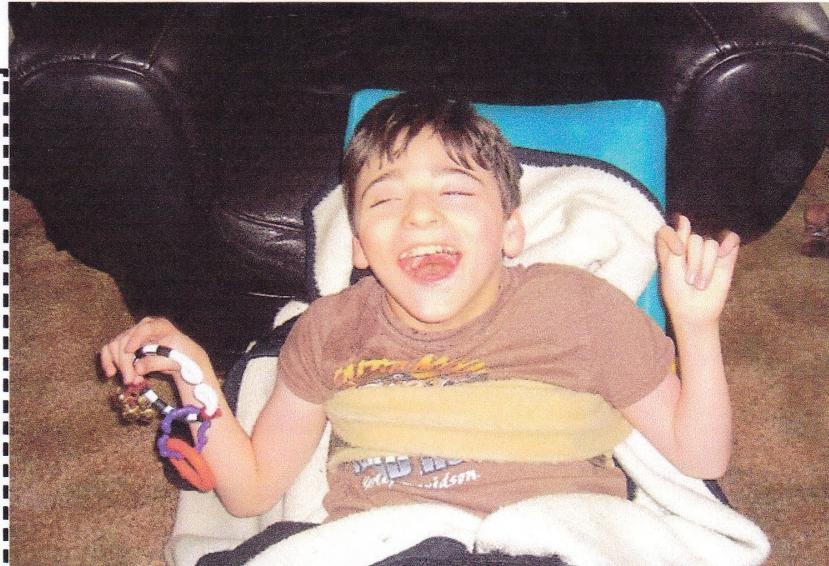
**Mark your calendar!  
FUNDRAISER**

**For:** Horizons Residential Care Center

**When:** Saturday, June 16th 1—6 p.m.

**Where:** Last Call Sportsbar & Grille

Horizons Residential Care Center is located in Rural Hall, NC and is a place that helps those with severe, mentally debilitating diseases the opportunity to have a life that allows them to participate in activities and instruction most wouldn't deem possible. This is a HOME not an institution for children and adults with special needs. It even has a playground specifically designed for children in wheelchairs!! Please come out on June 16th and help us raise money for this wonderful place!!



## 3rd Annual American Cancer Society Relay For Life Charity Ride

Saturday May 5th the 3rd Annual American Cancer Society Relay for Life Charity Ride sponsored by team Beastmasters was held.

Teams from all areas work together to raise money with different events through the years. Team Beastmaster , Brent and Michelle Hill of Snow Camp chose a benefit ride as their Charity event. This was their 3rd annual fund raiser.

Approximately 20 bikes started out from "Shred it" in Burlington, with escorts by the Alamance County Sheriff's department and Graham Police department.

The ride concluded at Off the Vine in Liberty for some great music by CT Music Factory, DJ Tripp Turner. There was a 50/50 won and donated back by Jack Hill, great raffles from Hooters in Burlington, Advance Auto, O'Reileys, Auto Bell Car Wash, Red Lobster and various Vendors from Off the Vine.

A Check was donated from United Riders Riding Club.

A great day with family and friends for a great cause, and to end the day and the spirit Michelle and Brent had Homemade ice cream treat at their home afterwards for everyone.

Many thanks to all who were involved and gave of their time and supported this cause. All Proceeds go to the American Cancer Society, with a warm heart from the biker community.

by Rose And Lloyd

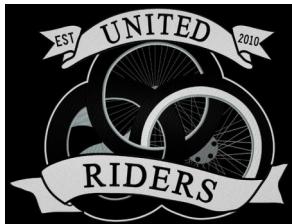


# JUNE 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	1	<b>2 UR Mystery Ride - Meet at Cox's Harley Davidson at 10:00 AM</b>
3	4	5	6	7 United Riders Business Meeting	8	9 Valorie Allgood Poker Run Benefit - Meet at Busy Bee Corner at 10:00 AM
10	11	12	13 Rose's Bike Night Ride to Last Call - Meet at DK Cycles @ 6:30 PM	14 Open Member Meeting - Bill's Pizza Eat @ 6:00 PM Meet @ 7:00 PM	15	16 Matt Hunt Memorial Ride - Meet at DK Cycles @ 9:30 Sunny Days for Horizons Benefit - Meet at DK Cycles at 12:30 PM
<b>17 FATHER'S DAY</b>	18	19	20	21	22	23 Spring Picnic @ Brent & Michelle's Meet at DK Cycles at 1:00 or Brent & Michelle's @ 2:00
24	25	26	27	28 Erik's Bike Night to Ted's and Smokin - Meet at DK Cycles @ 6:30	29	30

# JULY 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 INDEPEND- ENCE DAY	5 United Riders Business Meeting	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 Open Mem- ber Meeting - Bill's Pizza Eat @ 6:00 PM Meet @ 7:00 PM	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 David's Benefit Ride - Details to follow
29	30	31				



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United Riders is a group of friends and family who enjoy riding and the time spent making memories with each other as a group. We care about the community and the needs therein trying to help make a difference in a positive way. All those with the willingness to accept the groups' values and show respect for each other are welcome to join us in our endeavor to improve our community.



## Announcements

If you see the following family members, wish them a Happy Birthday:  
Rhonda Hess ~ June 5th  
Sheila Fesperman ~ June 10th  
Tony Batton ~ June 14th



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