

The Baffle

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

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- Save the Dates
- Why we Ride

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"Watch that front Tire, SEE"

I'd like to start this month by wishing all the UR mom a happy belated mother's day. I hope you all had a great one.

I know UR all aware of the many motorcycle accidents that have occurred this year. This is just a reminder that these steel horses that we enjoy so much can be hazardous to our health. Everyone keeps reminding car and truck drivers to look twice and save a life. This is all well and good but I want all the UR's to remember it's also UR responsibility to keep a constant eye on what is going on around you. I've heard a lot of people say that they made eye contact with a cage driver, thinking that person seen them, only to have them pull right out in front of them. My thinking is don't worry about making eye contact and **watch that front tire**. If that front tire is still moving then they might be looking straight thru you to see if they can beat the traffic.

With so much to do while driving these days it's easy to see why these drivers might worry more about a text or something than paying enough attention to their driving. This doesn't mean its right; it is just the way things are. Even if you have hands free telephones and can talk and drive with out taking your hands off the wheel, you're still not totally paying total attention to what is going on around you; especially if the conversation is important or heated. The one thing we all enjoy is having fun putting miles on the open road and the first priority should always be arriving safely. So whether it is just around the corner or a trip of a couple hundred miles we need to pay close attention to what is

going on around you.

Remember to SEE what is out there. This means:

- * Search your surroundings,
- * Evaluate how to avoid potential problems
- * Execute an escape plan.

You have to remember to watch out for URselves because you don't have to do anything wrong to end up in a very bad situation; the worst being dead!

UR has a lot on the calendar with plans for even more so remember to check the web and the Baffle for some miles of smiles, and remember to practice good riding habits, use those hand signals and as always....

"Peace be the Journey!"



THE VP'S CORNER *"Be Extra Cautious"*

Hello United Riders! I hope all the mother's enjoyed their day on Sunday. Where would the world be without our mom's? A special thank you to all the mom's that are here, and the ones who have passed on. We had my mom, Sheri and our daughter in law over for a family cookout on Sunday. My son and daughter really pitched in to help with the food. I think we will be eating leftovers for several days. It was an enjoyable and special day for all of us.

The warm weather is here, and I have been out enjoying it. I was riding a couple of weekends ago, and I could not have asked for it to be any better. Low 80's and plenty of sunshine, I just wanted to stay out in it all day.

One of the rides was a benefit for the local police and fire memorial wall. Was great riding for a very good cause! The other ride was up to the parkway, up around Sparta. Which is always a good scenic ride.

But we did see a biker who went down, on our way home. Not sure how badly they were hurt.

With the warm weather, comes the safety concerns. Drivers haven't seen us out in significant numbers for several months. So we need to be extra cautious, especially for the next few weeks, till people get used to us being on the road. I know of several accidents this month already, and that's why I like the group rides. There is safety in numbers. Not to mention the friends and cool places we get to go to.

So stay safe out there. Let's all live to ride. So get ready.....

Many adventures, and the memories of them, are awaiting us!



WORDS TO LIVE BY:

*I don't ride a bike,
To add days to my life;
I ride a bike,
To add life to my days !*

*Live Free ~ Ride Free
Dale Jones*

Motorcycle Slang Dictionary A - G

by Sandy Batton

Ape Hangers - High motorcycle handlebars, often with handgrips at or above the shoulders. This causes the rider to look like they are hanging like an ape from a branch. Armor - Motorcycle riding gear often has foam pads in strategic areas called armor. Some jackets have motorcycle armor permanently built-in, while in other styles it is removable. There are many types of motorcycle armor including Dual Density, Memory Foam, GP armor, Molded Rubber & Core Comp varieties. There is currently no regulated standard in the US. The most trusted standard was developed by the European Commission and is marked CE approved. Back Door - The last rider in a group ride. Customarily, the most experienced motorcycle rider. Also known as sweep or tail gunner. Baffle - Sound deadening material inside the muffler. Materials used for this vary. Aftermarket motorcycle exhausts often allow the rider to add or remove baffles to adjust the back pressure to tune performance. Ballistic Nylon - A nylon fabric with a basket weave for added tear and abrasion resistance developed by Dupont. Often used in textile motorcycle gear. Belly-Shover - A motorcycle racer. The term is derived from the aggressive riding posture common to sport bikes that positions the motorcycle riders stomach over the tank. Big Slab - The interstate highway Binders - Motorcycle brakes Blip - Quickly rev then release the throttle Blown Bike - A supercharged motorcycle Brain Bucket - A motorcycle helmet Bronson Rock - Something that is not a standard tool that is used to repair a motorcycle. In the show Then Came Bronson, a rock was used to straighten out a bent fender so that he could continue the ride. Bubble Gum Machine - Patting the top of the helmet as a signal to other riders that police are ahead. Burnout - Spinning out the rear wheel usually with the front brake locked. Done briefly before a race to warm up the rear tire or done for show that burns a lot of rubber and is a fast way to shorten the tire's life. Busa - A Suzuki GSX1300R Hayabusa - a notoriously powerful motorcycle. Caning it - To ride a motorcycle very aggressively. Carving - Riding a motorcycle hard and fast through curves and corners with the bike leaning near horizontal. Sometimes known as "canyon carving." Catwalk - Another term for a wheelie CE Armor - Armor that has met the European safety requirements. There currently is no US standard for motorcycle armor. Chase Vehicle - A truck or van that rides behind a

group of motorcycle rider on a long trip to haul any vehicles that break down along the way. Cherry Tops - Law enforcement squad cars Chicken Strips - The remaining tread on a sport bike. The more tread on the side of the motorcycle tire, the more of a "chicken" the rider is. More aggressive riders lean harder into the turns wearing the tread on the sidewalls. Chopper - A motorcycle that has an extended front end with a greater angle than standard bikes. The term originates from the fact that early riders would cut away, or chop, unnecessary portions of the bike and frame to reduce weight. The raked front end makes for a motorcycle that is stable but not agile. Recently, choppers have gained attention through the popularity of Jesse James of West Coast Choppers and the Tuttle family's Orange County Choppers, featured on the Discovery Channel. Core-Comp Armor - A style of motorcycle armor made up of energy absorbing polystyrene cells sandwiched between layers of foam rubber then sealed in an abrasion resistant ballistic nylon. This is a very advanced style of CE approved armor. Corn Snakes - At harvest time in rural parts of the country, dried cornstalks blow across the road looking like snakes. Counter steering - At speed a motorcycle is controlled by turning the handlebars away from the direction you want to turn. It is summarized in push the right handgrip forward to turn right, push the left handgrip forward to turn left. Motorcycle steering is accomplished by leaning and turning your front wheel to the left will make the bike lean (and turn) right and vice versa. Coupon - A speeding ticket Cordura - A fabric manufactured by Dupont of high strength, textured nylon fiber believed to offer more abrasion and tear resistance than other textiles. Often used in the manufacturing of textile motorcycle riding gear.

Crack It - Roll on the throttle Crotch Rocket - A small sport bike with high horsepower, often with an aggressive riding posture. FRAME SLIDERS Crash Bungs - Plastic bumpers that attach to a motorcycle frame to protect the bike's fairing in case it is dropped. Often used by stunt riders to avoid expensive repairs to body panels. Also called mushrooms or frame sliders. Cruiser - Cruisers are low and long motorcycles including many motorcycles in the Harley-Davidson lineup. They tend to be big and heavy but usually have a pretty powerful engine to match. Detonation - This is an engine condition in which the usually smooth and controlled combustion process has a violent and out of sequence burst. This sudden spike in combustion can drastically increase the pressure in the cylinder but is too fast to effectively contribute to the engine's output. Instead, the combustion chamber itself must absorb the excess energy. This is a very good way to shorten the lifespan of an engine. Detonation is actually a slang term for the official condition called "knock." Detonation is closely related to pre-ignition.

Motorcycle Slang Dictionary A - G, con't

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Displacement - Displacement is the volume of space the piston travels through in one stroke of the engine. It is measured in cubic centimeters (cc) or cubic inches (ci). The greater the displacement, the more gas and air can be used during combustion and the more energy (horsepower) the engine can generate. Donor Cycle - Nickname most often used by medical professional or emergency workers (police and firefighters) to describe a motorcycle. Drag Bars - Motorcycle handlebars that are low and straight, not sweeping up from the risers. Drag Pipes - Low short exhaust pipes running along the frame. Dual Density Armor - This is the cheapest and most common form of motorcycle armor. As the name indicates there are two separate densities of foam sandwiched together. The difference in firmness between the two types of foam helps make the armor more versatile in protecting the rider from different types of impact. Dual Sport - Dual Sport motorcycles designed for both on and off-road use like my Kawasaki KLR 650. The balance between the two uses varies with some basically being dirt bikes with necessary parts to be street legal (ie turn signals) while others are more or less standard motorcycles but with suspensions capable of handling the demands of the trail. Duals - A motorcycle with duals has two separate exhaust pipes (usually one for the front cylinder and one for the rear). Eat Asphalt - Slang term for crash. ECM - Acronym for Electronic Control Module is the computer that controls ignition, timing, fuel to air ratio and more. On cars it is often referred to as the ECU, the electric control unit. Endo - Stopping with the rear wheel off the ground (the opposite of a wheelie). Sometimes called a stoppie. Enduro - An enduro motorcycle is designed for both on-road and off-road use. The term is has lost popularity in recent years in favor of the term dual sport. Fairing - The plastic body panels that protect the rider from the wind and rain and (to some extent) from other debris. Fathead - The dual cam V-Twin manufactured from 1999 - today. Flathead - V-Twin engine manufactured from 1929 - 1972 Fast Riding Award - A Speeding Ticket Fat - Slang term meaning the engine is run rich (too much fuel compared to air). This can result in thicker exhaust, fouled spark plugs and occasionally engine bogging. Chrome Fishtail Muffler Fishtails - An exhaust tip that resembles a fishtail. Flogging it - Riding hard with wide open throttle Four Banger - Inline four cylinder engine. This engine is commonly used in cars and is one of the more powerful powerplants you will find in a motorcycle. Front Door - First rider in a group ride. Gag it - Rolling on to wide open throttle in high gear from a

rolling start of about 50 mph. Gear - A toothed machine part that meshes with another toothed part to transmit motion or to change speed or direction. On motorcycles there are gears in the transmission, rear wheel and elsewhere. Gear ratio - The number of teeth on each gear that are connected at a given time. If a gear with 60 teeth in use is connected to one with 30, there is a 2:1 gear ratio. The gear ratios in the transmission determines how hard the motorcycle has to work at a given speed and gear. The gear ratio between the drive sprocket and the rear wheel can affect the bike's torque. Get Off - Another term for dropping the motorcycle Giggle Gas - Slang term for nitrous oxide. When nitrous is injected into an engine it provides an instant, though temporary power boost. This works since the engine can use the oxygen in the nitrous oxide in the combustion process. Nitrous systems come in wet and dry varieties with wet connecting to the fuel system and dry to the air intake. Gixer - GSXR series motorcycles Goats belly - Late model Vulcan motorcycles had an unusual looking silencing chamber in the exhaust system fondly referred to as a goatsbelly. Gore-Tex - This is one of the most respected of waterproof fabrics. The advanced membrane technology prevents water from penetrating but allows sweat and moisture to evaporate out. This material is used in popular motorcycle rain gear. Grabbing a Handful - This term can mean either applying the brakes or rolling on the throttle quickly and firmly. Gumball - A gumball is a nickname for a motorcycle's rear tire after a long burnout since much of the tread will have been worn off leaving smooth rubber.



May 2015

May 2nd ~Allison Hunt Memorial Ride

Details to be determined at the open meeting

Check back for details

Registration begins at 9:30am

140 Jesse Green Rd, Thomasville

\$20.00 per Bike

May 9th ~ UR Lunch Ride

Meet at DK Cycles @ 11am

May 16th ~ UR MB Lunch Ride

Meet at DK Cycles @ 7:30am

Meet up with others on the off ramp of 220 to Cox's. 8am.

Join us for a great days ride to Myrtle Beach for lunch, vendors and a great ride back home.

May 22nd-25th ~ UR Rolling Thunder Trip (Memorial Day Weekend)

See David McGill for details if you are attending this trip or see the event on Facebook.

May 30th~ Brents Donut Ride

Ride to Britt's in Carolina Beach

Meet at 7:30am at the old BP station on 49 S at the Cedar Rock Rd turnoff (same as last year for those that went)--KSU at 7:45am sharp so we can be in Liberty by a little after 8. We will meet the 2nd group at the Shell station at the Hwy 49 exit off 421 (again same as last year for those that went). KSU at 8:30am sharp - a must so we can try and get everyone home hopefully before dark.

June 2015

June 6th

Strawberry Pickin
Where & When TBD

June 13th

Matt Hunt Ride
Meet at DK 8:30am

June 20th

Tuggles Gap Ride
Meet at DK's 9am

COMING in June, Every Sunday (Except Holiday's)

We will be having open rides lead by a committee member...

MEET AT DK'S at 2pm

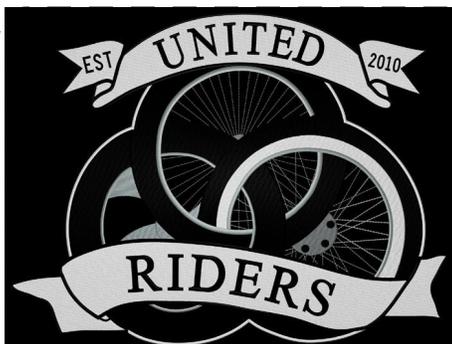
Destinations will be determined by the number of participants.

MAY 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Allison Hunt Memorial Ride
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 UR~ Lunch Ride Meet at DK's at 11am
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 UR~MB Lunch Ride Meet @ DK's at 7:30am
17	18	19	20	21	22 ←	23 Thunder Trip
24 —	25 → Memorial Day	26	27	28	29	30 Bretns Donut Ride
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JUNE 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 UR Bus Mtg	5	6 Strawberry Pickin
7 Open Ride DK 2:00pm	8	9	10	11 UR Open Mtg	12	13 Matt Hunt Ride Meet at DK 8:30am
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Tuggles Gap Meet at DK 9:00am
21 Open Ride DK 2:00pm	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Open Ride DK 2:00pm	29	30				



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If you see the following family member,
wish them a



**** *Happy Birthday* ****

Sheri Sandoval ~ May 12th

Barry Gaither ~ May 15th

Sergio Sandoval ~ May 20th

Jeff Kirby ~ May 26th

Karen Morrison ~ May 26th