



The Baffle

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- 2 New Members added to the UR family
- Take a trip to Ferguson, NC
- Check out June and July event calendars
- Look inside for UR apparel update

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“Rolling Along”

Hello UR Brothers and Sisters. The club has been around for 6 months now, and I am pleased with how everything is going so far. We have come a long way in a very short period of time.

Just like any bike trip, we have had a couple hick-ups along the way, a bungee cord broke once or twice, and we had to swerve around a few obstacles in the road. We have been in a traffic jam or two, and we had to put our rain suits on one time. Not bad at all. These things are considered “normal” to bikers who have been down this road before, but may be scary to anyone traveling this way for the first time.

Please know that things are “rolling along” just fine, and we are “making good time” on our little journey. We are still heading in the right direction and we still know where we are.

I would like to welcome our new members for June. We are glad to have you in our fam-



ily. Also, please plan on making it to the club picnic on 6/18. We want to take our first club photo.

We have closed in on our main charity for this year. We have a few more details to work out before making the final decision and announcement. Once we have this settled we will start working on our event ride for this charity.

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

David Hess
President – United Riders

Welcome New Members!!!

The United Riders would warmly like to welcome our new members to our family:

Robert Maldonado lives in Thomasville and rides a Harley-Davidson Softail Deluxe.



Shelia Fesperman resides in Burlington.

“Two new members have been added to the United Riders family.”

Welcome new family members! We look forward to riding and making memories with you!

~United Riders Riding Club

Monthly Safety Tip: Riding In The Rain

As we all know riding in the spring could very well mean getting a little wet. Here are some tips to help make your ride safe on slippery surfaces:

Reduce Speed – Slow down before you get to a slippery surface to lessen your chances of skidding. Your motorcycle needs more distance to stop. It's particularly important to reduce speed before entering wet curves.

Avoid Sudden Moves – Any sudden change in speed or direction can cause a skid. Be as smooth as possible when you speed up, shift gears, turn or brake.

Use Both Brakes – The front brake is still effective even on a slippery surface. Squeeze the brake lever gradually to avoid locking the front wheel. Remember, gentle pressure on the rear brake.

Use Left Tire Track – The center of the lane can be hazardous when wet. Automobiles leave oil in the center of the lanes and when it rains that

causes the center of the lane to become even more slippery. Often, the left tire track will be the best position, depending on traffic and other road conditions.

Hydroplaning - What is it?

Hydroplaning is the result of your tires moving FAST across a wet surface - so fast that they do not have sufficient time to channel that moisture away from the center of the tire. The result is that the tire is lifted by the water away from the road and all traction is thus lost.

Down Pours – In this case, take the time to stop and wait it out. Whether it is under a bridge, restaurant or rest area. If you have to continue, use the safety tips above to complete your journey as safely as possible.

YOUR LIFE IS WORTH MUCH MORE THAN THE RISK!

Sergio Sandoval, Safety Officer

*Ride safe and keep the rubber side down!

Treasure's Corner: Product Order Update and Information

Hey folks, I hope you are all doing well in this heat....Here is an update on our products.....

T-Shirts – We have received our 2nd T-shirt order making it 88 shirts that we have bought since January. **I will discuss another T-shirt order in June meeting.** Purchased locally at: The Red T-shirts Company.

Hats- I have ordered from our old Hat vender for the time being, as our patch vender (hats) has been MIA for the past few weeks & I personally wouldn't wait any longer for a response on my existing order. We are using the old vender with higher prices, which (I AM NOT A FAN OF) because I wanted to get everyone the hats they had ordered and paid for. The hats will be here by June 17th. Purchased on line in Wilmington, NC – Queensboro Hat Company

Bike Flags – We only had 5 people with an interest in buying UR bike flags and we need a minimum of 12 to place an order. If you are interested, please **contact me**. Purchased from Quality Flags in Gurnee, IL.

Our 3'x5' Flag – There was a mistake made on our UR Flag and it is being redone and should be here by June 15th.

Name Tags – If you want a name tag, please **contact me**. \$7.50ea. They can be ordered at any time with no minimum order. We purchase locally from Capitol Metals.

What I am finding is that we are treated better buying locally where we can stop in, place the order and pick up the order. It's a more personal touch.



Sheri Sandoval

Treasurer

You can always have fun at a small expense...

Destination: Tom Dula

We have all heard the song “Tom Dooley”....”Hang Down Your Head, Tom Dooley”. The song was made famous by The Kingston Trio in 1958, but was originally a folk song from 1868. Well the song is from the true events that happened right here in North Carolina, Wilkes County. It is a story of murder, mystery, and adultery.



The story starts with Tom Dula (pronounced Dooley), born in 1845 in Elkville, NC (now Ferguson). Dula was very popular in the surrounding community and was known as a womanizer at a young age. He was handsome, gifted with the fiddle, and a delight to the Ladies. One of his intimates was Ann Foster. Dula and Foster had a serious relationship for a few years. Dula enlisted in the army for four years during the Civil War. He was captured and sent to Point Lookout, Maryland as a prisoner of war. After his release he returned to Wilkes County to find Ann had married James Melton. Ann and Dula quickly resumed their relationship, although she was married. Dula also entered into a relationship with Laura Foster, and Pauline Foster (Ann’s cousins). This love triangle lasted for a short time until Dula and Laura decided to get married. By this time the “love triangle” wasn’t much of a secret. Tom and Laura decided the best thing for them to do was leave Wilkes County and elope to Tennessee and be married.

So on May 25th, 1866 Laura stole her Father’s horse, and told a passing neighbor of her plans to elope with Tom to Tennessee. She was never seen again. It was said that her father made a comment that he didn’t care about his daughter leaving but he sure did want the horse back!

Tom quickly left for Tennessee. This made Pauline mad and soon after rumors were flying about the love triangle. Ann accused Tom of murdering Laura. This prompted a large scale search for Laura (and the horse). Laura’s body was shortly found in a shallow grave, killed by a knife through the heart. A warrant was issued for Tom, who was quickly captured in Tennessee and brought back to Statesville for his trial. Of course, before it was all said and done, Ann and Pauline were both arrested. Both Ladies turned states evidence against Tom who was hanged in Statesville. Just before he was hanged he uttered the words “these hands never harmed a hair on that girls head”. Most people were convinced that Laura was killed by Ann in an effort to continue her life long relationship with Tom.

You can visit a “living museum” of this story in Ferguson, NC just off of NC268 southwest of Wilkesboro. The museum is located at the Whippoorwill Academy and Village. The Village contains an old school house that was built in 1880. It now contains paintings and drawings and other “Dooley” memorabilia. Also in the Village is a Daniel Boone Replica Cabin. It is an exact replica of the one that Daniel Boone lived in with his eight children in Ferguson in the 1760’s. The story is that he

and his family lived here when he was traveling from Kentucky.

You can also find an art gallery built into a 1700’s era smokehouse, and a church of the same era.

Whippoorwill Academy and Village is open to the public from April through December from 3:00 to 5:00 on the weekends. Admission is free. It is located at 11929 Hwy 268 West, Ferguson, NC 28624 – 336-973-3237. Tom and Ann’s graves are also located close to the Academy.

Boy, it’s a shame that poor ole’ Tom didn’t have a HOG to occupy his time, instead of a fiddle (and Ann). He would have had a much better life. Also..... Laura’s Father never found his horse.

So if you are looking for an excuse to get away for a weekend, head to Ferguson. You could spend the night at Riders Roost, 100 Elk Creek Road, Ferguson, NC 28624. 336-973-8405. Riders’ Roost is a Biker only, adult only, camp ground set in the mountains. Only two wheeled vehicles allowed. Get up the next morning (or noon) and ride a couple of miles down 268 and visit the Whippoorwill Academy.

David Hess
President



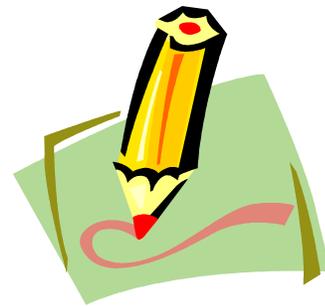
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May 2011 Monthly Meeting Minutes

Meeting held May 12, 2011 at Bill's Pizza

- Went over birthdays for May
- Sheri reviewed the treasure report with a beginning balance of \$1699.60 .
- Sheri discussed and distributed the tee shirt order forms.
- The club is going to buy a big flag and a little flag for the chase vehicles.
- We welcomed the new members to the club.
- New members were asked to please add rides to the calendar by the next committee meeting.
- We went over the June calendar. Any ride that has UR in front of the event on the calendar it is consider a United Riders sponsored event.
- And as always any ride is a 2 or 4 wheeled ride.

Angie Small
Secretary



Classifieds



If you need your patches sewn on your vest contact Dora Hunt, 854 Mt. Zion Church Road, Thomasville, NC 27360, (336) 867-5965. Please leave name and number if no answer.

**Post your items for sale or info
here!!!**

If you have items you would like to have posted in the Classifieds please contact Arizona Bunce at sunshinedaisy37@hotmail.com or David Hess at dhess@vecoplanllc.com

JUNE 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 United Riders Business Meeting	3	4 Liberty Ride In Leave DK Cycles @ 10AM
5	6	7 George & Arizona's Dinner Ride Leave DK Cycles @ 6:30	8	9 Open Member Meeting - Bill's Pizza Eat @ 6:00 PM Meet @ 7:00	10	11 Brent's Blue Ridge Pkwy Ride Leave DK Cy- cles @ 10AM
12 Fay & Clay's Church ride Leave DK Cycles @ 9 AM	13	14	15	16	17	18 First An- nual Cookout @ Randy and Angie's House 4:00 PM
19 FATHER'S DAY	20	21 Jack & Joey's Dinner Ride Leave DK Cycles @ 6:30	22	23	24	25 Matt Hunt Ride Leave DK Cycles @ 9:00 AM
26 Nicholas Weis Ride Leave DK Cycles @ 12:00PM	27	28	29	30		

JULY 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 FOURTH OF JULY	5	6	7 United Riders Business Meeting	8	9
10 George & Arizona's Church Ride to Fayetteville Leave DK Cycles @ 9:30 AM	11	12 Will's Dinner Ride to Varsity Leave DK Cycles @ 6:30 PM	13	14 Open Member Meeting - Bill's Pizza Eat @ 6:00 PM Meet @ 7:00	15	16
17	18	19 George's Dinner Ride to Darryl's Leave DK Cycles @ 6:30	20	21	22 Alan & Diane's Camping Trip to Hillsville, VA	23 Alan & Diane's Camping Trip to Hillsville, VA
24 Camping Trip VA	25	26	27	28	29	30
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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



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