



The Baffle

~Ride eat & repeat~

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The first thing I'd like to do is thank Dale for a great job in my absence.

Life has a funny way of telling you what to do some times. I hope everyone has had a lot of chances to ride this month.

Kim and I are looking forward to some great riding in the near future with oUR family.

The rain the past 2 weekends hasn't made it easy on anyone to get out and enjoy the ride.

I hope we are keeping the calendar stocked with plenty of riding coming up for everyone.

Heavens ride was on the 26th of June and raised \$7,000.0 for a little boy named Zachary, who has no immune system: bubble boy disease. Heaven even got to ride on the ride this year which means she is healthy; praise God. The weekend before Heaven's ride featured a breakfast ride to I think it is safe to say, UR's favorite breakfast stop; Jug-Town-Café'. If you go away hungry from this place it's your own fault.

We have a Shatley Spring's ride coming up this weekend, bring a jacket especially if you're cold natured. UR also has a Labor Day ride coming up; details are still being worked out. Throw in a dinner ride for good measure and it's gonna' be a good August. Ride eat & Repeat....

I look forward to September!

Remember; Practice good riding habits, use those hand signals

and as always; "Peace be the Journey"

Delbert Hinshaw

"Trips" by Dale Jones

Hello everyone! Well, I'm back from another trip, thankfully this was a vacation trip. Sheri, Keri and I went out to Washington State for ten days. We saw Mount Rainer, Mount Saint Helens and the Oregon coast line. It was a truly awesome trip, very different from the Carolina Mountains. We covered a lot of ground, I think we drove about 1700 miles in eight days. It was really nice to get some quality family time and see a lot of really cool sites. But as with all good things, the time went by way too quickly. We are back at home, with lots of great photographs and memories to cherish.

I was pulling out of my driveway last Monday, when my neighbors' dad pulled into his driveway on his Roadking. I could see the luggage pack on the bike, so I was curious. He waved for me to pull over, and then said "You should come with us, we are heading for Sturgis". "Oh man, I would love to go", was my response, even though there was no way I could possibly go. I wished them a safe and fun trip, and headed on into work. I thought about it several times that day. I would love to go again because it was one of the best trips I've ever done. So hard to believe that it's been a year since I made that trip. The ride out there, as well as getting to see Pikes Peak, The Royal Gorge, Devils Tower, Mount Rushmore, Crazy Horse, Custer State Park, and Sturgis itself, was awesome. Then getting to ride thru the Black Hills, Spearfish Canyon and The Badlands, were some of the best rides I've ever been on. Trust me if you ever get the opportunity to go, doesn't hesitate, just go. You will not regret it.

WORDS TO LIVE BY:

*May your roads always be smooth, and full of curves,
May the sun always shine behind you, and the wind be at your back,
May your journeys always be safe, and full of great memories,
May you never forget those less fortunate....*

..... Those on four wheels.

Live Free ~ Ride Free

A Few words from your Safety Officer, *Bill Hobbs*

In all the years that I have been riding a motorcycle, I can honestly not remember one biker who loves riding in the rain. I do not think that there's anyone out there who, when looking out the window and seeing a downpour, will say "ohm great, it's raining, let's go for a bike ride".

However I do know a lot of bikers who flatly refuse to go out riding when it rains.

Personally, I think that is a mistake. Rain is nothing but water, and as long as

- a) It's not raining very hard,
- b) Falling horizontally (in other words a strong wind).
- c) You wear the proper clothing, and then the ride will be fine.

There are a lot of things to take into account when riding a motorcycle in the rain, but one of the most important ones is that you have to dress appropriately. Having your normal jacket and trousers might not be enough.

If there's a light drizzle, it probably will not be a problem, but when there's consistent rain, water (usually cold) will seep through your clothes onto your body, and that is not fun! Getting wet, or at least humid, when riding is distracting and very uncomfortable, it's also when you will get a cold, or worse.

So whatever you do, make sure the clothing (jacket, trousers and boot covers) you use during a rain ride is rain proof. This is the most important tip for riding in the rain; all other tips are more or less common sense. The clothing doesn't need to be a diver's suit you use for deep sea diving, but it needs to keep the water away.

1. Wear proper rain gear, preferably Gore-Tex or equivalent. It needs to be able to breathe but still not allow water to creep in. Make sure your helmet covers your face, since rain above 30 mph is going to hurt you.
2. Make sure your tires are correct for riding in the rain; in other words, do not go out riding in the rain with slick tires.
3. Watch the road. What used to be kind-of slippery is now very slippery. White lines on the roads will have become ice rinks, metal plates/manholes are super dangerous, avoid them like the plague.
4. Watch out for puddles. Yes, it can be fun riding through one, but since the water hides the surface you just don't know what you are riding into. Can the puddle in fact be a 3 feet deep hole? Do you want to find out the hard way?
5. When riding and you see a colored rainbow on the ground, watch it. It's got nothing to do with the gay movement, chances are, its oil.
6. When rain first starts after many days of dry weather, it's when it's the most dangerous since there's a lot of oil and dirt on the road. Wait an hour or two for the rain to wash away the oil/dirt before riding since the road surfaces are at their slipperiest. If it's just drizzle, then the road will remain slippery.
7. Railway crossing are to be taken as straight as possible. Remember the railway tracks are metal, and wet metal is slippery. Straighten your bike.

A Few words from your Safety Officer, *con't*

8. When you need to brake, apply more rear brake than normal. If your front wheel starts sliding you're done for, if your rear wheel slides you can easily correct.
9. Do not brake strongly if possible. Brake gently. If you need to urgently apply your brakes, pump them so that you do not start aquaplaning.
10. Give yourself more space between you and the vehicle in front of you. Braking distances are much longer in the rain.
11. Relax when riding. Getting all cramped and bunched up is not good. First of all you will get tired real quickly and it is dangerous. Relaxed riding is much better.
12. Be visible. Rain makes it difficult for cars to see you. If you have high, now it is the time to put them on.
13. An obvious advice, but here it is anyway: reduce your speed! In many countries legally you need to reduce speed by some 10-20% when it rains, and there are good reasons for it.
14. Since we don't have wipers on our helmets (well, maybe some do) you can easily spray something like Rain-X on the visor to help you with your visibility. Rain-X keeps the rain from the visor.
15. When lightning starts up, stop riding. Head for cover (don't stop below a tree).

Riding in the rain will at times be necessary, and you should not stop riding just because it is raining.

Relax and enjoy the ride. You are after all, riding a motorcycle and that is fun.

ENJOY IT.

Remember SAFETY doesn't happen by ACCIDENT,

Bill Hobbs

Safety Officer

United Riders

33 Tips for smart motorcycle touring / trips

There's nothing like the feeling of loading up and heading out on a big motorcycle trip.

And there's nothing like the security of knowing you're prepared for life on the road.

It can take years to develop that knowledge through trial and error. So we've devised a shortcut. We've asked AMA staff members to share with you the experience they've accumulated over decades on the road.

What you'll find here isn't a comprehensive collection of touring knowledge. Instead, here are 33 insider tips—useful suggestions that have made our tours more organized and more fun. We guarantee you'll learn something.

1. Eat at weird times. Everyone and their dog eats around 8 a.m., noon and 6 p.m. To get in and out of restaurants in a hurry, don't be hungry then.
2. A short metal cable with loops on both ends (like those made to keep people from stealing bicycle seats) is perfect for securing a jacket and helmet to your bike's helmet lock.
3. Carry a spare key. Hide it somewhere on your bike with a zip-tie or duct tape, or better yet, trade spare keys with a traveling companion.
4. Portable weather radios are now in the \$20 range, and the first time one saves you from running right into a massive storm, you'll wonder why you ever traveled without one. Find one at accessory companies like Aerostich or Radio Shack.
5. On high-mileage days, you'll feel a lot better if you carry eye drops and use them every time you stop for gas.
6. If you're nearing the end of your riding day and want to set yourself up for a quick getaway in the morning, consider riding to the far side of the next city you reach before you stop for the night, eliminating urban traffic the next morning.
7. Take a tip from off-road riders: carry a backpack hydration system so you can drink while you ride. A must for arid weather.
8. Going on a long, complex trip? Keep yourself organized with the envelope system. Before you leave, prepare one envelope for each day on the road. Mark the dates and locations on the outside, then stuff things like hotel reservation info and lists of things to see inside. Instead of juggling your entire stack of literature to find the information you need, you can just open up that day's envelope.
9. A simple map case attached to your bike's tank (we've used a Rev-Pak version that has been available through www.whitehorsepress.com for years) can keep you on course without the bulk of a tankbag.
10. Keep your stuff dry in saddlebags by using trash compactor bags as waterproof barriers. They're thicker and more durable than standard garbage bags.
11. Use earplugs to help reduce wind noise. You can get them from most mail-order shops or dealers, or in bulk from safety-equipment supply houses.
12. Don't forget that pack-and-ship places are just about everywhere these days. They're perfect when you spot that antique umbrella stand you're dying to buy hundreds of miles from home.
13. Don't forget a small towel or rag for wiping dew off seats, windshields and mirrors, and even for doing a quick whole-bike cleanup. Synthetic chamois cloths work particularly well.
14. Pack extra bungees and zip-ties. 'Nuff said.
15. Go ahead, buy that GPS you've always wanted. They're perfect not only for finding yourself, but also for allowing you the freedom to get lost in the first place.

33 Tips for smart motorcycle touring / trips *con't*

16. You've heard it a million times, but we'll say it again: look over your bike carefully every morning on the road. Checking the simple stuff—air pressure, oil level, loose or missing fasteners—can save you from big trouble.
- 17 Sign up for AMA/HOG Roadside Assistance. It can be a life saver if you break down.
- 18 Stash a little hidden cash somewhere on the bike or on you, so you can make something happen when all else fails.
- 19 Before you take off from the hotel or campground in the morning, double check every strap on tank bags or soft saddlebags, and every latch on hard luggage.
- 20 Wear a dog-tag with your name and contact info, especially if you're riding alone. You can get them lots of places, including your local army surplus store.
21. Take a look back at where you were parked every time you leave someplace. You'd be amazed at what you find.
22. A cellphone can be a lifesaver in an emergency. You can dial 911 for help anywhere you find cell service, but you'll need to tell a dispatcher where you are. Keep track of route numbers, interstate exits, towns you've passed, mileposts—anything that can save emergency officials time in getting to you.
- 23 Good motorcycle gear really is worth it. Waterproof, breathable linings in boots and jackets will transform the way you think about bad weather. A number of companies offer materials that work well, but always test your gear on a rainy day at home before facing a storm on the road.
- 24 Do routine maintenance at home with your bike's toolkit, so you're sure you have what you need along the side of the road.
- 25 On a long tour, plan for at least one day every week of doing nothing. Time is the ultimate luxury, and can mean the difference between a vacation and an endurance run.
- 26 Be realistic with your daily mileage. In really scenic areas, 150 miles may make a very full day. Don't assume you can achieve freeway mileage on good back roads.
- 27 Guidebooks can be invaluable, but these days, an internet search can add spice to your trip by revealing special-interest locations most books fail to include. One of the sites we've used is www.roadsideamerica.com. World's largest concrete bison, anyone?
- 28 It is possible to use a kit to make emergency repairs on tubeless or tube-type tires alongside the road. But before you count on this as your safety net, practice using the kit on an old tire in your garage.
- 29 A packable motorcycle cover not only keeps your bike clean and dry overnight, it also discourages thieves. And don't forget a stout lock of some kind for the bike itself.
- 30 If you can afford it and are short of time, you could always ship your bike somewhere cool and ride it back. Call the Federal Companies at (800) 747-4100, ext. 217 or 218, for details.
- 31 If you call a hotel—even if you're two blocks away—you can often get a better rate than if you just walk in. And if you have access to a computer, there are some spectacular Internet-only deals available these days. Either way, do yourself a favor and have a reservation by 4 p.m. You never know when a convention will take over your destination city. Remember that AMA members get a discount at several hotel chains including Choice Hotels (call 800-258-2847 or go to www.choicehotels.com, click on "Enter Special Rate ID" and use discount code 00947556) and Motel 6 (call 800-4-MOTEL6 or go to www.motel6.com and use discount code CP540176).
- 32 A nap can do wonders on a long day.
- 33 If you're traveling east or west, schedule your breakfast or dinner times near sunrise or sunset so you don't have to stare into the sun when it's low on the horizon.

United Riders Calendar

August 2014

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>August 1</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>3</u> Thomas Swaney Birthday	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u> 6 pm - 8:30 pm Business Meeting Committee Members	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>
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<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u> Lanee Kirby Birthday	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u> 4 pm - 8 pm UR - Brents Dinner Rider to Smokey Bones
<u>24</u> 10 am - 2 pm Open Church Ride / Down Home Harley 10am	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u> UR - 5th Annual Mtn Trip	<u>30</u> UR - 5th Annual Mtn Trip 9 pm - 4 am Open Ride - Hogs for Service Dogs - 9am
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<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u> Kathy Blackburn Birthday	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u> UR - Bikers 4 Boobs Ride 9AM UR - American Legion - Poker Run 10:30AM
<u>21</u> Bill Hobbs Birthday Robin Pardella Birthday	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u> Shelly Sitko Birthday	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>
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SAVE THE DATES:

Aug. 16 – Shatley Springs Inn Family Style Country Dining
407 Shatley Springs Road
Crumpler, North Carolina 28617
Phone: (336) 982-2236
Meet at Sheetz Hwy 66 Kernersville 9:00 AM

Aug. 23 – Diner Ride to Smokey Bones
3302 High Point Rd, Greensboro, NC 27407
(336) 315-8755
Meet at DK's at 4:00

Aug. 24 – Church Ride - Open ride.
Meet at Down Home Harley Davidson @ 10am

Aug. 30 – Hogs for Service Dogs – Open Ride
9:00am – 4:00
o Tractors Supply
15 Plaza Parkway, Lexington, North Carolina 27292
\$ 20.00 a bike, \$ 10.00 a passenger

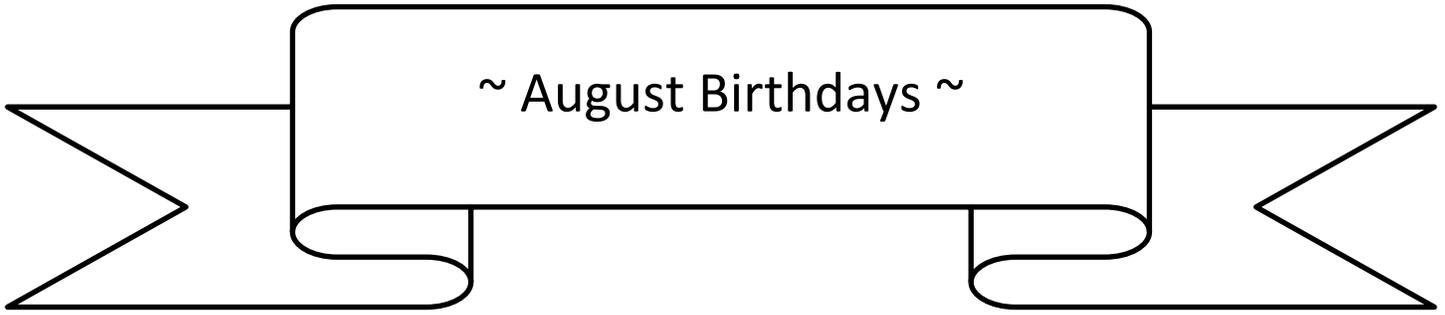
Aug. 30- Sept. 2nd – UR Labor Day Ride

Sept. 20 – Bikers For Boobs 8:00 – 3:30
Meet at DK's at 9:00 AM
Meet at Wilcohes 9:30 AM

Sept. 20 – American Legion – Poker Run
Meet at DK Cycles 10:30
10:30 – 12:00 Registration
12:00 – Ride begins
\$15.00 Driver, \$ 5.00 Rider

Sept. Open Meeting – Bill's Pizza Randleman road (I will get the address) – My understanding is this isn't really confirmed yet.

Oct. Open Meeting – Logans Greensboro – Not confirmed yet



~ August Birthdays ~

Thomas Swaney - August 3rd

Robin Barrier - August 15th

Lanee Kirby - August 21st

If you see these members,
Please make it a point to wish them a

"Happy Birthday"



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